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TROUTDALE
 The Red Cross meeting Thursday of this week will be in the afternoon only, as early as possible, as there is plenty of sewing to do. All members are requested to come if possible.
 Richard Knarr left Monday morning for Boston, to report to his ship, the Housatonic, after a very delightful two weeks' visit at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knarr.
 T. M. Low is occupying the Fred Harlow house where C. H. McGirr and family recently lived. Mrs. Low and the family expect to move down from the hill the first of March, to make their home there with him.
 In honor of our returning sailor lads, Mrs. L. A. Harlow entertained at dinner last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knarr and Richard and Mrs. Severina Holm and son Victor.
 The Troutdale Parent-Teacher circle will meet Friday afternoon at the schoolhouse. All interested in the welfare of the school are invited.

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Letters on Timely Subjects

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOOLS DISCUSSED

February 5, 1919.

Editor Outlook:—Senate Bill No. 45 which proposes the establishment of a county school district in counties having 25,000 children of school age touches a subject that is very close to the hearts of mankind. All educational matters affecting our children, affect the future of our nation and are therefore of primal importance. Allow me to say first, that I believe in the purposes of this bill, except possibly the political purpose. I believe in the principle of county taxation. It will not mean lower taxes than we have but it will mean lower taxes than would be needed to do the same work otherwise. Needless duplications in equipment will be avoided.

I believe also in the principle of consolidation. The directors will be able to "ship" a poor teacher where a local board will not, because she is a neighbor or friend. Of course, poor teachers do not exist in our county now. But everyone knows teachers who have kept their position only through the above-mentioned fact.

Thirdly, I believe in the principle of consolidation. I judge most of the people of Multnomah county do also. I have seen first-hand the transition from four small districts to one graded school connected with a rural agricultural high school, the two employing fifteen teachers. I believe, because I have seen.

However, in spite of my belief in these purposes, Senate Bill No. 45, has enough defects to warrant its defeat as it stands now.

(1) Section 1 is at fault in not providing a better method for the filing of candidates for the county board of education. Under the present reading any narrow-minded miser or political ringster can announce his candidacy and thus prevent a good man from running. This can be remedied in two ways: Let the candidate be nominated (1) by the local board or (2) by a primary election in the local district (at the time the local directors are elected, for instance).

The law which provides that all candidates for county offices shall file in the office of the county clerk should be applied to this case also.

(2) Section 9, Article 3 in enumerating the duties of the local boards says: "Provide and conduct games, dances, etc." Is it possible that this is a subterfuge of Portland to get what was tried a few years ago against the laws of the state? "No dancing shall be permitted in any school room." This law should remain in force. We are not desirous of returning to the profligacy of Greece or Rome. Physical passion remains the same whether it is in a hall or a school room.

Consider the taxes we are now paying to support those who have fallen in Portland alone. (Dancing is the direct cause of three-fourth of these cases.) Then consider whether you wish to double or quadruple your contribution to this. Think not only of your pocket book but also of your fellow-man's welfare and the morality of your country.

(3) Union high schools and any grade schools under the same administration should be exempted from the provisions of this Act. Inasmuch as high school principals or superintendents are elected because of real ability and inasmuch as they are acquainted with the needs of the community and the purpose of a progressive scheme of education, they should not be made subject to the decision of five men, who in order to lower their own taxes will oppose the securing of adequate equipment for efficient high school work.

Let me say a word concerning Mr. Sager's article in last week's Outlook. I like the trend of his thought.

SUGGESTS RELIEF FOR DAIRYMEN

Dairymen are very much concerned over the freakish market conditions that recently caused a drop of 20 cents in the price of butterfat within a week. The thing that disturbs the farmer's peace of mind is the fact that feed cost has not been reduced. Feed is the highest in history and it will be two months before relief can be had.

Turning to the probable causes that lead to such an unprecedented drop in the market, we are reminded of the remark made by a Washington county dairymen, recently when he said: "The tail wags the dog, and it is making the dog sick. Why don't the dog buck up and make the tail wag?" He stated the case exactly. This whole dairy industry has been wagged about by the tail end. Over in Tillamook county where the dairymen have a perfect marketing organization within themselves, the reverse is true. There the dog wags the tail as the dog creator intended that he should. Nothing illustrates this better than the mere fact that the price of Tillamook cheese raised two cents during the same period that butterfat in Portland dropped twenty cents.

Consumers are naturally glad to see the price of something drop. Butter has taken the lead and if every other commodity followed in equal proportion there could be little complaint. Such, however, is not the case. From December 20th to January 25th milk feed raised from \$32.10 to \$49.00 or 52 per cent. The evidence brought out in the milk commission's hearing in the fall showed that at the prices then prevailing, dairymen were not getting cost of production. The reader can imagine how painful it must be to the dairymen to be wagged about by the tail end of the industry, with the above results.

He says we must avoid autocracy. Correct! I judge he would say, "Avoid Bolshevism also." "The golden mean is between the extremes." It is not power that is evil but the manner in which it is applied. Power is good or bad according to how it is used. Dynamite is neither good nor bad except in its results. Under a stump it is good. In anarchy it is bad. Electricity is power that is good or bad according as it travels through the electric light or through a short circuit. Political power is good or bad according to the hands that direct it, whether it is a God-defying Kaiser or a God-fearing President.

Again, democracy adds "another thought—that of the constitutional direction of power and the approval of public sentiment. Improper uses of power are or must be prohibited by law. This does not prohibit the proper use of power. It merely directs. It must also appeal to reason in order to gain the approval of the populace. Democracy is not a powerless creation. Otherwise President Wilson would not be today the most powerful person in the world. It may be said that his influence is due to his ideas and ideals. "The pen is mightier than the sword." But no human has wielded greater influence than he.

This leads me to the two chief reasons for objecting to the bills as it stands. I am not objecting to the power given but to the fact that that power is (1) undirected and (2) not responsible to the people.

(3) As far as our present law is concerned, any young man or woman, 20 years of age, possessing a state certificate and having had nine months' experience as a teacher, is qualified to hold the county superintendent's position. If this official is to have power greater than that of a city superintendent, his qualifications should be raised accordingly. Let him have a university education, post graduate work in pedagogy and at least five years' experience in supervisory school work. Let some provision be made which shall guarantee that we shall always have the right man in the right place. Then the power will be directed through an educational channel rather than a political channel.

(5) The greatest source of irritation in this bill is in the fact that it puts the entire control of rural school matters in the hands of a man elected by the city voters. The statement was made at one meeting that if the county school superintendent did not conduct himself properly, we have recourse to our ballots. That is not true. How can it be when nineteen-twentieths of the voters that elect him live in the city where he has no dealings with them. Talk about "taxation without representation."

There are two ways of remedying this matter:

(1) Let the county school superintendent be elected by the voters of the county district alone, or

(2) Let him be elected, as in the case of city superintendent, by the school board of the district he shall serve. In this case, let an additional clause be inscribed which shall permit the selection of county school superintendent of this county from residents of any state in the union. The school board can then choose a man because of his educational ability rather than political profligacy.

Portland ought not to object to this change. He has no connection with their school system. He does not serve. His only duty is to oppose their share of the county fund. That can be done by the county clerk with just as good results.

These thoughts are submitted only in the hope that they may help us in fulfilling our duty toward the coming generation. They (not we) are the ones affected by this and other educational matters.
 Respectfully yours,
EARL B. COTTON.

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To produce at such a loss as the dairymen are now facing is ruinous. No other industry could absorb such a loss. The dairymen absorb it by working longer hours, by working every member of the family long hours without compensation, and by disregarding interest on investment.

Relief is possible here and elsewhere as it is made possible in Tillamook by organization. The Oregon Dairymen's League provides such an organization. It has already produced results in the market milk situation. The machinery is in motion and it remains for the dairymen to demonstrate their ability to organize sufficiently to demand fair play.

If dairymen are prosperous, all the numerous lines dependent upon it will prosper. The League deserves the moral support of every citizen of Oregon. May we have it?
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BIOLOGIST FINLEY GIVES ADVICE

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 8, 1919.—Editor Outlook:—Theodore Roosevelt was the most far-sighted President this country ever had in saving our wild birds from extermination. He said that wild birds were absolutely necessary to future agricultural development in the United States, because they are the natural check upon insects and other pests that take \$800,000,000 annual toll from the farmers.

He saw the complete extermination of the myriads of wild pigeons of eastern North America, because these birds were not protected on their breeding grounds. The common people were thus deprived of a food supply.

August 18, 1908, President Roosevelt issued a special proclamation creating Malheur Lake as a Federal Wild Bird Reservation. It is recognized as the greatest wild bird refuge in North America. It is one of our greatest memorials to Theodore Roosevelt.

Promoters under the guise of increasing agricultural land in Harney county, have a lobby at Salem to drain this alkaline lake and use the alkali-crusted soil to lure new settlers to Oregon. Their completed plans to destroy Malheur Lake Reservation are now before the State Land Board for action.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has had charge of this area and since 1908, has paid wardens to protect it. Oregon is morally bound not to commit the commercial crime of destroying it. Malheur Lake Reservation is as wonderful as Crater Lake, Mt. Hood or the Columbia highway. It is an asset to Oregon and the United States as one of the last great wild fowl nurseries.

I appeal to you and to your readers to help us pass House Bill 376, ceding jurisdiction of Malheur Lake to the government and letting it continue its charge. Governor Withycombe recommended this in his message to the legislature. Oregon is a great out-of-door state and as such is attracting people from all over the United States. If any of your readers are interested, I should be glad to hear from them.

WILLIAM L. FINLEY,
 State Biologist.

Dreadful Cough Cured.

A severe cold is often followed by a rough cough for which Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven especially valuable. Mrs. F. W. Olsen, Marysville, Mo., writes: "About two years ago my little boy Jean caught a severe cold and coughed dreadfully for days. I tried a number of cough medicines but nothing did him any good until I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieved his cough right away and before he had finished taking one bottle he was cured. I think it is just fine for children."—Adv.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Cleveland Bliss has been honorably discharged from the army and has returned home from Camp Lewis.

Leland Moore is home from Camp Lewis on a ten days' furlough. Miss Grace Kesterson, who recently underwent a serious operation at a Portland hospital, is on the road to recovery.

G. N. Sager spent a couple of days at the state capitol last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom entertained friends from the city last Sunday.

No cases of the influenza have been reported from this neighborhood for some time.

G. N. Sager says, "The more you study Senate Bill No. 45 which relates to the consolidation of the rural schools of Multnomah county the more convinced you will become that you do not approve of the measure. Under its provisions the people surrender all their power to one man, and one-man power is dangerous. Write the Multnomah county delegation and insist on a new bill being substituted wherein the rights of the people will be properly safeguarded."

COUNTY FAIR BOARD IN SESSION TODAY

The board of directors of the county fair is holding a meeting today at the Bank of Gresham, with President H. A. Lewis, Secretary A. F. Miller, City Commissioner John Mann, County Commissioner Rufus Holman, and C. D. Minton, of Portland, David McKeown, E. L. Thorpe, Theodore Brugger, and Gus Richey, of Gresham, F. H. Crane of Rockwood, and J. W. Townsend of Fairview, in attendance.

Of chief importance, during the morning session was the decision of the board to consolidate the Land Products show of Portland and the County Fair into one at Gresham. A full report of the meeting will appear in the next issue of the Outlook.

Getting Rid of Colds.

The easiest and quickest way to get rid of a cold is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation has been in use for many years and its value fully proven. No matter what remedy you use, however, care must be taken not to contract a second cold before you have recovered from the first one, and there is serious danger of this. A man of middle age or older should go to bed and stay in bed until fully recovered. It is better to stay in bed three days at the start than there weeks later on.—Adv.

The North Carolina mountaineers have a local proverb which says, "Moonshine in the cabin makes sunshine in the soul." Also it sometimes makes starshine in the hole that the revenue men drill through the mountaineer.

All auto top parts and repairs. Quick work. S. S. Palmquist, Gresham.