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COUNTY UNIT SCHOOL PLAN

In this issue we publish Superintendent R. E. Baker's explanation of the County Unit School Plan, for the adoption of which a bill will be introduced in the Oregon Legislature during its present session. The bill would make the adoption of the plan by the counties optional. Mr. Baker goes into detail in bringing out the benefits of the proposed plan, and, according to his deductions it looks as if it might be a good thing.

Bandon district, at least, would be greatly benefitted for it would reduce the present school tax considerably, at the same time giving us as good if not better returns.

It would mean that all children of the graded schools in the county would have equal opportunity for an education, and the tax for the maintenance of such schools would be uniform. Of course this will not appeal to the big timber and land owners, many of whom are non-resident investors and speculators. At present their lands are largely embraced in remote country districts where pupils are few and school tax levies exceedingly small. It would also make the burden on the rancher in the sparsely settled community somewhat heavier, for it would increase his taxes.

It might be argued that increasing the taxes of the country districts would hinder development of farming and dairying. Again, it is contended that by increasing the taxes those holding undeveloped lands, would, from a standpoint of economy, be compelled to make such lands produce, and therefore cause added development.

No doubt when the bill is brought up for consideration other objections will be heard, and it will devolve upon the Legislature to compare the merits and demerits of the plan and act accordingly. Their action would not be final, for it would require the adoption by counties through the initiative before put in force.

Superintendent Turnbull of the local schools has been studying the plan. He states that while it may not work out perfectly, in his opinion, its advantages will outweigh its disadvantages. He believes it would be a great improvement over the present system, and he is certain that it would be a decided advantage to the local district.

THE CHURCH FAIRS

One cannot but fail to remark the human energy that goes into fairs and sales for churches, charities, and societies through the winter is an amazing amount. The philosophers of course would have people take it directly out of their pockets and save time, worry and money. It is so simple that it can't be done.

You may make up a sofa pillow with material costing $1.00, put $1.00 worth of labor into some tasteful design, and then see it carried off for 75 cents by the bargain hunters that haunt these sales. The energy that is supposed to be spreading the gospel, helping the poor, or performing other community ends, is squandered away and the results are meager.

But human nature is as it is. The fair sizes up the popular mind rather correctly and accepts its limitations. The sales are uneconomic, but they get the money you couldn't get by any philosophical and economical plan. That is, among average people. People won't contribute unless some one pushes a subscription paper at them, and then they give up from fear of seeming mean.

But going around with a paper is the most forlorn employment known to man. Wherever you enter, the smile of welcome turns to an embarrassed frown. If your errand was known, you understand perfectly well that the victim would have evasively slipped out the back door. Solicitors could not be found to begin to canvass the crowd of people that will turn up at a fair and buy liberally. So apparently people have got to keep on swapping a dollar for 75 cents, and think they are making something.

Of course societies managed by people with keen business sense may get along in some other way. But after all they miss something. There is another side to it. Strangers get better acquainted in a few days of working over a cake table, than they would in months sitting around the far side of a room at stiff so-called socials.

MAKING ECONOMIES

The high prices prevailing this winter would not have worried our grandparents much. They were schooled in making economies. It was second nature for them to consider each penny and nickel. They would spend half an hour to straighten out an error of a cent.

It was conservation of resources, and they attended to it seriously and thoroughly. Nowadays if people spend more than they expected, "they are going to make it up somewhere else." But they don't. All appropriations are exceeded and they cheerfully consign January bills to the wastebasket.

The housewife may decide not to spend more than 50 cents on her meat. But she finds those cheaper cuts, about which the woman's page told her, all gone. Perhaps she could get them at the next store. But she dislikes to seem too frugal. Or she sees some of the most appetizing relishes and confections put up in just the neatest and prettiest looking boxes. So the 50-cent dinner costs her a dollar.

Of course some people can't afford to bother. While they were saving a dime, they would be losing a dollar's worth of bnsiness. Most of us are not in that class.

Wise administration of household resources involves spending some time at the butcher's shop. It is astonishing how much you can learn from the man with the clever. You can't get it over the telephone. Also in the kitchen. Servants and economy are two different propositions.

And it means watching for bargains and scrutinizing the newspaper advertising. It means testing the less expensive foods to make them go farthest and taste best. The man who buys an automobile may not be the one who is most successful in business. It may be the one whose wife is the best planner.

WHERE CHEESE IS MADE

Dairy farming is increasing in almost every section of the country, largely because it is the most economical form of agriculture so far as soil fertility is concerned, says a government bulletin. Dairying also is growing because dairy products are an important part of our food supply.

Most of the cheese in this country has been made in the territory around the Great Lakes, where climatic conditions are favorable to the handling of whole milk. All the valleys in the Rocky Mountain section and a large area on the Pacific coast offer splendid conditions for cheese production. So, also, does the mountain section of the South.

Rigid selection, intelligent breeding, and skillful feeding are important factors in economical production. Cow testing associations teach rigid selection and skillful feeding Co-operative bull associations promote intelligent breeding. In co-operation with the various state agricultural colleges the department has greatly extended the work of these associations.

Too much cannot be said in favor of cow testing. The success of dairying in this community during the past few years is in a measure due to the testing associations. These associations are now being reorganized by County Agent J. L. Smith, and it is hoped dairymen will not overlook the opportunity to continue reaping the benefits of this method of "weeding out" unprofitable cows.

A bill in the Legislature would force lumbermen using flatcars and gondola cars to load so as to form steps on both ends of the car for the "brakey." Why not make them also provide an easy chair and a bed.

One legislator would stop newspapers from publishing articles unthe real name of the writer is appended. Some politician must have been criticized.

The public insistently demands to have those alleged government leaks thoroughly investigated, as it wants to know where the valuable tips can be obtained.

A lot of people are driving high powered motor cars about the country who formerly were not considered competent to operate a baby carriage.

The politicians have all returned to Washington after the vacation, enthusiastic for agricultural development and determined to make two plums grow where one grew before.

After forbidding the reporter to put their names in the paper, many people will hustle down to the news stand to get copies of the item before they are all sold.

The first step in the campaign against high prices is for the legislators to mail great quantities of their speeches to their constituents.

It is noticed the dollar that the merchant saves by not advertising usually goes for interest on the note necessary on carrying the goods over.

After mature reflection on their sins, a lot of Bandon people are keeping the New Years resolve not to be any better than they ought to be.

There are but few men who are not children again at least a portion of the day.

Leap year a thing of the past for another four years, the girls now get there by a less obvious means.

They say the kind of people you associate with here will be about the kind you will have hereafter.

He who has conferred a kindness should be silent; he who has received one should speak of it.—Seneca.

The old song in high price times should read, "Everybody Works Father."

If you make a bad bargain, hug it all the tighter.—Lincoln.

TALK HAPPINESS

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough;
Look for the places that are smooth and clear,
And speak of those to rest the weary ear
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain
Of human discontent and grief and pain.

Talk faith. The world is better off without
Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt.
If you have faith in God, or man, or self.
Say so; if not, push back upon the shelf
Of silence all your thought till faith shall come;
No one shall grieve because your lips are dumb.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

How Dyer Does It?

A bunch of fellows were gathered at the Morrison barber shop the other evening swapping yarns and the conversation turned to fishing for salmon in New River. One spoke up and told this one: It appears Elbert Dyer is one of the successful fishermen and his method has just leaked out. When he wants to catch a salmon he takes a goodly hunk of chewing tobacco, a substantial club, and hies to a shady nook along the said river. There he cuts the tobacco into small hunks and throws it into the water. The fish grab it eagerly and then when they come to the surface to spit all Mr. Dyer has to do is to lambast them over the head with his club.

FINDS PLATINUM LODE?

Roseburg Man Believes He Has Rare Metal by Wholesale.

(Roseburg Review)

Finding encouraging signs daily of the wealth in platinum deposits believed to lie in the hidden ledge of rock recently discovered on the place of W. F. Kernan, one and one-half miles east of this city, the owner stated yesterday that without doubt he would start operations on an extensive scale immediately.

"Within the next ten days," says Mr. Kernan, "I will have completed an exhaustive examination of the ledge, and then I shall know exactly what I will do. I have already found that the ledge is 14 feet in thickness and my next action will be to determine its length and width. I have had several experts examine the property, and they have given various estimates on the platinum value, ranging from $50 to $100 to the yard. There is now no doubt that the platinum is present in richly paying quantities and I intend to give entire attention to the development of the mine."

Taking Out $30 a Day

F. D. Clough, who is mining on the Cape Blanco beach, was in town the first of the week trading at the stores. When asked how rich the sand was he is working he replied: "Oh, it's nothing extra, I'm taking out about $30 a day." And he had some nice samples of gold and platinum that went to show that he was really taking out the values. Since it was first discovered in early days the Cape Blanco beach has been one of the richest beaches along the coast, and several fortunes have been mined from its sands. Even of later years, when most of the black sand deposits have been stripped of their rich values, this beach continues to yield good returns to the miner. Platinum, that was thrown away by the early day miners, is now the richest product.—Port Orford Tribune.

Probably a Real Estate Man

D. L. Buckingham says that he and two men were the surveyors whose visit to Hauser caused such a furore in North Bend. They were checking up proposed county road. He is at a loss to know who counted the three of them as a crew of twelve railroad surveyors.—Coos Bay Times.

Worth Attention, of Women

When you feel too tired to work, wake up weary, have backache or pains in sides, when you suffer rheumatic twinges you may be sure the kidneys are disordered. Fay Shelburg, All, Mo., writes: "I had kidney trouble two years. Nothing did me any good until I got Foley Kidney pills. Two 50c boxes cured me." Sold everywhere. j

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