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CORRECTION

In an editorial last week there were two mistakes that changed the sense of the article considerably. In comparing the income of a farmer to the stenographer we stated that he must have an investment of \$3000.00 which should have read \$30,000.00 and she would have had an investment of \$20,000 instead of \$2,000.00.

GIVE THE BOARD A CHANCE

Nineteen thirty-one bids fair to be a year that will be long remembered by the educational institutions of the state and those who are interested in them. The report prepared at the behest of the State Board of Higher Education by representatives of the United States department of Education has just been released and is precipitating much argument for and against its findings.

Already \$500,000.00 has been removed from the amount the legislature provided for the schools and now it is proposed by several tax reduction leagues in the Willamette valley to take away the entire appropriation of \$1,181,000.00 by referendum. Whether this action was favored by a majority of the voters or not it would make any of the money unavailable until after the election held late in 1932.

These facts seem pertinent. The state has passed a law which will consolidate the regents of the schools into one body, but this new board will not obtain control of the schools until July 1st of this year and can only promise reductions until that time. They have made every effort to learn the condition of Oregon institutions of higher learning and have compared this state's facilities with those of seventeen other states that are similar. They have the power to enforce their rulings on the schools in question and make whatever consolidations or changes they deem best. They are a body of business and professional men whose time could not be procured by the state by any other means than interest in the welfare of the state's institutions. They have before them a report that is unbiased and complete.

Under these conditions it seems no more than fair to allow the new board the part of the biennium, until the next legislature, at least to prove their worth and see if they can make the savings that has been predicted they will.

We agree, taxes are too high. To much money is spent by the state for higher education, but we think it will be better to have the reductions made by a body of men who have adequate sources of information, who have training along educational lines and who have the best interests of the state and its institutions at heart than to allow the cutting of expenditures to be done by those who are at present a little hysterical about the tax situation.

Let's give the board a chance. In any event they will have to spend less than the schools have spent previously.

USE THE RIVER

Those whose memory goes back thirty years are able to tell of river boats on the Columbia and of the freight they hauled to obscure landing points along the banks from which merchandise was transported into the back country. Mining tools, for delving into the earth and filching the treasures buried there; plows, to turn the soil soddy with bunch-grass roots and lumber to build the rough homes of hardy pioneers. The one who has the thirty year old memory sighs for those days and wonders why it cannot be done again.

Men raise wheat, load it on cars and ship it to market thereby spending one quarter of the income from their crop. Men tend sheep and clip their wool to have the profit taken in railroad shipping to the national market. These men and others of the interior country use gasoline, coal and wood in various shapes, all bulky, heavy materials, all of which have retail prices doubled because of freight rates.

And the river rolls on, every day and through the night water in great quantities flows down the gorge of the Columbia and is only the home of fish. Man with all his intelligence, with all his dams, his locks, his landing places and his ingenuity has for twenty years found no use for the Columbia that the great family of chinook salmon had not discovered before men were known in the northwest.

Isn't it time that the men who know the river, its bars and its channel, talked business with the men who know wheat, its troubles and needs?

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League has talked about it, the Columbia River Valley Association has talked about it, boatmen have talked about it, Senators, Representatives, even Presidents have talked about it, and the Columbia flows on unused. Some time, and we believe it will be soon, some bold entrepreneur will anchor a barge along the bank and some equally bold wheat-grower will try a new method of transportation as the paper manufacturer did. Then the river will begin to be useful to men as well as to fish.

HERE'S ONE

Speaking of the value of raw products as compared to the cost of manufactured article. A butcher in The Dalles offered to trade a shoemaker a beef hyde in return for a pair of half-soles on his shoes—and couldn't do it. Think that one over.

Chicago is to be congratulated on the defeat of Mayor Bill Thompson. Maybe the gangsters can now be forced to follow the mayor into permanent retirement.

Grass Valley

Dr. C. L. Poley was a visitor in Portland the first of the week returning Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Fraley who has been here during the winter left for The Dalles Tuesday.

L. R. French and wife spent Monday night in The Dalles visiting with Mrs. French's son.

Mrs. Otto Schmitt, of Shaniko, is here visiting her mother Mrs. R. A. Stow.

The music class of Mrs. Blake will be presented in a recital Saturday evening April 11th.

S. A. Skirving, manager of the Tum-a-Lum Tumber Co. in The Dalles, was here for a short time last Wednesday afternoon.

Art Bibby was here from his new home in Heppner the first of the week. Mrs. Bibby is here again and is getting ready to move shortly.

Shearer's Grange will give a dance at their hall next Saturday night when another of those informal old time get togethers will be staged. Admission 50 cents; supper 25 cents per plate.

Sam Davis and his mother, Mrs. W. J. Davis, made a trip to The Dalles last Tuesday. Sam has not been convalescing very fast from his attack of the flu last month.

Joe Almond, who has been Union Oil agent here for the past three years has been transferred to Hermiston and will move there within a few days. His place here will probably be taken by a young man from Hood River.

The Homewood family including Lieutenant John, just returned from Hawaii Islands, Boyd, teacher in The Dalles Hi school, Marian, who came from the Islands with John, Maude, a student at O. S. C., and Helen, a student in The Dalles High, held a family reunion in Portland last week.

Clarence Benson, son of Harry Benson, suffered a painful injury last Friday while playing with a gun in the kitchen of the family home in town. The gun was discharged and the bullet, a 22 long passed through the thigh of the right leg just missing the artery and nerve. He was attended by Dr. Poley and is recovering nicely under the care of his mother who came up from the valley to be with him.

Grass Valley High School

BARBARA WALPOLE, Editor

Last Thursday morning Carlton E. Spencer from the Law School at the U. of O. gave some new facts that showed the increase in value of high school education and many helpful hints on attending higher institutions of learning. Some people are not adapted to college life and there fore should not attend but, as a general rule, if it is at all possible, everyone should attend a college so as to better mankind. When you have decided to attend college, Mr. Spencer, says there are four questions to ask yourself. Are you man and woman enough to work without a boss? Are you old and mature enough? Are you able to keep your own money accounts? Will you be honest in your exams?

Pauline Newcomb and Zela Ruggles represented the Typing 1 Class and Dale Baker represented the Typing 11 Class in the annual County Typing Contest at Moro last Friday afternoon. The Kent Baseball Team defeated the Grass Valley Team in the game played on the local diamond last Friday afternoon. The school bus, driven by Lefy Olds, caused some excitement one day last week when it became stuck on the hill.

Mr. Rakes visited school for a short time Thursday morning.

Kent School Notes

THE BASE BALL GAMES
Kent High won an easy victory from the Grass Valley Hi base ball team last Friday.

The Wapinitia Kent Hi game played at Kent last Sunday was

quite an exciting fray. Two walks, numerous errors and a home run by Connie Allen spelled defeat for Wapinitia in the first inning when Kent crossed the plate five times. Wapinitia came back with one hit and two scores in their part of the inning. Then both teams settled down to steady playing. A single by Hank Allen, a two-bagger by Connie Allen and a single by Ted Kelly added two markers for Kent in the 5th inning. Wapinitia completed the scoring for the game in the 6th when G. and Loyd Claymire each pounded out a 3-bagger in the 6th for two tallies. Henry Allen gave three hits and one strike-out in three innings and Kelly yielded 2 hits, 2 walks and three strike outs in six innings for Kent. G. Claymire handed the home boys 16 strike-outs in his seven innings, allowing one walk and 4 hits. Kent's better fielding saved them the game. Score: Kent 7, Wapinitia 4.

Kent goes to Rufus next Sunday and Grass Valley plays at Kent Friday afternoon.

Connie Allen was absent from school Monday.

In the class meeting held on Tuesday morning the intermediate pupils elected Phoebe Lyons, Helen Wilson and Paul Schillings as a committee to display the work for Achievement Day.

Thirty children enjoyed the Easter egg hunt given by Miss Della Helyer at her home last Saturday afternoon. Kathryn Waldner and Carl Lyons won prizes for finding the most eggs. Besides the children, Mrs. Roy Barnett and Mrs. J. C. Wilson were also present.

The Merry Maids Club met at the home of Mrs. Ida Davis last Tuesday night. The evening was spent in practicing the play which the club is expecting to give in the near future. Miss Loraine Darby and Mrs. Rita Harpe were the hostesses.

The Botany class made a field trip to Buck Hollow Tuesday afternoon. Henry Allen is still in the lead in having the most flowers for his Herbarium.

Margaret Dunlap, Bertha Helyer and Evelyn Davis received final writing certificates, while Mildred Howell and Marion Morrow received Improvement Certificates, and Clarice Mitchell earned progress pins.

The following pupils have received reading Certificates: Clarence Gregg, 3; Cecil Norton, 1; Marion Morrow, 1; Evelyn Davis, 1; Jack Sather, 1; Harley McKay, 1; Mildred Howell, 1; Clarice Mitchell, 1; Margaret Dunlap, 1.

In the district speaking contests held in Prineville, Perit Huntington of Sisters was the winner in the interpretative division and Henry Campbell of Bend carried off the honors in the extemporaneous division. Dr. Spencer of the University of Oregon acted as judge. The winners of the contest will compete in the state meet to be held at Corvallis.

Salem canneries propose to process more than 1,000,000 cases of fruit and vegetables during the 1931 season, according to announcement made recently. Many of the canneries are now being renovated and placed in condition for the season's run.

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