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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.

HIGH SCHOOL SUFFICIENT?

The Tribune believes that all money expended for school purposes by the state, should be through the medium of the public and high schools.

The above from the Lebanon Tribune is remarkable. While it offers half hearted defense of the state university and the agricultural college, the editor frankly admits that he is simply enduring both institutions when, had he the power, he would eliminate them and limit the state's educational advantages to the public and the high schools.

When you are asked to sign a petition to refer any measure passed by the last legislature to a vote of the people, you should have a full understanding of all that your signature may imply.

A Salem newspaper is printing daily abstracts from that highly interesting document entitled "The Congressional Record."

They're getting on to the kinks in this new-fangled senatorial system in the east, too. A recent editorial in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says, "In planning senatorial primaries it should be arranged that nominees shall receive a majority."

What has become of the West Salem incorporation plan? Does it hinge on the liquor problem in Salem and the possible "drying up" of the Capital City?

Editorials of the People.

Signed communications will be printed under this head from responsible parties but their publication does not necessarily imply that they express the sentiments of the editor.

INTO CLOSER RELATIONSHIP

Home Credit System in Public Schools Doing Great Good. There is one system lately introduced into some of the schools that is doing more good than anything else in bringing the school and home in closer relationship.

FARM MARKETING.

When there is universal complaint of the high cost of all kinds of food and clothing and at the same time such conventions as the one in Chicago this week discuss the problem of making the production of food and clothing material on the farm pay, it indicates something more than a loose screw in our producing and distributing machinery.

sumption. Yet the farmer does not feel that he is getting the natural increase in profit which such a condition should yield. All over the country he is beginning to grumble, and to ask of what value to him is it to do extra work to increase production if the net result is the same.

This, however, is only one side of the marketing question. The farmers feel that they do not get their fair share of what the consumer pays, that too much is taken between producer and consumer for mere handling. This natural remedy is combination in marketing, also better railroad facilities, which are not keeping pace with production, and more direct connection between producer and consumer.

Everything is "west of here in Polk county" with the Salem Statesman. On Saturday we find an item saying that "the Miller farm west of here in Polk county has been sold to a Portland syndicate. It is understood that the land will be planted to berries."

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Danish Colony for Yamhill.

The purchase of a tract of land near St. Joseph by Rev. E. A. Hjorts-vang, Danish Lutheran minister, of Bowbelle, N. D., may eventually bring a number of Danish families from North Dakota to McMinnville and vicinity. The visiting clergyman was much impressed with McMinnville and surrounding country and bought the Bodine tract for \$4000. The rigorous climate of the Dakotas is compelling the people of middle age to leave for more favored sections of the United States.—News-Reporter.

To Help the Saloon.

A year ago the fight was on to get a saloon established at West Woodburn or to shut it out. Then the matter of premet lines that were being changed out a considerable of a figure. Now it is a matter of incorporating so as to have a city there and be able to keep the saloons they have, while the farmers whose big tracts are to be dragged into town by extending the city limits for miles into the country are the ones who are doing the kicking.—Woodburn Independent.

Saloon Must Pay.

A recent ruling of the supreme court of Oregon of general interest was that in the case of the city of Woodburn against Gilbert Apdio and the United States Fidelity & Surety company. Where a saloon keeper had sold liquor to a minor and to intoxi-

iday, instead of 600. The number of minutes credit for milking cows was increased from five to 15 for each cow, and a reasonable amount of credit was allowed for all work not named in the list of chores. Children living over a mile and a half from school were allowed credit for the distance they had to walk in proportion to the others and five per cent instead of ten was added at the end of the year on their final school averages for the carrying on of the work. Only two prizes were offered by the district, \$3 and \$2 respectively. Children seldom took advantage of the holiday for the 800 minute credit unless it was used for sickness or unavoidable absence, as they were encouraged in the knowledge that a day lost was a loss of a day's work as well. Tardiness on the part of any pupil doing the work meant a loss of so many credits already accumulated.

It would be impossible to enumerate the many things this work has done for this community, but the following facts may prove interesting to the reader. During the year of 1911-12 without home credit work this school had a record of 95 per cent in attendance and 8 tardies. Part of the home credits given have been for the proper care of the body, sleeping with windows open, care of teeth, hair, etc., and the result of these requirements has been the showing of a healthier appearance on the part of nearly all the pupils. The parents of the district claim that the children are doing more work at home now than they ever did before and the people feel that their children are getting an education that will be of value to them and that the money is being well spent in this kind of work.

It is possible that the system may have to be changed from time to time to meet changing conditions and also to meet different conditions in the different communities, but as it stands, it is one of the best plans ever instituted to solve the problem of bringing the school and home into closer relationship.

R. G. DYKSTRA.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Life in a Dry Town.

There have been several flagrant cases of intoxication seen on the streets of Sheridan lately, accompanied by positive indecency, that is a disgrace bad enough for the parties drunk but worse to the city for permitting such a condition, thinks the Sheridan Sun. Whether this state of affairs is a case of happeno or the result of overbold bootlegging in disposing their stock is not clear. Four of the parties at least were not citizens and they may have brought their intoxicated condition with them and freshened up with extra tips upon their arrival just to keep in an offensive and disgusting mood. But whatever the cause the view is not an inviting one and aids nothing to the town's regard for decency.

After 25 Years.

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To Improve River.

The Government's surveyor has been in Independence this week taking a preliminary survey of the Willamette river at this point with a view of making improvements in the channel of the river. An appropriation for this purpose was made at the closing session of the last congress amounting to about \$50,000. Active work will be inaugurated soon.—Enterprise.

New Water Works at Amity.

The general plan of the water works at Amity will be a pumping plant at the well on the Gentry place, a cement reservoir to hold 300,000 gallons of water located on the hill northeast of town and steel mains running to the city and down Trade street, of 6 and 8-inch pipe and laterals branching off to each street, of four inch steel mains. The system is to cost from \$13,000 to \$15,000.

NO REASON FOR IT.

You Are Show a Way Out. There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the word of a resident of this locality who has found relief. The following is convincing proof: F. A. Sutton, Hoyt and West Sts., Salem, Oregon, says: "For ten or twelve years kidney trouble was the plague of my life. I suffered intensely from pain in the small of my back and was often unable to move. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but to no avail, and I was in a bad way when I used Doan's Kidney Pills. They benefited me at once and after I had taken the contents of three boxes, I was free from every symptom of kidney complaint. My health is now of the best and for that reason I cannot recommend Doan's Kidney Pills too highly." (Statement given January 31, 1906.)

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