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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



Who Will Teach Your Boys and Girls Next Year?

A republican form of government is founded upon the principle that all of the people are intelligent. Schools are established to educate the children of all the people so that they may carry on the government efficiently. That the schools may perform this function as they should it is absolutely necessary that the teaching staff be kept up to the highest possible standard.

A dangerous crisis faces the schools at the present time. Many of our teachers are securing various kinds of work for the summer at salaries of a \$100.00 per month or more. At the end of the summer vacation a number of these teachers will glance at the \$75-\$90 salary out there in the country school district with all the inconveniences of boarding in the country and decide to stay with their more lucrative position. This will help to cause a greater shortage of teachers.

Therefore, it behooves us to support the Elementary Educational Bill which will provide additional funds for every public school in the state.

The Civic Club through its sanitation committee with which the Parent-Teachers association is cooperating, is carrying on a work that should have the support of every man, woman and child in the city. Clean streets and side walks is a forerunner to a town beautiful. May the good work continue.

One of the conditions of the peace treaty was that the former kaiser and his son, the ex-crown prince, along with a thousand other violators of the rules of warfare, should be turned over to an allied commission for trial. Holland refuses to deliver the former emperor over to the allies and Germany is steadfast in her refusal to bring the high-ups to justice, saying that it would cause a revolution in the fatherland and bring about such a rotten economic condition that they would be unable to pay the indemnity due the allies. Anyway you look at it you can see the fox has lost none of its former cunning.

Hunger even unto starvation is something unknown to people of America. In our fullness of stomach we should not forget that there is a race of people approaching extermination, through hunger, torture and outright murder. Remember the Armenians. Morrow county has not yet raised her quota, but in all justice to the rest of the state as well as to suffering humanity, our quota should be raised. Let's get busy.

Thrift. The one great element of success is embodied in that little word of six letters. All through the war the United States government preached the doctrine of thrift and it was adhered to by a large number of people, who put their savings into stamps. The government is still preaching thrift but the gospel seems now to fall upon unhearing ears. The country at large seems to have gone stark mad on an orgy of extravagance wasteful spending. The drunken sailor, in his palmiest days, had nothing on this spend-thrift nation. But sober moments are coming. Statesmen are not predicting a revolution, but a reaction. Prices will drop. Economic conditions will shine forth in their true light and it will take a steady hand to soothe the rocking boat. More production and less extravagance will save the day.

The provident merchant never lets his supplies run too low. The Normal schools report the supply of teachers as constantly diminishing since 1916. Shall we wait till the crisis is upon us? Can teachers be trained in a day? What of the boys and girls who must get their instruction and their ideals of citizenship from poorly prepared and poorly paid teachers. *Your boys and your girls, Citizens, Awake!!*

The American Breeder says that \$1500 is becoming a common price for a span of mules. This ought to make local horse and mule men sit up and take notice, for such information coming from the American Breeder can be considered pretty authentic.

No Bolshevism Wanted

The Oregon Journal is indulging in something that sounds like propaganda for the Non-Partisan League. It may not be intended as such, but it certainly has the earmarks. Friends of the Journal fear it is getting close to questionable company. The Non-Partisan League did not enjoy a good war record. Its leader, Mr. Townley, was indicted by a federal grand jury for disloyal talk. There is sworn testimony of inflammatory and revolutionary talk by league organizers in the state of Washington during the war. There was a grange meeting in Walla Walla during which utterances of such radical character were made by a league advocate that the school board, backed up by representative farmers and businessmen ousted the meeting from the high school auditorium. So incensed were the citizens of Walla Walla, a farming town that the organization could find no hall or church in which to continue its sessions.

If this newspaper understands the Non Partisan League its purpose is bolshevism in the professed behalf of the farmer. It is a misguided move which no farmer can afford to sanction. Carried to its logical conclusion it would mean dispossession of the farmer and confiscation of his property. The farmer of all men must beware of class rule. He will be the chief victim if bolshevism comes.

If marketing conditions are to be improved the remedy lies not in the methods of Townley or Trotsky or Lenin. Competition will provide the key. If grain buying is a profitable business, farmers may enter that business whenever they wish. Some of them are now engaged in this business. If they wish to go into the milling business or the warehouse business they may do so. Some of them already have flour mills. The field is always open. If they want to enter the mercantile business there is nothing to prevent unless it be the fact that farming is usually more profitable.

It is not fair to berate businessmen because the problems of the farmer have not all been solved. We all have unsolved problems to face. It is dangerous to incite prejudice and to preach class government. It might be possible with sufficient effort to get the state drunk on this stuff but sooner or later Oregon would wake up with a headache.

Surely the Journal with its great record of service, is not going to champion the Non Partisan League. Let it be hoped its purpose is an expose of the league and not support. —Pendleton *East Oregonian*.

A mighty nifty new hotel we are going to have, with all outside rooms and a phone in thirty of them. The weary traveling man can look forward to his regular visits in Heppner with pleasure in the future. Our country friends will have a place at which to stop and our own townspeople will have an institution in which they may take a great deal of pride.

Slats' Diary

Friday—Teacher was grouchy today she sed she had told me all she knowed & I was still as ignorant as a elephant. Done a Kind ack for a old lady wich takes in washings & pitches shows, carried her basket up a hill, & she Give me a nikkel. It all ways pays 2 be kind.

Saturday—A tuth was acheing wich wassent the same I had pulled. Pa tuk me down 2 the dentists shop & got me a new pare of shoes 2 ware.

Sunday—after sunday skool pa & ma had a nother Fuss. Pa sed he was going 2 rite 2 a expert on family trees so as 2 git his pedigree rote down on paper. MaM sed she thot his family tree was full of nuts & Lemmons then they was a lot of trubbel. Et a cold dinner. & pa did 2.

Monday—felling Rotten. Dont know whether it is the flew or Im in love ma telledoned the dr. Jake bought some birdseed with a nikkel & put it under a old hen he sed she wood hatch em out. If they stayed under her long enuff.

Tuesday—Ast pa why did they give dieing peepul a swaller of wiskey & pa sed it was 2 leeve a good taste in there mouths.

Wednesday—met the new minister of the church & he ast me where was the post offis & I told him & he sed for me 2 cum to his church & he wood show me the way 2 git 2 hevvin. Gess that's a pritty good bargen.

Thursday—Pa entered on his 8th bottel of spring Blood tonic, teacher ast Jake wot was the mane products of Indy & he sed they was coffy & she sed wot 2 kinds of coffy do we Get frum their & Jake sed we got strong coffy & Week coffy from Indy. pa & me tuk a walk & saw a wummin with her dress wich reeched 2 her shoe tops. Pritty neer. Pa sed that was funny. But he diddent Smile. J. E. acks like she mite be beginning 2 thaw agin. Sum girl.

County Division

History has shown that there are instances in the progress of this country where county division was the proper procedure. There have been other instances where one big county split made a losing game for both the old county and its newer offspring. Where the country is sparsely settled and the land not highly productive, in the main, it would appear evident that the one big county would stand a better chance for existence than two smaller ones maintaining two separate governments.

The case in point is that of Grant county. Grant is one of the larger counties of Oregon. Canyon City, which is the county seat, is situated in the extreme southern part. Now the people of northern Grant are clamoring for a county by themselves, as we view it, their main contention being that they are too far removed from the seat of government, that poor roads make getting to the county seat a tedious journey and that anyway, the county is too large as it is and should be divided.

Hence a move has started which results in a county division measure on the ballot. While it is no concern of ours, anyone than we are greatly interested in the welfare and happiness of our sister county on the south, the situation presents some features which may not be altogether unlike an ultimate scrap for county division coming out of the north end of Morrow county and the west of Umatilla.

In Grant county, the Blue Mountain Eagle contends that the new county would start off with a debt of \$150,000, for there is already an authorized bond issue of \$140,000 and in addition to this the cost of division would approximate \$10,000. With this bad start the assessed value of taxable land would be less than \$4,000,000 upon which will have to be raised at least \$100,000 annually. As it is now, the assessed value of the property is nearly eight and one half million and the taxes raised are \$160,000. The Eagle points out that this will not double the tax but will come so near it that somebody will do some squirming. Good highways from one end of the county to the other, making quick and easy transportation facilities

and better communication with the present county seat, will be the solution for the people of the north end of Grant county, believes the Eagle.

A Duty of Citizenship

Citizenship brings to all of us duties as well as blessings, and it will not do any of us any harm if once in awhile we take stock of ourselves and balance our activities against our apathy in matters of public concern. Only in this way can we measure up, as we should, each year a little nearer to the standard of sound Americanism.

We are going to talk very frankly on one subject for a few weeks and it will be a pleasure to receive from time to time expressions from our readers on what we have to say. Their thought will guide us. Moreover, it will disarm those who may be disposed to criticize us as sounding a selfish note.

Every person in this and every other community should give some thought to the suggestion that advertising be established as a regular and legitimate part of the government functioning. Those who study the question of government advertising will soon realize it to be the plain duty of every good citizen to play his little part in bringing its importance and necessity before the recognized authorities, because it is of first importance to the people.

Let it be understood at the outset we are not advocating government advertising with any thought of the small amount of revenue it might bring to this newspaper. The record of every county publisher who gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of space during the war without thought of fee or reward should be a sufficient refutation of such a thought. This newspaper wants to see government advertising established because of the immeasurable benefit it can be to our farmers, because it can be made to save thousands of lives every year and millions of dollars for the people.

The first thought the public should digest is this: Government is not something apart. Government is the will of the people. The funds of the government are supplied by the people to be spent in the interest of the people.

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J. W. FRITSCH "The Battery Man," Owner.

Corner Main and Center Streets

Heppner, Oregon



In 2000 Counties This Month

The Forces of the Church of Christ Will Gather To Face the Facts

In 2000 counties in the United States the pastors and laymen of 30 great denominations will meet in conference this month.

It is the kind of conference that generals hold before a critical engagement; that business men hold before entering a new market. A conference of judgment, not emotion; a clear-eyed facing of the facts.

A Survey that Business Men Must Admire

For more than a year hundreds of workers have been quietly engaged in making a scientific survey of the mission fields, and of America county by county.

The facts developed are startling. No such picture of America's religious situation has ever before been drawn.

On the basis of these surveys thirty Protestant denominations are uniting in a

Nation Wide Cooperative Campaign

Each of the thirty denominations has its own "Forward Movement" organized and officered. The Interchurch World Movement is the clearing house for all of these.

It is the agency which the churches have created to avoid duplication, to foster cooperation and make sure that every man and dollar render the utmost service possible.

The month of April will be devoted to making the facts of the survey known to America; in the week of April 25th - May 2nd, will come a united simultaneous financial campaign.

Whether You Are Inside the Church or Out

To every man and every woman who loves his country, these 2000 county conferences are vitally important.

For the facts developed by this great survey show vividly what forces are at work in America—and what kind of a country this country is to be.

See that the pastor of your church appoints delegates. Any pastor can tell you the conference place and date. Or write direct to the

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

45 WEST 18th STREET, NEW YORK CITY

The publication of this advertisement is made possible through the cooperation of 30 denominations.

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