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CHILDREN AND HEALTH.

The Eugene Guard recently commented drastically on the program of the state board of health as it relates to the care of children in public schools, takes exception to the statements of Dr. Strickler, secretary of the board, charges him with trying to "throw a scare," and remarks that the matter of caring for the child's physical wellbeing belongs to the home and not the school. Specifically it says:

"Care of the physical well being of children is properly a parental, not a state, function. So-called examination of children semi-publicly and in job lots is both an affront and a humiliation to them and their parents. Such a function belongs properly to the family doctor, if anybody, and under parental discretion and direction. Children are sent to the schools to be educated. Their intimate care is a matter for the home."

Perhaps there are many who take this view. But health, in a school child is a vital matter. The state board and Dr. Strickler are trying, unselfishly we believe, to bring about better conditions. Dr. Strickler has the statistics at hand and makes a study of the conditions and must know whereof he speaks when he tells what proportion in general have defective vision, defective hearing, adenoids and diseased tonsils, etc.

It is well known that in childhood these handicaps can most easily be overcome. While the child is in school it is in the care of the state to be educated for intelligent citizenship. Why should not this care extend also to its physical fitness? Especially so when a sound mind in a sound body is the ideal. Oftentimes these physical defects are caused or encouraged by unhealthful conditions in the home.

The doctor cannot enter the home to examine the children unless he is called and he is seldom called except in case of extremity. In the school he can study the children individually and collectively under the state board of health and recommend when he deems the welfare of the future citizen and of the state demand.

That's a pretty old idea the Guard advances. Twenty-five years ago Sam Jones, a Georgian, ranted in his lectures against the public schools. He said the state had no more business to educate his child than it had to spank it.

We look at things different these days and the world moves on. The state has a right to educate and even to spank your child and mine and if need be to doctor it.

"The Strickler bulletin shows all the earmarks of a purposeful effort to throw a scare," says the Guard. By the same narrow reasoning the Guard's article might be said to bear the earmarks of having been suggested by some old time doctor or educator.

CLASS OF 1925 SOON TO SAY FAREWELL

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Miss Hope McKenzie of Portland has been the efficient instructor for the year in history and civics. She will probably return for another year's work.

The sly little god Cupid, who has been known to disrupt many a school board's well-laid plans, has been getting in his work at the high school during the past months and when Miss Vie Elizabeth Rice was approached with the query as to how she expected to spend her vacation, she laughingly acknowledged that she intended to be married. The fortunate man in the case is Bryant DeBar, of Roseburg in which city the couple will make their home. He is an agent of the Standard Oil company. Miss Rice has made many friends among the students taking the commercial course.

Miss Dorothy Dickey, the popular music instructor, has many plans, so many in fact that she is undecided what to say or do. She states that she has had an attractive offer as supervisor of music in a Washington city for next year. She is also thinking possibly of taking a summer course in music in Chicago similar to the work she specialized in last year.

Miss Mary Jewel of Redmond, Oregon, who came to Gresham Union high the latter part of the year to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Edith Stephenson, who was married at that time, does not expect to return to Gresham the coming year.

Miss Elizabeth Hales will probably continue her duties at the public library branch during the summer and assist at the high school during the coming year in the capacity of librarian.

W. Earl Shafer, athletic coach, has returned to his home in Salem on account of illness. He was unable to finish the work of current year, much

to his own disappointment and that of the boys under his instruction.

George K. Jenner, the teacher of agriculture, has accepted a position in the new high school which is being erected at Molalla, at a cost of \$150,000. Eighteen districts are consolidating there and the enrollment is expected to be around 250. He will have charge of two classes in the Smith-Hughes course, one in farm animals and the other in plant husbandry, and will also teach a class in general science. He is planning on taking work at Oregon Agricultural College the first part of June and for ten days in July he expects to attend a state conference of teachers at Medford, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Jenner are thinking of erecting a small house for themselves at Molalla, as houses for rent are almost at a premium. They will move there about the first of August.

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