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CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED.

The Normal School question will doubtless be an important feature in the deliberations of our next Legislature. The existing four schools of that class will be on hand with their respective lobbies and not only ask but demand appropriations for their maintenance and the erection of such buildings as the successful conduct of each school seems to demand. The status of the Normals seems now firmly fixed as State institutions. The popular vote of last June settled this question and it is no longer debatable.

The Legislature will be asked to establish other schools of this character in addition to those now on the State's payroll. Hood River will ask for one to be established in that thriving young city, and as there is but one in all that vast territory, (Eastern Oregon) it is reasonable to suppose that one or more will be asked for over there. And why not? One County can as justly demand that it be favored with a Normal as another. If these schools are to be made convenient for particular localities, one in each County would certainly add to the convenience of students. From an equitable viewpoint, also, the obligation is just as great to each County as to Jackson, Douglas, Polk, or Umatilla Counties. The fact about the matter is the State made a grave mistake when the building of Normals was commenced. Undoubtedly Oregon should have not more than one Normal, and that should have been built at Salem. Had this been done, then, when the Legislature should be asked to build like schools at other points, it could silently point to the State Constitution as its guide. But as the Constitution was violated in each case with the four we now have, the precedent has been established for further violations. For that matter every dollar that has been appropriated for a public building or the maintenance thereof at any other point than at Salem, is contrary to organic law.

Having gone wrong and established public buildings in Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Jackson, and Umatilla Counties, and which wrong is repeated at each biennial session, there is but one thing that the Legislature can do in order to rectify this wrong act, and that is to submit an amendment to the Constitution to the people repealing this section of the organic law. Then all restrictions would be removed and Normal training schools could be established in every city and town in the State. And why not? Why not make every district school in the State a teachers' training school? Our Legislature has taken a wrong course in this violating the Constitution. It should at once proceed to get right. It should obey the law or repeal it, one or the other. No wonder that the citizens have small respect for the law when our lawmakers set the example of disobedience.

Every legislator, when he takes his seat as a law-maker, takes a solemn oath that he will obey the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon. The Constitution of Oregon expressly states no public moneys shall be appropriated to erect public building at points other than at or near the State Capital. This being true, every legislator who voted for the appropriation of public money to build these State colleges and the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, and every one who has voted money for their maintenance, has perjured himself. This is an ugly and unpleasant fact, disguise it as we may. The only reason that these legislators have not been prosecuted is public opinion has been in their favor.

Let this section be repealed. Let us not be continually law-breakers. We prosecute, ordinarily, every man who wrongfully takes money or property belonging to another. Legislatures of the past have wrongfully and illegally taken, in the aggregate, more than a million of dollars from the pockets of the people. We cannot make a wrong a right, but we can amend the organic law so that we will not continually commit the wrong. The News hopes that some member at our next session will propose a resolution to submit this amendment to the people.

The Direct Primary pronounces the finish of the political boss. With the departure of the Convention system of naming candidates for office, the occupation of the political wirepuller disappears. What a celebrated author said of the American Indian, is very applicable these days to the political party boss: "Slowly and sadly he climbs the distant mountain and reads his doom 'neath the setting sun.'" Figuratively this sentence applies well

to the professional politician, who heretofore has manipulated conventions and dictated the nomination of candidates. In Oregon in particular the glory of the boss has departed, let us hope, never to return again. With our Primary and the Initiative and Referendum laws all political power now rests with the people. They can now have as good and economical government as they will. If to these laws, what the Populists called "The Imperative Mandate," should be added, then indeed would the people be all powerful. Give the people power to vote a man out of office when he is found to be unworthy or incompetent, and we would have just as nearly a pure Democracy as would be possible. Other states will follow in the lead of Oregon. These Populist measures that have become law cannot but be a great aid in enforcing honesty and economy in public affairs. The people may learn slowly what is the better way, but they can safely be trusted to be about right in the end. Mistakes will doubtless be made, but in due time they will be discovered and corrected.

The Dairy Herd and Its Management is a subject that every dairyman should study thoroughly, for his profit depends largely upon how well he understands his business. He should know to a fraction just how much butter fat each of his cows yields and just what character and amount of feed produces the best results. Dairying is a business proposition and should be managed in the very best possible way. The herd should be looked after carefully and all unprofitable cows disposed of. The best milkers only should be retained as the parent stock of the future herd, and the improvement of which should be a continual study. To this end every dairyman should attend all farmers' institutes within reach and inform himself as to methods, stock, etc. All additional profit derived by a thorough understanding of the business is clear gain. In the near future it is the purpose of the NEWS to devote one page of the paper to subjects pertaining to the farm, dairy, stock, and household interests, a feature that we believe there is a demand for.

Some plan should be worked out by which high public schools shall be made possible for all sections of the country. We can figure out no better plan than the consolidation of two or more districts. By doing so there is no question but what better results could be reached than by our present plan. Even the uniting of two country districts would result in better work. With the same teachers as now employed better and more thorough teaching would result. By uniting two primary schools the number of classes would not be increased while the teaching force would be doubled. By uniting, say three districts, probably one teacher could be dispensed with. This would enable more months of school to be taught. The consolidation plan is a good one if it can be carried out without bickerings and dissatisfaction on the part of the school patrons. Fully nine-tenths of our boys and girls will have to be content with a common school education. It is certainly our duty then to make the public schools the very best that is possible.

Our Fair stock has not yet all been taken up; in fact not quite one-half has been subscribed. Now, all admit that a well-conducted stock and agricultural fair would be of great benefit to the stock and agricultural interests of this section of the County. The duty rests just as much upon one as upon another to take hold of the matter and make it a success. If all will pull together success is certain. Then do not be backward in coming forward and assuming your part of the burden. As soon as one-half of the stock is subscribed a meeting of the subscribers will be called and a preliminary organization effected, but the permanent organization will not be had until all of the 100 shares have been taken. This is a public undertaking and is as much your business as that of anybody else. Don't hang back, but come right forward and let's make it go. Let it be said of the Santiam Forks that any public enterprise she undertakes is a sure go.

The Willamette Valley Development League, which has been in session over at Lebanon this week, may not have accomplished any perceivable direct good for the Valley, but indirectly it is accomplishing vast benefit. It is causing all sections of Western Oregon to become acquainted with each other, brings about a union of efforts and develops the possibilities of each section. That it will be instrumental in the end in causing manufacturing industries to be established and needed transportation lines to be constructed, is assured. The League is an effort on the part of the people to help themselves. By an organized effort along this line the entire people of the Valley can pull harmoniously for any desired purpose, and when all the people pull together the object of the pull is usually attained.

Oregon assessors and equalization boards seem determined that railroads, express and sleeping car companies, and telegraph and telephone lines shall pay their just proportion of the taxes, both on tangible and intangible property, the same as other people.

Mr. Heney may not be endeavoring to raise the lid down in San Francisco, but the prospect seems fair that he will lift the Reef so high that he will alight on the other side of the Bay, in the vicinity of Folsom.

The Oregonian of last Sunday, in order to be up-to-date and modern, supplied its readers with a comic supplement.

SUMMONS
In The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County.
W. A. Ewing, Plaintiff,
vs.
Martha Charlton, Gay Estelle Hardman, Olney Lawrence Hardman, Christopher C. Hardman, Mary Berrie Hardman, Samuel Hardman, Sylvia A. Hardman, Archie E. Hardman, Charles Cawner, Ella Finney, Addie Chamblin, Callie Johnson, Cora Nellie Flack, Ella Flack, Elizabeth Sloan, T. E. Sloan, M. C. Sloan, Byron Sloan, James Sloan, and Mary Davidson, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff, in the above entitled court, on or before the 12th day of November, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and you will please take notice that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, or otherwise plead thereto, as hereby required, the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, to-wit: Requiring the defendant to do and perform all the duties and obligations which are hereinafter set forth, and to the lands described in said complaint, which are as follows:

Lot No. 3 of section 23, Township 11 south of range 1 west of Willamette meridian, Oregon; also lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of section 4, Township 11 south of range 1 west of Willamette meridian, Oregon; and

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This summons is served upon you by publication by order of Hon. William Galloway, judge of the above-entitled court, made on the 21st day of September, 1906, which said order requires the said summons to be published in the Oregon News, the first publication thereof to be made on the 25th day of September, 1906, and the last publication thereof to be made on the 10th day of November, 1906, and further requires that the defendant and each of them, to answer the plaintiff's complaint on or before the 12th day of November, 1906.

W. A. Ewing, Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 2, 1878.
United States Land Office,
Portland, Oregon, September 4, 1906.
NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 2, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Alvin J. Carothers, of Albany, County of Linn, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 7949, for the purchase of the Northwest 1/4 of Section No. 10, in Township No. 11 South, Range No. 1 East, and who thereupon proved to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk at Albany, Oregon, on Friday, the 23rd day of November, 1906.

He names as witnesses: M. N. Cameron, of Albany, Oregon; A. C. Gaines, of Crabtree, Oregon; C. C. Cameron, of Albany, Oregon; O. F. Sexton, of Crabtree, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming a favorable title to the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of November, 1906.

ALGONKIN S. DICKERSON,
Register.

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