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## The School Bill Decision.

**INVALIDATION** by the United States supreme court of Oregon's compulsory public school attendance law will surprise no one. All parties interested in the case, directly or indirectly, will be glad that it is finally settled. Its closing will remove one from among the subjects of religious strife and controversy with which the country has been beset. And there will be on the part of a majority of people generally a disposition to consider that the case has been settled right.

The real sponsor for the compulsory school attendance law was the supreme council for the southern jurisdiction of the United States of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. The ground on which the measure was proposed by that organization was patriotic rather than religious. Its primary purpose, its proponents declared, was to weld national unity in the rising generation, by insuring that all children should be educated alike, in the English language and to a uniform understanding of history and national ideals. Discussion of the promotion of a measure of this kind had begun in Scottish Rite councils prior to the breaking forth of the wave of religious strife throughout the country some four years ago. That Oregon was selected as the first state in which the measure should be put before the people was due to a combination of circumstances, chief of which was that Oregon had been a leader among states in initiatory legislation.

The campaign for the bill in Oregon was launched at a time when religious warfare was most bitter. Naturally the charge sprang up immediately that the campaign was a part of that warfare; that the bill was anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish. The bill became heralded over the nation as "the Oregon anti-parochial school bill" and has been erroneously referred to by that negative title more often up to this day than by its real affirmative title of compulsory public school attendance bill. By its opponents, as well as by many who were well disposed towards it, the real sponsorship of the bill was attributed to the Ku Klux Klan, then at the apex of its activities and influence in Oregon politics. Whether the Klan organization supported the measure or not, it is certain the Klan membership did. So did the membership of several fraternal orders in the main, although there was sharp division on the subject within them all, including Scottish Rite Masonry itself.

It is a strong, though quite undemonstrable, probability that if another such measure as this one were placed before the voters of Oregon today, the verdict of 1922 would be reversed. Religious tolerance is gradually increasing, and the signs are all for continuation of that tendency.

In the whole issue relating to the bill which has just been invalidated, all else sinks to insignificance by comparison with this fact: The bill sought to transfer from parent to state a certain control of the child. That may not have been the primary intent of the bill but that would have been its effect. And such an effect as that will always be abhorrent to and never will be accepted under our constitution.

## State Income Tax Fundamentals.

A STATE income tax law, to be sound and equitable, must be designed primarily to tax sources not otherwise taxed. It must not impose an additional burden upon sources already taxed. Its gradations must be fair and free from any attempt to penalize wealth. These points are fundamental. If the state grange will hold them well in view in drafting its proposed initiative measure for a state income tax next year it will have an excellent opportunity to carry its bill into law.

George A. Palmeter, master of the Oregon state grange, voiced in his annual report to the grange at its Dallas convention the desire of the grange for "a good income tax measure." No income tax measure can be good which fails to take into account the points set out at the opening of this article, and no measure which fails to take them into account is likely to carry, or, if it does carry, to stand permanently. Mr. Palmeter would have been rendering the grange a service if he had included in his recommendation for a new income tax bill, some definition of these prime requisites for such a measure. Had the former state income tax law taken account of them it would in all likelihood still be upon the statute books.

Mr. Palmeter, master of the Oregon state grange, expresses in his annual report the fear that the Dennis Palm Beach amendment may carry. This newspaper has too much confidence in the intelligence of Oregon's voting public to believe such a thing possible. Such a futile thing as the adoption for a pretended fifteen-year term of an amendment that may be repealed at any election at any time seems highly improbable. And the measure is unpopular on merit in the eyes of many. But one never knows until the votes are counted what will happen to any measure, and it is well that Mr. Palmeter has warned the grangers to gird for the fray against the Dennis amendment.

Conditions may be rough in the Riff and the Riffians may all be ruffians, as the French and the Spanish would like us to believe, but the altruism of the Franco-Spanish motive in the Riff is highly questionable. The Riffians are defending what is their own and are entitled to the world's sympathy.

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

### Outlawing Evolution.

(Albany Democrat-Herald)  
Tennessee joins the anti-Darwinian movement, with a law forbidding the teaching of evolution in the public schools.  
That may be all right, whatever one thinks of the theory of evolution. Children in the common schools, at least, are not competent to understand the theory and pass judgment on it. From a strictly educational viewpoint, it may be a mistake to have presentation of the evolutionary view in high schools and colleges. Educa-

ed persons should at least know what the theories of Darwin and Huxley are, and what facts they are based on—which is probably more than most legislators know.

However that may be, when the governor of Tennessee says, in his message accompanying the signed bill, that evolution is "at variance with the teachings of the Bible," he is letting himself in for a lot of controversy. For one thing, the Bible is not a scientific text book in Tennessee

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It Never Fails to Produce a Bumper Crop.



schools. For another thing, many a clergyman will maintain that when God, as told in Genesis, "formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," he did it not so crudely as a human sculptor working in clay, but as the divine creator and director of a long evolutionary process.

As for Eve being formed from one of Adam's ribs, ministers nowadays usually explain that as "symbolic." Many things in the scriptures, no doubt, are symbolic, so much so as to be beyond the ken of editors and law-makers.

**Our Highways.**  
(Cottage Grove Sentinel)  
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It is a principle which there is no gaining saying that we shall pay for the machinery which we use in the conduct of our business. The highways of the state are the most important piece of machinery in the business of the people. The people are not likely to take kindly to the referendum of the bus and truck taxing law enacted by the recent legislature. The buses and trucks would better prepare to pay their just proportion of the expense of providing the highways without which they could not exist—the highways which brought them into existence.

Every other form of business has to pay the expense of conducting that business. The buses and trucks should expect nothing else. If their business will not pay the expense of conducting the same, they are in a poor business, but it is the view of the people that the plea of inability to pay are without foundation. Higher taxation of buses and trucks is on the way and the buses and trucks must meet the situation fairly and squarely. They must pay their expenses of doing business. The fact that they perform what may be defined as a necessary and legitimate service does not entitle them to a subsidy.

**Pierced.**  
(Salem Capital-Journal)  
Commercial fishing is one of the largest industries in Oregon bringing in an average of over \$5,000,000 a year of outside money, furnishing employment to hundreds of people on the streams and in the canneries. Its growing importance has been recognized in the past by appropriations of state money to build and maintain hatcheries to replenish the supply.

In the past few years, principally due to the ability of Frank M. Warren, when a member of the commission, and since his retirement, of Fred P. Kendall, and the organizing capacity of Carl D. Shoemaker as manager, the commission has been put on a business basis, made self-supporting and its operations greatly enlarged. It really controls the industry, by issuing licenses, dictating policies and enforcing statutes.

Until the decision of Governor Pierce the commission had been selected from those recommended by the commercial fishing interests. Mr. Pierce's first appointment was a Portland physician, who when he found that the governor wanted a political machine built up, refused to endeavor a vast business and was ousted. The second appointee was an Astoria lawyer. The third appointee was a Portland lawyer who has refused to remain. The fourth and fifth appointees are two state senators, neither of whom are from fishing districts.

The fish commission has at last been pierced. Three politicians, who know nothing at all about the industry, or about fish, or their propagation, and are in no way representative of the fishing industry, are given full control of this \$5,000,000 industry.

Hitherto, the fish commission has been in politics for the benefit of the industry—now it will be in politics for the benefit of the politicians.

## WILL COOLIDGE RUN AGAIN?

Politicians Speculate as to Whether President Will Seek Another Term

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Politicians profess to be wondering whether or not President Coolidge will make a bid for another term in the White House.

This wondering is pure make-believe, so far as politicians with a particle of sense are concerned. The even slightly sensible ones know perfectly well the president will try to succeed himself if he thinks he sees the least chance of getting away with it.

Of course there's the two-term limit precedent. But, as we all know, that doesn't fit Calvin Coolidge, inasmuch as he got into his first fraction of a term by way of the vice-presidency.

True, Theodore Roosevelt did provide something of a precedent for presidents in Coolidge's position, but at that it wasn't much of a precedent. Roosevelt himself was the only man ever bound by it, and he by no means because he wanted to be.

Besides, his fractional term was much longer than Coolidge's. Even so, he considered that it was sufficiently doubtful if he weren't entitled to a renomination so that he made a special announcement on the subject.

And directly afterward he wished he hadn't and finally tried to reverse himself.

No, no, President Coolidge can't see any impropriety in two terms and a fraction. Moreover, he assumes that his fraction didn't count and that, for all practical purposes, he's on his first term now.

Without saying so in so many words—at any rate not publicly—he's permitted this information to leak out through "administration spokesmen"—which is the way presidents transmit to the public information they wish disseminated but prefer not to articulate personally.

It's doubtful if a single politician in Washington isn't certain the president would have announced it already, if he didn't want another term. He isn't as uncommunicative as all that.

There are plenty of good reasons

mal with animal nature, animal instincts and animal propensities and animal passions, which is its moral effect induces our school children, as well as men and women who are led to believe such a theory, to exercise said animal passions and thereby be led into living the lowest possible immoral lives.

The modern theories of evolution widely differ and contradict each other in that some eliminate God entirely from the so-called evolution, while others make a feeble effort to connect some kind of a God with these conflicting theories and therefore Luther Burbank in his unqualified defense of evolution is placed on record defending these contradictions and therefore defending that which cannot be the truth, inasmuch as two cannot differ and both be right.

Mr. Burbank in this article tries to defend the theory of modern evolution on the ground that he has succeeded in developing some vegetables and fruit. If Mr. Burbank could show that these developments had been made possible without the personal Luther Burbank having anything to do with these developments, he would then have presented a proof in favor of the unqualified evolution theory.

The modern theories of evolution do not lead men to clearly see or firmly believe in an intelligent personal being back of the things which they claim have been evolved, but, on the contrary, lead men to forget and ignore God as the first intelligent cause back of all intelligent effects.

Mr. Burbank tells us that evolution is contrary to theology, but that it is not contrary to religion, and yet in the last paragraph of his article he positively tries to belittle and make sport of the story of creation as set forth in the greatest religious book in the world, the Bible. His theory of evolution, therefore, certainly clearly is contrary to the Christian religion, as set forth in the greatest religious book in the world. Surely the mind of an evolutionist is wonderfully and awfully misled. He says that religion is

not man-made. Then, according to his own words, he admits that the religious statements in the greatest religious book, are not man-made, and that therefore the story of creation in that book, which teaches that man was made in the image of God, and that God made and created that man in his own image after His likeness, is not man-made, therefore according to his own logic it must be Divine and therefore more to be relied upon than the contradicting theories of man-made evolutionary, unproved theories.

In this same blundering article he does not only deny the story of creation, but also the fall of man, claiming that a perfect machine would not thus be capable of so suddenly falling. We know that the most perfect piece of machinery in the world can suddenly be directed over some precipice and be smashed in less time than what it takes to tell how it was done. Man today in his most perfect form of so-called development is daily seen taking physical, intellectual and moral tumbles, which only too forcibly illustrate the truthfulness of the fall as set forth in the Bible.

Be not deceived. The so-called evolutionists do deny the story of creation, and therefore reject the God of the Christian religion and Jesus Christ and the Bible in that all of them teach that man is a creature of creation directly from the hand of his creator and maker and does not teach that man is only a developed animal. I have more respect for an outspoken atheist who denies openly the God of the Bible and the truthfulness of all religions than for the man who, under the cloak of religion hides in ambush while he hurls the dangerous dart that is intended to stab the Christian religion to death at its very heart.

I have a number of scholarly friends who stand ready with me to finance an intelligently conducted debate with Mr. Burbank as to his unqualified evolution theory and in that debate scientifically prove that his theory of evolution contrary to creation is not scientific and that man is a creature of creation as set forth in the Bible and not a mere developed animal as taught by the modern theories of evolution.

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## Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL  
SEVERAL eastern universities are passing rules against students having automobiles in the university towns.

If the rule is due to local traffic or other conditions, or to the too frequent abuse of motor cars for carousing and immorality, it is understandable. But if it is under the pretense of preventing "un-American false class distinctions," it is nonsense.

In the first place, who shall define as "un-American" that which exists anywhere in America? The visible signs of differences of wealth may be bad things, but they are not "un-American" things.

The student has only to stand on any street in America and open his eyes to observe that they are precisely the most universal and visible things in America.

And, in the second place, what is the material date of anyone who thinks an automobile a mark of exceptional wealth?

When many American states have literally more automobiles than they have families, when workmen habitually go to work in their own cars, and when a student can get a second-hand Ford, which student opinion makes it reputable for him to use, for a few dollars, the automobile has won its right to be called democratic.

It has its evils, but "un-Americanism" is not one of them.

## 25 Years Ago

F. E. SHARKEY brought down from the Lucky Boy mine at Blue river today 23 pounds of gold as a result of a clean-up after a 15-day run. The valuation of the gold is \$4500.

The county like the state election is going pretty strong republican.

Colonel George O. Yoran, fourth regiment, has enlisted the following musicians for service in the regimental band: G. A. Davis, W. F. Gilstrap, W. J. Gross, George W. Smith, H. E. Walker, Ernest Gilstrap, B. F. Scott, H. Vincent, F. N. Mulier, John Kaufman, H. W. Rowland, J. H. Weider, Otto Gilstrap. A meeting is to be held in the armory tonight.

Mrs. William Preston and Mrs. B. J. Hawthorne went to Portland today to attend the grand lodge, Order of Eastern Star.

Dr. and Mrs. Bailey have moved into their residence at Ninth and High streets.

R. S. Smith of this city has been elected president of the University of Oregon athletic club.

W. B. Glass is a visitor in the city from Cottage Grove today.

## In Lighter Vein

(Everybody's Magazine)  
The customer having coughed loudly to signify his impatience, at last attracted the shopkeeper's attention. "I want a mouse-trap," he said rather sharply. "A good one, and please be quick, for I want to catch a train."

The shopkeeper eyed him coldly. "I regret, sir," he said, "that my mouse-traps are not guaranteed to catch trains."

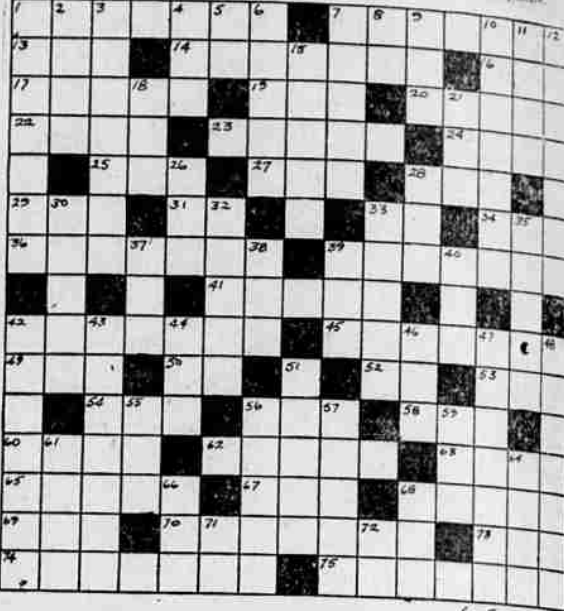
Willing Workers.  
(Wilmington Evening News)  
A dry agent out in Frisco has quit his job because he had to take 50 drinks a day to obtain evidence, but the dispatch about him doesn't say how many were killed in the rush to fill his place.

Valuable Vermonters.  
(From the Boston Herald)  
If there are any valuable Vermonters, Attorney General Sargent seems not to be among them.

The First One.  
(Le Rire, Paris)  
"You are the first man I have ever loved!"  
"I know it, my dear!"  
"How delightful! You are also the first man who ever believed in."

## Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

After finishing this puzzle, you'll find you've almost run out of words. There seem to be about three vowels to a consonant here, and most of them are A's and E's. That ought to help you in solving the puzzle.



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- HORIZONTAL**
1. Convinces.
  7. Roves.
  13. Beverage.
  14. Chemical ethylene.
  16. Yes.
  17. Wigwag.
  19. Constellation.
  20. Ebb and flow of the ocean (pl.).
  22. Melody.
  23. To mingle.
  24. Unequal conditions.
  25. Before.
  27. To place.
  28. Cuckoo.
  29. Blessing.
  31. Relative.
  31. Relish.
  33. Point of compass.
  34. Self.
  36. Drunken.
  39. Blessing.
  41. Made of oatmeal.
  42. Flower yards.
  45. One who comes in.
  49. To employ.
  50. Second note in scale.
  52. Three-toed sloth.
  53. Lyric poem.
  54. To tire.
  56. Mineral spring.
  58. To stuff.
  60. Strap of the bridle.
  62. To pad or cream.
  63. Fiber scoured from century plant.
  65. A fop.
  67. Str.
  68. Pertaining to punishment.
  69. Night.
  70. A separate incident.
  74. Complete despondency.
  75. Summed.

- VERTICAL**
1. Assaults.
  2. Prophet.
  3. Shrewd.
  4. Eggs of fishes.
  5. God.
  6. Ratifies.
  7. Gay.
  9. Variant of "a."
  9. Joined.

Answer to yesterday's cross-word puzzle.

ROT ANIMATE WOE

ERRATIC TONIAUS

TEAM BEARDED

A MEN SLY HOPE

IN NIT TAILOR

NAB LATEENS DAM

SPAT BERRY RATE

SEA ANA GAP

SAID LAST WISE

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N DYE AND TITIE

ADIT RIGID POPE

MANHOOD BOATED

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## Ever See Crater Lake's Mystery Lady?

They say that sculptured in the rocks on the rim of Crater Lake is the base relief of a beautiful woman. Who she is, who the sculpture, what tragedy she symbolizes, are mysteries—according to tradition.

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