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Thanks to the News Reporter
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of appreciation.

The slit skirt has its advantages. It makes it easier for the wearer to kick the houn' dog around.

The out door worker who fails to get his Fall work rounded up in good shape this season, is a misfit, for the weather man has given him long odds.

It seems from a communication turned in by J. E. Holladay that the two local telephone companies have failed to reach an agreement. The article reached the office too late for publication this week, owing to its length, but it will be used next week if it is desired.

The Eugene Guard in an editorial discussing the advantages that come to a state from good Normal Schools says Oregon has no Normal. Possibly President J. H. Ackerman of the State Normal at Monmouth will forgive Mr. Finneran, the editor, when he learns that he is comparatively a new man in the Oregon field of journalism.

The Graphic is in receipt of a letter from a South Dakota man asking for a copy of the paper and stating that he wanted to get the name of a reliable real estate firm. A copy of last week's issue was mailed him but we fear he will have difficulty in finding the card of any of our real estate men. They are all so modest and retiring, don't you know, that they don't like to see their names in print.

In taking a whack at the cigarette nuisance couldn't the charter commission go it one better and make it obligatory on cigarette fiends to put on smoke consumers? Just think what a relief this would be to a long suffering public that so far has seen no way of escape from the foul fumes coming from these coffin nails, when mingling with the public in the every day affairs of life.

Papers were served on S. P. Timberlake and Frank Baird Wednesday evening by the city council charging them with the violation of an ordinance prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings within certain fire limits. The building in question is a tie shed recently added to the Transfer barn. It has added to the appearance of the property and since it has an iron roof the fire risk has not been increased to any appreciable extent. Is it not possible to be too rigid in this matter for best results?

Some time ago the city council passed an ordinance requiring the erection of iron poles for electric line service in Newberg. At a meeting of the council held Monday night the matter came up again for consideration, with the result that it was referred to the street committee with instructions to ascertain the sentiment of property owners on the street regarding it. Iron poles, such as are being placed on Fourth street in Portland are just plain iron tubes without any ornamentation and look little if any better than good wood poles. It will not be possible for the electric light and telephone people to use these poles, should they be erected, and consequently we would have two sets of poles on the principal

streets of the town for years to come. As an interested property holder on First street the writer would much prefer to see the ordinance requiring iron poles repealed and an agreement reached for the use of one set of poles by all the companies. A well grown wood pole that is kept painted makes as good an appearance as an ordinary iron pole anyway, and the nuisance of two sets of poles on the streets should by all manner of means be avoided.

It is a matter of history that in the early days in Indiana when a bill had been introduced in the state legislature which had for its object the establishing of a public school system, much opposition to the bill was worked up and one member in closing an impassioned speech, voicing his sentiments, closed by saying that when he passed to the great beyond the one thing he desired was that this epitaph might be chiseled on his monument, "Here Lies An Enemy to the Public School System." Whether or not the desire of this "Hoosier" statesman was carried out, it has not been written, but since the public school system of Indiana is the pride of this great state, it is not at all likely that his posterity are particularly proud of the record he made in opposition to the bill. But let us get down to present day affairs. In spite of the obstacles that are being thrown in the way, the time is coming when the University of Oregon will rank as one of the great universities of the country, and when that good day is at hand does anybody believe that there will be anybody found to drop a word of commendation for the work of this man Parkison, who is leading the opposition to the university appropriation? Well, hardly.

It is evident that when the next assessment of Newberg property is made there must be an increase in property valuations. The present revenue is not sufficient to pay expenses.—Enterprise.

And then next year when we go ahead and pile up a lot more debts than we are able to pay, all we will have to do will be to raise the valuations again and go merrily on. Of course we will have to pay county and state taxes on these inflated valuations but what does that matter—to the fellows who pay no taxes? How easy that will be and why has not somebody mentioned it before?

THE HOMER DAVENPORT FUND.

During the meeting of the State Editorial Association held recently in Portland one session was given over in memory of the late Homer Davenport, the native Oregon cartoonist, when steps were taken to raise a fund for building a monument at his grave in Silverton, his hometown where his body is buried.

W. R. Hearst had already forwarded his check for \$100 to apply toward the purchase of a suitable monument and this was added to until at the close of the session the amount subscribed amounted to about \$300.

At the closing session of the association it was unanimously voted to recommend that every newspaper publisher in Oregon pay twenty-five cents a month on each one thousand circulation of his paper, for one year, to apply on this fund. It is also understood that further subscriptions will be asked for.

The editor of the Graphic made the suggestion at the association meeting that if any considerable sum of money was to be raised in memory of Davenport, it would be very much better to set aside the greater part of it as a "Davenport fund," the proceeds to go toward assisting young people who have a natural talent for cartoon work in getting an

education, fitting them for this line of newspaper endeavor, rather than to spend it all on an expensive monument.

In a most excellent paper read by C. S. Jackson, editor of the Journal, much emphasis was laid on the statement that Homer Davenport always stood for the fellow who was down and needed help.

This being true, certainly nothing more fitting could be done in memory of the dead cartoonist than to raise a fund for assisting worthy young people who desire to fit themselves for pursuing the same line of newspaper work that laid so near his heart.

Right here in Newberg there is a child of a widowed mother poor in purse, which has attracted considerable favorable comment on account of the talent shown for off hand sketching, and it has been suggested that the child ought to have assistance in developing this natural tact for drawing.

Doubtless there are similar cases all over the state, where a little assistance given at the proper time would bear excellent fruit, and if the things said about Davenport by those who were intimately acquainted with him are true, there is no doubt but that could he have been consulted in the matter he would have expressed the wish that any money that might be raised in his honor would go for such a worthy purpose, rather than to be spent on a pile of stone to be placed over his grave.

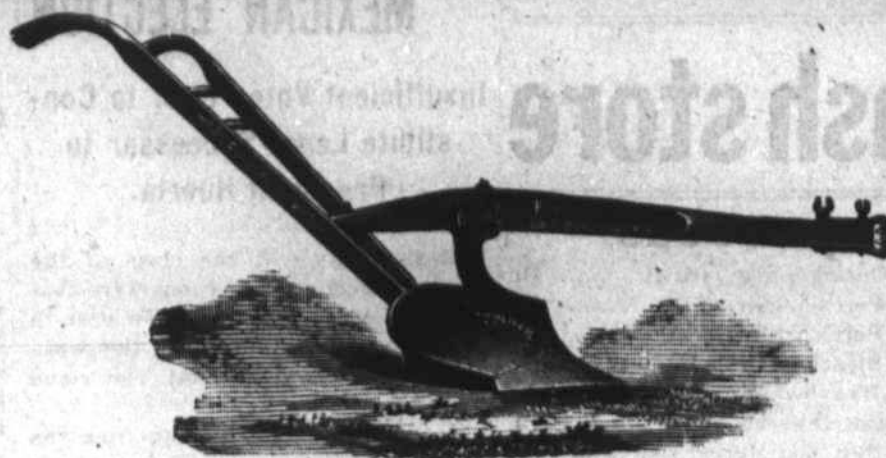
TALES TOLD OUT OF SCHOOL
BY JEFFERSON REVIEW

V. P. Fiske, of the Dallas Itemizer, questions the Review's statement of the democratic state ticket being sacrificed several times for Chamberlain. If Fiske don't know this has been done, he is the only democrat in Oregon lacking that knowledge. From the time Chamberlain was nominated for attorney general, when Jim Cowan used all the money the Linn county candidates had put up for their own campaign, to elect Chamberlain, "our George" has been the whole push. The Review editor was a delegate at the state convention that gave Chamberlain his first nomination for governor, and we know the nomination for representative was forced on Hon. J. K. Weatherford simply to strengthen Chamberlain. Weatherford knew it; he told the writer he had no chance of election. The same in the case of J. E. Godfrey, of Salem, for state printer. That should justly have gone to Charlie Nickel, but Godfrey is popular at home and Chamberlain had to have Marion county. Why was Turner Oliver nominated for secretary of state? To try and elect him? Nix! Chamberlain needed that Eastern Oregon vote, and Oliver polled it for him, then Oliver was turned down (he had served his purpose) and a republican appointed secretary of state by a democratic governor. As to Chamberlain always keeping his promises, why did he promise the superintendency of the penitentiary to both F. W. Durbin and Henry Downing and then give it to James, of Baker City, thus causing such a row among the democrats of this county that they have not been able to elect anybody since? As to the Itemizer's assertion that Chamberlain always helps other candidates, it occurs to us that one Harry Lane was elected without much assistance from George. Course we don't blame Fiske, cause he wants to be appointed postmaster, and we hope he will be. The Review editor, however, has no favors to ask from him. We try to deal justly with all but we own our paper and don't intend to be muzzled by an official simply because he is of similar political belief.

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