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## THE UNIVERSITY AND EMIGRATION.

ONE OF THE stock arguments of the state University people is that a liberally supported university would be an emigrant getter. Another equally as far fetched, is the university is at the head of our public school system and that it supplies a large number of our public school teachers.

Conditions do not warrant the assumption of either of these so-called arguments. People who come to Oregon to get homes cannot all secure them at or near Eugene; which they would do if the university was the attraction. More people who have families of boys and girls, find homes in Portland ever year than would make up Eugene's entire population. Yet Portland has no free state university or free colleges of any description. She has a splendid system of free public schools and free high public schools as well. She, also, has some excellent colleges which are not free, as a tuition charge is made by each of them. If good schools is the attraction for emigrants, Portland's public schools has the university skinned by several miles.

Undoubtedly Portland's splendid system of public schools, is an attractive feature to the home seeker. But let us remember that these are public schools and their excellence is secured through the endeavors of the citizens of Portland, alone. They do not ask the state for appropriations other than what is justly due them through the general school law. Salem, Albany, Eugene or any other city in the state can have just as good public schools as Portland if they are willing to pay for them. And, by the way, these splendid public schools are the emigrant getters—the state builders and not the universities and colleges. Eugene wants as good or a better school than Portland has; but she wants it at state expense.

It is claimed the U. of O. is at the head of our public school system and that she furnishes a large number of teachers. This argument can be answered by the fact that the state has four normal schools, whose particular province is to educate teachers. Hence the university is not needed for this purpose.

Oregon has six state colleges. Much of the work at each of them is practically the same, and should be high school work exclusively. If every county had a free high school, such as Portland has, which would carry the student through a three or four years course, after he has finished the ordinary public school course, there would be but little work for these six state colleges to do.

Suppose, for instance the money that is and has been appropriated for these six state colleges, should be divided among the various counties of the state, to be used for the maintenance of high schools exclusively. Undoubtedly, the people of each county, through taxation, would add as much more to the fund. This would be sufficient to establish and maintain a good school of this character in each county. We submit, would not schools thus established, furnish a greater attraction to emigrants, than does our inferior public school system and a half-dozen state colleges?

Here is the state college question in a nut shell: The state made a grave mistake when she embarked in the college business. She made a greater mistake when she permitted the existence of six of them. She made the greatest mistake of all when she violated the constitution in permitting them to be built elsewhere than at the state capitol. She continues to violate fundamental law whenever she appropriates money for the maintenance of these schools. These are facts that no honest interpreter of the state constitution will deny.

The spirit of the state constitution is violated when money is taken from the general tax fund and is appropriated for the benefit of a special locality and for the advantage of comparatively a few of our citizens. Tax moneys can be only justly expended for educational purposes through the medium of the public schools. So expended, it becomes possible for the people of the entire state to enjoy the benefit.

It is reasonable to suppose that property in the immediate vicinity of these six state colleges, has been increased in value because of the proximity of the schools. This increase in value for, say the people of Eugene, is caused by the expenditure of money collected from tax payers all over Oregon. They thus become the receivers of an unearned increment. They are therefore, to be placed in the same class with the speculative holders of timber land.

Certainly Lane, Benton, Polk, Douglas, Jackson and Umatilla counties are very much in favor of the state supporting their respective colleges liberally. These counties are thus enabled to draw more money from the state treasury than they pay into it. The more liberal the support, the better; for the other counties of the state help to make these six counties prosperous.

Another feature of these state colleges: They are all more or less political machines. Many of the professors and teachers hold their positions through political pull. Many of the teachers employed in them, if placed in control of an average country school would be failures. Yet we, the tax payers are asked and required to support them. If we have the hardihood to kick we are called moss-backs and opponents of higher education.

Self preservation is said to be Nature's first law. All of us would prefer to build up and make our home schools better, rather than to be compelled to help build massive stone structures for the benefit of Eugene, Corvallis, etc. The tax payers will have something to say about the matter next June.

## COUNTY POLITICS.

County politics, over at Albany, are waxing pretty warm for some particular offices, these days. On the Democratic side, the office of county judge is the most discussed; while the Republican brethren are centering their fire on the county treasurer's office. So far as we could learn, during a couple of days stay at the county capitol, the following are the names mentioned for the various offices:

County clerk—J. William Miller, the present incumbent will be the Republican nominee without a contest. So far as we could learn Mr. Miller has made good during this, his first term. He is, undoubtedly, much better qualified for the office than he was when first elected. He is, as we people in Scio know, a most pleasant, affable gentleman and has made many friends since he took charge of issuing marriage licenses, in which he has been very successful indeed; as both he and his deputy have had occasion to use a marital license during his term. On the Democratic side there is no outspoken aspirant as yet; though it was intimated to us by several persons that B. M. Payne could be drafted as an emergency candidate. Mr. Payne says he is not a candidate for clerk or any other office, as he wishes to give his attention to his private business. Mr. Payne's ability in the clerks office is unsurpassed and he is, in point of fitness, an ideal candidate.

Sheriff—D. S. Smith will have a walk over in the Democratic primary. Everybody knows that Vanny understands the sheriff's duty thoroughly, is a friend to everybody, is absolutely impartial in the discharge of his duty and as a runner—well a prisoner who tries to runaway, finds him remarkably fast for a man who has to buy boy's trowsers in order to get a fit. Mr. Smith has the faculty of doing his full duty without making enemies. Among Republicans R. L. White and Frank Bain will contest for the honors. Both gentlemen are of more than ordinary ability and will make a warm fight for the nomination.

Recorder—Grant Froman, the present efficient official in charge of the county's records, will win the Republican nomination without a contest. As a painstaking accommodating officer, Mr. Froman probably has no superior. Mr. Sterling Goins is being urged by many of his friends to stand for the Democratic nomination. Mr. Goins is most favorably known in the Forks of the Santiam and, if he can be prevailed upon to stand for the nomination, will make Mr. Froman know he has been in a race, next June.

County Judge—Judge Stewart, W. R. Bilyeu, J. J. Whitney and C. W. Shaw are mentioned as possible candidates on the Democratic ticket. It is not probable that all will contest in the primaries. Judge Stewart will stand upon the record he has made in that office, during the past four years; Mr. Bilyeu upon his known ability and integrity as a public servant; Judge Whitney will cite his former economy as the head of the county court. Mr. Shaw, the grangers candidate, will have but the experience of a successful up-to-date farmer's experience to recommend him. His known broad minded progressive spirit, his absolute integrity and fidelity to any trust imposed upon him, makes him a dangerous competitor. Judge J. N. Duncan is the only aspirant for the Republican nomination, so far as we have heard. As Judge Duncan has served one term as county judge, his service is a matter of public record and warrants his friends to urge him to stand for the office again.

County treasurer—No Democrat has yet manifested a disposition to handle the county's funds; but three gentlemen, Cass Scott, W. W. Francis and J. B. Leatherman aspire for the Republican nomination. Mr. Scott is a resident of Tangent, a farmer and first-class all-around man. W. W.

## Political Announcement

In this column will be published the announcements of any citizen who aspires to the candidacy for any office, subject to the will of the voters at the forthcoming primaries.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY RECORDER  
GRANT FROMAN,  
Present Recorder.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY TREASURER  
J. B. LEATHERMAN,  
Albany, Oregon.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
T. J. BUTLER,  
Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY JUDGE  
C. H. STEWART,  
Present County Judge.

Francis, who vacated the recorder's office upon Mr. Froman's election, is well and favorably known to a majority of Linn County voters. Mr. Leatherman has spent the past 32 years in the school room, is a civil war veteran and is in every way worthy.

School superintendent—Superintendent Jackson, our present most efficient manager of the schools will ask the Democrats for the third time to nominate him. His most efficient conduct of that office during his two terms has made him so indispensable to our county school system that both teachers and patrons refuse to let him go. Two Republican teachers aspire to supplant him, but from all we can learn, Mr. Jackson will win out by a handsome majority, next June.

Assessor—D. B. McKnight, the present most capable assessor will be nominated on the Republican ticket without a contest. Mr. McKnight undoubtedly, is the best qualified man in Linn county for the office he now holds. His administration of the assessor's office during the past six years has been satisfactory to every one, except the railroads, telephone and telegraph companies and timber land holders. During his term just closing he has increased the valuation of Linn county property for \$8,000,000 to \$20,000,000 the greater percentage of which has been at the expense of the railroads and timber lands. Mr. Taylor, of Waterloo, asks for the Democratic nomination. We have never met Mr. Taylor, but understand he is an excellent man.

County Commissioner—T. J. Butler is the only announced candidate at the present time. Mr. Butler was elected to that office four years ago by the Republicans and, so far as we know, has made an excellent officer. He has had charge of the building of the county's bridges during his term, in which he has demonstrated he is most competent. It is claimed that Mr. Butler has saved the county much money in the construction of his bridges, over the old contract method. It is universally admitted that the Butler bridges are far superior to the old contract bridges. T. M. Holt and F. J. Denny are spoken of as possible nominees on the Democratic side. Whether either of them will consent to run, we know not. But we do know they are successful, up-to-date farmers and would make excellent commissioners.

Legislative candidates, so far, have made themselves conspicuous by their absence, on both sides of the house. In due time, we suppose, three Republicans and three Democratic candidates will be drafted. We want good men for the legislature—men who will stand for the people, first, last and all the time. We want men who will establish a record for economy rather than of extravagance. They must subscribe to Statement No. 1, as well, if they would be elected.

By all means, the people expect candidates for office to come out in the open. A still hunt, or the 11th hour candidate is not in keeping with the spirit of our primary law. We want to know who the aspirants are in plenty of time to select a more available man, if necessary. Take the people into your confidence, if you wish them to vote for you.

### Card Of Thanks.

We desire to express to our friends and neighbors, through these columns, our sincere thanks for their many kind acts and sympathy during the sickness, death and burial of our husband and father.

Mrs. Emma Stam  
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In the matter of the estate of George Christie Johnston, deceased:  
To Flora A. Johnston and George Christie Johnston, Jr.:  
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Linn, at the court room thereof, at Albany, in said county, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1908, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be made by the above directed court authorizing and directing the Administrator herein to sell the real property belonging to said estate and H. S. Johnston, jointly, said real property being described as follows, to wit: lots No. 2 and 3 in block No. 3 and fractional lots No. 1 and 2, in block No. 5 in "Wheeler's Addition to the town of Scio, Linn county, State of Oregon."  
Witness, the Hon. C. H. Stewart, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Linn, with the seal of said Court affixed, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1908.  
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J. W. Miller, Clerk.

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