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Below we give in large part an article written by the editor and published last week in the Portland Journal. However we will say that the Journal extracted the Tabasco sauce and other seasoning matter and left it very mild.

There seems to be dissatisfaction at the amount of the appropriations, yet if one takes a second thought he will readily see that the size of the appropriation does not seriously affect the taxpayers, for if the money is judiciously spent it will all return to the people in time and will at the same time be a potent factor in the upbuilding of the state. Censure should be reserved in such cases. We have no objection to a large appropriation for the Agricultural College, for it is a very necessary and useful school and should be liberally provided for. We would even indorse the appropriation of \$100,000 for the Crater lake road if the proper provision had been made to reimburse the people who have been keeping up a state institution for the past two years at their own expense, and the state getting the credit for it, but this was not done and further the institution was left helpless and disowned through the efforts of those who were working in the interest of machine politicians.

It is a notable fact that a majority of the senate was dominated by the Oregonian; it is also a notable fact, though perhaps known to few, that for the past 15 years, to the writers certain knowledge, and perhaps longer, that paper has fought the common school system of this state whenever opportunity offered. It is a further fact that the editor of that paper has lost no opportunity to tear down and injure the reputations of ministers of Protestant churches. Why he has done this is not known to the public generally. Those who remember the persistent hounding of Dr. Hill of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, by the above mentioned paper, know that we are speaking the truth.

Now let us take up the matter of the normal schools. The Journal has well named the presiding genius of the Oregonian "the hyena," for his nature is akin to that of that ghoulish animal, in that his howls disturb the living while his pen besmirches the dead. He has fought the normal schools from start to finish, for what particular reason we do not know, unless for the same reason stated above that he has fought the common school system of the state. He has always kept as far from the truth as it was possible to keep. As to what the friends

of the other normals will do we do not know, but we believe that the 1000 graduates and more than 2000 others who have attended the Monmouth normal, will stand loyally by her and will provide no small sum of the funds necessary to keep the school running to the time when the people of the state can say as to whether the school shall be maintained or not.

That the state, through its representatives, has broken faith with the dead is evident to those who are aware of the conditions under which the property at Monmouth was acquired. Men who gave the best years of their lives and despoiled themselves of their substance to build up an institution of learning here, who, in their declining years turned to the state for the help they believed was necessary to keep the institution alive, have passed to their reward; and it is perhaps well that they have, for they will not suffer the keen humiliation that would necessarily have been theirs could they have witnessed the treatment accorded the "mother of normals."

There is a vast difference between the way the Monmouth normal was acquired by the state and the way the others were created. The Monmouth school was ceded to the state on its solemn promise that it would be taken and maintained as a state normal, the others were created by act of the legislature. We will not undertake to discuss the advisability of their creation at that time, or of the need of them now, but once they were established as state institutions and carried on as such the state was in duty bound to maintain them for a definite time. When the state admitted students to these institutions and accepted their matriculation fees, it morally and legally bound itself to carry those students through a four years' course of study, provided they complied with the rules and regulations of the institutions in which they had enrolled; and the state could not, with honor to itself or justice to the students, abandon one of these institutions short of four years' notice, unless it provided another place in which they could finish the course. This argument may not be in accord with statutory enactments of this state, but it is in accord with common law and justice and should be enforced.

There are men, or at least creatures wearing men's clothing, who persist in tearing down the good name of their neighbors; who are suspicious of every one; who attribute ulterior motives to all acts not in conformity to their code of morals. Evidently they measure others in their own half bushel. Too self-centered to have ever done anything to earn a home in Heaven and whose souls are too infinitesimally microscopic to receive any consideration at the hands of the Devil, they will have a sorry time when they go hence.

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