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THE BLUE SKY LAW.

A recent squib in the Outlook concerning the blue sky law brought forth a rebuke from a correspondent which was probably well merited, for the blue sky law is really a meritorious measure; but our correspondent, while defending the existing law, failed to give any proofs of its superiority that were convincing to the doubter.

There is one feature of the law that seems rather cloudy. A corporation is expected to make a good financial showing or it falls under the ban of an "investigation." There is the temptation to pay dividends whether the concern is a paying proposition or not, and some concerns which fail to realize a profit have to contract a high interest loan in order to satisfy its stockholders. This practice, if indulged in, would compel a company to contract loan after loan until it is plunged into a helpless condition. It is then the pleasure of the blue sky commissioner to wind up its affairs, which operation should have been performed at its inception.

But how is the commissioner to know the intentions of the company when it starts off. Everything seems to be "according to law" and it sets out to do business. Its failure is only a matter of time, even though it may be complying with the law that allows it to do business.

It has been the custom before now for companies on the ragged edge to water their stock and keep afloat indefinitely. Many of them have actually made a success by this method, but that is no excuse. On the other hand a large number of corporations have made such a tremendous success that they, too, water their stock so that the dividends would appear smaller. In both cases they are seemingly within the law—at least some we know of are under that suspicion and are allowed to exist and do business.

The Outlook's reference to the measure had for its object the amendment of the present law. Such a measure was introduced and had the sanction of the railroad commission and the attorney general. The bill was aimed at the duplication of public utilities and doing away with all opportunities to blackmail men who were seeking to invest capital in new enterprises. The amendments were killed and the law remains the same. It is held unwise by competent corporations under the control of the Public Service commission, to limit earnings and then permit another corporation to enter the same field and make it impossible for the pioneer company to make dividends worthy of the investment. That is the state of affairs under the present blue sky law.

The proposed new law, which was killed, would effectually prevent blackmail by refusing to let rival systems be built with the only object in view of forcing the original investors to buy them out in order to obtain legitimate profits.

The Bible and Shakespeare beat the "six best sellers" right along every year, which fact attests their ever growing popularity. The very best in literature will always be attractive.

Fifty years ago 2000 emigrant teams were ready to start from Omaha for their trip across the plains. Can anyone tell how many Pullman trains will make the trip westward this year.

The war in Europe gives us a chance to taste the best Oregon apples this winter for the first time in a score of years.

Sheriff Huriburt has made one important capture, at least. He was married in Vancouver on Saturday last to Mrs. Aina Dart.

Tree planting day seems to be getting away by default in Gresham this year. The Women's club is to be heard from yet.

AN ADVANCING SYSTEM.

An educational revolution has taken place in the United States during the past few years that is bearing its fruit in the establishment of numerous high schools. The trend of the rising generation is toward a better education, although its advancement is somewhat hampered by the form of athletics now in vogue.

The independence of the people in providing such a vast system of public education is a noteworthy fact. They are not averse to being taxed uniformly in order that the schools may be sustained, and there is a feeling that the money is well spent, excepting, perhaps a small portion which goes to the perpetuating of fads that should have no place in the scheme of education.

The union high school plan is of western origin. It is one of greater strength. It is working so well that the idea is working eastward with an irresistible trend and is even being enlarged upon in some states. The idea is being worked out in Massachusetts to the extent that all the privately endowed colleges are being federated and they will come under the control of the state board of education.

The private institutions are becoming antiquated for the reason that their existence is in many cases dependent upon a sort of charity which an independence-loving people are apt to consider a species of insult to their pride.

The spread of tax supported schools is gratifying, in that the pupils are made to feel that all are equal and that an education is within the reach of even those who could ill-afford to pay their way alone. The idea of the coming generation is that they have a civic right to be taught, and the tax paying way is no insult to their pride.

THAT BILLBOARD LAW.

A recent enactment by the legislature preventing the billboard nuisance along the public highways has been greeted with considerable satisfaction. A similar law was passed in Illinois and promptly declared null and void by a lower court, but the supreme court of the state has affirmed the validity of the measure. If our new law has been properly drawn it should also stand the test. It is aimed more particularly for the protection of the Columbia River Highway from such unsightly disfigurements, and there will probably be no attempt to have it overthrown.

Our readers are invited to consult the classified ads in the Outlook when in need of physicians, dentists, nurses, attorneys, insurance, contractors, etc. The advertiser is worthy of your patronage and should receive your first consideration because he invites it in a business-like way.

Solving the Jitney Problem.

The reported plan of Commissioner for regulating the jitney or auto bus service of Portland points to a reasonable and correct solution of the problem. It is said to be the idea of the commissioner that the jitneys ought to give supplementary and not directly competitive service to the present to the present street railway system.

The public wants the benefits from the auto buses. Undoubtedly they represent a practicable and desirable system of passenger transportation. But there must in common fairness and decency be due regard for the established rights of the street railway corporation, which is operating under a franchise and which has undertaken to render a public service under the regulation and protection of the city and state. It is intolerable that its reasonable rights should be violated without fault on its part and without a firm and comprehensive policy by the city commission for the conservation of all interests.

The Daily proposal is that the jitneys shall operate on determined schedules over fixed routes and that they shall not be, except when unavoidable, on the streets now occupied by car tracks. A license fee must be paid, and there must be organization and system.

If it is proper to require the street-car concern to give service through arranged schedules it is fair to do the same with the jitneys. In that way the public will be the gainer all around, and there can be no charge of discrimination for or against the one or the other.—Oregonian.

The Alabama law prohibiting liquor advertising in newspapers was re-passed over the governor's veto. A measure was also enacted limiting the amount of liquor that may be received by any consignee at one quart a month.

A girl never appreciates a young man until some other girl tries to get a corner on his affections.

The average man displays a lot of enthusiasm when he gets a chance to talk about himself.

COTTRELL

Mrs. L. Newell, of Portland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburn the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Ed. Andre is spending a few days with her daughter Eva, who was operated on at the Good Samaritan hospital Wednesday.

Miss Elva Andre spent last week with relatives at Bull Run.

J. B. Jones received word last week of the death of Mrs. Jones's mother at Berkeley, California. Mrs. Jones has been with her mother for the past three weeks.

Three Little Sisters Teacher's Only Class.

Out in the heart of Columbia county, Oregon, three little girls are the only pupils in a rural school. These girls are sisters, and their teacher is an older sister. Every morning, the four girls harness a team, drive five miles to the schoolhouse, build a fire, ring the bell and go through the daily program of studies. The teacher receives \$60 a month.

This is one of many districts in the state where there is some talk of consolidation. The University of Oregon, through its extension force and its department of education, is actively assisting in furthering such consolidations as are in the interest of economy and efficiency.

A University of Oregon faculty member who visited the above school some days ago says: "This is merely one example of the tendency to make our district units too small. The same team carrying the little girls to the school taught by their sister could carry them to the next district, where they might have the advantages of a graded school."

On the same trip, a district was visited where there are but two children permanently resident in the district who are eligible to attend school. The board of directors, by advertising for a teacher with children, has been able to increase the attendance to five. This teacher receives \$70 a month, free house rent and free wood for teaching five children, three of whom are his own. Four miles away, there is another small schoolhouse with but four pupils.

There are other districts in the same county where school attendance is as low as two pupils.

One of these small schools is situated in the largest district in the county. In this case, there is \$700,000 in taxable property behind the schooling of two children, while a few miles away, a small town with two teachers is laboring under a school tax of 20 mills.

"This is not equitable," said the visitor from the University. "The best interests of both children and taxpayers would be served by throwing several of these districts together, and by bringing the children to the central school by means of wagons or automobiles. Of course, due regard must be had to distances and to condition of roads. Much consolidation may be arranged with benefit in Columbia county as well as elsewhere throughout the state."

Columbia county already has one consolidated school at Scappoose. Another at Vernonia is a possibility.

An Indiscreet Memory.

"You and that very charming Miss Malcom were boy and girl friends, I'm told."

"Yes."

"I saw you talking to her. You must have had a delightful time recalling early days?"

"Well, no. I tried to make it pleasant, but it didn't seem to work. I recalled to her how she climbed trees and fences when she was ten years old, and she gave me a freezing look. Then I asked her to remember how she was thrown from an overturned bobbed and went head foremost into a snowdrift and stuck there. 'You were seven years old,' I said, 'and I recall that you were'—

"What do you think she did?"

"I dunno."

"Said Sir!" and stalked away."

Got Rid of Him.

"I understand your wife is doing her own cooking."

"You are mistaken."

"But Jinx told me she was."

"Oh, that was just for a little while! Jinx was making us a visit, and I guess she thought he had stayed long enough."

An Unfair Example.

Professor—If I fail to give a correct answer to any problem in mathematics that any one present offers me I agree to forfeit the sum of \$10.

Voice in Audience—Make the date of my wife's birth agree with her present age.

Romance Versus Reality.

For about three months she regards her wedding day as the greatest day in history, but later on she gets so that she regards pay day as the greatest day in history.

They who know not how to act agreeably, though they have learned many things, are still ignorant.

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REMEMBER. You didn't show forbearance and you didn't act polite. When summers was a lingerin' round de door. You blamed her in de mornin' an' you scolded in de night. Till I reckon she ain' comin' 'round no more. She seemed to wish you'd smile at her an' ax her foh to stay. An' help revive de blossoms 'round about. But nobody seems to like her, so I guess she's on her way. 'Cause she knows dat she has wore her welcome out. Oh! you'll miss de sunny welcome dat de mornin' use to bring. An' you'll miss de big bouquets she used to make. An' de songs she used to teach de birds out yonder foh to sing. Where de trees begin to shiver and to shake. When de winter comes a shoutin' where her voice was soft and low. An' a stompin' where her footstep was so light. You'll be grievin' an complainin' foh de days so long ago. An' I reckon maybe it will serve you right. —Washington Star.

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