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MAKING SCHOOLS THE "GOAT"

There is one sentiment in the communication of J. H. Brown which appeared in The Observer of Tuesday, December 24, that should commend itself to every thoughtful person, and especially to those who really have the interest of the state's educational system at heart. He says: "We are maintaining ***** the state normal school for teachers of which we benefit but little because they are offered higher salaries in Washington and California, where they naturally go. Let us raise the standard of the teachers and pay higher salaries."

The Observer is a steadfast supporter of the educational system of the state of Oregon; we would like to see it the peer of any other in the Union, but cannot compel the admission that it is far from that, although immense strides in that direction have been made during the past two or three years, thanks to progressive ideas and officials, and the adoption of modern methods. But the Oregon schools will never be what it is possible to make them until we shall come to realize to the fullest extent that, in order to compete with other states in this regard, we must pay our teachers salaries commensurate with their service and equalling those they receive in neighboring commonwealths. Mr. Brown truly says that we pay taxes to support the normal school for the training of teachers only to see them leave us after they have completed their studies because attractive salaries offered are very much greater than are paid in Oregon. We do not believe in a waste of money, and we favor the elimination of all unnecessary expense in the management of state and county affairs, but, at the same time, we do insist that there is such a thing as over-conservatism. Conservatism has been the impediment to progress in Oregon. While the people of this state, which has resources second to none on the Pacific coast, have adhered to the traditions and the usages of pioneer days, have overlooked their opportunities, Washington, which was only a sparsely settled territory long after Oregon became a state, has far outstripped us in population, in wealth and in development. It has been the adoption of progressive ideas that is responsible. While Oregon was content to move slowly, and was reluctant to break away from time tried and tested methods, was unwilling to embrace modern ideas and progressive measures, while conservatism was the watchword, Washington was rapidly developing at the expense of its older neighbor. Eastern people came to the coast and were attracted to Washington rather than to Oregon and it is the liberal policy which has permeated all classes of people and extended the management of state affairs there that is directly responsible.

Nowhere are the baneful results of over-conservatism more plainly apparent than in the management of the public school system of Oregon. Until recently Oregon's educational advantages were a joke and even now, when a brighter day is dawning, there are many people who object to advancement and are willing to remain in the narrow confines of a system that is out of date and cumbersome, rather than to assist in the work of development, merely because such a course calls for the expenditure of more money. We complain of high taxes and the increased cost of living and, in our extremity, we demand a reduction in expense, even when such demand strikes at the public school system. We do not take into consideration the fact that the state is developing in spite of the conservatism that has hindered it in the past. We do not stop to realize that we would not be satisfied with the conditions which prevailed 20 years ago, yet many of us seem to believe that we should not be required to pay the price for improvement and progress. We say the building of highways costs too much money, yet none of us would be satisfied with the conditions as they existed in the past. We complain of high taxes yet we know that we are enjoying more benefits than ever before, and we should realize that all these betterments must be paid for. Every improved highway, every modern country school building which we enjoy in comparison with those of 20 years ago, increases the value of our farms and attracts new people to come and make their homes among us.

But, while much advancement has been made in some lines, it is a fact that the public school system has been the last to feel the impetus. The hardest battle that the state's educators have had, has been to overcome the prejudice of the people generally regarding the public schools and to secure the adoption of improved methods therein. Often it has not been a question as to whether the improvement would benefit the schools, but only a matter of dollars and cents. If it is going to "cost something" we must forget about it. It may be that we need a new school building, the present one that has done duty for a half century is antiquated, unsanitary, and overcrowded, but it will "cost money" and we cannot afford it. "I got my education in that building and I guess the children today are no better than those of the past." Simply because a competent teacher could be secured for \$30 per month, or even less a few years ago, it is argued that the same money will employ a competent instructor today.

Yet the truth of Mr. Brown's assertion that the teachers which we pay taxes to train straightway leave for other states where the wages are higher, is a fact that no close observer can overlook. If we expect to keep them here and receive in our schools the benefit of their training and intelligence, we must offer them salaries in proportion. The \$30-a-month teacher may be qualified to impart the intricacies of the "three R's" to her pupils but, if she has received a higher training and one that fits her for a higher salary, she will find her field of endeavor in a more liberal community, and that community is going to derive the benefit of the modern ideas and its children are going to be better educated and more competent to cope with the problems of life and, will therefore grow into better citizens.

There is too much inclination to make the public school system the "goat" when it comes to the question of the reduction of state expenses and people are too ready to kill any move calculated for its benefit. We seem to think that we can best get along with things as they are in the school system, but we are quick to adopt new and expensive systems of legislation the principal result of which is to quadruple the expense of state government and lose the ordinary individual in a mist of uncertainty so completely that he cannot tell what is best for him or for the state.

We will admit, however, that there has been vast improvement in the state's school system and that, in some respects, Oregon is taking the lead in many new ideas, but it has all been done after years of pounding and the expenditure of much time and patience on the part of those who have been instrumental in the work. The Observer believes that improvement is coming all along the line, and it will be greatly assisted by a more liberal policy on the part of the people generally.

THE REASON WHY.

The New York suffragists who have begun the march of more than 100 miles to Albany, the capital of their state, deny that it is anything in the way of a militant demonstration, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. At the first it might have been rashly concluded that the women were intending, through a long march, to demonstrate their equal capacity for military service. The ladies, however, are wise as serpents if gentle as doves, and are everywhere claiming the ballot as a human right without reference to ability to bear arms. And they are entirely right in so doing. To be logical and consistent, their opponents who hold that the right to vote carries with it the duty to bear arms should propose that every man past the military age shall be disfranchised; that no matter how often he may have voted, or how many battles he may have fought, in the course of an active life, the day which places him beyond military age shall disqualify him as a voter.

But nobody would take the New York suffragist demonstration to be a military march a moment after

reading of the commissary stores. Chocolates, bouillons, cakes and dainty sandwiches figure most conspicuously in the stores provided, to the exclusion of anything resembling soldiers' rations. Hard tack is not in evidence and there is not a piece of side pork in sight anywhere in the hamper. This is conclusive. It is not a military demonstration at all. The women are marching to Albany to ask for what they claim to be their rights, not as soldiers, or possible soldiers, but as human beings. Coming in such a way they should be given every consideration, personally and as to what it is they have to propose. The women of this country can get anything they want that they don't fight for. The Albany commissary very largely explains why.

Among the enjoyments of life in Dallas on Christmas day was a bread famine. This sort of thing usually occurs when people really want the "staff of life" the most. Those who control the bread situation are respectfully requested hereafter, when they contemplate pulling off a stunt like that, they select some other than a holiday or Sunday.

Among the New Year's resolutions that should be adopted in Dallas ought to be the resolve, on the part of the city council, to start something relative to street paving early enough so that much of the work may be accomplished before another period of the mud nuisance reaches us.

It is said that Bryan's name wasn't mentioned for a cabinet position during the Nebraska's recent conference with President-elect Wilson. Certainly not—why should it? Bryan's connection with the new cabinet is well understood. He'll head the list—if he wants it.

It is said that Mr. Bryan raises onions in Texas and oranges in Florida. Certain members of the last Democratic national convention are also of the opinion that he raised something else in Baltimore.

EXPOSES THE SECRET WORK

Knutte Helson's Explanations Fail to Explain.

Knutte Helson had a good wife and her name was Hulda. Knutte stayed out one night rather late and the next morning at the breakfast table Hulda questioned him as to his whereabouts on that night. Knutte didn't take to the proposition very kindly but decided to make the best of a bad bargain and answer as best he could.

"Yare you was last night," she asked in a ruffled tone of voice?
"Ye haf special meeting of dar lodge, Hulda, an ay yar dar, yu bat yer boots."

"What did you do at lodge?"
"Yus efrying for da gude of da order."

"Last night you were talking in your sleep, and you said something about twenty-five cent limit. What did you mean by that?"

"O, dar yar, anoder fallar's fault. Ha ha talkin' 'bout raisin' da assessment."

"And you said you was in. What did you mean by that?"

"Val, et mane dat aye ban member an haf yust so mooch to say as anybody on der job."

"When you said 'I'll open it,' what did you mean?"

"Val, yu see, some fallar ha kan't gat an das door vary gude. Yu see ma dear wife, dar door ha ban lock all da time."

"Once or twice I heard you say, 'it's a show down.' What did you mean by that?"

"Hulda, ay haf no right to tall yu tungs outside da lodge, but ay tall yu das. En das lodge et mane, 'God Bless Ma Home.'"

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.
Department No. 2.
Melissa J. Grant, Plaintiff, vs. J. T. Stone, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To J. T. Stone, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON.
You and each of you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in her complaint herein, to-wit: That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of Lot No. Six (6) in Block "D" in the Town of Falls City, Polk County, Oregon, and that you and each of you be forever barred and enjoined from claiming any right, title or interest in or to said real property or any part thereof, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem proper.

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period of six weeks by order of the Hon. Ed F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers on the 23d day of November, 1912, and the date of the first publication will be November 22, 1912, and the date of the last publication will be January 3, 1913.
SIBLEY & EAKIN,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

11-23-13

Notice to Tax Payers and Voters of Road District No. 12.
We, the undersigned citizens and tax payers of Road District Number 12, in Polk County, Oregon, being more than ten per cent of the tax payers of said road district, do hereby give public notice that a public meeting will be held at what is known as the Guthrie School House within said Road District, in said county and state, on the 28th day of December, 1912, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purposes and intention of voting an additional tax for improving and macadamizing roads within said District; said improvements and macadamizing to be done on the road leading from Dallas to Lewisville and Airline between the south end of where the macadam now on said road ends and what is known as the Leander Blieu Bridge in said District and such other improvement and macadamizing as may be determined upon at such meeting. All persons who are interested in said matters are requested to be present for such purposes.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1912.

Respectfully,
C. D. Shepherd,
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F. L. Guthrie,
G. B. Remington,
Jacob J. Minnich,
D. Shepherd,
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L. N. Belleu,
G. P. Locke,
H. A. Hindman,
E. J. Minnich,
Fred Trenhagen,
W. T. Hibbard.

12-6-12-27

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Marshall W. Simpson, as executor of the estate of Isaac M. Simpson, Senior, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Saturday, the 28th day of December, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court Room of said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

MARSHALL W. SIMPSON,
Executor of the estate of Isaac M. Simpson, Sr., deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney.
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W. A. AYRES, Clerk.

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