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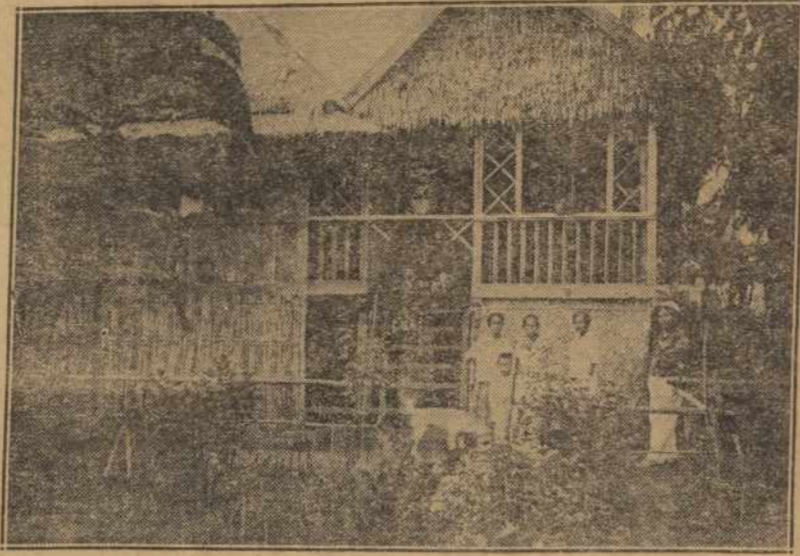
## SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION NECESSARY

### Union High School Can Succeed If Selfish Motives Are Eliminated.

The chief effect the union high school movement upon the Hubbard district has been the development of the bump of utter selfishness—both individual and community. The Hubbard Enterprise (usually a fair and honest sheet) and the Hubbard business men have made the cry of "wolf" and "liar" their main arguments. They have knocked the movement for a union high school at Aurora, because they desire such an institution at Hubbard. They belittle Aurora's offer of \$25,300 for building and site—yet Hubbard has absolutely nothing to offer. Not only misrepresentation, but coercive financial and family influences, were brought to bear upon various citizens known to be favorable to the Aurora project, to prevent the signing of petitions, to call an election. The articles written and published by Hubbard people who decline to sign the articles are most excellent examples of the art of abuse, but are almost devoid of truth, fairness or common honesty.

The writer of the article in last week's Enterprise signed "school patron" reveals ability in the use of "fishwives" English which is at utter his position and training. But it is quite evident that the truth is not in him, for he insists that a "majority of the districts" ONLY is required to form a union high school district. State superintendent Churchill last week at Molalla said, "It requires two majorities to form a union high school district. A majority of the dis-

## Here's a Real Argument For Philippine Independence



A Typical Philippine Homestead

The United States isn't the only country that has homesteaders—those enterprising pioneers who leave thickly populated districts and take their families into virgin territory to create homes for themselves. The Philippine islands have thousands of thrifty homesteaders.

The above photograph shows a picture of a Christian Filipino homesteader and his family near Pikit, Cotabato province, Mindanao, P. I. Five years ago he was a cab driver working for low wages at Cebu, a thickly populated city. He went into the then wilderness of Mindanao, planted hemp and coconuts, paid for his land and has become wealthy. Thousands of similar instances could be cited. One Mindanao homesteader is worth \$200,000.

The Philippine government is encouraging the immigration of Filipinos from the thickly populated sections into Mindanao. This is the second largest of the islands of the archipelago. It is still sparsely settled, although it is one of the richest and most productive islands in the world. Many Americans have established plantations there and become rich.

Filipinos are using the stories of the many successful Filipino homesteaders as an argument for independence. They make the point that a people that can go out into a tropical wilderness with no capital save their patience, perseverance and energy and win homes for themselves, have the necessary stamina to run their own affairs.

tricts must vote favorably and a majority of all the voters of all the districts must also be in favor of creating the union district. The Enterprise published any "half-truths". Probably correct; for some of the statements were not even "quarter truths".

The whole attitude of Hubbard business men and the Hubbard Enterprise has been that of the "knocker", the pessimist, the dog in the manger," and the day will come when every unkind word, every misstatement, every misrepresentation, every down right untruth, originating there, will prove a boomerang returning to pierce their authors,

### Questions For The Hubbard "School Patron" and "Enterprise"

What are your Hubbard teachers costing?

What kind of a high school do you want, and where do you want it?

What has Hubbard to offer aside from grade school, which you can't offer?

What does Hubbard high school equipment cost?

Why would the union high school be so much more expensive than others?

What is wrong with the union high school idea, outside of the fact that you want it at Hubbard?

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the death of our little son Gerald. Mr. and Mrs. Preston and family,

### Let's Pull Together

Every writer on the High School question who is opposing a union high school—BUT, now it every one believes in good school and would like to see good schools, why not give and take on the arguments and boost for a good big, union high school. Of course all our opinion are not exactly alike, but we can settle difficulties and iron out creases as we proceed. Our offer of \$25,000 by the Aurora district is better than will ever be made again. Suppose the building, the furnishing and total equipment for gym, etc., comes to \$50,000 which is putting it high, it is worth it—and from all this subtract \$25,000 that Aurora will raise. Its the school we all want and for the life of us, we cant see why any would oppose it.

### Conditions Are Good

While times are close right now over every section of the country it is a fact that the pinch is being felt less right here than almost any where else. Somehow the Willamette valley with its great variety of income is able to surmount all financial depressions without working any serious hardships to its people. There is no country where, when the necessity comes, that people can "get by" at less expense than they can here. It would be quite possible to throw a wall about this great valley and the people subsist in comfort without aid from the outside world. In fact, if our people would think more of our own wonderful resources and apply themselves more assiduously to developing them, we would be immeasurably better off. Too many of the products we use are those which smoother tradesmen than we are have introduced into our own territory, thus handicapping our industries and building up their own.

But in spite of all handicaps we are getting on quite well thank you. These times have brought no real worry with us and everybody is plodding along with every confidence in the world that when the year ends there be a handsome balance on the right side of the ledger.

Leastwise this is the Harrisburg spirit. There isn't the slightest let-up on the farm or in our own town. On the contrary there is a general movement ahead, and if we can judge from rumors this paper will have important announcements to make in the very near future of giant strides among our business men in developing this into a real little city.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

The above applies to Aurora as well as Harrisburg and our town is getting publicity.

## Contract On Road To Be Let Soon

According to State Highway Engineer H. S. Nunn, failure of Marion and Clackamas counties to get together on a definite plan of action looking toward the construction of the inter-county bridge at Aurora, threatens to forestall completion of improvement work on the Pacific highway between Salem and Portland during this summer. Contract for the new paving of the Aurora-Canby section of the Highway is to be let in the near future and it is expected that this stretch of road will be hard-surfaced by the end of the summer, with the exception of a short stretch of road between the Aurora bridge and the Barlow crossing, which will be graded and prepared for paving next year.—Canby News.

## Jolly Time Had By The Literary Society

Tuesday evening, April 12, the Live Wire Literary Society of Hubbard high school gave the Kappa Delta Phi Literary Society a moonlight picnic. On account of the wet weather it was held on the school grounds in the play shed. In the absence of the moon a large bonfire was built just outside the shed. Everyone had a wonderful time in spite of the disappearance of the weenies which were to be roasted over the bonfire and eaten with the buns. Dry buns didn't look very good when everyone had been planning on piping hot weenies. Wednesday morning found weenies all over the assembly hall, on books, behind pictures, in desks, and every where imaginable. So everyone ate weenies. It was rather late refreshments but they were thoroughly enjoyed.

## Aurora Tigers Are

Although the odds were against the Aurora nine when they played Wood-



burn last Friday the little chaps put up a plucky fight. At the end of the nine innings the score was four to fourteen in favor of Woodburn.

## Some Egg

Speaking of big eggs, D. E. Pratt living near Aurora, brought in an egg, this week, laid by one of his Wyandott hens, that weighed three ounces and measured 7 inches around the center and 8 1/2 inches around length ways. That's about the record.

## Fruit Growers To Hold Meeting

Of special interest to fruit growers in the Aurora neighborhood is the Annual meeting of members of the Oregon Growers Cooperative Association, to be held Tuesday morning, April 26, at the Masonic Temple in Salem.

At this meeting, R. C. Paulus, manager of the sales department will tell of efforts made to sell fruit the past season. Reports will be made from all departments.

Of special interest to members will be the full and open discussion of plans for the coming year.

## More Observer Friends Call

Since our last week's paper we have received encouragement in the way of the year's subscription price from: N. E. Cole, A. McConnell, John Stauffer, E. M. Grim, Otis Morris, P. O. Ottoway, Victor Berg, Lewis Keil, R. O. Jack, Wm. Krous, D. C. Thoms, H. L. Mills, C. Brewer, Dr. B. F. Giesy, S. A. Miller, Webb Moulder, G. C. Giesy, M. Dolson, Otto Knorr, Julius Stauffer, Geo. X. Gooding, C. C. Oldfield, Henry Neiff, W. H. Asquith, Adam Burkholder.

## PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



When Folks want Anything Done, they go to J. Fuller Pep, for he's a Ninety Horse-Power Booster and Liberal with his Time and Money for anything to Better the Town. Ole Hezekiah Useless allows as how J. Fuller is trying to Run Things, but if Folks were all like Hex, this would be a Hot Sketch of a Town!

## Car Wrecked

A complete wreck was that on the highway south of town Saturday night, and a miracle that no one was hurt. The three Fry Brothers were in their Ford truck coming to town when a big Studebaker Six car ran into them broadside. Four wheels and the frame of the Ford were broken and the front axle and parts of the other car.

## Recovering From Flu

In a neighborhood from Mr. Brown, of that neighborhood sometime."

## Killing The Prohibition Amendment

Prohibition will be effective in two years, and bootleggers will then be an extinct race, was the opinion expressed by U. S. Attorney General Dougherty at a meeting with Washington newspaper men today.—News Item.

Guess again Mr. Dougherty.

One by one the bars are being let down, even this early, so that the accumulation of them if allowed to continue and remain in force for two years more will leave prohibition less effective in 1923 than it is now. It is certainly disconcerting and discouraging to the thousands and millions of good rural people who have fought the rum traffic in this country during the last fifty years.

Let's see how effective the prohibition amendment is becoming.

(1) Almost any big liquor dealer whose wet goods are seized by the enforcement of agents can get a court order for their return on some technicality or other. Anyway, in the cities. A seizure of \$250,000 of wine and spirits had hardly been made in one New York joint this week before the government officials themselves had taken steps to investigate the legality of it.

(2) Not long ago the U.S. Attorney General decided that no liquor in transit could come into the United States, and that the ship carrying the cargo could be seized. The Customs Department has decided to ignore this decision "for fear of international complications."

(4) The Justice department recently decided that it was legal to make beer for Medical Purposes. Now three hundred breweries have filed demands for permits to make beer. Two or three breweries would be able to make all the beer needed for legitimate medicinal purposes in this whole country.

These three facts can easily kill prohibition. But there are many minor loopholes that add to the same effect.

And it begins to look as though the majority of the people who voted down intoxicating liquors have come to the conclusion that they voted wrong.—Stayton Mail.

"Confession" at the Canby City Hall Sunday will portray a wonderful story, interesting to all classes, especially Catholics.

## Celebration First

Una Temp of Aurora, on twenty-first night. The members at from Portland event will long banquet enjoyed fine. The Pythian how to arrange a of this kind, an lodge in Aurora.

Among the present were Cora M. Davis, J. Clark; Grant Seal, Walter Seal, Chief, Barbara Wright, editor.

## Aurora Teachers

On Friday evening Hubbard High School the Hubbard City drama in four acts is Rose. Every and see the "home" the Aurora pupils ke

## Improved

The Aurora Teachers' Association has dressed up' in a new coat of paint, that is a better coat of paint, and which improves the formerly of the building wonderfully.

The telephone office and home of R. E. Keefover has been remodeled, repainted and papered in and newly decorated, this week. The remodeled work has just been painted on the outside and is a beautifully improved home on main street.

The residence of Mrs. Geo. Wurster has just been entirely re-painted on the outside and improves the appearance of that street.

The residence property of E. J. Snyder now looks fixed-up for summer, as the painters just finished a good job there.

The Aurora Meat Market is another place being newly painted this week. Painters are busy in all parts of town.

Practically every lawn in town has been trimmed up, new flowers planted and the beautifying of property is going merrily on.

## New Secretary Assumes New Duties

H. K. Gormley who succeeds W. P. Walter as Secretary of the Marion County Y. M. C. A. arrived on the field this week. Mr. Gormley assumes his new duties after three and one-half years' service as City Boy's Work Secretary of the Spokane Y. M. C. A. During his college days Gormley was active in debating, student Y. M. C. A. work, and in all forms of athletics. After supplementing his regular college course with a special summer session at Illinois University in "School of Athletic Coaching" he returned to his Alma Mater Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois where for three years he served as coach and athletic director. After four years of school teaching in Kansas, Gormley entered the Association work as membership Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Sioux City, Iowa.

After two years in that position he accepted a call to the field of the Spokane Boys' Division. "Marion county is exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure a man of Mr. Gormley's experience to follow up and carry forward the splendid work Mr. Walter has started during the past eighteen months was the comment of Henry L. Bents who represents this community on the County Committee.

When one's subscription expires to the Observer, the paper will stop going to that subscriber. This will do away with a few (there are always such) who let the paper run 6 months or so, then want it stopped without paying up.



# LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

