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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.

A CITY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

There is some agitation for a city superintendent of schools for Springfield, and the board will discuss the matter at a special called meeting March 16. It would seem to the ordinary taxpayer that the school board and patrons of the schools should be more concerned in getting District 19 out of debt than in providing new jobs at this time. If the outstanding warrant indebtedness of the school district keeps mounting there will come a time in the near future when teachers in School District 19 cannot cash their warrants in spite of the fact that Springfield has the highest tax levy in Lane county raised to support the schools.

Springfield has now as good schools as any in western Oregon. The teachers are the best to be had. There is no apparent lack of harmony in the faculty. Discipline is good and the three schools are in charge of capable principals. We see no reason for building up overhead at this time. Let's get District 19 out of debt.

SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE.

There's plenty of inspiration for young men in the career of Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation. Elbert Gary, as a boy, spent time he might have used for recreation in studying the legal aspects of finance. He says now that he didn't know just what he was preparing for, but he felt that some day his "big chance" would come, and that he would be ready for it.

And his chance did come, but not until he was past middle age. The Morgans, in their desire to find the man with the proper background and proper calibre to direct the greatest industry of all times the steel business, chose Elbert Gary.

In the days of the organization of the corporation, promoters of the enterprise retired after each day of wangling to play poker.

Gary didn't play poker. Gary didn't make a night of it with the boys.

Gary used to go to his room to plan his attack for the next business day.

Nor did he "celebrate" the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the corporation the other day. "Just another day for business," he said, and went about his work.

Some self starters lack the gas to keep going.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

We thought Charles A. Howard, of Marshfield, might make a good superintendent of public instructions, an office for which he is a candidate, until he announced himself in favor of free text books. Now we put him down as another paternalist in politics. If we furnish free text books the next step will be to furnish free food and clothing for school children. Since a good many parents let the policeman and schools take care of their children now, there will be no responsibility left once text books, food and clothing are furnished by the taxpayers. The home life of the child will be completely broken down in a few years if this paternalist system prevails.

Increased costs of school administration is the chief factor which has caused tax burdens to become heavier and heavier. Why pile one more with free text books at the taxpayers expense?

Detroit says our pioneer women never had nicotine stained fingers or chapped knees, to which Louisville retorts our modern women have no snuff stains on their teeth and no whalebone corsets.

The state of New York reports 1925 as the healthiest year in its history. John F. Hylan of the city of New York, however, is said to have filed a dissenting opinion.

Oh, to be an elephant! The other day, in a town in the Dutch East Indies, one picked up an automobile that ran into him and tossed it into the river.

Many marriage failures are charged up to the eternal triangle but marriage's worst enemy is still the eternal wrangle.

United States senators demand less hot air in senate chamber—and ask better ventilating system. We concur—in the demand.

Henry Ford's old-time dances are the rage. He'll make up hop to his liking one way or another.

The modern version reads, "Some people have a hard time keeping the wolf from the Coupe door."

Girls still kiss and makeup, so the drug store clerk says.

Editorial Comment

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES.

"Children nowadays are doing too many things at school having no real connection with their school work," many parents complain. And so they are, no doubt in many cases. But here is a comment worth considering, from Angelo Patri, a sympathetic and intelligent teacher, who probably knows as much about children as anybody in America.

"Today," he tells a group of mothers, "the child finds no escape for stored-up energy. He has no chores, no long walk to school, to absorb this energy. Even some of his thinking is done for him at school. This energy must be turned into school activities. Otherwise the children will seek more dangerous outlets."

There is a good deal in that, when you think it over, remembering the "outside activities" that boys and girls used to have. Children are still born dynamic bundles of energy, seeking expression and development. Where there is little outlet at home, mental or physical, they will seek it elsewhere. If they are getting into too many school activities a natural remedy is to provide more activities for them at home, social, athletic and otherwise.—Albany Democrat.

DURANT COMPANY STARTS SCHOOLS FOR YOUNG MEN

Oakland, February 27.—How many men, young and old, have wished for the chance to go back to school—after they have started the battle against the world for their sustenance?

The Durant Motor company of California, Star car builders, is starting to find out, on a large proportionate scale, and in so doing is bringing about a condition of better living for hundreds of men, women and their families.

In fifteen western cities, Star car dealers are now successfully conducting schools for expert salesmen and automotive experts, from which several hundred students have already been graduated, and in which are being proved to American business that greater possibilities than ever before, exist in their own organizations.

These schools, according to H. W. Curtis, director of sales, are new a definitely proved success, and more cities are enlisting the factory's aid daily, in opening and conducting their schools.

At the present time, these schools are teaching more than 1200 students the finer arts of salesmanship and mechanics. The schools are located in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Fresno, Bakersfield, San Jose, Santa Barbara and Salinas, Calif.; Spokane and Walla Walla, Wash.; Tucson, Ariz.; Boise, Idaho; and La Grande and Baker, Ore.

Each school is being conducted by Star car dealers in the cities mentioned, and the instructors are successful men in both the merchandising and mechanical ends of the automobile business as it is known today.

Step by step, the students are taken through the fundamentals of selling and auto mechanics, and into the technical points of today's business.

The schools are open to the general public, the only requirements from the student that the time be not wasted. Classes are held on a once-a-week basis, and instructors lecturing and giving practical examples and the students, with regularly outlined courses of study, answering questions put to them orally and written.

Wide interest in the schools is growing. According to Durant factory officials, a still greater number of schools will be holding regular classes within a short time.

The regular course includes fifteen courses of study, which may be covered in eight weeks. Students are given regular diplomas upon completing the course satisfactorily.

Lots Are Sold.

Sale of lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 87 of the Washburne subdivision, located at Ninth and F streets, by I. E. Woodward of Portland to Edward Berg of Springfield, was announced this week. The property is located directly across the street from a new house which was recently completed by Mr. Berg. His plans for improvement of the property have not been made public.

Lumber Company Busy. Keeping to its heavy production schedule, the Springfield Lumber company last week ran double shift practically every day. The company has been so busy that construction of new docks, planned some time ago, has been postponed until a full in the work. The improvements will go ahead soon, however. The company recently purchased a new resaw and planer.

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What are your personal resources today?
What will they be ten years from now?

Commercial State Bank
Springfield, Oregon



Learn About These Travel Extras

At no additional fare, get extra advantages when you travel. Profit by stopover privileges on 15-day roundtrip tickets between many Oregon points. Visit at several points instead of only one. Weekend roundtrip tickets to and from Portland—without stopover—are greatly reduced in cost. Buy them for over-Sunday trips. Return limit is following Tuesday. Tell our agent your travel plans. He'll gladly advise you regarding a most advantageous itinerary.

Southern Pacific Lines
CARL OLSON, Agent



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