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#### THE PASSING OF THE RUBE.

Almost anyone can remember when the boys of the town used to ridicule the boys from the farm, calling them "clod-hoppers," "hay seeds," "rubes" and "country jakes."

It is rare that we hear such expressions now, says an observant exchange.

The "hayseed" has passed on. In his stead we have a rural business man, a student, a country gentleman.

We who know intimately the farmer around town know a man whose dress is not greatly different from the dress of the average business man or mechanic. This man's son drives his automobile as skillfully as the son of the city banker—and with far better judgment as a rule. His daughter can dance as well—if not so often and so long—as the pampered girl of "society." His wife can belong to clubs—and yet she can cook.

And the man with a "scheme" has learned that the farm district is not the easy thing it was in the old days.

Labor on the farm is not the heavy drudgery it used to be, and the boys of the farm today may attend and do attend our best schools and colleges.

The telephone keeps the farmer in daily touch with the markets and his daily paper informs him of current news the world over.

The vaudeville entertainer who dresses in a soluch straw hat with hair protruding from the torn crown; with one shoe and one boot on his feet; carries a carpet bag and a large umbrella, and "by hecks" his way through a monologue of nonsense, lacks much of success in impersonating the agriculturist of our acquaintance.

Some of the people of the city may be fooled, for they do not know. They may imagine themselves to be made of finer clay. They may know some things the farmer doesn't know, such as where to go to see the best shows or to eat the highest-priced dinners. Yet they cannot distinguish an oak tree from a swingle tree.

Truly, the day of the "rube" has passed.

#### SAVING PAPER, TOO.

There would seem to be but little connection between the Salvation Army and the paper famine. Yet the industrial homes of the Salvation Army annually salvage upwards of one hundred million pounds of waste paper to help relieve the shortage.

One newspaper publisher, investigating the work of the Army waste paper harvesters, declared the salvaged paper sent to paper mills last year would print one edition of newspapers with a combined circulation of 1,250,000,000 copies, or supply a newspaper of 3,424,657 circulation with paper for a year.

This represents the saving of paper alone and takes no cognizance of the work of redeeming men from the gutter and placing them on their feet while they work at baling and sorting the waste paper handled. Hundreds of men who come to the Industrial homes of the Salvation Army are given a new view point, healed in body and mind and made over into useful citizens—saved from waste even as they have saved discarded newspapers and magazines from waste.

A recent Oregonian headline declares that Fatty Arbuckle will get \$3,000,000 for 22 pictures in two and one-half years. Perhaps the intelligent compositor decided that Fatty wasn't dragging down enough, and tacked on an extra cipher.

Endorsement by the American Legion of the higher educational tax act should swing many a doubting voter for that meritorious measure.

The railroads are said to have lost more than nine hundred million dollars while under government control. This deficit is readily understood when it is reflected that Uncle Sam did not advertise his transportation business in the country press.

He that in looking for the sugar profiteer should take a run down into Cuba. The Cuban planter is the boy that is getting rich off the sugar consumer. His bit is far bigger now than ever before and is not only the lion's share but that of nearly the entire menagerie. Of the 18 cents paid by the consumer for a pound of sugar in January, 1920, the Cuban planter received 11.6 cents. The balance went for freight, duty, refining, wholesaler's margin and retailer's margin. The wholesaler got less than one cent and the retailer two

cents per pound. The Cuban is only human and has taken advantage of the competitive bidding of Uncle Sam and Johnny Bull for his crop. He produces by far the larger part of the cane sugar consumed in the United States, and also profits by the fact that the production of sugar in Europe is now about five million tons less annually than before the war.

Hoover having registered as a republican, it remains to be seen whether or not the g. o. p. will manifest sufficient wisdom to nominate him.

Having brought home the victory bacon in the late unpleasantness, France is now reaching out for the Rhine.

There isn't much profit in country editing, but anyhow we're glad we're not running a street railway.

Hi Johnson apparently made a hit with the Michigander—and likewise with the Michigoose.

#### FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the Republican Voters of Umatilla County:

Believing that there is at this time unusual interest manifested by school patrons, and the public in general in the public school system, and feeling that there should be more Americanism and love of country taught in our schools, and believing the republican party to be of strong principles, I feel that the party should support one of its own faith for the office of county school superintendent.

Having made education my life work, I feel a deep interest in the upbuilding of our schools, and of instilling into the minds of our young people the loyalty and love of country exemplified by our great Republican presidents. Our primary nominating law provides that any one aspiring to a place on the ballot may file intentions with the county clerk, by paying the necessary fee, and since I find no other Republican offering to run for county school superintendent, I wish to announce my candidacy before the Republican primaries on May 21.

If given proper consideration by the Republican voters in the primaries I will accept the nomination and make an active campaign in the general election in November. That the voters may know something of my qualifications to hold this important office, I wish to say I am a graduate of a standard normal school; have been twelve years in the state and have been teaching continuously. Have Degree of Bachelor of Psychology and Pedagogy, from Valparaiso University, Indiana. Have studied in Europe; have Oregon life certificate, and have had the required amount of successful experience in teaching in

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the state. Have held positions in the High schools in Milton, Athena and rural schools in this vicinity for several years. I am of Republican stock—my father having been a general in the Union army, and a staunch Republican. Believing myself duly qualified for the position and entitled to the support of the party and having faith in its decision, I leave it with the voters.

MRS. CLARE P. STONE.

—Paid advertisement.

#### Interchurch County Conference

Teams of speakers have been definitely selected for the Interchurch World Movement county conference which opens at 10:30 A. M. at the Methodist church in the city of Pendleton, on April 11. The first meeting starts at 10:30 o'clock, and all sessions are open to persons interested in church activities.

Members of the team are as follows: Rev. G. H. Young, Albany; Rev. J. E. Purdy, Bend; Rev. C. W. Reynolds, Corvallis; Mrs. W. A. Drennan, Portland. Prominent among the members of the team are Rev. G. H. Young, pastor of the Albany Baptist church, and Mrs. W. A. Drennan of Portland, a field worker for the National Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, superintendent of the Portland Settlement Center, and for six years in deaconess work in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The county conference has three main objectives: To present the sur-

veys which reveal the needs of the world in life and money; presentation of the evangelistic and financial campaigns, and the rally of denominational and community forces for the complete organization of the county.

#### American Legion Smoker.

Ten of the cleverest fighters in the northwest will step into the ring in Pendleton Saturday night for 34 rounds of boxing, under the auspices of Pendleton Post, American Legion. One thousand fans from Pendleton and Umatilla county towns are being prepared for in the crowd. Happy Canyon arena is the scene of the bouts. Johnny Noye, of St. Paul, meets Harry Casey of Seattle, in the main go of 10 rounds. These two lightweights are evenly matched as to weight; both are young but experienced, and are enough different in their type of fighting to insure a battle all of the way.

#### Boy Escapes Drowning.

Ralph, the 11-year-old son of Alick Johnson, residing Northeast of town, had a narrow escape from drowning in Pine Creek Monday, when the stream was at flood-tide from recent rains. While crossing the creek on horseback, the horse stumbled and fell in the torrent, throwing the boy clear of the saddle. He floated in the current until he grasped an overhanging limb and pulled himself clear of the water.

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