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CHILDREN'S INDUSTRIAL FAIR AT JACKSONVILLE

An organization has been formed at Jacksonville for the purpose of holding a "Children's Industrial Fair." The Fair is to be held some time in September. It is hoped that the people of Jacksonville and vicinity will join in this effort and help make it a success.

Rev. Bandy, president; Mr. Hanna, vice-president; H. W. Rummell, secretary; Sid M. Nichol, treasurer. Judges—Ex-Judge Neil, Mr. Cronmiller, Mr. Neidemeyer.

Heads of Departments. Boys Industry—Emil Britt. Girls Industry—Mrs. Davis.

Live Stock and Poultry—Joe Kitto. Agriculture and Horticulture—Dave Duncan.

Band Music—Roy Ulrich, Dave Cronmiller, Chester Wendt. Committee on Adult Dept.—Percy Well.

Committee on articles to be entered—Mr. Wells, Mr. Grieve, Miss Hurst.

Prizes and solicitation—Mr. Williams, Mr. Lewis Ulrich, Mr. Collins. Entertainment—Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Hanna.

Refreshments—Mrs. Chris Ulrich, Mrs. Cook.

Sports—Mr. Flory, Mr. Gardner, Reese Chapman.

Publicity—Than Fulton, Leslie Stencile, Mrs. Lewis Ulrich.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, April 29th in the town hall, meeting to begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Let the above named committees and officers be present at the meeting. All others are welcome.

H. W. RUMMELL, Secretary.

SHANK INDICTED BY JOSEPHINE GRAND JURY

GRANTS PASS, April 26.—Elmer Shank, a former real estate agent and orchardist of Grants Pass, was indicted by the grand jury before its adjournment on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

The indictment comes through alleged irregularities in a business transaction which Shank had with Bird Sisson, proprietor of the "Dollar ranch." It is claimed that Sisson gave Shank a note for \$100 dated November 5, 1910. The note was sold by Shank to E. Erickson, but Sisson claims that, not knowing this, he gave Shank property valued at \$15 to apply on the note, taking Shank's receipt therefor.

An indictment was also returned against H. L. Akerill, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. It is alleged that a draft which Charles Trefethan of Kerby cashed for Akerill was valuable. The amount involved is \$5.

CITY TO PURCHASE HAMILTON PLACE

The city bids at a special session of the city council Friday evening passed an ordinance providing for the purchase of the Hamilton ranch at the intake of the city's gravity water system which will protect the supply. Hamilton is to be paid \$7500. for the ranch.

CLEAN UP!

MAYOR EIFERT has designated a clean-up day, which is a commendable move, although every day is a clean-up day with a good housekeeper and a good citizen. Cleanliness, we are told, is next to Godliness, and all ought to be clean—mentally as well as physically. But we are not all clean, hence the necessity of a special day to stimulate the dirty.

Spring is here in all its fragile beauty. Before we realize it, summer will have come in its splendor. And with the glory of the summer, comes its pest, the house fly, disseminator of disease and death. The fly is bred in filth and dirt—hence there is double necessity of cleanliness.

There never has been a systematic swat-the-fly campaign waged in Medford—and there ought to be. Now is the time to get ready for this pesky pest. One fly killed now saves a million in the future. The way to exterminate the fly is to clean up—clean up the rubbish heaps, screen the refuse piles, cover the garbage cans—make it impossible for the fly to find the filth necessary for breeding purposes.

It is a sign of progress that the Southern Pacific is cleaning up one of the disgraceful shacks that adorn its right of way in the heart of Medford. The railroad is probably making a virtue out of necessity, for the building has long threatened collapse, but still it is a good sign. The clean-up campaign should be continued. The shacks between Front and Fir and Main and Sixth streets should be removed, and the right of way parked.

The city should take a hand in this clean-up campaign. All of the clubs and organizations of Medford, as well as the city council, requested the removal of these shacks, yet the railroad continues to defy public opinion by permitting them to continue to add a shabby and unkempt appearance to the city.

There is no reason why a part of this right of way should not be parked now. It would add immensely to the appearance of the city and to the impression made upon the traveling public. The money in this way would be money well spent. It would be cleaning up that would be well worth while.

Every property owner should park his own yard. Green lawns and shaded streets increase the attractiveness of any city immeasurably—and the increase in valuation resulting shows that it pays financially as well as physically.

Clean-up time is at hand—clean-up!

Experimental Democracy in Schools

(Scott Nearing in The Public.) No less significant than the substitution of democratic colleges and universities for the old-style aristocratic institutions is the movement for democracy in high school education. Time was when the high school senior class was filled with boys and girls destined for college. The past generation has witnessed a transformation in high school education which makes the college preparatory work merely one duty instead of the sole function of the high school.

So long as the three R's constituted an adequate education for the great mass of people so long as the high school existed primarily to prepare for college, it seemed reasonable that the high school should be set apart and considered a separate entity in the school system. The generation which has witnessed the metamorphosis of the high school from a college-preparatory to a life-preparatory institution, is insisting that the high school be integrated with the public school system.

Why should there be a break between the elementary school and the high school? Why should there be an elementary and a high school? Why not "a school," twelve grades in length, taking children at six from the kindergarten and delivering them at eighteen to the world, or to the university?

Already this plan has been put into operation, and although its present experimental stage warrants no final conclusions, one may well pause to consider the question of so fundamental a reorganization of the school system.

The Emerson School of Gary, Ind., is perhaps the best known example of the twelve-year school. Superintendent Wirt has planned a continuous course covering grade one to twelve, so arranged that a pupil may take part of his subjects in the grammar grades and the other part in the high school grades. That the harmony may be more complete, Mr. Wirt places the elementary rooms, containing the second grade pupils, next door to the rooms that shelter high school seniors. By bringing the pupils of different classes together, the feeling of common interests is emphasized and the old antagonism between lower and higher grades eliminated.

The same plan is being tried out by I. B. Gilbert, principal of the Union high school, Grand Rapids, Mich., where the frank attempt is being made to break down the sharp lines of distinction between grades.

The school is new and contains a very complete equipment—physics and chemical laboratories, two cooking rooms, dressmaking and millinery rooms, an art department, a wood-working shop, and a forge room, and a print shop. Children of all grades coming to the school have an oppor-

Knocking the Spuds Out of Unscientific Money.

(By a near potato) Having read a great deal of late about scientific money and unearned potatoes, I wish to air my views on this great subject, a theme which few of us can handle through personal association, but rather through the fact that we have at some time or other been in close proximity to the subject, "money."

We have been told frequently of late that the money with the college education is as necessary to the body politic as the air we breathe and as stable as weights and measures. It is also as necessary to the bodily pocket. As to its stability I would take issue with the learned writers on the subject. A dollar is now reckoned by what we may get in exchange for it, whether that be a leaky fountain pen or a course in love-making by mail. Money, I believe it has been stated, is the root of all evil, likewise it is the limb of the devil and the branches of education in Rockefeller's university.

Without money a man would have to juggle his key ring to get into society, he would pay his debts in a specie of bluff, and his trouser's pockets would remain undisturbed through the nights. Someone has suggested that potatoes be made the

medium of exchange and that Saratoga chips be used as small change, an idea which it is hoped will be adopted as it is far less dangerous to grow potatoes that it is to counterfeit greenbacks. With spectacles on the eyes of each potato money would appear more scientific than the originator of the idea would believe possible.

This money question is a very important one and has been but merely skipped over by those authorities who have written to date. No one has mentioned that without money the world would be minus lightening rods, picture post cards, family albums, and celluloid collars, an alternative that fairly shrieks for the abolishment of the specie. It is the writer's firm belief that if every person in Medford would throw away all the money he has, the city would be better off, and to that end we offer a free dumping ground upon which anyone may deposit his rubbish cash. Money, scientific and ignorant, is to be despised and even the humble onion would make a stronger medium of exchange.

As a final clincher: if we did not have money we would not have articles about its haunts and habits. PROF. M. A. ZUMA.

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