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THAT UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION.

THE NEWS DID NOT intend to have anything further to say about the U. of O. appropriation bill, but some of the friends of the measure speak so tauntingly about the matter since they won at the polls, that a word from the opponents seems necessary.

Just what the total majority for the measure is, can not be stated until the official vote from all the counties is tabulated; but it will probably range about 2000. The majority given for the appropriation in Multnomah county, is somewhere between 6000 and 10500. Leaving Multnomah out there is a majority against the measure of between 7000 and 8000 votes. An analysis of the vote leads one to conclude that a good majority of the tax payers of Oregon have sustained the referendum.

A party who has taken the trouble to investigate, states that, in his opinion, eight out of every ten non-tax payers in Multnomah county, voted for the appropriation. If the measure had been submitted to the Multnomah taxpayers alone, as in case of a public school election, it is doubtful if it would have won out. So we can safely conclude that the people who will have to foot the bill, voted against the appropriation.

Because of this fact, it should not be concluded that the tax payers of Oregon oppose higher education; for it would be wrong to do so. Many of us think that all public money raised for school purposes through taxation, can only be equitably expended through the medium of the public school. We would gladly vote to add three or four times the amount of the appropriation in controversy, to the public school fund if, by so doing, we could be relieved of the state college burden. We would be glad to see union high schools organized in every central locality which would care the student to and including the twelfth grade. But we shall always oppose the building up of an educational aristocracy at public expense; which is sure to result if our present college plan is pursued. Nor can the fact be successfully controverted that thousands of farmers, mechanics and small business men in Oregon, who can not afford to send their boys and girls to the Eugene school, are taxed to give a free university education to the boys and girls of those who are amply able to pay for it.

The NEWS is very much in favor of improving and enlarging the educational facilities of Oregon. But we should commence the improvement at the bottom, rather than at the top. We believe the citizenship of the state of Oregon will be improved just in proportion as our public school system is improved. It will not improve the mass of citizenship to give a few of our young men and women an university training, while the great mass of our young people are compelled to be content with what a few months of inferior public school training can give.

But the law appropriating \$125,000 annually for the university has been sustained. Nevertheless a majority of the people outside of Portland have condemned it, that \$125,000 must be paid each year; or until the law is repealed. Taxpayers, who have to struggle to make ends meet will have to pay for football and athletic fields to afford pasture for the rich and well-to-do. And the present appropriation is not all. Within five years the university will besiege the legislature for additional appropriations. It will be but a few years until a round half-million dollars will be demanded annually instead of the present meager (?) sum.

The university is indebted to Portland for its victory. Two years from now—or at most four years—the question of prohibition will be a state issue. Thousands of farmers will remember that Portland is responsible for the university burden and they will do everything within their power to make Portland a dry town. A vast majority of the people will vote for prohibition from principle; while others will vote it in order to discipline Portland.

The university, as a state institution, should

have a liberal support. Undoubtedly the effort will be made at the election of two years hence, to enact a law requiring a reasonable tuition to be paid by students attending the state college. A law of this kind would simply be partial justice to the taxpayers who cannot afford to send their boys and girls to the state university or other state colleges.

A UNION HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT VERY FEW parents in this vicinity can afford to send their children away to college. Others who can afford the expense dislike to place their boys and girls of tender years, away from the restraint and guidance of the home. Consequently the vast majority of our children are compelled to be content with the education our home schools can give.

Scio has an excellent public school. The efficiency of the work of our boys and girls, shows that the instruction they have received from their teachers, has not been profunctory. At present the pupil is only carried to and including the tenth grade. Many of our boys and girls would like to go farther—as far as the twelfth grade. The effort is on foot to make this desired result possible.

Surrounding Scio lies seven school districts. With suitable means of conveyance, pupils from any of them seven districts could attend a high school in Scio. We have a splendid school building, three rooms of which are not in use. We have a law now by which the union of any number of districts can be formed. If the seven adjoining districts will unite with Scio, plenty of patronage to support a high school would result. Now it is not desired to abandon any of the district organization. Every district would preserve its individuality as now and maintain their schools as now, carrying the school work on just as now. The high school will be for the benefit of the boys and girls who have passed the eighth grade and without which their school days would be over.

The eight districts can certainly furnish from 50 to 75 pupils who have finished the eighth grade. This number would require the services of, at least, two teachers and the expense would be limited to the teachers' salaries, after the school rooms have been fitted up. We may not be able to send our children to Eugene or Corvallis; but we can place within their reach four years of advanced school work, and which would equip them much better for the battle of life than the educational conditions which now exist.

Think about this friends! You can have your boys and girls given a reasonably high education at comparatively small expense, yet keep them under the influence of the home. Scio has the building and by a united effort of the people of the territory interested, we can build up a school which will be a credit to the state and ourselves. By all means let us get together and pull in harmony. Because you can not have every thing just to your individual liking, do not buck the proposition. Remember that majority rule is the basis of popular government and that the opinion of many, as a rule, is better than the opinion of one person.

Simply because a candidate is defeated for office is no reason for him to become pessimistic and conclude that our whole political superstructure is going to pieces. Oh no! Do not assume that you are the only pill in the box. There are just as good and capable men as you are, by the score, who never ask for office and would not accept it if tendered to them. Do not conclude that the office needs you, not nearly so much as you need the office. Your ideas of the administration of government may be good; but the ideas of others may be better. Therefore, do not sulk. Do not harbor a spirit of revenge! The people had probably as good grounds and, perhaps better, to elect the other fellow, or they would have selected yourself. Perhaps the people may be mistaken. If so, time will demonstrate the matter. They may and probably will return to the man who has proven his capability.

Senator Fulton is a good lawyer and, in most directions, has made an excellent United States senator. Yet he has made two grave blunders since he has been wearing the senatorial toga. When he antagonized President Roosevelt, he did so to the detriment of Oregon. When he impugned the integrity and honor of the 37 Statement No 1 Republican legislators, he did so to the detriment of Senator Fulton. He literally dug his own political grave when he endeavored, by forestalling the declarations of legislators with his opinion of their non-compliance with the requirements of their pledges. He evidently hoped that they would take the cue as indicated by him, and declare themselves accordingly. He has misjudged the honor of the men of Oregon. He must have attempted to measure them by senatorial ideas of honor.

Millionaires were very plentiful among the delegates at the Chicago convention, last week. The fact of a man being a millionaire does not necessarily make a criminal of him. But in recent years, it has made him a subject of suspicion. We wonder how he got it and whether he is a beneficiary of special or class legislation.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Bits of Valuable Information from Many Divergent Sources.

A tidal power plant capable of supplying 25,000 horse-power is to be established on the shores of Back Bay, near Portland, Me. The projectors have already experimented with a smaller plant at Thomaston, Me., and it is claimed from the experience gained in this venture that the success of the larger one is assured.

The United States has a greater proportion of working women than any other country in the world.

The largest chemical works in the world are said to be located at Northwich, in Cheshire, England.

The Nile overflows its banks from July to October. This is due to the rainfall of the Abyssinian highlands.

Mail matter for the Tonga group of islands in the Pacific is delivered by means of rockets from passing vessels.

A Japanese man, who claims to be 170 years old, is said to be the oldest man in the world.

Animal life is to be found at all depths under the water, but vegetation does not flourish under great pressure.

The water of the Norwegian fjords is so clear that it is possible to discern small objects at a depth of twenty fathoms.

There is little change in the size of the ears from infancy to middle age, but after that they sometimes grow larger.

The number of Chinese scattered throughout the world outside of the Chinese Empire is given officially at 6,708,139.

NOTICE.

The city water system will be closed down about June 15.

All persons are prohibited from using any water from the mains, while repairs are being made.

This order becomes necessary in order to have a supply of water in case of fire.

A. G. PHILL, Mayor.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the estate of George Christie Johnston, deceased, will, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record in the office of the clerk of the County Court for said county, on the 6th day of July, 1908, at the hour of 1 P. M., sell at public auction at the front door of the Planning Mill in the City of Scio, Oregon, all of the following described real estate to-wit:

Lots Nos. 2 and 3 in Block No. 3 and fractional Lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 5 in Wheeler's Addition to the town of Scio, Linn County, Oregon.

Terms of sale, cash in hand on day of sale.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1908.

RILEY SHELTON,
Administrator for the Estate of George Christie Johnston, deceased.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the undersigned has been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of B. F. McDonald, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon; therefore, all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to present the same under oath with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at her place of residence near Jordan, in said county, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1908.

Alice McDonald,
Executrix of said estate.
W. R. BLYDEN, attorney for executrix.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN.

Kola Neis, Plaintiff,
vs.
W. S. Paul and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, G. M. Paul, S. J. Paul, Celia Elliot, Moore, William Nelson, John Nelson, Hanna Nelson, son and Bess Nelson, Defts.

To E. J. Paul, one of the defendants above named:

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 now on file with the Clerk of said Court on or before the 20th day of June 1908, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint as by law required, the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in this complaint, filed in the above entitled cause and Court, which is to foreclose the mortgage dated the 1st day of February, 1905, executed in due form of law by W. S. Paul and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, on the following described lands to-wit:

Beginning at the N. W. corner of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, said point being a N. W. corner of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not No. 1163, and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S., R. 2 West of the Will. Merl., Oregon, thence S. 80 chains to the S. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence E. 20 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence W. 20 chains to the place of beginning containing 160 acres.

Also beginning at a point on the N. boundary line of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not. No. 1163, and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S., R. 2 West of the Will. Merl., Oregon, which is 14 1/2 chains W. of the N. E. corner of said claim No. 76 thence S. 80 chains to the south boundary line of said claim, thence W. 36 1/2 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim and thence E. 26 1/2 chains to the place of beginning containing 288.25 acres, more or less, and containing in all 448.85 acres all situated in Linn County and State of Oregon.

And directing the said lands to be sold on execution for the purpose of

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paying the amount of the note for which said mortgage was given to secure, to-wit: the sum of \$400.00 with interest thereon from the 1st day of February, 1905 at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum and the further sum of \$500.00 as attorney's fees for instituting and prosecuting said suit and to foreclose said mortgage, and that the defendants and each and all of them be barred of all right title and interest therein or any part thereof, and that the proceeds arising from said sale be applied, first, to the payment of the principal and interest due upon said note, and second to paying attorneys fees and the costs and disbursements of this suit, and the overplus, if any there be, be paid to the defendants as their interest may appear.

This Summons is served by an order duly made by Galloway, Judge of the Court at Chambers on May, 1908, authorizing the same to be served five weeks in the Scio newspaper published in Linn County, Oregon first publication be day of May, 1908, and then thereof be made on June, 1908, and that you appear and answer on June, 1908.

W. R. BLYDEN
Attorney