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"ONE VOICE AGAINST A MILLION."

"ONE voice against a million" is what the Portland Oregonian styles the Mail Tribune's protest against the raid on the state treasury to gratify the foibles and frivolities of the O. A. C.

The Medford Mail Tribune finds room in its impoverished pages to make a large-typed attack on the Oregon Agricultural College, which is termed "an inflated mushroom of an institution," not deserving the large appropriation asked from the Legislature.

Poverty has always been a term of dread reproach with the Oregonian, a stigma of dire disgrace. It cannot comprehend how anyone could choose to be poor but honest.

Continuing, the Oregonian says: The people of this state as a whole believe profoundly in the great mission of the Agricultural College. It is one of the most valuable institutions in Oregon.

Subject the O. A. C. to the malign criticism and searching analysis given the normal schools or the state university, and it is questionable whether the people of Oregon will believe in it so "profoundly."

Its student cost to the state per hour of instruction has never been dwelt upon. Its inflated statistics and its multifarious political activities, have drawn no whisper of reproach.

The Oregonian saw graft and waste of public funds in the \$12,000 average annual appropriation made to sustain the Ashland normal, but sees no graft or waste in the \$850,000 asked of the legislature for the O. A. C.

If the O. A. C. is under "competent guidance" so were the normal schools. Under it is doing a "mighty work" at an extravagant cost, so were the normals, at a much less cost, and every county is now trying to make up for the lack of normal school instruction by employing "supervisors" at a much greater price to taxpayers.

Continuing, the Oregonian says: We are concerned that there should be an opinion anywhere, however mistaken, or vicious, or prejudiced, that the Oregon Agricultural College is a "mushroom institution."

Its mushroom growth is the main reason advanced for the ever-increasing demands for state money made by the O. A. C. and critical analysis shows its development is of the mushroom order, the result of politics, press agents and padding.

On the basis of unit student enrollment, followed by the higher educational institutions of the country, that is instruction for one student for an average school year, or thirty-six weeks, the student units at the O. A. C. totals 872 for 1910-11, so that the per student buildings value is \$735, as against \$396 at the University of Illinois, \$507 at the University of Minnesota, \$695 at the University of Wisconsin, and \$255 at the University of Oregon.

Again an examination of the work shows a very low standard in curriculum, lower than in nearly all universities, much work being done that should be done in high schools at district expense instead of at state expense.

So high schools are robbed to inflate the O. A. C. and for the purpose of impressing the legislature, a student is a student, whether studying grammar school subjects in the preparatory, or scientific subjects in the college proper, or listening for a week in the year to lectures, or casually visiting the poultry show.

In conclusion, the Oregonian draws a magic circle about the O. A. C. to screen it from heathen eyes and the profaning gaze of the Philistine. It thus declaims against the sacrilege of criticising the sacred white elephant of education.

Jackson County, among others, has just as deep an interest in the Agricultural College as any other. Why should any voice there dare to raise itself in derogation of Oregon Agricultural College?

Jackson county pays proportionately as other counties to support the O. A. C. and furnishes as many students and therefore is as much interested. Impoverished pages do not prevent the Mail Tribune's paying ten times as much in taxes proportionately as the Oregonian with its prosperous pages.

It is because the Mail Tribune is sincerely interested in the O. A. C., is familiar with results accomplished and recognizes the good it does and the greater possibilities it possesses for good, that it would see the institution discard the mushroom methods it has adopted to secure appropriations, for higher standards and increased efficiency.

Insignificant and Unimportant

(From the Portland Spectator.) "It is a circumstance of no importance, perhaps, but it certainly is of special significance that Oregon now has, through the Oregon system—or will have after March 4, 1913—two democratic United States senators and a democratic governor.

From the Oregonian's editorial garden we pluck that beautiful flower of charming diction and rare political sagacity. It bloomed in hybrid glory and with spicy sweetness amid a very wilderness of lovely companions on Wednesday morning.

It is a notable example of the word-leucurist's art—or science. Think of a circumstance that is of no importance having special significance, and then you will understand how a circumstance that is of no significance whatever can be of tremendous import.

And of the assumption that it is the deliberate desire and purpose of the people of Oregon that they should reserve their greatest honors for democratic politicians, something may be said that has less to do with the Oregonian's malpractice in

dictation than with its delinquency in politics. Let us see who and what gave us a democratic governor three years ago. When the Oregonian could not nominate the man it favored—and who, by the way, did not know that he desired the assembly nomination—the Oregonian told the republicans of the state that inasmuch as they had made their own choice they could go ahead and elect their young man.

And who and what gave us Harry Lane as United States senator? The Oregonian by misrepresentation, suppression, and detraction undermined Jonathan Bourne, as able and valuable a senator as Oregon ever had, and tried to foist on the state poor Ben Selling, who although recommending himself highly to the Oregonian by possession of wealth, advertising contracts, and a promise to be the Oregonian's creature, did not recommend himself to the people at all.

The Oregonian is the democracy's best friend. It has a splendid capacity for blundering. It is as narrow as the world is wide and as broad and liberal as a bigot's prayer. But it can be humorous, as is proved by that flower that we cull from its editorial garden.

NORDICA CONCERT NOW ASSURED

Encouraged by the number of subscriptions for seats and the enthusiasm of the music lovers of the city Fletcher Fish has announced that the concert to be given here by Madame Lillian Nordica and company, Feb. 14 is now assured.

In bringing Madame Nordica here Mr. Fish assumes a considerable financial risk as it will take a crowded house to meet expenses. He has arranged to sell tickets at popular prices, another feature that is taking well with the public, but which means more work and risk to him.

Madame Nordica has a charming personality comparable only to that of Schumann-Heink. In her company are William Morse Rammel, violinist and Romayne Simmons, pianist.

HELP BUY BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

"The beneficial effect of a public library in a community is shown by the report from an Oregon city in which one of the most difficult problems with which teachers formerly had to contend was the secret reading of vicious literature by the boys.

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COUNTY COURT TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Bear creek bridge case will come before the county court at its regular session Wednesday for final settlement, the contractor having completed his work. This will be the most important work to come before the court.

Considerable routine business is to be transacted, which includes the payment of the month's bills.

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ORCHARDISTS TO VISIT CAPITAL

For the purpose of appearing before the horticultural committee of the legislature to discuss proposed horticultural legislation, a number of local orchard men, headed by Prof. P. J. O'Gara and A. C. Allen will leave this evening for Salem.

MAY ROBSON AT GRANTS PASS FRIDAY

May Robson in "A Night Out" will be the attraction at the Grants Pass opera house next Friday, Feb. 7. Her vehicle this year is "A Night Out" which is full of delightfully ludicrous situations furnishing an abundance of opportunities for Miss Robson's effective acting of her own peculiarly charming style.

JOLTS AND JINGLES By Ad Brown

Sing Anyhow, Bedad. Sing of the things that are close to your heart. You'll find that the song rings true, No matter if yours is a lonely part, And none sings the same as you.

Edward Locke has written a book on German life called "The Silver Wedding." Why not the German-silver wedding?

Go ahead, say there's nothing in a name if you wish to, but nevertheless Champagne, Ill., continues to go wet on each election.

Mr. Shipman is Nordica's manager. Mr. Fish is her local manager, and she herself is good on the high C's. How's that for a quality?

The suffragettes are now mutilating golf links in England. There's something refreshing in their endless variety.

Christian Church. The meetings at the Christian church start off encouragingly. Mr. Parlee proves himself to be interesting as well as instructive.