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### FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The following article is published in a pamphlet form and distributed by L. Bilyeu, president of the Eugene Compulsory School league, and contains some good arguments of the bill to come before the people in the November election.

"When the children now in private and Parochial Schools go to our public schools—

"Will the moral standard in the public schools be lowered?

"Will the mental standard in the public schools be lowered?

"Will their attendance be detrimental to the public school?

"Do you think their attendance will tend to raise the moral and mental standards and thus be beneficial to our public schools?

"If so, should not every patriotic father and mother in our state send his or her child to as to benefit the

great majority who now are in our public schools?

"Remember, the public school is only strong in the exact ratio that it has the undivided support of the people.

"The greatest objector on public school expenditure is the man without a child or the one who sends his children to the private schools.

"There is no religious question involved in the public school bill—it is entirely educational.

"Equal rights and benefits to all children of all parentage and religious creed are found in the public school.

"In the public school children form life friendships, profit by close contact and find that each has a heart that saddens from grief or throbs with joy from mutual causes."

The U. S. Supreme Court, on Monday, rendered a decision denying the Southern Pacific company's application for a rehearing of the unmerger case.

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### LET REASON RULE

The attitude of the community or of any individual in it towards the railroad question should be governed by business principles. The only question is, where does the interest of the community lie?

You can find somebody in every community, when such a question is up, who thinks it sufficient for him to say, "I don't like the Southern Pacific." What has that to do with it? This is a bigger question than any man's grouch. You can find somebody in Oregon who has lived on any line of railroad in the United States that you can name. Interview them all, and you will not find one who has not known some neighbor who had a complaint against his home railroad. The question before each Springfielder is, Are you willing that the community shall have the benefit of the enlarged activities of the Southern Pacific company?

The completion of the Natron line would be of immense benefit to all the territory served by this line, Springfield with all the rest. But the location here of the great shops planned by the Southern Pacific would be of more benefit to Springfield, a hundred to one, than the building of the line without the shops. There is not the slightest prospect that any other road than the Southern Pacific will ever build them. It is the Southern Pacific or nobody. Which side are you on?

Then you can still hear a person say now and then: "I have been hearing this talk for ten years. I'm getting tired of waiting." You might as well say that about the Oregon rain. There is just as much reason in it, and it will have just as much effect. It is well known by everybody who is trying to learn that these operations have been held up for nine years by interferences that have not been the fault of either the Southern Pacific or the town of Springfield. Your fretfulness will not help the matter in the least. You cannot do any better than to possess your soul in patience until the difficulties are cleared out of the way—unless you can see where you can throw your weight in to help clear them out.

A Des Moines judge sentenced a Des Moines editor to a fine of one dollar and one day in jail for contempt of court. The offense was criticizing the language of the judges decisions.

The editor said the judge was "intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity." If the judge had taken the trouble to consult some neighbor's dictionary, he would have found that those words were not so bad as they sounded.

The Georgia woman "appointed" U. S. senator by the governor to fill the unexpired term of Tom Watson will probably never sit in the senate and never draw any salary. A new senator is likely to be elected before congress convenes again.

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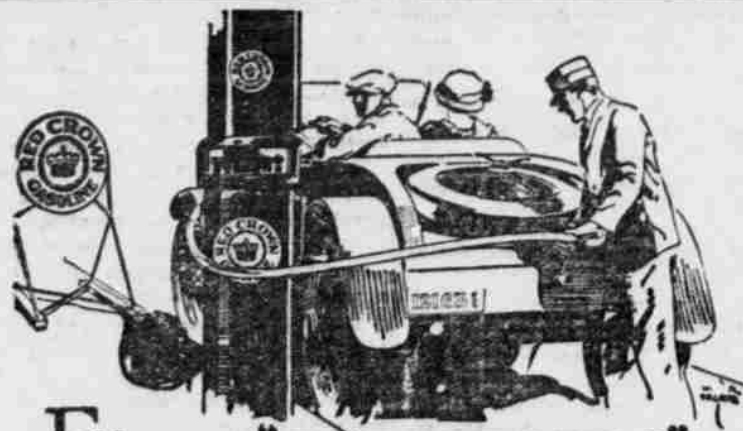
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