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THE SCHOOL SUPERVISOR AND OTHER THINGS.

The Sentinel has received reliable information that another attempt is to be made to repeal the school supervisor law, and this opposition comes from the very ones the rural supervisory system aims to help—the farmer.

Two years ago The Sentinel stated that it did not believe that the law had as yet been given sufficient time to prove its merits—and faults. This excuse will hardly hold at this time, and if there seems to be a strong desire to get the law before the people, it is probably just as well to let the issue be decided by the voters. If the majority is then found to be favorable, it is presumed that those who oppose it will cease their opposition and the law can better than ever carry out its purposes.

If a majority be against the law after the trial it has had, those who favor it will be compelled to believe that after all there is something wrong with it.

With the probability that it will never be anything but indirectly interested in the efficiency of the country school, The Sentinel's support of the law has been only because it has thought it would solve some of the complex school problems of its large number of rural readers and patrons. If these are now convinced that they do not wish school supervisors and that supervisors are not worth what they cost, The Sentinel will bow to the verdict of those most interested—the patrons of the rural school—and would suggest that if it could be so arranged, only those directly interested be allowed to vote on the proposition.

The amount the nation pays for education is a large part of the total taxation. The total tax paid by Cottage Grove for education—including the local school levy, support of the State University, the Oregon Agricultural College, its proportion of the expense of rural school supervisors, county agriculturists, industrial field agents, etc.—undoubtedly brings what it pays towards the support of education, up to an amount equal to that of the entire city tax levy. Other cities are doing likewise. The city of Cottage Grove alone undoubtedly pays more to advance the cause of education than the school supervisor system costs the entire county. (A candidate for county commissioner, hostile to the school supervisory system, places the annual cost to Lane County at \$6,480).

With half or more of the cost of the system paid by the cities and foreign capital invested here, the cost to each rural family can hardly be burdensome. Without having data at hand showing the number of rural families in the county, we can not apportion the amount exactly, but if there were 12,000 rural families (which seems reasonable), and the figures given by the candidate quoted are correct, the cost per family would be about 25 cents. The system would have to do but very little to return that amount to each family.

The Sentinel, like many others, sometimes doubts if we need all these educational frills, sometimes even doubts (after witnessing the waste of book knowledge), whether higher education is really worth all it costs, but we do contend for—and shall forever advocate—opportunities for the rural boy and girl equal to those of his and her city brother and sister—and we cannot help but feel that upon its being brought to a vote, the supervisory system would be endorsed by the rural voter.

The Sentinel solicits letters from its rural readers upon this proposition. Whichever side correspondents may take, we ask that the letters be as terse as possible.

PUBLICITY FOR CANDIDATES.

One pleasant thing for consideration by the newspapers is that all candidates for office realize to the fullest extent the value of publicity in the newspapers—when it costs nothing. The newspapers are furnished gratuitously with any amount of specially prepared and interesting copy which they are requested to insert free of charge in order that the candidates may observe the spirit, as well as the letter, of the corrupt practices acts, which limits the amount of expenditure to a very modest amount.

The Sentinel is pleased to assist candidates in whatever small way it may in obeying the law, but it is peculiar that the firms who make the cuts, the firms who make the stereotypes so kindly furnished the newspapers, and those who prepare the copy, can not also be induced to see that they are tempting candidates to overstep the law.

But this is not what we started out to say. Our point is this: All candidates seem to realize the value of publicity in the newspapers, and the newspapers of the state have been very kind in giving all the publicity that could come under the head of news. Such being the case, why is it that when the candidates turn to paid publicity they select a printed circular? By the free publicity the papers have given they are entitled to a fair proportion of what the candidates are by law allowed to spend, but even had they not earned this considera-

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tion, they can give the candidate better value for his money. Every voter in the state who reads a newspaper can be reached through the newspapers much cheaper than he can by printed circulars and postage stamps, and any voter who does not read some state newspaper, is too ornery, too ignorant and too good-for-nothing to be influenced by anything that could be said in a printed circular by either God or man.

Another point worth while: By putting their publicity in the newspapers the candidates would succeed in getting the country newspaper man (who either edits the copy or reads the proof, or both) to read the dope, which is much more than happens under the printed circular system. In this way the newspapers might take an interest in candidates that they do not now take.

WHAT THEY PROMISE AND WHAT THEY PERFORM.

A peculiar thing about the electorate of Oregon is that it wants to know exactly what a candidate for the legislature promises to do—but seems to take little or no interest in what those so fortunate (or unfortunate) as to be elected, do do.

Back in Minnesota, where the editor of The Sentinel came from as soon as he could, it is the reverse. The candidate promises little, but the electorate demands to know what he did do. This information is given in the form of a law supplement which every newspaper of the state distributes to its readers, containing every law passed by the preceding legislature.

Were it not for the cost, The Sentinel would suggest without further consideration that this law supplement idea be adopted in Oregon, and is not so certain but that the state is now paying out money for things that do less for the greatest number.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Eugene Register: In recent years it has become customary for candidate for every office in the gift of the people to issue their platforms. Formerly this was reserved for the high office of president, and even then the party usually made the platform and the candidate merely subscribed to it. The custom has spread, however, and now state, county and city candidates are out with their declarations of principles.

Why not extend the idea still farther and let the people draw their own platforms and let the candidates subscribe to it or not as they please? It is the people who are chiefly concerned, and they ought to know best what they want.

The Forest Grove Press has been purchased by A. E. Scott and will be consolidated with the News-Times, also owned by Mr. Scott. The consolidation, with Mr. Scott at its head, is equal to the field.

By going onto the cash basis Cottage Grove stores are solving the mail order house problem. There is but one way to meet cash-in-advance prices—and that is with cash prices.

Notice to the Public.

All notices of entertainments where admission is charged or where there is a money consideration, cards of thanks and resolutions of condolence do not come under the head of news and are charged for at the regular advertising rate.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

The stutterer spits it out.

Lots of folks mistake obstinacy for backbone.

Every dog has his day—and the cat has the night.

The man who goes back to the land is assured a royal welcome.

None but the very selfish can enjoy themselves all alone.

When a man is "in the soup" he is not usually "in the swim."

The man who doesn't get very far up the ladder doesn't get so badly hurt if he falls.

Putting things off until tomorrow is not such a serious matter if you do them then.

We are all more or less people of destiny—but we do not have to take it ready-made.

The only really satisfactory way of solving the servant problem is not to have any.

The man who doesn't do his best isn't getting all that there is in life for him.

The common house fly is presumed to be an ardent believer in the commandment "Thou shalt not kill."

When a man gets a good berth with the government, it seems to him like being born again.

Those who manipulate the egg market frequently count their chickens before they are hatched.

Many an optimist would be a pessimist if things weren't coming his way.

The Czar has his bomb throwers and the president has his office seekers.

Government ownership of public utilities or public utilities ownership of government—that seems to be the question.

Rockefeller says he is dissatisfied with himself. That makes it unanimous.

A Pittsburgh councilman got \$1,000 for his vote and then gave himself away.

Don't judge by appearances—except when it is to the advantage of the person being judged.

There are times that we wish there was more truth in the old saying that tomorrow never comes.

It is better to have a secure footing part way up the ladder than to have a precarious position at the top.

Luther Burbank has created a berry that weighs an ounce. To put it in the regulation berry boxes would require about three of them.

The years are so much longer on Jupiter than Christmas comes but once to

you tell him, but he beats the man who always says, "I don't know."

People of Philadelphia say one of the new plays is too loud. It must be a noisy one if it has disturbed that town.

When a girl gets up in the morning with squashed microbes on her lips, it's a sign some young gentleman called on her the previous evening.

Sixty-one languages are spoken in South America—which may account for the fact that so many of the revelations are mostly talk.

Some of the cooking recipes that newspapers are allowed to print leave no doubt as to the liberty of the press.

There is no substitute for Royal Baking Powder for making the best cake, biscuit and pastry. Royal is Absolutely Pure and the only baking powder made from Royal grape cream of tartar.

our twelve. There's the place to go to save money.

It is sometimes discouraging to have a man say, "I know" to everything

"In God We Trust" appears on many of our coins—but if Uncle Sam didn't have his stamp on them no one would accept them without hesitation.

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