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The Normal is dead, long live the Normal. This is the way it would have been stated some ages ago on the death of a king. While the Normal has never been a king she has been a Queenly old lady and deserves a royal funeral. Her malady was pernicious political anaemia, contracted during the closing hours of the late lamented legislative assembly, superinduced by an overweening desire, on the part of certain flotsam and jetsam of that notorious assemblage, for cheap notoriety (and they got it), also because of peculiar conditions and a misunderstanding of the ideas entertained by a majority of the people of this state regarding educational matters. For a native-born citizen of this naturally, great state, who desires the common people to have the best possible education that can be given in the public schools, it is humiliating to have to write that we have no state institutions in which the teachers of the public schools can receive training. Too many people of this state believe that the teachers of the common schools have a snap and that they are a set of lazy, indolent persons who live on the fat of the land and then want to graft the tax-payers for their education. This idea will have to be educated out of the minds of enough of the legal voters so that they will appreciate the situation and help to establish a firstclass Normal school in this state that will not only give the coming teachers theoretical and practical training, but that will help in forming them into ideal citizens in every sense—building them up along all lines and giving them an education equal to that of the State University. By this we do not want it inferred that we wish the Normal school to take up a classical course. Not at all, but we mean that the education of a teacher should be just as perfect and just as high along the lines necessary for him or her to follow, as the University man's is along classical lines. How long it will be before this state of affairs comes into being we are unable to say, but we are able and willing to state that the town of Monmouth will go ahead just as if nothing had happened, firm in the belief that at some time in the future there will come to the people a realization of the struggles she has made to keep in existence the Mother of Normals, of this state. When that time comes we may reasonably expect restitution in part, to be made, yet it will be impossible to repay to those who have sacrificed time, talents and money for the upbuilding of the public school system of this state, more than a fractional part of their

losses. Let us hope that upon the foundation of anxieties, heart-aches, tears, wasted energy and financial losses, may arise in the future of the superstructure, educationally, one of the grandest institutions of its kind in the world.

The decision of Judge Galloway in the Crater Lake road case will undoubtedly be upheld by the Supreme Court. While there is little doubt as to its being a fine thing for Medford and adjacent territory it is questionable as to whether it would be of any particular value to any other part of the state, unless it be some of the Portland hotels, which would catch some of the tourists that would eventually cross the state enroute to other places of note. Taken altogether it was a piece of class legislation and that is what the people are trying to guard against. Let the Government set aside a sum to make a road into the Park and then if the Jackson county people want to do something to aid in the work, the rest of the state will not object, but it isn't fair to the tax-payers of the state at large to have to pay for something that will be of benefit to but a small portion of the people. Only the rich can use the road any way, as the poor have to work and have no time for such trips.

One should be careful in telling the truth. It often gets one in trouble. We find this out quicker in the newspaper business, than in most any other walk of life. This does not necessarily mean that we must always lie, but it seems to be the way of the world at the present time to hide the truth to a large degree. Simply because we believe a thing is so, is no reason that it is so. Many a jury has believed a man guilty of murder and he has been hanged, only in after years to find that a mistake was made and the man was innocent. Comparison and inductive reasoning, with a large amount of horse sense will often prevent making mistakes in theories. If a man claims he is telling the truth and another is not and that those who differ with him are frauds, etc., etc., better take his statement under advisement, for in a majority of cases there is a dark complexioned gentleman lurking in the fuel supply.

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