

God gave parents their children

**Governments cannot rightfully
take them away**

AMERICA has always stood for the protection of natural and inalienable rights, among which none is so sacred as that of parents over their children.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN said:

"The Family is the corner-stone of social order and the guarantee of public safety. No Government can take the place of the Parent, and should never be permitted to usurp it." (Speech at Quincy, Ill., 1859.)

The results of the campaign against the so-called Compulsory Education Bill, which is in fact a Bill to Establish State Monopoly of Education, may be grouped under two heads:

Facts demonstrated

The FACTS DEMONSTRATED, no longer seriously disputed by anybody, are these:

That the Bill was given a False Title, to mislead the public and deceive the voters.

That it in no respect pretends to improve the existing law as to the Public Schools, but simply destroys the Private Schools.

That not one cent of public money goes to the support of any private or parochial school in this State, or ever has, or ever can, under the plain prohibition of the Constitution and laws.

That it will increase taxation at least \$1,000,000 each year, and require from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 investment in new public school buildings.

That it vests in the County Superintendents arbitrary and unappealable power to grant special privileges to the wealthy and influential by which they will be exempt from the law.

That it will prevent parents from educating their children in private schools both inside and outside of the State, as they cannot even send their children elsewhere to be educated.

That so far from being united in support of the Bill, the Masonic Fraternity in the State is divided, many of the leading Masons are openly opposed to it, and the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge has publicly denied that the Grand Lodge endorsed it.

That the best elements in the social, religious, educational, and political life of the State are opposed to the measure.

That the educational leaders, inside and outside of the State, are opposed to the Bill. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Columbia University, says: "It should be called a Bill to render the American system of education impossible in Oregon." The Presidents of Yale, Princeton, Chicago, Leland Stanford and other great Universities have emphatically condemned it.

That the private schools, under the existing law, are required to conform their course of studies to the public schools standards, the English language is made compulsory, and they are subject to the inspection and supervision of the State authorities.

That the proposed law will close up every orphan asylum, home for defective and dependent children, and other private charities, where any elementary instruction of the inmates is attempted.

That it destroys the rights of minorities the most vital and valuable principle of Americanism, and the one that has preserved this country from the tyranny of Old World Governments.

THE ARGUMENTS UNANSWERED against the bill are contained in the "Voters Pamphlet" issued by the State. The chief points of the same are as follows:

Arguments unanswered

1. THE LUTHERAN ARGUMENT. "If you see fit to send your child to a school in which your religion is taught, not one day in the week, but every day, and the whole training of the child is permeated by such religion, the State, under the Constitution, must not prohibit you from so doing. This bill is manifestly unconstitutional."

2. THE PORTLAND-CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS ARGUMENT. "If the number of children now attending the public schools is to be increased by adding those now taught in the private schools, it is inevitable that overcrowding must result unless new buildings are supplied, and it is also certain that taxes must be materially increased."

3. ST. HELEN'S HALL (EPISCOPAL) ARGUMENT. "No invidious fact or condition affecting public interest has been called to our attention that would furnish in the slightest degree an excuse for the proposed legislation."

4. THE PRINCIPALS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS ARGUMENT. "It is against the best American ideals of freedom, in that it denies to men and women freedom of thought and action in the choice of environment and influences for their children."

5. THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS' ARGUMENT. "We are not at all certain that a man educated in the public school is more intelligent than if he were educated in a private or sectarian school, nor have we heard any convincing argument that a person is necessarily more patriotic if educated in a public school, than if he were educated in a school not supported by public taxation."

6. THE CATHOLIC ARGUMENT. "There is no occasion now for agitation that will estrange old friends and neighbors, and that will divide our people into classes and factions. No greater misfortune can befall us than movements calculated to create divisions."

7. THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' ARGUMENT. "It is based on the philosophy of autocracy—that the child belongs primarily to the State; it is an unjustifiable invasion of family authority, and threatens ultimately the guarantee of our American liberty."

The foregoing "Negative Arguments" are as strong today as when written and filed. They remain unshaken and unshakable after three months of public discussion.

The great International Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Portland recently, adopted strong and unequivocal resolutions condemning this bill.

The State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its meeting in Salem last August, refused to entertain any movement looking to an endorsement of the bill, by the express ruling of the Presiding Bishop.

Upon the foregoing statement of the case we invoke the fair and intelligent judgment of the voters of Oregon, confident of the result if a regard for the inherited and fundamental principles of reasonable liberty are to prevail in this state.

CATHOLIC CIVIC RIGHTS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON

316 Morgan Building, Portland, Oregon.

By Dudley G. Wooten,
Executive Secretary

Vote 315 X NO against School Monopoly Bill

Named on the ballot, Compulsory Education Bill

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High School Notes

The work on the Sphinx is progressing rapidly due to the work of the Editor and Staff. It is their desire that the merchants and business men of Scio be boosted to the full extent in the school paper this year.

Miss Virginia Munsey, a student of the Lebanon school, was a visitor here last Wednesday.

An impromptu "pep meeting" was held Wednesday morning for forty five minutes. Prof. Tobie, made a short talk, followed by Lyle Ficklin, and the Misses Ethel and Coele Zysset, each expressed their opinion on the pep the students are showing their year, and finally the students were each called on to express their ideas. Most of them gave short speeches full of school

spirit and pep.

Examinations are being given for the first six weeks.

A number of the mischievous boys and girls were sentenced a term of vacant periods in the library, where they will act as librarians.

The gym committee held several business meetings the last week.

The boys and girls are both getting their basket ball teams organized. The boys have two games scheduled with Stayton High, but the girls as yet have none scheduled.

Much progress has been made towards the completion of the gym during the past week. The first floor which had not been laid on the stage was all but completed, last week, Ted Sims, Prof. Tobie, and Lyle Ficklin are responsible.

The yell team is doing good work under their leaders, Johnnie Wesley, and Dellarea Sutherland and some real pep is expected at the basket

ball games this year.

The boys physical training class has been playing volley ball three days a week for the past three weeks. Some of the players are becoming fairly proficient.

Greetings Halsey Enterprise we are glad to see you again.

Don't forget the Gym Dedication and Dance November 25.

The Southern Pacific Railroad is just now doing a lot of constructive work in furthering farming activities in Oregon, and is sending out much literature featuring the splendid climatic conditions here under which the farmer can operate. In the last few years this company has sent out over 20,000,000 copies of descriptive literature, most of which has been in colors, and the good it has done will be reflected in increasing settlers upon our lands now unoccupied and untilled.

GILKEY STATION

Oct. 30

The Riverside schoolhouse, Dist. No. 10, was the scene of a merry crowd Saturday evening, when the women's club of which Mrs. Fred Mespelt is president, gave their annual Harvest Festival. The program Committee consisting of Mesdames Ralph McDonald, Walter Morris, Will Mespelt, E. F. Krebs and S. B. Holt are to be congratulated for the splendid evenings entertainment. The program presided by Ralph McDonald was as follows: Piano duet, Mrs. E. F. Krebs and Mrs. S. B. Holt; Drill, "Will-o'-the-wisp," by 8 girls, Mrs. S. B. Holt accompanying on the piano; Violin and piano duet, Mrs. Will Mespelt and Iron Holley; Solo, Bernice Griffin; Play, "And The Lamp Went Out," Duet, Mrs. Will Mespelt and Miss Holley; Shadow-Pictures. At the close of the program, numerous booths which were decorated artistically, were thronged with people in quest of candy, cake, cider, etc. and a social time enjoyed until a late hour.

Some who attended from other parts were; E. C. Smith and family, Dwight Peterson and family, Elmer Whetstone and family, Mrs. John Smith, Miss Iron Holley, Miss Nora Holt, all of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drager and daughter, Leona, of Dever, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gibson and Iva Weinberg of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gearheart and J. K. Reily and wife, of Crabtree, and others.

Miss Dorris Meiser spent Sunday

in Woodburn.

T. M. and Will Holt spent Sunday in Salem visiting relatives.

Miss Nora Holt was a dinner guest at the Fred Sommer home Sunday.

Joe Prokop, Leo Zeller and Leonard Gilkey attended the speaking in Scio Thursday evening.

Francis Higginbottom attended Margaret Serfling's school, at Shelburn, Tuesday and passed the Hallo-we'en favors to the pupils.

Joe Prokop is reshingling his house.

Many of the men of this community attended the Round up in Scis Sunday.

Buy Dairy Cows

Edd Bilyeu intends to go to dairying in earnest having purchased eight excellent grade Jerseys this fall, and the other day added a registered cow to his herd whose dam is out of Golden Glow's Chief and a half sister of Vive La France and Old Man's Darling 1st and 2nd. At the same sale he became the owner of a male calf that is very closely connected with all these great cows on the side of the dam, Lady Silken Glow 1038.70 Vive La France 1039.28, Old Man's Darling 2nd 985.68, and with Lulu Alpha of Ashburn 800.08 and Poppy's Doratha 994.25 on the side of the sire.

Marionette Shows in Italy.

Most Italian cities have permanent resident companies of marionette managers. Genoa has a very good show now and always has an excellent season at Christmas and at carnival time and at Easter, when a Venetian manager generally brings a good company of marionettes to town.

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