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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 FEW COMPARATIVE SCHOOL FIGURES.

Statistics for 1925, published by the state superintendent of public instructions, shows that there are 10 school districts in Oregon with an enrollment between 700 and 850, or approximately the same size as the Springfield district.

In the amount of indebtedness Springfield leads the field in schools of her size. Our neighboring city of Cottage Grove, which usually boast of being first in everything, must take a back seat to Springfield in all figures except the number of pupils enrolled. She has 100 more pupils but she has only \$65,041 indebtedness against our \$102,330; a 20-mill tax levy against our 28 mills and can only afford to hire 28 teachers while we have 30.

We recommend that these figures be closely studied and at the same time the reader should keep in mind that Springfield has \$92,500 worth of school houses on which only \$8000 have been paid on in 16 years. After studying the table below we don't believe that you will let anyone tell you that Springfield school operating expenses should be increased.

Oregon Schools With Enrollments Between 700 and 850 Pupils:

	No. Students	No. Teachers	Valuation	Indebtedness	Mills Tax
St. Helens	805	26	\$1,680,515	\$46,313	16.3
Vernonia	760	22	4,589,900	24,804	16.7
Bandon	724	25	1,108,680	45,378	29.4
Coquille	706	25	1,298,838	84,614	31.4
Cottage Grove	854	28	1,184,811	65,041	20.9
Springfield	764	30	1,486,685	102,330	28.0
Lebanon	717	25	1,237,315	43,000	22.2
Ontario	724	26	1,513,023	46,000
Forest Grove	756	26	1,338,873	31,500	19.7
McMinnville	850	35	2,812,904	47,993	16.3

Springfield has a higher millage than any of the 10 schools of its size except Bandon and Coquille, which have lower assessed valuations. Springfield has more teachers than any of the 10 schools except McMinnville which has twice our valuation, nearly 100 more pupils, a low indebtedness and low tax levy.

Study these figures and draw your own conclusions about "economy and efficiency" in Springfield school finance and administration as compared with other districts taking care of approximately the same number of pupils.

A man is going to the dogs when he starts running around with the rum hounds.

Don't pity the man with the hoe. He's probably after bait.

One thing about walking, one does not have to lose time changing gears.

The railroads are bidding up for a little plot of ground used as a city park in Klamath Falls. The highest bid is now \$62,000 and it is still going up. Some difference the way Klamath Falls makes the railroads pay than the way some other cities hand out bonuses. Must have some business men in charge of city government there.

Editorial Comment

WE USED TO TALK THAT WAY.

Junction City is kind of huffy about the moving of the freight terminal from that place to Eugene. Witness the semi-editorial story on the front page of the Junction City Times:

"Notwithstanding the various and sundry reports about the removal of the freight terminal from Junction City to Eugene, the date previously announced by the Times is correct. On Sunday, April 4, the freight trains which have been changing crews at Junction City will run on to Eugene and those from the south will stop at Eugene.

"Up to the present time this is the only change that is being made here. Outside of the appointment of a new agent to take the place of J. W. Gaines, no official notice of changes have been received at the depot.

"While the official time card reads somewhat different, there will be practically no changes in the passenger trains stopping here, because their mail contracts require that they take on mail which will necessitate stopping. Should they get the mail schedule so changed as to have only the stops made as marked on the time card, it will certainly boost the passenger business for the Oregon Electric.

"C. Donaschofsky from Bay City has been appointed agent at Junction City and will arrive in a few days."

BUDGETING THE FAMILY BUS.

Anyone trying to budget the family bus may find something interesting in these figures, laboriously dug up by the Bureau of Industrial Technology.

The American people are spending \$14,000,000,000 a year in buying 4,000,000 automobiles and operating 20,000,000. The total is itemized as follows:

- Spent for new cars and accessories \$3,750,000,000;
- Depreciation, \$2,500,000,000;
- Upkeep, repairs, \$2,000,000,000;
- Drivers' Wages, \$1,600,000,000;
- Gasoline, \$1,200,000,000;
- Garages, \$900,000,000;
- Taxes, \$625,000,000;
- Tires, \$618,000,000;
- Interest on investment, \$500,000,000;
- Insurance, \$300,000,000.
- Oil, \$300,000,000;

This layout should give the ultimate destroyer a pretty good line on the normality of his own automotive expenses.

One astonishing fact likely to dawn on the average motorist as he studies these statistics is that it costs him more than \$700 a year to own and operate his car. How many realize that? And how many give a hoot, if they do?

As for the itemization, it will be a new idea to thousands of owners that gasoline is one of their minor expenses.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

SOME OF OUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS.

Working at the state institutions in and around Salem, there are some scores of men and women who deserve much and receive little—

That is, little in the way of remuneration.

They are the teachers at the state hospital, the institution for the feeble minded, the school for the blind and the school for the deaf, and the industrial school for girls and the training school for boys; part of the latter force being at the new juvenile department at Woodburn.

To be efficient, these men and women must have more than mere book learning; more even than the qualification needed by the public school teacher; they must have infinite patience and unbounded sympathy and absolute unselfishness—

And they must give all they have, to the very breaking point of tired nerves and weary bodies—

And they do.

These are the men and women charged with the duty of giving fuller life and usefulness to the handicapped of Oregon. They have a charge to keep for which they are responsible to the whole people and their own inner consciences.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

The Babe



Last year Ruth was handicapped by too much weight, but this year is going to be different he says. Here's the Babe, in a rubber shirt sweating himself into condition for the coming season.

The first, Barbara, was given by a caste composed of Kate Baxter, Emma Davis, Ace Robley and Harold Rennie. Six girls, mostly sophomores, gave a short skit, "The Burglar."

TYSON BUYS INTEREST IN MYRES RIVER PARK

Announcement was made this week that W. P. Tyson of Springfield has acquired an interest in the Myres park, a McKenzie river resort located near Hayden bridge on the Camp Creek road. Numerous improvements and new attractions are planned by Mr. Tyson and Russel Myres, who will continue in the active management of the resort.

A tea room, 24x30 feet in size, is now being built. It is planned to erect five cabins at the park this year. A filling station and a store are being established by the owner, with a view to catering to tourist and

camping trade. Myres and Tyson have designed a "hydroplane" for navigation of the McKenzie river, which is to be used for sightseeing trips for visitors at the park. This is a 22-foot boat with a 10-foot beam, capable of carrying 10 or 12 passengers. The engine is being installed this week. The engine operates an airplane propeller, which propels the boat, but as planned by the designers, will not lift it from the water. The effect of the propellers, it is expected, will be not only to speed the boat ahead, but also to keep it high in the water making the boat ideal for shallow river navigation.

Boats, tennis courts, and archery will offer diversion to visitors at the park, which is to be open April 15. Buildings will be in about June 1.

John Hamlin Transferred.

John Hamlin, son of Postmaster and Mrs. F. B. Hamlin, who has been secretary to the American Legation at Tirana, Albania, for some time, has been transferred to Madrid, Spain, according to word received by the postmaster. In his new place, Mr. Hamlin will be secretary to the American counsel at Madrid.

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTHWEST IS DECREASING

Portland, April 6.—(Special)—An increased turnover at fir logging camps coupled with the increased demand for construction workers and the movement of cannery workers to Alaska last week brought the volume of jobs offered at west coast hiring centers to the highest point of the year, according to the 4L employment letter issued here today. There is still a surplus of unskilled labor in the larger cities but it is not so great as it has been.

Reports from the Inland Empire and other districts of eastern Washington and Oregon indicate that employment conditions there are steadily improving, with summer woods work getting under way, most pine sawmills cutting and railroads and general construction work requiring large crews. The Inland Empire report said that not so many second shifts are being operated in the sawmills of that district as was the case last year.

Calls for farm and ranch help have been tapering off during the past week, indicating that this work has reached the between-season stage.

Reports from all districts of the Pacific Northwest show that general construction work is very active.

PLAYS ARE GIVEN AT THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Two short plays were given by students of Thurston high school last Friday, resulting in returns of \$30

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