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ALBANY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

MUST GO TO SCHOOL UNTIL 18

California has a new school law known as the compulsory part time act which will become effective July 1, and which extends the age of compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years for those boys and girls who have not at that age completed a high school course. Pupils between the ages of 16 and 18, however, are required to attend school only half time. They are permitted to work part of the day if they wish, but they must spend at least four hours a day in school.

Needless to say, the operation of this law will put back into the schools a great many boys and girls who had previously stopped going to school. Many of them have left high school courses unfinished, and a surprising number have not even finished the elementary school course.

The successful operation of the law requires solving a number of new problems. In the first place, employers of boys and girls between 16 and 18 years will have to co-operate with the school authorities in arranging the hours of work and hours of schooling satisfactorily to everybody concerned. Unless a perfect arrangement is found it will probably be necessary to provide more part-time teachers than would be needed to teach the same number of pupils full time.

Also, most of these boys and girls left the schools because they were not able to maintain the minimum standard of achievement required of each grade. They need a special type of instruction and training. They do not fit into the group teaching of the public schools, but seem to call for individual help and attention. The routine schooling would probably discourage these pupils and their extra two years would do them little good. It is important that only such subjects and such training be given as will better prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. It should mean, too, that the school authorities look out for the pupil not only while he is in the class room, but in the work room as well. It is a big task for any group of educators, but if they can perform it successfully they will lead the way in solving one of the nation's baffling education problems.

MAKING BAD ROADS GOOD

Keeping the old roads in good condition while waiting for the new ones to be built is the task which farmers around Monmouth, Ill., have set themselves this winter, and will continue during the spring, in spite of loosening frost and thaws.

As the Monmouth Daily Review reports it: "Many miles of earth highway in the communities around the city have

had high spots knocked off and low places filled by the use of the plebeian road-drag. As a result the mail carriers have found the task of making their rounds easier, and people traveling to and from the city have been able to make the trip in quicker time than if property-owners along the roads had not done this work."

Nothing can take the place of a fine, well constructed highway of macadam or stone; but those who have made a study of the matter know that by the use of the "plebeian drag" mentioned above, it is possible to transform a dirt road, which has been a horror for years, into a passable and usable artery of travel.

The country is pretty well trained by now to the advantages of good highways, but in most localities there is a marked tendency to neglect the roads they have while waiting for the roads they expect to have. Wise and far-seeing is the policy of these other citizens who are keeping the dirt roads in the best possible condition and saving time and money by the process.

Comments of the State Press

Real Justice—

A law of real justice would be one to control an officeholder to resign before he starts running for another. Then, perhaps, he would earn the money he takes from the people.—Oregonian.

Poor Highway Work—

The paving being done on the Pacific highway in this district is not up to the old standard of work formerly required by the state highway commission. That is apparent to anyone passing over the completed portions of the road. The pavement on the Junction City-Eugene stretch, for instance, is rough and shows traces of ruts already—and it has been traveled only a few weeks. Apparently the work is of very inferior grade, either as to the material used, or the manner in which it was put down.—Eugene Guard.

Some Difference—

In Montana the nonpartisan party scores the American Federation of Labor. In Oregon it unites with it to form a new party. It should get itself together.—Gazette-Times.

Can The Squal—

The meat packers, according to a decree entered in the federal court, are to be divorced from all business not directly related to the packing of meat. One wonders if they will still be allowed to can the squal.—Eugene Register.

Wilson Wins Out—

President Wilson has won his point and forced a new settlement of the Adriatic problem. The "discredited sick man of the White House" proved vigorous enough to upset by the stroke of a pen the plans of European diplomats to return to the policy of imperialism.—Capitol Journal.

Why Worry—

After all why worry at all over the president's selection? Have we not been told scores of times by these same papers, and perhaps with a good deal of truth, that President Wilson has always been his own secretary of state. Then why attach so much significance to the selection of Colby?—Astoria Budget.

The census taker in a little Western town, at the solicitation of the people, waited several hours before closing his lists for the birth of a babe. The population figures of the village were thereby increased from 399 to 400.

In certain Amazonian tribes, on the day of his marriage, while the wedding festivities are going on, the bridegroom's hand is tied up in a bag filled with fire ants. If he bears this torture, smilingly and unmoved, he is considered fit for the trials of matrimony.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 3, 1920

Greetings to the State of Florida, which is 75 years old today.

Woodrow Wilson today completes his seventh year in the Presidency.

An important meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation is to be held today at Chicago.

San Francisco will be the meeting place today of the annual convention of the California Credit Men's Association.

Kentucky Republicans meet in convention at Louisville today to arrange for the State's representation at the coming national convention.

The League of Nations and other important problems of the day are to be discussed by the Ontario Bar Association at its annual meeting to open at Toronto today.

Sunset this evening marks the beginning of the annual observance of Purim or the feast of lots, one of the most joyous holidays in the Jewish calendar.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

Handball

National A. A. U. junior championships, at Detroit.

Basketball

Central A. A. U. championships, at Chicago.

Boxing

Jimmy Widle vs. Patsy Wallace, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.

Jack Shockey vs. Roy Moore, 10 rounds, at Detroit.

Johnny Coulon vs. Charles Ledoux, 12 rounds, at Paris.

Charlie O'Connell vs. Don Curley, 10 rounds, at Sandusky, O.

A PSALM OF FARM LIFE

At the luncheon given by the Portland Ad Club to out-of-town buyers the Ad Club quartet rendered the following chant:

I.

Tell me not in broken measures,
Modern farming does not pay,
For a farm produces chickens,
And the hens—do they not lay?
Eggs are high and going higher
And the price is soaring fast.
Every time we get to market
It is higher than the last.

II.

Not a coop but it produces
Every day an egg or two,
So each farmer gains his millions,
Even though his eggs be few.
Every egg is very precious,
And the hens are held in awe;
When a hen begins to cackle
Then the farmer goes "Haw-haw."

III.

In the broad and busy farm yard
Struts a rooster now and then,
But the shrewd bewhiskered farmer

Planning that Garden

With the first appearance of Cock Robin signs of spring bring thoughts of that garden that will furnish you with so much pleasure in the making and so much luxury and real satisfaction in the eating of your own-grown vegetables a few weeks hence.

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MISFITS --- HIS COLUMN

BY F. P. NUTTING

Timely Comments and Gleanings of News from Here, There and Everywhere by a Former Editor of the Democrat

One of the most interesting stores it has been my privilege to visit is that of a Wilhelm and Sons, at Monroe, probably the largest in Oregon for the size of the town in which it is located. In fact the Wilhelms are in Monroe, with holdings of important dimensions. The store itself is really a combination of many stores and one can buy anything from a pin to a Ford auto. For instance: dry goods, clothing, furnishings, groceries, drugs, books, the latest magazines, post cards, confectionary, carpets, rugs, furniture, trunks, crockery, stoves, harness, hardware, implements, machinery, automobiles, etc. Then there is a flour mill, warehouse, garage and numerous other things.

The store is the rendezvous of the community and if any one is wanted it is the place to find the person near the center of the large store. It is a big double drum stove, fed by long sticks, with numerous chairs around, generally filled. Here is the place to learn things and keep up with the times, from fit to politics.

The senior Wilhelm, who came here in 1870, is a bunch of energy, and hustle, constantly doing things, from filling the stove with wood to waiting on customers and meeting salesmen. He is well backed by two or three sons. His motto is: "Attend to business, Or it will attend to you." He is one of the first at the store

in the morning, ready for business, and one of the last at night, the store closing regularly at 8 o'clock.

Because of the large variety of goods in stock business comes from a wide range, even from Eugene and Corvallis.

An air of welcome and cordiality about the establishment, offers a suggestion in merchandising that many stores in larger cities might well consider.

Over a week spent in Corvallis was greatly enjoyed. The College spirit prevails and dominates everything, with over three thousand students in the offering, well taken care of, but needing more room and facilities for the immense growth taking place.

Corvallis has one big store because of the fact that its founder, who died a year or two ago got his start in Oregon in Albany, at the present site of the Cusick bank. The son, universally known as Tom, is a worthy successor of his father, popular and capable.

Two Albany young men, Roy Parkers, and Olin Stalmaker, opened a shoe store in Corvallis recently, and I was in it on the opening day, a very neat, up-to-date establishment. The business has started out well and promises to be a success. It has the advantage of a good location backed by experience.

There is a curious system of exchange of children in Denmark between people living in town and country. The advantage claimed is that the town children spend some time in the fresh air of the country during summer, while the country children have their minds opened by seeing the sights of the towns.

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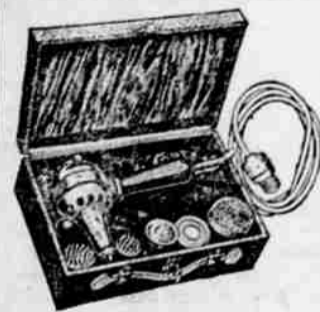
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