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SHALL THE PROMISE BE KEPT?

In conversation with one of our school directors recently, we were much pleased to hear him use such flattering comments concerning our new principal, Prof. White. We now have two teachers of long years of experience, Prof. White, who has taught for 20 years, and Mrs. A. A. Lyon, whose home record is well known to us, and whose standing in the great state of California is evinced by the diploma which she holds in that state. Now give us one of equal standing for the most important place of all, the primary department. This is no place for teachers of very limited experience, however excellent their scholarship or splendid their other qualities. The board no doubt would like to have places for all the deserving and worthy young ladies that may apply, but the mental, moral, and physical training, the health, and bodily comfort of our little ones that make up the body of the primary department demand, besides love, culture, and learning, experience, the more the better, skill in the highest degree, and a constant study of child life from intelligently directed observation, and a knowledge of the development of mind, morals, and body, the teacher has a right to expect of her pupils because of her mature judgment and from her well-earned books and journals. Look over the wage list of our metropolitan schools, and what does the fact that higher wages are paid the primary department than the grades just above disclose to you? Better put your inexperienced teachers in the higher grades if they are to be given a place.

However much taxpayers and patrons would be glad to see every worthy young lady in a good position, young teachers owe it to themselves not to push themselves if they could into positions far beyond their experience. It challenges opposition and invites failure at the very outset of what might otherwise be a useful professional life. True, a teacher of limited experience might succeed, but it is not the rule.

One thing more: There are probably few schools, if any, in Oregon where the same work is compassed by three teachers as in our Wasco schools. Even if precedence could be found, it is no reason for our standstill. Everywhere schools are advancing, and we must keep abreast of the times. Our district was never more prosperous, and if the board will only give us a number one teacher for the primary department, the money can be easily raised for a fourth teacher. Moreover, a ten mill tax was voted with the express understanding between the board and the taxpayers that we are to have four teachers. The advance grades have had to put up too often already with a six month's term, and now to give them another short term and with part of their course crowded out by a lower grade is simply an injustice the higher grades ought not to be asked to stand another time, if it be possible to help them out of these straits.

Send every energy, and give us a full complement of splendid teachers. We have a board that will stand by them in every instance in which such teachers can be justified, and there will always be enough patrons to stand by such teachers and such a board as to make our coming term the best Wasco has ever had.

Moreover, the question ought to be settled at once and in favor of four well qualified and experienced teachers if it be possible, so that parents seeking a location where their children may have the best possible advantages afforded in our county may find it in Wasco, and can make early arrangements to move to our town. Parents will invest in Wasco property as soon as they are assured of superior educational advantages, which will result in material gain both to our city and our school. Finally, let us not forget that our school is already on the accredited list of the best schools in Oregon, and that it is our duty to advance in order to hold this distinguished place.

TO SCHOOL BOARDS.

We publish the subjoined lengthy article from the Oregonian of June 28 for the purpose of letting our officers and patrons know something of how school affairs are managed in the metropolis. It shows you how patrons who object to the action of school boards make their objections known. It serves also to show with what a board has to

contend while tussling with a debt of \$100,000 borrowed on notes, regulating school matters for 265 teachers and 16,000 pupils, and whose receipts and disbursements are so heavy that it would require 75 per cent of Sherman county's tax receipts to pay even their janitor bill. Read the article. It is, to say the least, an interesting episode in school directors' work:

"When the five gentlemen who compose the board of school directors for the Portland district removed Miss Alpha L. Dimick from the important post of principal of the Holladay school and sent her out to take charge of the Brooklyn school, an institution of less note, they little dreamed that their action would bring down upon their heads a storm of indignation of awful dimensions. Yet such is the case. Dissatisfied patrons found an outlet for a part of their pent up feelings at the meeting of the directors last night, and there will be more of it later on.

The meeting of the board was called to order in the city hall at 8 o'clock, all the members being present except Mr. Williams. A delegation from the Holladay school district was announced and given permission to enter. About 12 women and four or five men walked in, and, by invitation of the chairman, B. S. Pague, their spokesman, stated the object of their visit. First, he presented the following petition:

"We the undersigned taxpayers and patrons of the Portland public schools, appreciating the long, faithful and efficient service of Miss Alpha L. Dimick in said schools, do earnestly petition the honorable board of directors of school district No. 1 to reinstate her as principal of Holladay school, or in some other position equally as good.

"Miss Dimick was reared and educated in Oregon, and is such a competent teacher that we feel she is entitled to consideration."

The petition bore the names of 146 persons, many of whom are among the most prominent residents of the East Side. The petition, Mr. Pague said, was presented in the interest of Miss Dimick a teacher who had long and faithfully served the district and who had won her way through the various grades to the position of principal of one of the most important schools in the city. Without a hearing, she had been transferred to a school of lower standing, and her salary had suffered greatly by the change. He asked that Miss Dimick be given a hearing or reinstated without a hearing or given a school equal in importance and salary to the Holladay school. The petition had been hastily gotten up. The women had done most of the work in the interest of Miss Dimick.

"We desire the most thorough investigation of this matter," continued Mr. Pague. "We know that Miss Dimick has the ability and capacity to conduct the school. All the teachers at Holladay will willingly come before the board and state that they prefer her to any other principal. There is not a pupil who does not regret her removal, and a number cried when they heard of the board's action."

The petition was placed on file and silence reigned for a time.

"Does anyone else wish to speak?" asked Chairman Miller, glancing about the room.

Dan McAllen came to the front and leaned on the clerk's counter.

"Mr. Chairman," he said, "what was the reason for this lady's removal?"

The chairman hesitated a second, and Mr. McAllen, not getting his answer as soon as he desired, broke in with:

"This is a public matter, and may be inquired into, I believe."

"What is your name," asked the chairman.

"My name cuts no figure; I am a taxpayer in this community."

The Chairman—"Suppose that the board has good and sufficient reasons for its action, and that the publication of those reasons would be injurious to the lady. Would you want those reasons published?"

"Yes sir," was the answer, delivered in no uncertain tone of voice.

"You would injure the lady?"

"You can't injure her, sir"—so emphatically that the single reporter present broke the point off his pencil in an attempt to catch the emphasis.

Mr. Pague—I have been requested by Miss Dimick to ascertain the reasons for her removal.

The Chairman—I shall not at this time tell you the reasons. Suppose—

H. S. Rowe—Why not give her another school equal to the Holladay school?

"She might be successful in a less important school."

"I hope your remarks have no bearing on her character."

"No, no," hastily, I do not impeach her character. I have said nothing of that sort."

Mr. Pague—I understood otherwise by your remarks,

Chairman Miller again explained that he had said nothing about Miss Dimick's reputation.

"Now, began Mr. Miller, after a lull, 'here is the case in point. The board sees fit to drop a teacher. So as not to prevent her from getting a place elsewhere we keep our reasons to ourselves."

Very kind of the board," dryly remarked Mr. Rowe.

In answer to questions by Mr. Pague, the chairman admitted that no charges had been made against Miss Dimick.

"Then why was she removed," demanded the weather prophet.

"It would be much better if the reasons were not known. I presume the board made the change for the good of the schools."

"For the good of the schools!" exclaimed Mr. McAllen. "Ha, ha, ha, Rot, Rot!" snapping his fingers contemptuously.

Heretofore the chairman had borne the brunt of the battle, the other directors preserving a studious silence. Now Mr. Strowbridge arose.

"We elected the teachers by secret ballot," he said. "I think that nothing was said against Miss Dimick, and that no reason was given for her transfer. I voted for her re-entention at Holladay. I had visited her school and found it equal to any in the city."

Mr. Pague—One member of the board says Miss Dimick's school is equal to any in the city. The others say nothing. It seems we have nothing to do but file our petition and then go."

The chairman—It is best not to consider the petition until we have a full board present.

Mr. Pague—When you elected principals you did not take Mr. Strowbridge into consideration.

McAllen again demanded the reason for removal, and Miller declined to give it, withholding it "on Miss Dimick's account."

"We are authorized by her to get it," chimed in McAllen and Pague, simultaneously.

"Well," said the chairman, "one reason is because I never supported her for the principalship. I am not in favor of ladies for that position."

Mr. Pague—"If you were a candidate for election, did you not go to Miss Dimick's house and tell her that you heartily favored ladies for such positions?"

"No, sir."

"She says you did."

"She is mistaken. She had a chair in the Park school at that time, and I always supported her for that place."

Mr. McAllen—I like boards—fire boards, police boards and sewer boards included. I have good children, and I shall send them to good schools. I think you should be above such petty, low, mean, despicable things as this.

Mr. Pague—We have asked you for your reason for this action, and you have refused to do so.

My reason is this: I do not believe in ladies as school principals. I do not think it is for the best interests of the district to put women at the head of large schools."

Notwithstanding that they have ability and have demonstrated it?"

"I have never voted for one for principal."

Mr. Miller proceeded to say that Mr. Kiggins, who succeeds Miss Dimick at Holladay, would make a good instructor; he was a fine teacher, etc.

Mr. Pague interrupted the eulogy.

"Is this the answer to our petition?" he asked.

"Everybody likes him," continued the chairman.

"Thank you for the answer," sarcastically rejoined Mr. Allen.

Mr. Pague—Mr. Kiggins' competency is not in question. We have tried Miss Dimick and found her very capable. Should our children suffer from the change of principals, what recourse have we?

Mr. Rowe—Our school is the best in the city.

The chairman—And we wish to make it better.

"And we'll come here one year hence to thank you for it."

More talk about Miss Dimick's abilities ensued, and then the petitioners left, none of them caring to accept the chairman's invitation to stay and enjoy the rest of the meeting.

Another meeting will be held in a few days, and the petitioners will be on hand to learn the fate of their document.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

"Some of our Oregon exchanges are discussing the question whether Miss Gould did right to send \$25,000 for a dog collar. On one side it is asserted that it is a good thing, as she has plenty of money, to put it in circulation, and on the other hand that it is a gross extravagance and that Rome fell just because of that kind of carrying on. Take your choice."—Albany Democrat.

Well, to skilled mechanics and other laborers who may have had to sleep under the sidewalks and eat free lunches within the last five years that sum may

seem a little extravagant, especially when they see so many human beings just dying to wear their masters' beautifully labeled, shiny brass collar for one-tenth the above amount.

If objections could avail, although we have nothing to say against the fair and honest acquisition of wealth, we should object strenuously to the way in which old Gould made his thousands that his girl now shamefully lavishes on her poodle.

TO PARENTS.

Last Thursday evening when the train on the Columbia Southern came in, we noticed several small boys on the track at the depot, and, although they fled in time at the approach of the train, yet we noticed a disposition on part of some, one little boy in particular, to see who could remain on the track up to what they might think the danger point in the approach of the train.

It ought to be unnecessary to suggest to parents that children have little business about the depot, and none on the track. Do not have an accident, and that through your own negligence, laid at your own door. You would never forgive yourself.

Oh! the glories of Manila, Santiago, and LaQuasina! Is it possible that, in order that we may not become inordinately intoxicated with victory, we must do like Philip of Macedon, who, upon learning that his army had just been victorious against the Illyrians, that his own horses had won in the Olympian races, and that on the self same day a son, Alexander the Great, was born to him, exclaim: "Great Jupiter, send me only some slight reverse in return for so many blessings." etc., too, must pray for some slight reverse in order to escape the dangers of national self-admiration?

HO FOR SHERMAN COUNTY!

The most interesting pageant ever witnessed in Sherman county may be expected any day to appear on the Columbia Southern. J. W. Booth, agent for the Holt Manufacturing company, of Stockton, California, who is supplying our county with combined harvesters, is just in receipt of a most interesting letter from the company in which they say: "We will have a flag on each harvester, and on each car there will be a banner. The banners will be printed full length of the car, and read as follows:

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Kent 7 "

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Moro 1:30 p. m.

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Leave

Wasco 5:00 a. m.

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Wasco 8:15 "

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Arrive

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