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ANENT THE U. OF O. APPROPRIATION.

MR. C. N. McARTHUR in replying to the argument of Messrs. Palmer and Walker, who have in charge the campaign to defeat the increase of the annual appropriation for the State University, says: Oregon has no institution of learning to which she can point with pride, and that the denominational schools are poorly equipped and are struggling along to keep their heads above water, etc. He also states that people who oppose this increase of appropriation are opposed to higher or university education.

It is an easy matter to find the cause of the inefficiency of the state colleges, as well as the denominational schools. The state has undertaken to maintain so many colleges, that none of them have decent support; yet the state is paying out too much money for college purposes. Had we undertaken to support but one college and had located that institution at or near the state capitol, as the constitution requires, we could have had an institution of learning to which we could point with pride.

Having violated the organic law in building colleges at Eugene, Corvallis, etc., we are asked, ye even demanded, to continue violating the constitution, by giving the Eugene school a munificent support. Because we, the taxpayers, dare to object, we are abused and are said to be opposed to higher education.

Mr. McArthur is an alumnus of the state university—a graduate of the law department we believe, (though of this latter we are uncertain.) He has received his education at state expense and is now presuming to dictate to the taxpayers what they should do, and how much money they should spend. As long as we can remember, we have heard that "Beggars should not be choosers". The State University is undoubtedly a great beggar and has arrived at the point of demanding how much the state shall contribute. The beggar solicits; the highwayman demands. Has the State University dropped the roll of mendicant and assumed the roll of holdupman?

Our denominational schools are struggling along trying to keep their heads above water. Why is this true, Mr. McArthur? Our answer to this query is: The state, by giving her college students free tuition at the various colleges, has drawn away much support from these denominational schools.

If the state required a tuition fee of \$50 per year at Eugene, Corvallis and other state colleges, the colleges at Albany, Salem, McMinnville, Forest Grove and other places, would have a larger student body than they now have.

Labor is ever contending that convicts shall in no way come in competition with free labor; because labor is thus subjected to an unfair competition. Are we not subjecting these denominational schools to an unfair competition and compelling them to struggle along to keep their heads above water?

Mr. McArthur, also, states that the State University is the head of our public school system, and that she furnishes many of the teachers for our public schools. Seeing that we have four Normal schools, whose particular province is to educate teachers, we think Mr. McArthur's claim, in this regard, nonsensical. If the University embraced Normal course in her curriculum, then she might claim, with some degree of truth, to be the head of our public school system. With greater propriety could she claim to be the head of law or medicine; for very many more of her graduates become lawyers and doctors, than become professional teachers.

As a matter of fact, none of these state colleges can claim to be the head of our public school system. They are as far removed from the public schools, as are the denominational colleges. Only our high schools can make this claim; for they are directly connected and are under the same board of control. The state college is under a different control entirely and is in no way connected with them.

The NEWS has always contended that every dollar expended by the state for educational purposes,

can only and equitably be so expended through the medium of our public schools. If the state would offer, as an inducement, that she would undertake one-half the expense of a high school in any city or town which would bear the other half, higher education would be placed within the reach of all of our boys and girls. Scio, for instance would have a high school immediately. Other towns would do likewise. We would then have an institution to which we could and would "point to with pride"—our public school system.

But to make it easy for the boys and girls of Eugene, Corvallis, Monmouth, Drain, Ashland and Weston, to obtain a college education and deny the privilege to other localities, is manifestly unfair, and we think unlawful. We should not, therefore, favor the people of one locality at the expense of other localities.

Certainly Lane and Benton counties are very much in favor of liberal appropriations from the state. They each draw from the state treasury double the amount they pay into it. Thus, other portions of the state are required to contribute to the prosperity of these towns.

Linn county pays from \$54,000 to \$60,000 into the state treasury annually, and gets not one cent of it back. Lane contributes about the same and should the increase of appropriation become law, will get back more than two dollars for each dollar she contributes. Is this a square deal? If, on the contrary, the money expended for erecting massive stone college buildings and the maintenance of these colleges, should be used as a high school fund, then Linn county would be placed on an equality with Benton and Lane.

If the state has made a mistake in embarking in a half-dozen free state colleges, which she evidently has, a sensible plan would be to correct that mistake as soon as possible. We made a start towards correction when the appropriation for two Normal schools were cut out. We are now endeavoring to prevent increasing the enormity of the mistake by holding down the U. of O. increase of appropriation. Linn county should give a majority of 3000 at least against making the mistake any larger.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

LAST WEEK A MOST interesting and instructive educational meeting was held at our public school building. Several prominent educators were present and by their fervor, excited some considerable enthusiasm in school matters. Superintendent Jackson, Truant officer C. A. Walker and President Crooks, all paid our public school a very high compliment, saying it ranked among the best, if it was not the best public school in the county. It was the opinion of these gentlemen that Scio should attempt to organize a Union high school.

And why not? Why not have a school in Scio that could give the boys and girls of Scio and vicinity a complete high school course? We can have such a school if the people interested will all work in harmony to that end.

What is necessary to reach that result? The unionizing of the Scio and adjoining districts would accomplish that end. There are from four and possibly five districts adjoining Scio, which if they would, could join in bringing about this end. The number of school children in the territory mentioned, is not far from 200. If all were brought into one large graded school, five or six teachers would be sufficient.

Under the present condition eight or nine teachers are employed. The monthly salary of these eight or nine teachers, is about \$500. Divide that sum between six teachers, and you can readily see that men and women of a higher degree of skill, as educators, can be employed. Also, instead of concluding the pupil's education when he has mastered the eighth grade, he could be carried to the 12th grade.

It is true that pupils that live at a distance of four or five miles would have to be provided with a conveyance to and from school. But the expense to do this would be small. Two or three families could be served with one vehicle at small expense.

This matter is worthy of serious consideration. If we can provide a high school course for our boys and girls, equal to an ordinary academic course, and without the expense of sending them away from home and parental restraint we, surely, should think seriously about the matter.

Scio and vicinity has had enterprise and public spirit enough to organize and conduct the most successful county fair in the Willamette Valley. Let us be the leader in school matters as well. Let us be the first locality in Linn county to organize a Union high school. We can do nothing that will develop our locality more rapidly than this. Organize a high school of this character and farmers will move to Scio during the winter, at least, to enjoy the benefit. Home seekers will come to us in numbers, because of our excellent schools.

Scio has a splendid school building, which would furnish ample room for 200 to 250 scholars. Hence, here would be no expense for buildings. The experiment is well worth trying and we urge all who could be patrons, to consider this matter seriously.

We are all opposing the state university appropriation. Let us show to the world that we are, at least, not opposed to a high school education and that we want to equip our boys and girls for the battle of life as completely as we can.

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.

To the Democratic 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 JUDGE
C. L. SHAW,
Price Precinct,
P. O. Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES
S. H. GOIN,
Shelburn Precinct.

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 TREASURER
C. SCOTT,
Tangent, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
COUNTY CLERK
J. E. CALAVAN,
North Scio Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election for the office of
COUNTY SHERIFF
F. L. BAYNE,
Shedd Precinct.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

G. G. Belts, of Harrisburg, and Y. G. Freeman, of Albany, candidates for the legislature, each subscribe to the following:

To J. W. Miller, County Clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and the electors of Linn county, in the State of Oregon: I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If I am nominated for the office of Representative at the Primary nominating election to be held in Linn County, State of Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1908, I will accept the nomination, and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.

If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, support a liberal policy for the public schools, election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people; equitable assessment for all property; a conservative business like administration of state affairs and reasonable and just regulation of transportation lines.

Having full faith in the judgment and honesty of the people, and believing that their expressed wishes should be the guide of the one chosen to represent them in the legislature, and that the source of all political power rests with the people, I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for the candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for the position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress, without regard to any individual preference.

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