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OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Oregon Historical society is one of the public institutions of the state that is worthy of the support of every citizen and newspaper. The society is only eighteen years old, but in the short time of its existence it has won its way into popular favor, and is now the greatest factor in keeping up the waning interest that always surrounds the history and early achievements of a new country.

When the pioneers invaded Oregon more than sixty years ago they brought with them the traditions of their former homes; but more interesting still, they also brought many articles of utility that are now the only mementoes of their heroic hardships excepting the histories of their invasion which have been handed down very imperfectly through tradition and the printed stories of later years dealing with the incidents of their early occupation of the northwest. It is these articles, traditions and stories of pioneer life that the society aims to protect and preserve to the future.

The historical society has been fortunate in having behind it an enthusiastic set of directors. They are all of them pioneers or sons of pioneers who have taken a great pride in their work and are striving to place it on a substantial plane while they yet live. It will be their greatest monument. The success so far achieved has encouraged them to ask the state for further support in order that the life of the society may be prolonged into the distant future for the benefit of posterity. Their object is a laudable one and should be encouraged.

The city of Portland has been liberal from the start and is now preparing a permanent home in the new auditorium. But it needs more. It needs state aid in order that its new surroundings shall be in keeping with its aims and importance. The budget prepared for the consideration of the legislature shows a need of \$18,000 for the coming two years. Other estimated receipts will amount to about \$8000 more. After it is firmly established in its new quarters the maintenance fund required will be a few thousand dollars less each year, but its needs will grow as the society itself grows.

There should be no opposition to the meager appropriation asked for at this time and it would be a fine thing if the society were granted a continuing appropriation. It is a public institution that must be maintained by public support.

PROSPECTS FADING.

Hope for cessation of hostilities in Europe is fading. The attitude of the warring nations is far from being satisfactory to the neutral nations, and there is but little hope for an early conference to discuss terms of peace. It is said that the belligerents will leave an open door for the president to make further endeavors, so humanity must await for the developments.

For the present, the prospect is for a year of vast operations in which the destruction of life and property will be almost incalculable, since it is a contest so completely deadlocked that the process of attrition must mark its progress until exhaustion comes, and so far as the world can see now, such exhaustion will ultimately embrace all the belligerents.

If there is still an opening for the president's peace endeavors, it may be that the progress of the conflict will soon point the way for more definite results than recent efforts have obtained. It must be assumed that the statesmen of each group know that they are contending for more than they can in reason hope to obtain. Just when each side will be willing to modify its terms it is too early to predict, and just how potent economic influences may become is another consideration that cannot be appraised in estimating the chances of peace.

The suggestion, however, that the war must proceed to a finish, the finish being the utter defeat of one group, is enough to appal humanity. The toll of human life in the bloody course of events would be so great

as to give the Caucasian race a setback that it could not recover from in centuries. And then would enter the supremacy of the Asiatic races, bringing about the "yellow peril" in a nation-wide scale.

We must face the probability that from this time on the aggregate annual casualties of the conflict will be something like 20,000,000 men, to say nothing of the waste of treasure and the destruction of property. That toll is one that cannot be exacted many years before the white race in Europe will be crushed. For this reason it is imperative that neutral influences be strong and ready to act for peace whenever there is the slightest hope to induce the combatants to listen.

THE COURT SAYS SO.

The United States supreme court has decided that the billboard is a nuisance and may be suppressed by law. The case came before the court on an appeal from Chicago. That city had passed an ordinance providing that no billboards may be erected in a residence district without the consent of more than half the property owners in the area affected.

Inasmuch as the supreme court has approved the Chicago ordinance, other cities contemplating such a movement would do well to follow it. And if a city billboard can be suppressed why, of course, one in the country may be suppressed likewise.

A billboard anywhere is an unsightly nuisance. It obstructs the view, encourages the neglect of vacant lots and detracts from the beauty of boulevards, parkways, county roads, private estates and residences.

It certainly has no place in a residence district, and now there is a sure and easy way to get rid of it. Besides being a disfigurement it is a positive menace wherever it is found at any crossing. Again the Outlook asks that some law be invoked to suppress them, especially where they are dangerous to travel.

We know that the thought is irritating, but taking everything into consideration we figure that our two senators register fully 51 per cent of the state's power and influence in Washington. And yet it looks to us that the three representatives of the only republican state on the coast should be battling an average of least .666.

"Where is heaven?" is the plaintive question of the inquisitive subscriber at Troutdale. We are inclined to think that Europe will be almost heaven when this terrible war is over; and the reason we have for the belief is that there will be so few men over there.

Just one week from today we will be celebrating ground hog day. It will all depend upon that sagacious little animal whether we will have to buy an extra cord of wood to carry us over the winter's knock-out finish.

It is in our creed that the doctrine of loving one's enemy will become universal the moment the enemy becomes christianized enough to make a slight advance toward peace by sending his foe a mess of spring greens.

Secretary McAdoo suggests that revenue be raised by taxing all profits over 8 per cent. Mc's idea seems to be for the government to keep its nose jammed in the peoples' business whenever there is a promise of a nickle.

In Dillon, Montana, people are staying in bed to keep warm. If that privilege is allowed the kids of 5 to 15 years of age we simply pulled off our childhood days nearly half a century too soon.

After the democrats decide on a scheme to meet the government deficit of \$300,000,000, they ought to be qualified to devise a scheme to meet the national campaign deficit of \$300,000.

If a tax on billboards would relieve our roads of their disfigurements, it would be worth serious consideration, even if no other way can be found to regulate them.

Many varieties of greenstuff will soon be gracing the markets. They, in turn, will make the long variety more plentiful in the farmer's purse.

Why do not our college's and universities grant a Winter Home degree and bestow it upon those who winter in Gresham?

It is more than probable that T. R. will love that little Langworthy as other members of the grandfather's union do.

Everyone seems to be very angry about that undiscovered leak which the men who pulled down the money.

A New Year resolution acquires white whiskers and a bald head long before groundhog day.

The Webb-Kenyon law seems to knock out all competition for the moonshiners.

TRYING TO POPULARIZE SCIENTIFIC FARMING

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—Editor Outlook:—The city is competing with the farm for young people of Oregon. Unless farm life is made more interesting and attractive, the lure of the bright lights will continue to draw more and more of the boys and girls of our state away from the wholesome country into the sordid congestion of the metropolis.

To help make agriculture more interesting to young people, and farm life more attractive, there have been installed in many schools courses in agriculture, opening the mind to knowledge which transforms mere drudgery into enthusiasm.

Our Agricultural college, through its extension courses and the work of the county agriculturists, has been co-operating with the state superintendent of public instruction and the local school authorities to popularize scientific farming knowledge. While this educational work has resulted in better crops and more profits, that is less important than what it does for the young people.

This work is sustained by state appropriations. One of these appropriations has been cut out; the others are in jeopardy. The fathers and mothers of Oregon should make it known to their legislators that this work should not be sacrificed so long as it is possible to economize, and these agricultural education items will be eliminated unless legislators learn that these expenditures are of great benefit to the boys and girls of the state.

C. C. CHAPMAN.

The School "Manse."

One of the chief obstacles to the development of the rural schools is the difficulty in obtaining competent teachers who will stay permanently. Great improvement has been made in the rural school system recently through consolidation and better salaries and more rigid requirements are working to draw the highest grade of teachers. The thing that stands in the way of the highest development of the rural schools, according to George E. Vincent, president of the University of Minnesota, who writes in the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, is the lack of proper living conditions for teachers. This he believes, could be overcome by the general establishment of school "manses" or homes for teachers provided at public expense.

The older nations of Europe have recognized the need for proper housing of teachers and in many countries the providing of the teacher's house is looked on as being as natural a function of the government as providing the school building. In Denmark every rural school has its teacher's house, with kitchen garden and flower garden. The teacher rarely is absent from his school and the schoolhouse with the home is usually a center for social and extracurriculum educational activities. Rural teachers in France are also provided with houses and the same system is firmly established and spreading in Norway and Sweden.

Significant experiments in this direction are being made in the United States. In Hawaii one-third of the schools have cottages built at public expense. A number of schools in the state of Washington are equipped with teachers' homes, and Mississippi, North Carolina, Illinois, Tennessee and Oklahoma have experimented with the idea. North Dakota has twenty-two schools with teachers' homes, and in one county in Minnesota twenty-five rural school teachers live in cottages built and completely furnished by the public.

Dr. Vincent believes that the teachers' homes should be built in connection with the school building and heated by the same plant. Rentals and other charges should be sufficient to provide for maintenance, insurance and renewal of equipment, but not for a sinking fund. The house, he thinks, should be regarded as part of the school plant and provided for in the regular bond issue for construction. A privately owned manse in Illinois is said to be earning 8 per cent on an investment of \$10,000.

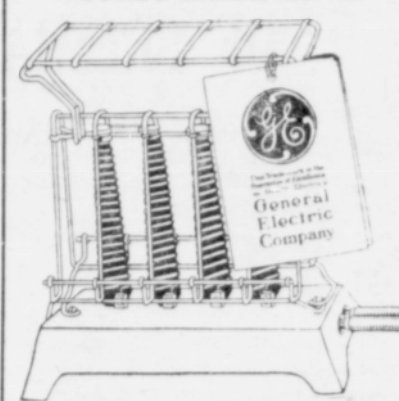
One advantage of teachers' homes to the community is that they can be used as laboratories to work out school problems that are rapidly becoming more practical. Flower and kitchen gardens are natural adjuncts of the teachers' homes that can be utilized for giving practical instruction in gardening; domestic science work can be connected with practical problems of home management; home cost keeping affords practice in bookkeeping. The greatest advantages accrue to the teacher, and indirectly to the community, through provision of comfortable, well lighted quarters, comradeship with colleagues, a suitable co-operatively managed table, and independence from petty family rivalries of a small community.—Indianapolis News.

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