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reality but part of the great agitation to bring the schools and the community into closer relations.

Formerly the school and the home were intimately united. The teacher lived among his people and shared their thoughts and feelings. He was not a professional man, set apart from his neighbors, with a distinct set of professional feelings and prejudices. He was himself one of the neighbors. In those days, too, the schoolhouse was a common meeting place for the people. It was not only a place for the study of spelling, reading, and arithmetic, but also a place for the study of the history of the country, the life of the people, and the principles of government. It was a place where the people could meet and discuss the issues of the day, and where they could learn to love their country and their fellow-citizens.

where officers of universal interest may be argued out.

Narrow partisanship, which is the bane of the disinterested man, usually prevails from ignorance. It is hoped that schoolhouse meetings may dispel this ignorance and make our politics depend more upon intelligence than upon prejudice and emotional feeling. The expense of halls has heretofore given wealthy interests an undue advantage in reaching the public ear. When the schoolhouses are open to all alike, no one will have the same opportunity to be heard as another. The essence of democracy is publicity. Let always free from the light. The purpose is to make the public schoolhouse centers of light.

ALL AROUND

What Other Parts of Oregon are Doing—Gleaned From Our Exchange and Elsewhere.

The absent-mindedness of patrons of the Salem postoffice has resulted in the loss of mail at that place. A short time ago Theodore Larson was playing under arrest for using the keys which he is charged with having used to abstract mail from the locked boxes in that office, and while he claims to have found the keys on the street, it is thought that he obtained them by watching those who absent-mindedly left them in their boxes. Mail was found on his person belonging to others as well as several keys belonging to the postoffice, also two checks. Be careful of your key.

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He has 25 acres planted and has recently got up seven miles of wire. He is well to do with the farms when the time for sowing and he always makes money, "well then."

When the women are busy over the house the men are busy with the work. Several fine dogs have died during the past week from poison.

James Wilson, who was arrested while in possession of and was charged with dealing an overcoat from the Providence street about noon last week in Astoria is now laying in jail, being unable to give bond.

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USING THE SCHOOLHOUSES
The movement to utilize the public schoolhouses for social centers has won some powerful friends of late. The President's daughter, Margaret, has become actively interested in it and the President himself has shown intelligent sympathy for the cause. A wider use of schoolhouses is

is later years all that was well changed. The professional pedagogues got complete control of the schools, to the exclusion of the teachers, and he made the schoolhouse the sacred temple of his professional idols. The other side were images of clay or paper made substitutes for real things, but they were sufficient to blind the parents out of the schoolhouse. The new movement which President Wilson has called upon seeks to restore the old order of things and even improve upon it. The purpose is to make the schoolhouses as useful as possible. There is no limit to the meetings, the speeches, the discussions, the amusements, which will be permitted there except the observance of good morals and neighborhood kindness.

Partisan meetings are not to be shut out by any means, but all varieties of partisanship must have the same welcome, with the main purpose to make the schoolhouse a place

Corvallis High school football team claims the championship this year on the grounds that in the first game played against other high school teams, the teams opposing them were never allowed to score. This is a second hand to beat.

Legend the Mexican desperado who is supposed to be imprisoned in a mine in Utah is still causing much excitement among the officers who are guarding the mine, and endeavoring to starve him out.

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The legend on eggs in Oregon is still on and so eggs selling at that price. There can be no sales without a buyer and as long as people refuse to buy the market will go down.

The potato combine expects the aid of the farmer in its efforts to limit potatoes off of the market, and at the same time they are trying to get the government to place an embargo on all importation of potatoes, this an-

ing in raising the price.

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