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EM-TEES

COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE.

The fire boys are to have an ideal place for bathing, following the action of the council last evening, when the public safety commission authorized the purchase of a gas heater and bath tub.—Kendaville, Ind., News-Sun.

"How is it that nobody ever ventures to discuss the war with Jinks, and he has all the talking to himself?"

"Well, you see, he's the only fellow in the club who knows how to pronounce the names of those Russian and Polish jawbreaker towns."

Conceited women are seldom jealous.

TALKING IN HIS SLEEP.

After being arrested he was hurried to the city hospital, where Mr. Harris, still unconscious accused him of shooting him.—New York World.

SUSPECTED.

"Behind the altar," said the cathedral guide to a party of tourists, "lies Richard II. In the churchyard outside lies Mary Queen of Scots. And who"—halting above an unmarked flagging in the stone floor and addressing a tourist from London—"who do you think is, is a-lying 'ere on this spot?"

"Well," answered the Cockney, "I don't know for sure, but I have my suspicions."

STRENGTH OF THE WEAK AT THE STAR THEATER

After Mary Fuller had completed her work in "The Strength of the Weak," a five part Bluebird play, the attraction at the Star today and tomorrow, she was enthusiastic over the result. To a newspaper man who was interviewing her upon the subject of her recent association with Bluebird photoplays, "Our Mary" said:

"I have been a wayward Italian girl, a society belle, a village sweetheart, a Greek princess, a flirtatious country girl, a Japanese woman destined for death, I've played eighty-year old women and fourteen-year-old girls. I've played devoted stenographers and ugly ducklings. I've been Mary, Queen of Scots, the Princess Annie Zubeck, the Caliph's daughter, Mary Tudor, and Mary Cuyler, of the "What Happened to Mary?" series. And I've loved them all, every girl and woman I've had to play.

"But better than any of these roles I like the part of Pauline D'Arcy in "The Strength of the Weak."

PICNIC OF ALL SOUTHERNERS TO BE HELD IN LITHIA PARK

The former residents of the southern states now living in Ashland have formed the Dixie association for the purpose of an annual outing and for the entertainment of prominent people from the south who happen to come to Ashland.

The first annual picnic will be held in Lithia park next Wednesday, Aug. 9th and they will begin to assemble in the afternoon, with the program arranged to begin at 4 o'clock. It will be a regular old-fashioned basket picnic and all southerners from southern Oregon are invited to participate. Besides your basket of lunch, bring a cup and spoon, an coffee, etc., will be provided for you.

Mr. John H. Durr is president and Mrs. F. E. Whitte of Ashland is secretary of the association and committees have been appointed to arrange for this outing, which it is expected will be attended by a large number from outside of Ashland.

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A NEEDED REFORM

THE progressive movement which culminated in Oregon in the adoption of direct legislation and the so-called Oregon system of popular government, failed to democratize the administration of public schools—which still excludes a majority of the people from a voice in their conduct.

Only property owners are permitted to vote at a school election and as the majority of parents are not property owners and a large percentage of the property owners are not parents, the result is unsatisfactory and not in harmony with democracy.

The idea of providing a property qualification as an essential for a voice in the direction of schools is a survival of the class legislation of feudal days, when only the minority fortunate enough to be possessed of a considerable portion of property were judged wise enough to legislate for the majority—who were not to be trusted in matters of public concern.

Possession of property never yet conferred wisdom. Invariably the first interest of property is to protect itself. As a result our laws and our courts have had as their objective the safe-guarding of property at the expense of humanity. A lop-sided system of government has resulted which penalizes the poor.

Who is most vitally concerned in the administration of public schools—the parent or the taxpayer? The former may have half a dozen children whose future is at stake. The latter may pay a few cents or a few dollars taxes and his main interest is to keep the tax rate as low as possible, regardless of the public necessity.

The evil effects of class legislation is apparent. School boards are frequently conducted as close corporations, in which the public have little voice. The immense investment in public buildings is idle a great part of the time. The use of the buildings as community centers and district meeting places is denied the public. A great economic waste follows which increases taxation without resultant benefits.

The school house, built by public funds, should be designed and used as a community forum, when not in use for school purposes—a neighborhood social center, offering means of organizing deliberative bodies for the promotion of general welfare through common counsel and common action, as well as extension courses by lectures and discussion of education for adults. Only by such discussion can democracy be perfected. Under class legislation this has not and will not be accomplished.

Half, probably a quarter of the number of school houses we have at present, if properly utilized, would fill the educational needs of the community, and provide for better educational equipment. This is being recognized through the nation in rural districts, where four or five districts are being grouped in one, with adequate facilities, and the money formerly spent in maintenance of small schools, closed half the year, is used to provide transportation to the central school for a more extended term.

The reform of our schools should begin with the reform of our laws governing the electorate. The right of citizenship, which confers the right of a voice in all national, state, county and community affairs, should be extended to include a voice in the public schools. A citizen can vote for public officials and can vote indebtedness upon the state, upon the county, upon the city, and it is absurd to provide a property qualification as essential to give him a right to vote for a school director or a school expenditure—when he is more vitally concerned in the school than in state, county and city.

If the Parent-Teachers circles of Oregon desire to popularize the public schools and make them what they should be, of general use and general interest to the community and beneficial in the building of good citizenship, they should organize to force through the legislature a measure giving every citizen the right to vote in school affairs—to make Oregon a democracy in fact as well as in name.

PROGRAM FOR BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING

The fifteenth outdoor concert will be given by the Medford municipal band at the bandstand in the city park this evening, commencing at 8. It has been found impossible to comply with all the requests for special favorite selections at this week's concert. The two numbers "Chimes of Normandy" (Cloches de Corneville) and "La Serenata" (Italian waltz) have both been especially requested. The overture for this evening's program is "The Trumpeter of the Fort" by R. Grenwald. This overture is a standard work and has many difficult parts for the various instruments. The program which will conclude with the "Star Spangled Banner" is as follows: March, "Excelsior".....Sanzibetti; Waltz, "The Esquimaux".....Burch; Overture, "The Trumpeter of the Fort".....Grenwald; Popular, "Sweet Old Time".....Menrich; Selection, "Chimes of Normandy".....Plantanette; Intermezzo, "Laughing Love".....Christine; Italian Waltz, "La Serenata".....Jaxone; March, "Hamelin Rites".....Hall; The Star Spangled Banner.

BRUSH FIRE BURNS HOUSES AND THREATENS WEED, CAL.

WEED, Cal., Aug. 8.—Eight hundred employees of the Wood Lumber company joined the rest of this town Monday in fighting a brush fire which threatened the city and the big lumber plant. By back firing the town was saved, but not until seven dwellings had been burned. One hundred men are on guard tonight to see that the blaze does not break out again.

"THE STEPPING STONE" AT PAGE TONIGHT

C. Gardner Sullivan, the crack scenario writer of the Triangle-Kokey studios, has the happy faculty of hitting upon some big questions in nearly all of his productions. One of his mightiest themes is that of "The Stepping Stone," a new Triangle play starring Frank Keenan and Mary Boland, now playing at the Page theater. It takes the biggest step so far in the amazing social revolt of the modern woman. The old idea of woman as a stepping-stone for the male, has for some time been challenged by woman herself, but, despite the constantly swelling array of suffragettes, her representatives have been isolated members of her sex. Sullivan infuses the attitude that the thinking man may prove instrumental in bringing that woman who has not heeded the call of her sisters, to her rightful place. In his story, a man who has won his way to the top, finds the type of woman he has been seeking all his life, the wife of a man who never can appreciate her! and he then and there determines to secure her for his own. Chester Conklin, ably assisted by "Shorty" Hamilton, Lonella Maxam, and other Keystoneers, brings the old school western drama and incidentally stage a few wild stunts. "In Backing Society," the comedy on today's bill.

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SAYS STATE NEEDS NORMAL SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AND EAST

E. B. Aldrich, editor of the East Oregonian of Pendleton, Oregon, and Fred Lockley of the Oregon Journal of Portland, Oregon, while at the Oregon State Editorial convention, did some missionary work for the proposed East Oregon State Normal school. In speaking of the matter Mr. Lockley said:

"In no county in the state is there as thorough an understanding of the need for more adequate normal instruction than in Jackson county. Jackson county has been settled by progressive and intelligent people. The large membership of the university club here is sufficient proof of the culture, refinement and intelligence of the residents of the county. At every election affecting the interests of normal schools Jackson county leads the state in the majorities given for more normal schools for Oregon. Of course much study has been given the whole normal question in Jackson county on account of the fact that Ashland formerly had a normal school.

Two Schools Needed.

"Wherever the question is studied without prejudice additional normal facilities are favored. We should have two additional normal schools in Oregon, one in eastern Oregon and one in southern Oregon. When it is realized that only 13 per cent of the public school teachers in Oregon are graduates of normal schools it can readily be seen that we are not doing justice to the pupils of the public school who are entitled to instruction from efficient teachers nor are we doing justice to the taxpayer whose money pays the salary of inefficient instructors nor are we doing justice to the student who desires to take up teaching as a life work and who is compelled to secure his training in some neighboring state.

"Oregon has but one normal school while forty of the other states have two or more. Idaho with half of Oregon's population has two normal schools and spends twice as much money in preparing her teachers as does Oregon. Both Pendleton and Ashland have many advantages as normal school centers. Ashland is one of the most healthful and beautiful towns in the state. The normal atmosphere is good. The presence of Lithia Park within the city limits will prove an inspiration and a delight to the normal students. Scores of students who are now lost to the work of teaching would receive their training at Ashland and would raise the standard of instruction all over southern Oregon. Then, too, it is a mere act of justice to the taxpayers of southern Oregon to establish a normal school to serve the needs of the southern part of the state.

"Pendleton is the geographical center of the eastern Oregon country. It has 22 trains from 5 different directions entering the city daily. It has just completed a new \$40,000 public library. Like Medford and Ashland it has a commodious new Natatorium. In the grade schools of the city are more than a thousand pupils so that the students of the normal school would have abundant opportunity for practice teaching. Like Medford and Ashland the climate is healthful and the water pure.

"The leading educators of the state, including W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college, P. L. Campbell, president of the State university, J. H. Ackerman, president of the state normal of Monmouth, J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and the county school superintendents of the state are all strongly in favor of more adequate normal equipment for Oregon. Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the O. A. C. voices the almost universal opinion when he says: "Three good normal schools should be maintained in Oregon, one in the southern part of the state, one in the eastern part of the state and one at Monmouth. Since the people of Pendleton are initiating a measure for the establishment of a normal school there I am going to support the measure."

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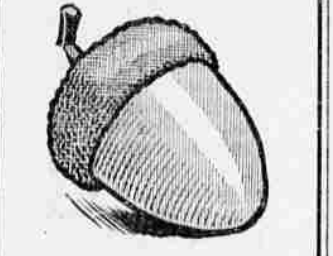
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HIMES REALIZES DREAM OF 50 YEARS IN CRATER TRIP

To the Editor: I have just returned from a trip to Crater Lake, an experience which has been the dream of my life since 1867. A printer, known as George A. Payne, familiarly known as "Gus" Payne, who had been employed on the Sentinel at Jacksonville, gave me the account of his trip to the lake in 1864 or 1865. I am not positive which at this time. He had his information about the lake from John W. Hillman, or some member of the Hillman party, when it was discovered in 1853. That description by Payne, afterwards emphasized by a description by Ed F. Lewis, another printer of the Sentinel in 1871, created in my mind a desire to go to Crater Lake whenever I could arrange for it. At least six times since 1872, have plans been made during these intervening years to make the trip, only to fall of accomplishment by circumstances that were deemed imperative at the time.

Now that I have seen the lake, and enjoyed a brief glimpse of its unspeakable grandeur, together with a faint conception of the causes of the mighty convulsion, which created it, the "eighth wonder of the world" as Robert B. Marshall, superintendent of the national park system of the United States, characterized it last Saturday evening, the determination to see it again is already growing upon me.

As Crater Lake is rapidly becoming



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ing a scenic attraction of world wide interest, it seems timely to try to ascertain the names of the first tourist party to visit it, judging from information secured from Mr. Payne in 1867, supplemented by a statement from Mr. Isaac W. Berry of Medford yesterday, the names of that party, starting from Jacksonville

with pack animals in August 1864 or 1865, are as follows: John E. Ross, James D. Fay, Will A. Owens, Isaac Constant, James M. Sutton, David Linn, Samuel Sax, J. L. Loudon (Remben Finus), George A. Payne, and Ed. F. Lewis. A boat made by David Linn was packed to the lake and launched. GEORGE H. HIMES.

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RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by Industrial Warfare or Federal Inquiry?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employes on all the railroads have voted whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employes is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employes.

On all the Western railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employes earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the pay rolls—

Table with 3 columns: Position, Passenger, Freight, Yard. Rows for Engineers, Conductors, Firemen, Brakemen.

The average yearly wage payments to all Western train employes (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

Table with 3 columns: Position, Passenger, Freight, Yard. Rows for Engineers, Conductors, Firemen, Brakemen.

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employes) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employes' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

- National Conference Committee of the Railways. Elisha Lee, Chairman. S. E. Greig, Sec. in Resolutions. P. R. Albright, Gen'l Manager, St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. C. W. Kouns, Gen'l Manager, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. L. W. Baldwin, Gen'l Manager, Central of Georgia Railway. C. L. Bardo, Gen'l Manager, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. E. H. Coapman, Vice-President, Southern Railway. S. E. Cotter, Gen'l Manager, Wabash Railway. F. E. Crowley, Asst. Vice-President, New York Central Railroad. G. B. Emerson, Gen'l Manager, Great Northern Railway. C. B. Ewing, Gen'l Manager, Philadelphia & Reading Railway. E. W. Greig, Asst. to President, Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. A. S. Greig, Asst. to President, St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad. C. W. Kouns, Gen'l Manager, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. H. W. McMaster, Gen'l Manager, Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. N. J. Mahle, Vice-President, Norfolk and Western Railway. James Russell, Gen'l Manager, Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. A. M. Schryver, Resident Vice-Pres., Pennsylvania Lines West. W. L. Heddon, Vice-President, Seaboard Air Line Railway. A. J. Stodd, Vice-President, Erie Railroad. G. S. Ward, Vice-Pres. & Gen'l Manager, Great Central Lines.