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OUT OF POVERTY LAND.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Where shall we stand
When we get out of Poverty Land?
The ranks of the rich are so crowded—alas!
No room for us there, where they're thicker than grass;
So where shall we stand
When we get out of the Poverty Land?

I'll tell you—We'll stay
Where the "just middlin'" fellows are campin' today!
Where there's none that's too rich, and none that's too poor
To have his own number just over the door;
That's where we'll stand!
But—there's mighty good people in Poverty Land!
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AN EDUCATIONAL CRISIS

YOU know well that it would be a hard task these days to support a family of 10 on an income fixed five years ago to care for the needs of a family of four. The added needs of the enlarged family plus the decreased purchasing power of money would make a problem that would keep father and mother very busy.

The president of the University of Oregon asserts that just such a problem as this confronts the university officials and the officials at the Oregon Agricultural College. The attendance at those schools is more than double what it was several years ago when the present millage allowance was made. But the millage tax produces no more money than formerly and a dollar bus but half what it did before the war.

The result is that living quarters are unobtainable, faculty members are underpaid and overworked, recitation rooms intended to accommodate 50 students are taking care of as many as 150 and the schools face the necessity of getting more money or being obliged to shut their doors against many who desire collegiate training and are entitled to get it. It is estimated that 1000 applicants will have to be turned away next fall unless relief can be obtained.

Whatever else the people do on May 20 they should vote for the enlarged millage tax for the colleges and for the two mill tax for elementary education. The last named bill is intended primarily to readjust common school taxation and is in reality not a measure for increased taxation. In the most populous and hard pressed districts it will mean actual relief rather than an increased tax burden.

If you are a true friend of education study the bills to be voted upon at the primary election and prepare to assert yourself. The situation is serious and it is no overstatement to say that the school family has gotten close to the ragged edge.

WHAT ABOUT THAT SWITCH?

THE Portland Oregonian seems to think the East Oregonian may have trouble in supporting Senator Chamberlain while at the same time upholding the Wilson administration. It is the privilege of the Portland paper to borrow all the trouble it wishes upon this score. It may keep it from thinking of its own plight in connection with the peace treaty.

As an original supporter of the peace treaty and the league of nations, the Oregonian advised the ratification of the treaty and denounced Lodge's efforts to whittle the big stick of article 10 down to a "fragile switch." If the treaty was good last summer and fall it is still good. How can the Oregonian reconcile its present course with its attitude some months ago? If it believes in the treaty and the league why not support the president, who has all but given up its life in its behalf? Why assail him and condone the course of the men who are trying to cut the heart out of the covenant? Why travel with those who paint the hero as a villain and invent excuses for the men who by their obstructive tactics are betraying the nation and the world?

SEATTLE'S FIRST NEWSBOY MEMBER OF ANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ENTIRE COUNTRY



Virgil Steinmetz, sixteen years old, of Seattle, Wash., has the distinction of being the first newsboy admitted to membership in a chamber of commerce in any city of the country. He was recently elected a member of the Seattle chamber, with full privileges. He is secretary of the newsboys' union and is working hard to improve his education by taking a course in the Y. M. C. A. evening high school class.

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BEAVERS DESTROYING WASHINGTON TIMBER

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 22.—Protected by the laws of both the state of Washington and the federal government, the beavers in the Walla Walla and Touchet river valleys, in southern Washington have become so numerous that the farmers of that region consider them even more of a nuisance than the jack rabbits.

The beavers have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of fruit trees and rendered many acres of land useless.

Efforts to obtain relief thus far have proved unsuccessful. The state law protects the animals and as they do not come within the predatory animal law, the federal officials have been unable to do anything. Dr. A. E. Fisher of Washington, D. C., chief of the biological service rodent control bureau of the department of agriculture, has been studying the situation and it is hoped by the farmers that some solution of the problem may be worked out.

UNROMANTIC JURY GIVES ONLY \$10,000 FOR PROMISE

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 22.—Ten thousand dollars was the price that an unromantic jury has awarded Miss Amy O'Connor, the "Irish Rose" in her \$50,000 suit against Allen Gray, sixty-five-year-old millionaire banker of Evansville for breach of promise.

A smile sufficed the face of the wealthy defendant when the clerk read the verdict. Miss O'Connor stared and glanced at her attorney. Later however, Miss O'Connor appeared more cheerful. Her attorneys say they have paved the way for a clear case against William Gray, brother of the defendant in the present suit, whom Miss O'Connor is suing for alleged alienation of her brother's affection. William, the "Irish Rose" in her real fiancée at the time she was living in the apartment which Allan Gray had provided for her in New York.

Prayer Before Congress.

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HUMPHREYS ARRIVES TO PROBE HOUSER DEALINGS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 22.—United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys of Portland, Ore., arrived here today to investigate the charges which were recently made by the federal grand jury here that Max H. Houser of Portland had made substantial profits.

The grand jury alleged Houser manipulated western wheat prices to the financial benefit of himself and associates in the grain and milling business.

Houser, who is second vice president of the United States grain corporation vigorously denied that charges and demanded that the federal authorities "sit them to the bottom."

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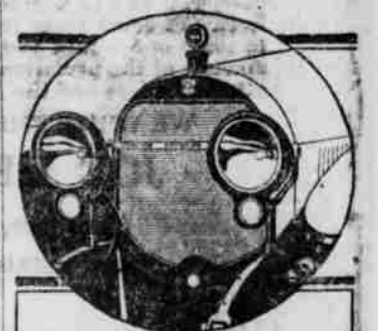
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