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THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Press believes the suggestion of a meeting of the tax payers of District No. 29, and the patrons of the Athena public school, to be held before the election of directors, with the purpose of general discussion of the school situation, is a pertinent one and should be noted.

The fact that the Athena school the past year was a "glaring failure" is apparent to all, and any attempt to coat the failure with excuse or white wash has been effectually brushed aside or washed away in the result of the eighth grade examination. This grade completed its course and took final examination. But one, Miss Sylvia Buel, in the Athena eighth grade, was successful in the examination. The Athena school cannot claim credit for the success and merit of Miss Edna Taylor, for the reason that she left the Athena public institution of learning, and took up the eighth grade work in one of the country district schools, and to that school belongs the credit of graduating her from the grade.

Thus it will be seen that the crowning success of the past year's work in the Athena public school, is resolved in the graduation of one eighth grade pupil.

The condition of this school cannot be hid under a bushel basket.

Something must be done by concerted action and that at once.

Other towns and cities of this and other countries are now electing or have elected, their principals and corps of teachers for the coming year.

Salaries in the profession of teaching have advanced in proportion with increased wage remuneration in other professions and vocations in all communities except here, and if we are to have a school in Athena that will

stand above the curriculum of the country district school and offer educational advantages to the farmer as an inducement to bring him to town and educate his children, we must meet the salaries paid to principals and teachers in other towns.

Fail to do this and the Athena school remains in its present rut—the butt of ridicule; the farmer moves to some other town, where his children are educated, and where the family will reside permanently.

Elect active, conservative men for school directors, who will employ a skilled, competent principal; give him a corps of able assistants, which can be obtained only through paying standard salaries, then Athena will have a school and not until then.

Now is the time to act. What are you going to do about it?

THE ATHENA FAIR.

Genuine Athena spirit has entered into the proposition of holding an agricultural and stock fair in this city this fall. It will be a "go." The handful of business men at an impromptu meeting, held Monday night entered into the promotion of the enterprise with a characteristic shoulder-to-shoulder push, and had other business men and citizens been there, they, too, would have placed their shoulders to the wheel and added their weight to the first shove.

However, their absence at this meeting does not preclude their assistance in the general, long, heaving boost, and to hear the universal sentiment that is being expressed in favor of the worthy and commendable project, the only logical conclusion arrived at, is that all are united in one purpose—that of making Athena's first fair a success in every conceivable particular.

Nothing is to be left undone. Even the name, the "Athena Agricultural and Stock Fair," teems with a scope of meaning that brews interest and embraces the principal industries of Umatilla county.

This fair is not to be construed as being a carnival street fair. While there will be afforded many places of amusement, at which the spender may be parted from his slippery shilling; rollicking entertainment for the young; music, concerts, horse, automobile and bicycle racing etc., the fundamental object should be to hold a real, genuine old fashioned county fair—

such as your father and mother attended back in the states.

The industrial, agricultural and stock products of the Athena district alone, appropriately displayed, will form sufficient basis for holding a good fair, but it is possible to interest Western, with the agricultural, stock and poultry resources; Milton and Free-water, with their mammoth supplies of fruits, grains and vegetables, to join us in making the first "East End" fair an unqualified success.

LITTLE BY LITTLE.

The Springfield Republican used an expression the other day which would sound rabid if it appeared in the "Appeal to Reason." It spoke of "the madness of our individualism." Hitherto we have always supposed that we could not have too much of such an excellent thing as individualism; but there are other signs besides the Republican's phrase which seem to indicate that the opinion of the public is changing upon this point. In San Francisco, for example, they are about to try the effect of municipal ownership and operation of one of the street railroads.

The experiment may turn out badly. It makes the advocate of municipal ownership tremble to see the experiment tried in a city which has the reputation of being a paradise for grafters; but the results cannot be worse than those of private ownership, and they may be better. If the public service of San Francisco is corrupt, what is the reason? If its officials are bribe-takers, who has bribed them? Ownership by private corporations has produced a fruitage of corruption which municipal ownership may possibly rival but cannot surpass.

One perceives everywhere in this country an awakening determination in the people to do things for themselves rather than through intermediaries. Collier's says that the principal business of the courts just now seems to be to try to suppress this spirit, but it marches on all the same, and by and by the courts may fall into line with it. In Oregon and several other states the people are trying the experiment of making their own laws. They are nominating their candidates for office directly instead of allowing the bosses to do it for them. Little by little they seem to be gaining confidence to take hold of some of those business enterprises which the franchise-grabbers have made instrumentalities of extortion and corruption. This new movement will meet with incidental disasters, but through experience wisdom will come. Americans are as intelligent as any other community, and perhaps they are essentially as honest. There is no good reason why they should not take as complete charge of their own affairs as other people do.—Portland Oregonian.

COMING EVENTS.

Grand encampment and grand lodge of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekah assembly, Spokane, June 3-6.
Washington State grange, Lynden, June 7-8.

Pioneers' reunion, Weston, June 7-8.
Oregon Pioneers' association, Portland, June 19.

Summer school of agriculture, Moscow, Idaho, June 15-July 27.
Teachers' summer school Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 15-August 27.

Postmaster Robbed.
G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at River-ton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At Palace Drug store, 50 cents.

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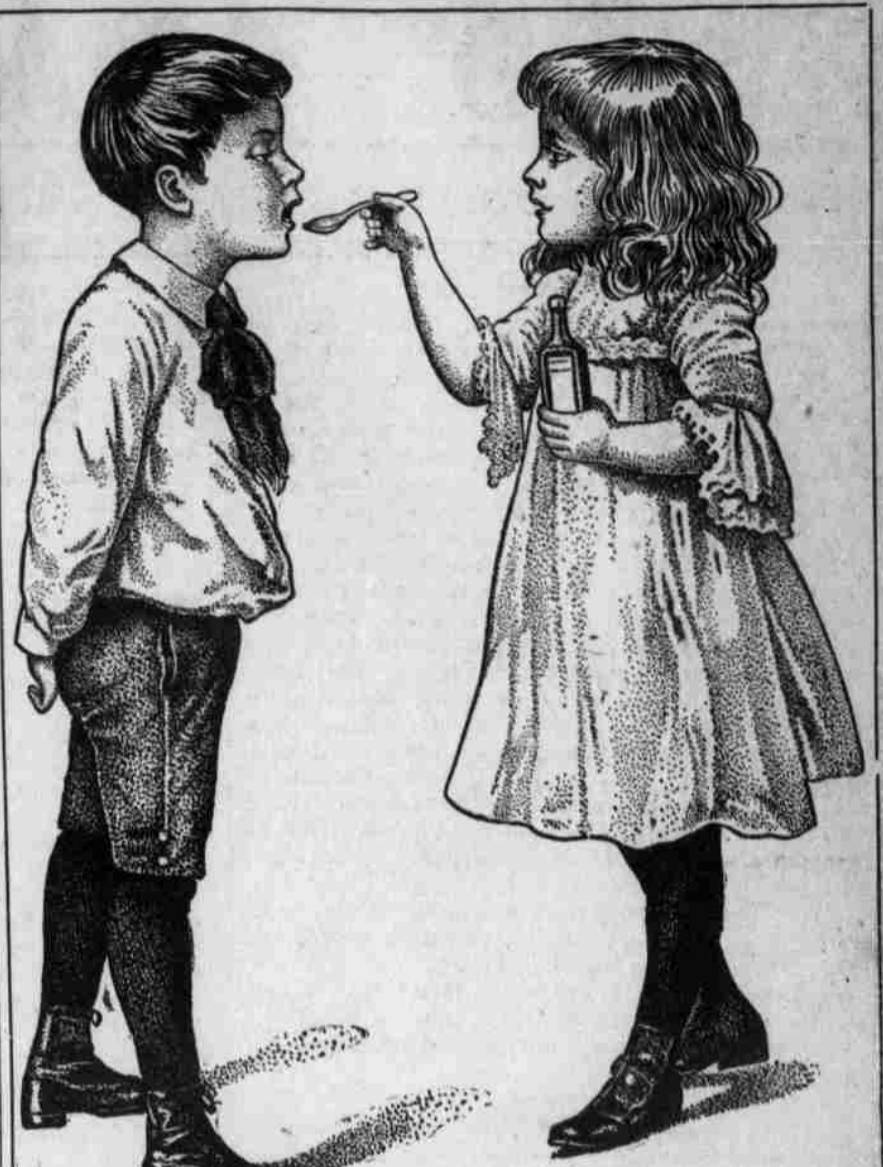
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