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The Press does not believe the mere pittance Eastern Oregon is asking for the maintenance of their Normal school, on the millage basis, can possibly find objection or opposition in the minds of those who for just reason are opposed to present high taxes. The fact that the school can be conducted satisfactorily at a cost to the taxpayer of 2 1/2 cents on each \$1,000 of his taxable property, should in itself dispel any opposition from this standpoint. The need of practical normal training for school instructors is shown in the success of teachers who have had this training over those who have not acquired it. Geographically, Eastern Oregon is entitled to a Normal school, and only for the fact that the educational institutions of the state have been routed from pillar to post at the behest of politicians, here would not be dismantled and vacant, a monument to little politics, trickery and logrolling. On a millage basis this school can be reconstituted, rescued from politics and placed upon a plane of inestimable benefit to the sons and daughters of Eastern Oregon, who are now compelled to forego home educational pride and pay tribute to the upbuilding of the Normal schools of Idaho and Washington. If there is any justice in this, show us.

Apparently England realizes that the worst is yet to come. Business men were called upon to enlist in the army. The response was immediate. Over a thousand enlisted their services for the war, and the recruiting of regiments of business men continues. France has called on her last levies, boys from 16 to men of 48. Germany's inexhaustible supply of human targets continues to steam over the border of France in undiminished flood. At least this is the appearance of the situation from a distance. "On to Paris," is the cry, not only from German lips but from those of the French as well. French armies are now mobilizing under the fortifications of the French capital, where perhaps the last stand will be made and where the fate of the great European republic rests in the balance of might and gunpowder.

Exhibits of live stock, fruits and vegetables will not be found at the county pavilion in Pendleton this year. In their stead, imitation booze joints, gambling games and dance halls will be in evidence with all requisite decadent trimmings. The days of '49 will be ushered in and out with a whoop; whereas the evidences of fragility and thrift died last fall in a whisper, for want of interest and patronage. Who cares a rap, anyway, whether Farmer Hayseed raises Cochon pigs or Poland China chickens; Polled Angus sheep or Percheron oows; bluestem alfalfa or red fife mustard—so long as the pavilion produces nightly thrills for the excursionists at the big show? Can this be "the trend of the times"?

What would the Oregonian have us believe? That Dr. Smith should have been page or clerk in the senate? Of course the people elected him to represent them, and that he did so consistently and espably is shown by the splendid record the Oregonian published in its Sunday edition. The publication of it, however, was made by the Portland paper for ulterior purposes, but in this it failed utterly. In the hope of discrediting the democratic candidate for governor in the minds of the taxpayer, the Oregonian prints the entire calendar of bills voted on by Dr. Smith. Careful inspection reveals the fact that Dr. Smith has nothing to be ashamed of, apologetic for or explain.

England joins France in the objection to Uncle Samuel recruiting his entire merchant marine from William's interned vessels. The objection advanced is that it would not be fair to give the Germans a chance to have a gold balance in this country to draw on in payment for foodstuffs, to the discrimination against those nations. Objections sustained. Uncle Sam is neutral in this matter as well as all others affecting the belligerent Europeans. Further, the Oregon wheatsman doesn't give a tarantula darn whether his wheat is carried to the hungry in vessels formerly flying the German, French or British flag, or one that has swished through the Spanish Main in quest of "pieces of eight."

George E. Anderson, American consul general at Hong Kong, believes one of the results of the European war will be the movement of population from the North of Europe to the United States, and it seems to him that the Pacific coast offers the best opportunities to emigrants. Perhaps it does. But it depends on what class of emigrants come here to develop these opportunities, whether the Pacific slope remains at peace or not.

We suppose Wood is satisfied with Weston beefsteak. He hasn't swung his feet under the Press table for several moons. Time was when the old grooch would amble over his way every once in a while, for a square meal; but since his Portland experience he has doubtless learned to distinguish between a Weston chuck cut and an automobile tire. Beats the deuce how little it takes to satisfy some people.

Man to man, the German soldier is no better fighter than the soldiers of other nationalities. It's in team work where he excels. The art of war has been born and bred into him, and it will take thorough organization in addition to individual deeds of valor to "break it up," to speak in athletic parlance.

In the death of W. F. Mallock, Pendleton has lost one of its most enterprising citizens. He set an example that leaves an indelible impress upon the city's progress, that of investing his money at home. And Pendleton is the better for this man's enterprise.

Billy Sunday dropped over from Hood River the other day and gave Portland a sermon, and followed it up with a discussion on the base ball situation. The sporting pages are strong for Sunday base ball and always have been.

Villa must intend to do some marching. A Boston shoe manufacturer has just filled an order for 40,000 pairs of shoes for his army. Wonder who put up the dough for them—John D. or the English club syndicate.

The traffic in bear noddies continues though the ice cream cone season is nearly spent. The proceeds will now flow from young America's pocket across the counter for theories, jaw-breakers, etc.

We haven't heard of any aviator looping the loop in the war maneuvers going on over the pond. They are lucky if they can keep a straight course—and their heads.

With four woodaws in Athens, no one should be cold this winter.

How in the world can Teddy stand it?

Tax on Hats. Not only have hats at various times been subject to taxation, but have even been made the subject of special laws. Thus in Henry VII's reign none was allowed to sell hats at a larger price than 20 pence or caps for more than 2s. 8d.

Some compensation, however, for this interference with free trade could be found in the fact that in 1571 on Sundays and holidays every one above seven years of age was required to wear a cap of wool of English make under penalty of 3 farthings fine for every day's neglect.—London Chronicle.

The Rabbit's Danger Signal. So long as it sits still the ordinary rabbit is almost indistinguishable in a field of bracken, stubble or dry grass, but as soon as it begins to run toward its burrow the white patch on its tail betrays it. This white patch, which at first seems like a failure of adaptation, has its special function—it acts as a danger signal to the young rabbits and shows them the way by which they can escape from the threatened danger.—London Mail.

Farthest North Cities. Dawson, the Yukon capital, and Fairbanks, its near Alaskan neighbor, are, next to Hammerfest, in Norway, the farthest north cities in the world, and at the latitudes of sixty-three and sixty-five have such comfortable appearances as electric lights, daily newspapers and pipe organs.

Not Like Him. The Vicar—I'm surprised at you, Miggs. Why look at me. I can go into the town without coming back intoxicated. Miggs—Yes, sir. But O! he so popular.—London Telegraph.

Too Vigorous. "Why are you prejudiced against golf? You never saw a game." "No; but I once heard part of one."—Judge.

Prosperity doth best discover vice, but adversity doth best discover virtue.—Bacon.

Natural Result. "The magistrate in a Brooklyn court was injured yesterday when the ceiling fell." "Yes. I heard he was all covered with court plaster."—Buffalo Express.

Loss of Sleep. Medical authorities state that it takes fifteen days for the average human body to recover fully from the loss of two consecutive nights' sleep.

Brutal Delay. "His love is growing cold," she said, with a sigh. "Why do you think so?" her mother asked. "I told him he might call this evening at 8, and it was half a minute after that when he arrived."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**MADRID'S ARID SITE.**

Perched and Dusty Now, it Was Once a Watered Garden Spot. Travelers find it hard to believe that Madrid ever abounded with water. The modern town stands on so black and arid an eminence, its surroundings, save in early spring, are so parched and dusty and the water peddler's cry of "Agua! Agua!" is so insistent and ubiquitous, one fancies Madrid must have been thirsty from the beginning.

Yet its ancient cost of arms was a large flint half immersed in water, with steel hatches striking it on either side, the ascending sparks forming a sort of canopy around it. Appended was the motto:

I was built on water. My walls are of fire. Such is my embazonment.

This device was emblematic only of the city and its early days before Charles V had started it on its headlong career of greatness merely because he credited its climate with having cured him of a fever.

At that time Madrid was a small town embowered in gardens and woods and meadows and with springs and wells lavishly supplied by nature. The Manzanares, now a melancholy, meager stream, was of a measurable depth. But with the apportioning of her territory into palaces and lodging houses for the royal hangers-on and the cutting down of the trees to swell the royal treasury the inevitable followed. The sun of well high 400 summers has burned and scorched the site of the old town and its bestripped suburbs and dried up the natural moisture. At present the climate of Madrid is nearly the most trying in all Europe.—From Calvert's "Madrid."

Candid Criticism. Mr. G. A. Storey, the well known artist, once told an amusing story of a family group he painted one year for the Academy. The picture was accepted and was hung "on the line," and he arranged to escort the family to the Academy—to see how it looked. They were all grouped round the picture, each silently admiring his or her own portrait, when two other people drifted up to have a look.

Suddenly Mr. Storey was appalled to hear one of the newcomers say to his companion, "What an exceedingly ugly looking lot of people!"

A Serious Fault. "It's nice of you to let me see your proofs, Mr. Lavender. Which do I consider the best? That's rather difficult. There isn't one here that really does you justice—photographic justice, I mean."

"Thank you, Miss Lydia. I would esteem it a great favor if you could intimate a preference."

"Really, I couldn't, Mr. Lavender. Each proof shows the prevailing fault."

"And what fault is that, Miss Lydia?"

"They are all too lifelike."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Thirteenth Century Fire Prevention. One wonders what fate would have overtaken the captured starter of fires in thirteenth century London, for after the blaze of 1212, which lasted ten days, swallowed up part of London bridge and was the cause of over 1,000 deaths, every precaution was taken against fires. For instance, all builders of houses were ordered to roof them with tiles, shingle boards or lead, and to stop an outbreak any house could be quelled down. Thus, Mr. H. B. Wheatley on the safeguards: "For the speedy removal of burning houses each ward was to provide a strong iron hook with a wooden handle, two chains and two strong cords, which were to be left with the bed of the ward, who was also provided with a good horn loudly sounding. And, moreover, every household was ordered to keep a barrel of water before his door.—London Standard.

As Good as His Word. He—I always make it a point to profit by the mistakes of others. She—I got weary of George Briston because he never seemed to know when to stop home.

Be their beds not good night.—Cleveland Leader.

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Notice to Creditors. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of S. M. White, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Matilda R. White has qualified as administratrix of the estate of S. M. White, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said administratrix at her home in Athens, Ore., or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athens, Ore., within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 28th day of August, 1914. Homer I. Watts, Matilda R. White, Administratrix.

Notice to Creditors. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Donald N. McDonald, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that E. A. Dudley has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Donald N. McDonald, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against his estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said Administrator at his office in Athens, Ore., or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athens, Ore., within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated this 16th day of July, A. D. 1914. E. A. Dudley, Executor. By Will M. Peterson, Atty. for Executor.

Notice to Creditors. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Louis LaBrasche, Deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that W. S. Ferguson has qualified as administrator of the estate of Louis LaBrasche, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said Administrator at his office in Athens, Ore., or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athens, Ore., within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated this 10th day of July, 1914. Homer I. Watts, W. S. Ferguson, Attorneys. Administratrix.

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**WATCH THIS PAPER FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT PROHIBITION**

Here is the exact issue that confronts you  
The prohibitionists ask you to adopt an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, except for medical, mechanical and sacramental uses.  
The adoption of this amendment means the entire wiping out of the present splendid home rule and local option laws.  
Thereafter the regulation and control of the liquor traffic in Oregon would pass from cities and towns and be retained exclusively by the state.  
Note carefully there is no mention of prohibiting "distribution," "transportation" or "use" of alcoholic beverages. Only of manufacture and sale. Distribution, transportation and use intentionally were left out by the prohibitionists. Shipment of liquors into the state, or through the state, or drinking of liquors within the state would not be prohibited by the amendment.  
Washington, Idaho and California naturally would immediately begin shipping liquor into Oregon and throughout Oregon. The saloon, where it now exists, would merely have given away to the "blind pigger," "bootlegger" and "moonshiner." All cities and towns now either wet or dry would be at the mercy of the state police authorities and state law makers.

Present "dry" cities and towns would realize that they could make no more to voting themselves "wet" than they now are under the splendid home rule and local option laws.  
If the state authorities were derelict or failed to enforce the law, as they are in Kansas and Maine, the cities and towns would realize that they had voted away their present direct control and regulation of the liquor traffic. These articles will show later that Kansas and Maine authorities are derelict and do fail to enforce the law. To undo the mistake Oregon would have to repeal a constitutional amendment and not a mere law—a very difficult undertaking. Deceit and perjury in securing liquor illegally would have been substituted for what today is a steadily improving, healthier public opinion regarding true temperance, and true temperance would have been done an irreparable injury requiring many years to recover from.

Kansas is pointed to by prohibitionists as the model prohibition state. They want Oregon to become a Kansas. Watch these articles with a fair, open mind and learn what thirty-three years of prohibition law has done for Kansas without prohibiting or advancing true temperance.  
All figures will be taken from latest United States Government Reports  
N. B.—Prohibitionists are spreading the opinion that, if the proposed amendment is defeated, the present dry towns and cities will become wet again. THIS POSITIVELY IS NOT SO. The present home rule and local option laws would remain just as they now are.  
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