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HOW OUR SCHOOLS HAVE PROSPERED

The report of attendance of the Grants Pass schools for the month of September 1908 as compared with the same month in 1907 was slightly mixed in portion of the last weeks' edition of this paper, the years having been transposed. To correct the matter the entire report is given again:

	Sept. 1908.	Sept. 1907.
No. days in attend.	14,566 1/2	13,967
No. days absence.	278	292 1/2
No. days absence unexcused.	4	16 1/2
No. cases tardiness.	4	19
No. boys enrolled for month.	375	361
No. girls enrolled for month.	409	400
Total number enrolled for month.	784	761
Average daily attend.	728	688
Percentage of attendance.	98.1	98

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MEDFORDS DRINKING WATER PROPOSITIONS

Water is still the main quest on under discussion at Medford and though there seems to be plenty of it in the numerous streams, lakes, springs etc., around the town and even descending from the heavens on the heads of Medfordites still it is bothering them a good deal to get enough to drink. There are various propositions offered, of which the Tribune has to say:

The cost of the water propositions before the people is as follows: Rogue river, pipe and pumping plant (per contractor's bid) \$197,800; Fish Lake ditch, pipeline, \$154,100; Big Butte Springs, flume and pipe \$262,410 (flume \$110,000, pipeline, reservoir, etc. per contractor's bid \$152,410).

If a pumping plant is chosen it will be the Ray proposition and mean a saving in initial expenditure of from \$50,000 to \$65,000.

If a gravity system, the choice is between Fish Lake ditch water, 245 inches in quantity delivered to the city for \$154,100, or 300 inches of Big Butte Springs water for \$262,410, both within the amount of money available. In case the latter proposition is accepted, it means the establishment of a large mill with a payroll of \$150,000 a year upwards.

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OREGON NEEDS FIRE LAW

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tell the beauties of the old Indian system of burning every year and wind up by saying the Indians had no bad fires. "It would be a shame to try to wreck such faith in a traditional system that prevented 'bad fires', but what made the bare hills and eroded slopes that mark such a vast proportion of what was once Southern Oregon's vast forest? Possibly this was before Chief Blue Horse or Red Dog got his fire system in working order. Nearly every bare hill and slope in Josephine County was once covered with forest timber. The miles of brush, brush, brush, on the burned ridges on the west slope of Coast Mountains are result of this wonderful fire system. The repeated fires burned the seedlings and finally the scattered seed trees which the Sitash Forester was protecting and nothing but brush can grow.

"The existence of thickets where it was once open land in Indian days are frequent; but it is the changed conditions that are the case. The old settler

will tell you that in these good old days of open woods the grass and feed was good now the thickets and brush take its place. In the good old Indian days the soil was unbroken and the seed falling seldom reached the soil, and could not germinate now the white man and the white man's stock has broken the soil made bare the ground and with the assistance of the Indians burning the soil has loosened so that every seed that falls goes into the ground. This is what causes the thickets. A repeated burning (if civilized law and common sense did not interfere with it) would only loosen the soil more, and increase the very thickets which the system is supposed to prevent; and finally seed trees would be exterminated, and make way for the impenetrable brush slopes that have resulted from the same treatment. "I am not objecting to any man believing in the supposed successful methods of the Indians, but it is sad to think of sensible men preaching a return to it, and ignoring the evidence of the irreparable damage done to the once wooded hills, that if now in their original unburned condition would be worth millions to the trapper, miner, and farmer, as a source of water supply, not counting the gold that would be represented in the timber itself.

"We must have a fire law, but more than all must have modern ideas instilled into the minds of the young. Teach in the schools the results of experiment, experience, and observation, in our own country, and practical workings of various forest systems in the nations of the Old World. Then it makes little difference what tales are told of wonders done by the Indian forester. Education will prevent the harm they do, and they will be treated only as tradition."

Iconoclasts vs. Reform.

Neither the individual nor the organization that is purely iconoclastic has a right to the title of "Reformer." Reforming is not merely overturning; it is building anew. The empty house will not long remain empty, and a recognition of this fact is the basis of every true reform movement.

This morning I received a circular letter from the Prohibition committee containing cards which were to be signed and returned. They read in part, "I am opposed to the saloon, consequently a prohibition voter and desire to have my name enrolled," etc. This is, from my point of view, a decided non-squitter inasmuch as that party up to date has made no move to provide the substitute for that which it would destroy. A man may be opposed to the saloon without voting with the prohibition nor any other party. A wave of reform is sweeping over the land, having for its object the destruction of one of the most appalling evils that ever cursed the earth. The progress of that wave has been such as to surprise both friend and foe. Whether it will be permanent or not will depend upon whether the constructive force shall go hand in hand with the destructive.

It is needless for us to deny that the saloon supplies, in some measure, a want of man's nature. He is a social, a gregarious animal, and all reform movements must recognize that fact. And it is just as necessary that we recognize the diversity of tastes in human nature. An afternoon tea party may be to the taste of Beatrice or Alarcon Augustus, but it will not appeal to Jack, nor will it lure from the saloon the inner fresh from the mines nor the cow puncher from the range. When Jack came home from a tea party he was asked 'Jack, how did you feel among those swells at the tea party?' 'Feel?' said Jack. 'Why I felt like a sperm whale trying to do crocheted work, that's how I felt.' And he would not go again, no matter how kind the host and hostess might be.

The saloon has been voted out of Grants Pass, but the "blind pig" is with us, and if we can believe nose and eyes and ears it is doing a paying business. And we are asked what we are going to do about it. We would not cast a doubt upon the integrity of the courts, though there have been palpable perversion of justice in times past, nor would we look to the courts for a remedy for the existing evil further than the enforcement of the law. Upon the Christian, the law abiding people of Grants Pass, rests the responsibility for the existence of the "blind pig."

A recent estimate places the national drink bill at \$2,215,070,837. To this must be added fully \$1,200,000,000 indirect cost such as loss of life, wasted grain, misdirected labor, crime, pauperism, insanity, idiocy, etc. Against this the recorded gifts for charity, education, religion and other philanthropic purposes amounted \$149,002,130 or about one-fiftieth of the direct cost of the liquor traffic.

Grants Pass with its numerous saloons has borne its share of this enormous loss, and the loss to homes and society has been felt even more keenly. It would seem as if the hope of retaining our proportion of this enormous sum to the legitimate channels of activity would stimulate us to do our work thoroughly, but so far as we know no steps have been taken to supply that demand for human nature that the saloon supplies to man's heart.

We do not want tea parties, nor do we want some stuffy reading room where the man not educated up to an enthusiastic appreciation of Milton, Shakespeare, Roskin or Browning can go and pore over a lot of second hand magazines. We do want a place where a man can not only find good books and magazines, fresh and clean, but we want a place where he can have healthful games, a bath, gymnasium, a place where he can meet his fellow man and talk above a whisper if he wants to, a place where he can get refreshments that will not hurt in a word he wants a place that will appeal in a higher sense to that in his nature that draws him to the saloon.

The writer never took a drink of liquor as a beverage, never played a game of cards nor smoked a pipe, cigar or cigarette, yet he has spent many an evening in the saloons just



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