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And Remember to Get a Stop-Over for Springfield.

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THE DUTY OF THE SCHOOLS

The St. Louis Globe Democrat, in commenting on a lecture in St. Louis recently, commends the position taken by the lecturer that we need an addition to the curriculum of the public schools, comprising a course in the rights and duties of citizenship, and says, very truthfully.

"It is highly laudable to take our newly formed citizens by the hand and explain the advantages, privileges and beauties of a republican form of government, but how about citizens who grow up with us, the nativeborn Americans, who are supposed to imbibe such information from their mother's milk or from the free and star-spangled atmosphere? What do our young men, yes, or even our young women, know of citizenship? They have studied our history; have, perhaps, had some instruction in civil government and political economy, but these are the dry bones, so to speak, of citizenship. They need flesh and blood on them and a heart in them, to make them living things that will speak and draw a man out of himself into a personal consideration of public affairs and of his study as a citizen.

"There is no doubt whatever that the greatest evil in American politics today, the greatest danger to free government, is the indifference of the citizen. What is needed, above all else, is something that will put into him during the impressionable years of youth, the knowledge and the feeling that freedom has its obligations as well as its privileges; that the priceless heritage that comes to him by birth is a thing of substance that may not always be retained in its fullness unless he does his duty in the application of his rights of suffrage. He should be impressed with the fact that patriotism is not so well expressed by waving flags and beating drums, or even by battling with his country's enemy, as it is by the quiet, earnest, intelligent performance of his political obligations as a citizen. When these principles and sentiments are impressed upon our youth until they become profound and active convictions, and failure to apply them a public shame, then, indeed, will citizenship be an honor and politics a virtue."—Alhambra, Calif., Advocate.

I AM THE NEWSPAPER

(Joe Finn in Chicago Tribune)

Born of the deep, daily need of the nation—I am the Voice of now—the incarnate spirit of the times—monarch of things that are. My "cold type" burns with the fire-blood of human action. I am fed by arteries of wire that girdle the earth. I drink from the cup of every living joy and sorrow. I sleep not—rest not. I know not night, nor day, nor season I know no death, yet I am born again with every morn—with every noon—with every twilight. I leap into fresh being with every new world's event. Those who created me cease to be—the brains and heart's blood that nourish me go the way of human dissolution. Yet I live on—and on. I am Majestic in my strength—sublime in my power—terrible in my potentialities—yet as democratic as the ragged boy who sells me for a penny. I am the consort of the Kings—the partner of capital—the brother of toil. The inspiration of the hopeless—the right arm of the needy—the champion of the oppressed—the conscience of the criminal. I am the epitome of the world's Comedy and Tragedy. My responsibility is infinite. I speak, and the world stops to listen. I say the word, and the battle flames the horizon. I counsel peace, and the war lord obey. I am greater than any individual—more powerful than any group. I am the dynamine force of public opinion. Rightly directed, I am a creature of confidence. A builder of happiness in living. I am the backbone of commerce. The trail blazer of prosperity. I am the teacher of patriotism. I am the hands of the clock of time—the clarion voice of civilization. I am the Newspaper.

\$400,000 BONDS FOR PLANKS.

A proposal to issue \$400,000 of bonds for planking about 200 miles of roads is to be voted upon in Coos County.

The roads will last from three to seven years; the bonds for 20 years.

When the bond money is all spent, the county will be able to issue no more bonds for roads, as the \$400,000 is practically up to the limit permitted under the constitution.

Then, pretty soon, the planked roads will be in a fearful condition.

With its debt limit reached, with taxes higher than ever to pay interest and principal on bonds for roads that are gone, what will the county do when confronted with the need for permanent road improvements?

The worst blow that could be handed the good roads cause in Coos County, and one of the hardest wallups that could be taken at the great timber industry which pays most of Coos' taxes, would be to saddle a bond issue of \$400,000 onto the county to pay for plank roads.

If every cent of the \$400,000 were paid for planks at \$10 per M, at the mill, it would buy only enough 3x12 planks to lay an 18-foot road for 140 miles, to say nothing of the cost of grading, stringers, spikes, hauling and labor.

No wonder the Grange opposes bond issues when con-

fronted with the possibility that the money can be used for improvements which will be gone long before the bonds can be retired.—Oregon Voter.

Have you made a not to take advantage of The News' special Bargain Days offer tomorrow and the next day? You will lose out if you don't, for it is not at all likely that such a price will ever be offered again.

SOCIAL NOTES

A jolly children's party was given Saturday by Mrs. Roy Jenkins in honor of the third birthday anniversary of her daughter, Elaine H. Jenkins. Games provided a lot of amusement and later refreshments were served. The little guests were: Helena Richmond, Lucille Richmond, William Pollard, Jule Pollard, Helen Stevenson, LaRue Stevenson, Delbert Sikes, Lela Lybarger, Thelma Bean and Francis Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Larson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arne Nelson and family and Mrs. Nettie McGilvray was a pleasant picnic party that spent yesterday on the banks of the mill race.

The Pine Needle club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Sam Richmond. The ladies enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon with needle work, at the close of which Mrs. Richmond served a delicious luncheon.

Members of the Progressive Five Hundred club enjoyed a picnic on the mill race on the Parker place yesterday, going early in the day and returning by moonlight. Those who took the day off were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fry, Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis, Mrs. Zella Cantrell, Mrs. Jessie Newman, and Mrs. A. T. Drum. Guests of the club who also attended were Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kessey and son Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitney and Mrs. Jack Littell of Portland went to London Springs by automobile yesterday.

Rev. H. C. Ethel returned this afternoon from Portland where he had been attending the camp meeting of the Oregon Holiness association for the past ten days.

A large plate glass window in the front of Peery's drug store was broken Saturday evening

Milton Bally, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen, Mrs. M. M. Lord (Seattle), Mrs. J. E. Clark (Yoncalla).

The ladies of the Emanon club held a most enjoyable picnic on the banks of the Willamette in the Pruneville neighborhood on last Friday, spending the whole day there. Those who attended were Mrs. J. E. Fox, Mrs. S. Gay, Mrs. Marvin Drury, Mrs. A. Valentine, Mrs. Henry McCullum, Mrs. Ray Lemley, Mrs. I. V. Jackson, Mrs. Percy Tyson, Mrs. Ray Emerson, Mrs. Gilbert Davis, Mrs. Vin Williams, Miss Ethel Conley, Miss Edna Swarts, Miss Vin McPherson. Mrs. Jacob and Mrs. Hickox were guests of the club.

A very pleasant family reunion attended by 43 persons was held Sunday in the grove at the S. E. McBee place, east of Springfield in honor of Mrs. Ella McBee and her daughter Hazel of Seattle. A big dinner was served to the many guests. The ones in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McBee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartholomew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Saul and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McBee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cline and family, Mrs. Ella McBee and daughter Hazel of Seattle.

when some young men, engaged in a friendly scuffle, dashed out the door and sprung back the screen until it struck the glass, which was completely shattered.

Mrs. A. E. Potter, who had been ill for a number of weeks, leaves tonight with her sister, Mrs. Martin, and Mr. Martin, for San Francisco. Mrs. Potter has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Russell, and will visit her son in Oakland.

Town council is scheduled to meet in adjourned session tonight.

Classified Ads

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FOR SALE—Team and buggy. Call 75-J J. F. Martin City #11

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 Department of the Interior,
 U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, June 21, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Orlando O. Voss, of Lowell Oregon, who, on November 20, 1911, made Homestead Entry, Serial, No. 07649, for the S34 of SE1/4 of Section 30, Township 19 S Range 1 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before I. P. Hewitt, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Eugene, Oregon, on the 2nd day of August, 1915. Claimant

names as witnesses; Dexter Carter, of Lowell, Oregon; Lorenzo S. Winfrey, of Lowell, Oregon; Frank McMaster, of Land Axe, Oregon; Ora E. Carter of Lowell, Oregon.
 J. M. UPTON,
 Register.

Vast acreage of beaver dam land is being improved north of Salem by big drainage ditch. Salem has built free swimming pool.

According to reports trains will be running to Coos Bay by January next.

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