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Recorder Philosophy

The more folks think the more they meddle up.

We have little frail women who have big strong bearded husbands.

Never advise a man against his will unless you want to make an enemy of him.

Most any old soil seems rich enough to produce a fairly good crop of hay- fever.

People are willing to believe evil of others because experience teaches there is a whole lot of it to believe.

We still meet a man occasionally who persists in trying to convince himself that he is always conscientious.

No husband can love a jealous wife because a jealous wife is always mad because her husband does not love her.

Who was it that said classical music is probably better than it sounds? We confess that our taste has been educated up to the point where we appreciate rag time. We said educated up, mind you, not down.

Mr. E. H. Fish says that men are like a lot of ants. When he happens to work in the morning on his bicycle and runs through a colony of ants some are unfortunately crushed under the wheel. He can't stop to avoid running over ants. So it is with man. The big fortune wheel of fate gives prizes to some but ruthlessly runs down and crushes others. He says the ant that is run down and crushed under the bicycle may be as smart and active as the more fortunate insect that is out of the path of danger; and likewise the man with brains and ability is not always the recipient of the favors of fortune, but like the ant is subject to vicissitudes of fate and that superior intellect has less to do with good fortune than the conventional educator is willing to concede. Now that ought to be enough to start an argument.

Road Plan Explained.

President Morrison of the Coos County Good Roads Association makes the following statement in the Coquille Sentinel:

It is the desire of the Road Association that every voter in the county should understand just what is being done by it. First of all we are agreed that we need better highways; not only better but permanent. Road engineers and road experts are agreed that concrete is the most permanent form of road known at the present time. The association is on record in favor of that class of construction. Now, there are two things to decide, the roads to construct first, and the means of paying for them.

As regard to the roads to be improved first there are these things to consider: Roads that are of the greatest benefit locally and roads that will connect us up with the rest of the state and the outside world. In the matter of the location of the trunk line roads that is easy, and there has never been opposition to the plan outlined at any of the many meetings held throughout the county the past year. The plan is as follows: To begin at the Douglas county line and build via Myrtle Point, Coquille, Marshfield, North Bend and Empire to Sunset Bay. Then beginning at the Curry county county line building via Bandon to Coquille.

This plan would at once connect up all the most populous portions of the county and would at the same time complete our trunk line road

to connect with the outside at Roseburg. Douglas county officials and the road association of Douglas county and the citizens out there have assured us that they will build to meet us at the county line. Thus we will be building roads that will accommodate the largest number of people locally and at the same time we will be connecting up with the Pacific Highway at Roseburg. Such a highway will reach three-fourths of the entire population of our county. With the completion of these roads laterals could be built as fast as the means could be had, to all the outside districts, and by making the work permanent, as we go, we will eliminate almost entirely the cost of yearly maintenance so that 50 per cent or more of our levy each year could go to permanent work. By this means we would in time have a first class system of highways.

In regard to financing the road building we can levy 10 mills for road purposes. The districts can vote a special tax for roads. We can issue bonds to the amount of two per cent of our assessed valuation. This would raise about a half million dollars. It is not likely that we could spend the amount of the bond issue all in one year, and likely the work done with it would be extended over two years. A ten mill tax would raise about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars each year so that for two years we would have a half million dollars, this with the bonds would make a million dollars for road work in two years. Three quarters of this amount would be available for permanent work on these trunk lines. This would build almost the entire trunk road as laid out. If the district through which the roads run would vote a reasonable amount of special taxes each year the entire trunk roads could be completed in the two years.

Then the plan is to build the laterals so to reach every portion of the county. This will be possible for the permanent roads will require very little for up-keep.

If anyone has any honest criticism to make to the above plan the Road Association would be glad to hear it. It is our desire to get this matter arranged so that we can agree as nearly as possible and then go at it so as to accomplish the desired end.

Taxes.

Do not let the enemies of the public interest scare you with the tax bugaboo, a three mill tax here is all that is necessary to improve our port, pay interest and create a sinking fund to pay off bonds.

Three mills means that a man whose property is worth \$100.00 will pay thirty cents a year towards the cost of the port, while his benefits will be beyond measure. Three mills is all any of the ports have levied.

The Bloody Knife.

We make a deal of bother and spends considerable sums of money to secure for the children an education.

By education we generally mean reading, 'ritin' and 'rithmetic, the three r's, with a dash of the ologies.

But a child gets much more body, mind and soul stuff out of his play than out of his study; which truth Emerson turned into an epigram: "The schoolboy learns more from the book under the desk than from the book on the desk."

The acquisition of three r's is carefully supervised by the teacher. At recess and before and after school the child is let run, and acts upon its own unguided initiative. It might be an interesting ex-

periment to call arithmetic and geography play, and to have the pupil make games of them, doing as he may be pleased; and to have the teacher take charge of his vacation and carefully manage his sports.

Out in Gary, Ind., they do this. They have playground teachers.

It is much harder to teach children how to play than to see that they work. For the former, it takes a natural born teaching genius and real child-love; any place holder can do the latter.

The essential element of efficiency in a teacher is the ability to make play out of work.

In a toy shop in an American city there has recently been offered for sale a wonderful plaything—a small sharp Bowie knife with a red splotch of paint on the handle representing blood. With these knives the little darlings can play bandit and robber with delightful realism.

Who is there that can imagine a child can get in one hour Sunday school instruction enough antidote to counteract the moral effect of six days amusement with a bloody knife?

The bloody knife stands for a whole series of forms of play that are demoralizing. In their street games children develop destructive tendencies. This seem to come by nature.

Constructive and wholesome games, of building, devising and beautifying, could be made as interesting as murder, violence and theft; only they must be taught.

It is much the same with grown-ups. Our character is determined more by our amusements than by our occupation. What sort of fun a man likes means vastly more, by way of showing what kind of a man he is, than the character of his work.

The State—that is to say the people—has never realized the importance of amusements.

Is it not time to ask ourselves how we and our children are diverting ourselves, when we see imitation blood-stained knives for sale in the shops?—Dr. Frank Crane.

Coos Valuation.

County Assessor T. J. Thrift yesterday completed a summary of the assessment roll for Coos county for the year 1913, which shows the value of all property in the county to be \$22,641,757, an increase of three and one-half millions over last year. It was, however, expected that the aggregate would reach \$25,000,000. The State Tax Commission assesses railroads, telegraph

and telephone company property, and when this is made the total will probably reach \$31,000,000. One feature of the assessment figures is the dearth of money in Coos county, there being among its approximately nineteen thousand inhabitants but \$9,850 certainly a most deplorable financial condition.

There are 20,175 acres of tillable lands valued at \$1,651,800, and 810,020 acres of non-tillable lands valued at \$13,484,855. The improvements of deeded lands total \$672,090, while the improvements to town and city lots, which are valued at \$3,749,652, aggregate \$1,115,365. Improvements on lands not deeded amount to \$49,105.

There are 39 3/4 miles of logging railroads valued at \$36,160, and the valuation of the rolling stock is given at \$83,800. Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery within the county are valued at \$501,200, and merchandise and stock in trade shows on the roll at \$357,225.

At the time the assessment was made there was but \$9,950 in money, while of notes and accounts there was \$59,245, and \$227,915 in shares and stocks. The value of household furniture, watches, and jewelry being only \$10,580, shows conclusively that Coos county people are not extravagant in their home furnishings, flaunt an astonishingly small amount of jewelry, and either reckon time by the sun's movements or prey upon "central" for the necessary information.

Farming implements, wagons, carriages, automobiles, etc., get a total assessed valuation of \$80,150. There are 2,587 horses and mules valued at \$144,085, and 13,974 cattle valued at \$367,245. Of goats and sheep there are 7,206, valued at \$18,050; 2023 swine valued at \$8,355, while the 52 dogs are valued at \$5,080, or nearly one-half as much as all the household furniture, jewelry and watches, and more than two thirds as much as two thousand head of hogs. It is somewhat remarkable, let it be said incidentally, how a people who have but \$9850 in cold cash can afford dogs valued at more than half that sum. But they do, nevertheless, for the assessor says so.

The board of equalization, consisting of the assessor, clerk and county judge, will meet on September 8. There will probably be something doing at the session, many of the timber owners preparing to enter a protest against their assessment.—Coquille Sentinel.

A Big Bundle of Currency



is a pretty dangerous thing to display or to be known to be about you. But a check book of this bank is never a temptation to violence. It is of no use except to the owner. Why not carry such a book instead of the dangerous cash. Some murdered men would still be living if they had followed that prudent plan.

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