

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES

Preparation of initiative-referendum petition in behalf of the Monmouth normal school is of more than passing importance to the state. The closing up of the normals during the last year has been felt by the progressive element of the state's population. The attempt to create a teachers' normal department in Oregon Agricultural College will never be successful only in a limited sense. The normal school work of the state is in a class to itself. The preparation of teachers for their duties should receive the closest attention. Teachers are closer to the desires and requirements of children than parents. They have to do with the molding period in their lives. It is for this reason that so much pains should be given to the preparation of teachers for their life work.

On account of closing the normals in the state of Oregon, teachers have gone to the normals of Washington, Idaho and California to get the instruction which our state has proven too indolent to provide. This is an imposition on other states. Abolishment of normals will result in one condition—inferior teachers for Oregon. This in turn means depreciated mental and moral instruction for the young men and women of this state. With the abolishment of normals, eighth and tenth grade pupils are the class from which our teachers will be selected to take the place of normal graduates. The situation is graver than most men will admit. It strikes at the educational foundation of the state. The progressive element of the state is still wondering how it happened that the normals were not supported. The most likely suggestion is on the one hand, the tax-dodgers who would abolish all public institutions and provisions simply to satisfy their greed for money; while on the other hand is the staunch citizenship of the country whose lives have been spent in constant warfare for the welfare of the state. The argument that

the state should not be asked to educate its teachers is common but it is without good foundation. It is one of the most responsible duties of the state. The training of children is too often left entirely in the hands of teachers.

It will be remembered that almost all professions are taught in our state in some of the schools with the exception of teaching. Better that the University of Oregon or Oregon Agricultural College should be abolished than normals, since the intellectual foundation to the state is threatened in their abolishment. Let the ten grades of public school be what they should be and there will be less occasion for higher education. Give us more teachers and more thorough equipment.

OUR DUTY AS HOSTS

The duty of hosts is not always clearly defined. But that we as hosts owe more than common courtesy is generally accepted. For him who enters the portals of my home I owe the same protection that is owed to a member of my family. Upon his exit I am in duty equally bound to protect his good name from slander. That he has been my guest obligates me to the extent of his good name. The violation of the laws of common courtesy, as related to guests, stoops beneath the dignity of polite society and is an offense to the home and community from which the guest comes.

In the case of Mr. Leonard, Elmira, New York, is equally concerned, since reports come from the church of that place with assurance of his untarnished reputation. In this case Independence is host. Mr. Leonard came here at the request of the united churches of Independence to whom he should look, more than to anyone else, for protection of his name and reputation. It should not be necessary for him to call the attention of the churches of Independence to this matter. It is owed by them to him. His

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ten to the words of Bacon on the subject: "How many things are there which a man cannot, with any face of comeliness, say or do himself? A man can scarce allege his own merits with modesty, much less extol them, but all these things are graceful in a friend's mouth, which are blushing in a man's own. A man cannot speak to a son but as a father; to his wife but as a husband; to his enemy but upon terms; whereas a friend may speak as the case requires, and not as it sorteth with the person; but to enumerate these things were endless; I have given the rule, where a man cannot fitly play his own part, if he have not a friend, he may quit the stage."

THOMPSON'S REWARD

No single worker did more for the success of the union revival meetings in this city than did Rev. Mr. Thompson. He gave his undivided support, early and late. It is noteworthy that he displayed a remarkable degree of

self sacrifice as well in his devotion to the work. The assistance which he lent in securing the large amount of money for the defrayal of expenses and remuneration of the evangelistic workers shows self abnegation to a large degree. Indeed, it seems unbelievable that the people of Independence should have given a sum nearing the \$1000 mark to the cause and not a red cent to this loyal worker, who helped from his own meagre income to swell the reward of the evangelists. The local ministers walked out of the union meetings with empty pockets. The four weeks of strenuous exertion and the accumulation of a large body of members certainly deserved something more in the way of reward than dismissal from the church.

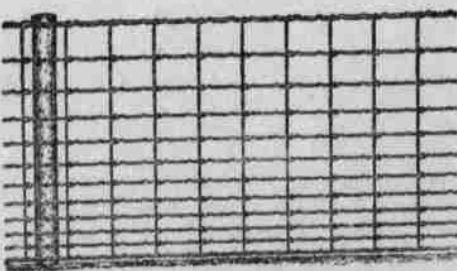
VOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The fact that the people of district No. 29 will have to pay taxes for the building of a high school in some other locality if they do not support

the proposal to build a high school at this time in Independence should be sufficient argument for the support of the project to bond the district at the special election to be held next Tuesday. If the high school is not built here at this time a high school will be built in some other locality of the county and taxes will be devoted to the building of that school and Independence will get no benefit from it. That the election will carry for the high school when the vote is cast next Tuesday is the belief of everyone in Independence and if it is not unanimous it will be a surprise to everyone. It's not so much the question of the cost of the high school as it is the necessity, and we may mention here unless the high school is built another public school building will be required to take care of the pupils here during the next year. In the event of the erection of a public school building here the district will be in the same situation that it is

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