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Editorial Program

- I. Make Springfield the Industrial Center of Western Oregon.
- II. Develop a Strong Trading Point; Build a City of Contented Homes.
- III. Improve Living Conditions on the Farm. Promote the Raising of Purebred Livestock and the Growing of Fruit; Work for Better Markets.
- IV. Tell the World About Oregon's Scenic Wonderland.

WHY VOTE FOR A NEW GRADE SCHOOL?

Springfield schools are greatly overcrowded. There are 747 pupils enrolled or 133 more than last year. Of this large increase 73 are in the grades between the first and sixth where there are now 436 pupils.

This increased crowding of pupils into the rooms in the Lincoln and High school buildings has endangered the health and sanitation of the schools. Five grade teachers have more than 35 pupils in a room. Overflow pupils are being taught in the basement where there is insufficient air space and poor heat.

It should be clear to any thinking person that the best kind of work cannot be done under these poor working conditions in the city schools. Children's time is being wasted as well as their health endangered.

These are the conditions now. Principals of the Lincoln and High schools predict an increase of more than 200 pupils with the registration this fall.

If the grade school election falls, where are these children going to be housed? The law compels the school board to find places for them at the expense of increasing the warrant indebtedness of the district. Halls or houses must be rented and fitted up with furniture. This means a great waste of money. In the long run, willingly or unwillingly, the taxpayers will have to pay the increased cost of taking care of greater numbers of pupils. It is better to spend money on permanent improvements than on expensive temporary makeshifts for school purposes.

Many people have asked why the proposed grade school could not be built entirely by bonds. The lawful increased bonded indebtedness of the district is \$12,500. This is not sufficient to build any kind of school, consequently the school board is attempting to raise \$12,500 by direct tax also. This direct tax must be raised in one year because the law does not permit it being spread over two or more years.

The school bond and tax election next Tuesday is of vital importance to the community. Every taxpayer should register his vote whether he is for or against the board's proposition. Let not such an important matter be decided by a light vote.

"Nothing makes the modern girl blush," says a woman writer. How about the drug store.

We should have undertakers for flagmen at some railroad crossings.

Now is the time many are figuring where they can borrow the money to pay their income taxes.

WHERE IS OPPORTUNITY?

Few of us are gifted with the vision necessary to see opportunities that lie nearest at hand. An excellent illustration of this is a story told by Professor Agassiz, and retold time and again by a famous lecturer.

There was once a man who owned a farm in Pennsylvania who became dissatisfied with farming. This was in the early days of the oil business, and so he applied himself to all the aspects of the then new and promising industry. He learned how petroleum was formed, how refined, and how marketed. In short he learned all he could about the theory, and then he sold his farm for \$833. Shortly after the sale, the new owner went over the place to look after facilities for watering stock. He found that his predecessor had fixed a plank across the surface of a little stream running through the farm, and this plank was set at the right depth to hold back a black scum through which cattle would not put their noses.

This was unusual. With the assistance of experts, he conducted an investigation. The black scum they discovered, was petroleum, and the farm was later found to be one of the richest oil fields of the East—an oil field that geologists later declared was worth \$100,000,000 to the Pennsylvania. Here the man studied the theory of finding, refining and marketing coal oil—had been damming back a stream that was pouring forth millions in oil. The city of Tuttsville stands today on the farm that he sold for \$833—in order to go to far away places where he thought opportunity was awaiting him.

No doubt this man was no more blind than most of us here in Springfield. The writer is of the opinion that there is plenty of wealth and opportunity to be found right here in our community, and some day some man of vision will come along and see what all of us should have seen.

The greenest pastures are always further up the hill. "Lends enchantment." In other words we think that we must travel far away to find opportunities.

But opportunity is everywhere—nearby and far away. If you lack the necessary vision you will not find fame or fortune by traveling to the far corners of the world. If you have vision you will probably find just what you most desire right here in Springfield.

Editorial Comment

MACHINERY IN FARMING

When we need more farm produce we bring a new machine to the farm, not more farm hands. Farmers are being chased off their farms by their own machinery. Just as machines increased the power of weavers to weave cloth; to as great an extent machines have increased the power of a farmer to raise food.

A notable instance of how much bread one man can bring forth from the soil in a single season is found in the Robert Scheffell farm a few miles east of Great Falls, Montana, where in 1924 the proprietor and his son, with the help of only two other men in harvest, raised on a thousand-acre field 28,000 bushels of wheat worth \$26,000. This case is vouched for by the Montana College of Agriculture and moving pictures are shown of the methods by which the farming was done. With tractors and gangs fifty acres of land is plowed and harrowed in a day and 2000 bushels of wheat harvested and threshed by a combine drawn by tractors. The wheat is stored in an elevator upon the farm.

This is an extreme case of extensive farming, but it illustrates the fact that machinery is taking the place of men in raising food. When more food is called for the farmer steps on the gas. He does not need to hire a new man or raise a second son.

Few crops except small grain can be raised in this broadside fashion. Cultivated crops must have more humane attention. But even in the cornfield machinery adds to the width of the sweep in cultivation and harvest. In South Dakota last year it was found that it takes 17 hours of man labor and 44 hours of horse labor to raise and harvest an acre of corn. This is more labor than that put upon a bushel of that Montana wheat, but it is far less labor than our fathers used to put on an acre of corn in the days when one horse and a double shovel cultivator were followed by the farmer's sons swinging hoes.

Jerry's Joke

DON'T KID YOURSELF ON HOW YOU CAN "SIZE UP" FOLKS—REMEMBER TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME AT THE SAME TIME



New Title for Jerry
Seth—"Good ol' Jerry Simpkins, no certain a man of parts."
Duke—"What do you mean?"
Seth—"Didn't you hear. He tried to beat the express to a grade crossing in his 'silly six'."

Blond Bess Opines
"I may be an egotist, as the boss says, but I know a man who is so egotistical that he has started taking sharp lessons here on earth."

Couple Cynics
Big—"Well, Jack Dempsey has resigned his title, quit fighting, and has married."
Bigger—"Yep, that's right to a certain extent. He's resigned his title and married. As for the rest—well you're married aren't you? So am I."

Help! Help!
Managing Editor—"Have you read 'The Lost Manuscript'?"
Cub Reporter—"No sir, how could I if it's lost?"

Ed Purdy's Philos
"Ho-hum—Spring is near. The Christmas jewelry is turning green."

And in June
Father entered the door. He heard sounds of joy and glee in the parlor. Slowly he removed his hat and coat. He was a tired business man. Mother came through the parlor door to greet him with a smile on her face.
"What's the matter?" Asked father.

"Diamond Jubilee," said mother, squeezing his arm.
"Migosh," said father, "have we been married that long."
"Oh, it's not us," said mother. "It's Grace and her young man friend. He's just got together enough money for the first payment on a diamond ring."

If You Get What We Mean
Cynic—"Ge gosh—what are our women coming to?"
Broadminded—"Aw say. None of them are as bad as they are painted."

Laugh That Off
One of those high-powered super salesmen entered an office, and seeing a freckle-faced office boy guarding the manager's door, attempted to strike up a friendly conversation.
"Your potted plant over there looks kind yellow," said the salesman.
"At's alright," said the boy, "maybe it's an orange tree."
"I don't think you'll get much of a crop," said the salesman.
"Don't expect to," said the boy.
"It's a century plant less than one year old."
"Boy," said the salesman, "There isn't much difference between you and a fool."
"Only this desk," said the boy.

Actual Hold-Up
Smithson: "Were you ever held up?"
Decker: "Yea-ho! I took two chorus girls to dinner once."

"Curtiss!" I called.
He looked up from a pile of letters on the table.
"Sallee!" he advanced with outstretched arms but when he came close to me, he stopped suddenly and an expression of astonishment swept over his face. The glare of early morning streamed through the windows and fell directly on my figure and face, bathing me in its pitiless light.
"What on earth is the matter?"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
2nd and C Streets
J. Carlton Wetterhahn, Pastor
Bible School 10:00. Morning service 11:00. Sermon topic for morning service, "Have you Stopped Growing?"
B. Y. P. U. service 6:30
Evening Service 7:30 Message of Evening Service, "What Kind of a Baptist was John the Baptist?"

Mrs. John Lenhart and son Ted motored to Seattle to spend a week or two.
Mrs. Mert Elliott of Eugene visited her mother Mrs. L. W. Elliot here this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stites of Los Angeles were here last week on their way to Washington

FOLKS IN OUR TOWN
— We Wonder —
By Edward McCullough AUTOCASTER

OH-H-H-H IT WAS SO SAD TERRIBLE

FER TH' LOVA PATCHESE LINDY WHY ALL TH' RAIN?

OH-H-H-H SARAH AN' I WENT TO TH' CHARITY SERVICE AT TH' CHURCH IT WAS TOO SAD FOR WORDS AND—

AN— WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST WAS WHEN LITTLE BARBARA LANDIS WENT UP TH' AISLE AND LAID AN EGG ON TH' ALTAR

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GET BUSY BOYS AND SEND THEM IN

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