

OREGON IS BACKWARD IN STATE SCHOOLS

Washington Pays \$30 a Year For Education of Each Child; Oregon \$11.85.

"It is the question of the un-fermost as against the uppermost, property values over human values," said M. M. Marvin, a member of the Washington State Industrial Welfare Commission, who made a plea at the Portland hotel recently before the state Ministerial association for the state two-mill elementary school measure, which is to be voted upon May 21 at the primary. He continued:

"The church has made mistakes, but this is one place where the church must not err. You must get behind this measure so that the child of the poor man can have his or her deserved opportunity in life. Oregon is face to face with a crisis in its educational system, that, if not met, will put it back toward the dark ages instead of in the light of the twentieth century which it should hold. It is one of seven states which still holds to the antiquated idea of district school taxation plan. It must get out of the rut in which it finds itself today and place herself alongside the other 39 or forty states and make the tax for its schools equal throughout the state.

"Washington today pays per year \$30 for the education of each child within its boundaries. I am told you in Oregon pay toward this great work for the voter of the future only \$11.85. It is time for a change and I, from your sister state, urge you to announce from your pulpits, from the housetops if you please, the benefits of this measure, and I hope it will be voted in by a big majority."

Rev. W. T. McEveven of the First Congregational church of Portland, also made a strong plea for the measure and declared that it was not only a problem for Oregon to solve, but "a national one, to handle this situation which Oregon now faces, namely—the education of the illiterate, of which there are today in the United States, 5 1/2 millions," said Dr. McEveven.

"Labor counts on the church in this crisis," said the speaker. "Oregon is behind the times in her educational system and every 'tightwad' citizen in Oregon is to blame for this situation which we now must face at the polls on May 21.

"Do you know how Boston Tech handles her students? They have one teacher to every six students. Oregon has one teacher to every 64. How's that for a contrast? Isn't it about time you and I went to the polls and voted for something new in this state? I think so."

Mrs. Alexander Thompson and Mrs. S. M. Blumauer also made striking addresses to the ministers on this measure, being followed by President Campbell of the University of Oregon, who pointed out the necessity of aiding the elementary schools, that the higher educational institutions would have a basis on which to work, a groundwork on which to build the citizen of the future.

The ministers endorsed the measure unanimously.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS UPPERMOST IN STATE

One Hundred Schools Closed in Oregon Last Year Due to Teacher Shortage.

Every community needs teachers. In every locality are many persons who would make good teachers but who do not enter the profession.

Also in every community there are teachers who are planning to leave and go elsewhere to teach or to enter other professions. Why? Salary partly, but mostly because the teacher like the prophet, is without honor in his own country.

Making the home schools safe for home talent will help to solve the teacher shortage. There must be good salaries, of course. Teachers teach because they need money. There must also be some protection against the spoils system. It is an old story in many communities for a new superintendent and his assistant to find jobs for their friends at the expense of local teachers, or to 'bottle' them so that they must resign in self-respect.

Does the community know about it or do anything about it? Do the patrons of each school know the material of the teaching force? If they have an up-to-date, accomplished, gifted teacher, will they encourage her with salary increases and back her against unfair discrimination?

How many good teachers have left the community, and why? That will tell the story. How many young people who would make fine teachers are doing something else instead?

Keep the home fires burning until all the lumbering dross and all the unfitness which is driving home teaching talent away from home is burned up, and then see how rapidly the teacher shortage becomes a thing of the past.

Oregon can remedy her condition by voting "Yes" for the 2-mill Elementary School bill, popularly known as the Children's Bill.

HARD TIMES BLOW TO SECOND HAND DEALERS

PITTSBURG, May 14.—The second hand furniture business is doomed in the opinion of several dealers here. The ever-mounting cost of living has caused people to retain their slightly used goods and the present store



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The auctioneers are hunting other vocations. Their business is crippled, too. Storage houses are packed to the rafters and the present store

almost every instance. To avoid high rents many have stored their goods and resorted to furnished rooms.

That's where the use for that damaged piece furniture comes in, and that's why used-goods men are worrying.

POLISH WOMEN TO FIGHT.

(By Associated Press.) WARSAW, May 14.—A volunteer battalion of women is to be formed by the Polish army for duty in Warsaw and vicinity. Service is for six months and is separate from the women units which have served at the front. The battalion is to have wom-

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