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 (My commission expires March 9th 1928.)

STATE WILL APPEAL SCHOOL LAW

The school law passed at the last election by an overwhelming majority in Oregon, and which was declared unconstitutional by three federal judges sitting together in the United States circuit court recently, will be appealed by the state. Governor Walter M. Pierce, one of the defendants, enjoined by the decision from enforcing the law, states that the state will appeal the law to the highest court. The judges who rendered the decision stated that "the right of private schools to exist in the state must be regarded as natural and inherent."

The public school system was born in opposition to parochial and private schools, whereby the rich and aristocratic classes of people could get education, while the poorer classes, of which is composed the majority of the people, were allowed to remain in ignorance, so far as state or government school aid was concerned. But the common school system won out, and it has grown, and cannot be stifled by the advocates of private or parochial schools. In fact, it is a system that belongs to all democratic governments, and especially to republics of our own pattern.

The great trouble comes from religious bodies who still hang on to the old idea that the church should have control of the education of children; and the public school prevents this.

The parochial schools assume that they have a right to dictate the class of education which the child should receive, and that its education should imbibe the particular belief of the church in religious matters, thus forcing a particular brand of religion upon the scholar whether he wants it or not. In other words, the scholar is not allowed to choose his religion, but must take the kind enforced by the parochial school. On the other hand the common school system simply seeks to inculcate good morals and a belief in a Supreme being, the creator and ruler of the universe, and to furnish the essentials of a good moral, common and high school education, leaving the individual free to attend any college he may select to finish that education. Take your choice of the two systems. Whether the parochial schools shall educate you in some particular religious belief, or on the other hand give you a good common school education, and allow you to choose your college for further education, and at the same time choose your college for further education, and at the same time choose for yourself the church to which you want to join. The common school system is a bulwark against the union of church and state, which this government strictly forbids, as the constitution gives all churches and creeds freedom of expression, but does not insist that church and state shall be kept separate.

The trail of church and state combined has left its bloody imprint upon the pages of the world's history, and resulted in the Renaissance, which brought freedom of individual thought on religion, and in other departments of life. That old system still seeks to perpetuate the rule of church and state, which not only takes away a man's freedom of thought and action in this world, but also leaves behind it a legacy of ignorance and superstition, from which the world is seeking to emerge.

The percentage of education under the common school system compared with that of parochial schools, shows a greater national literacy than under that of any country where a government has a national religion, and is dominated by a church. Take for instance the United States and Southern Europe and compare the rate of illiteracy in this country and in the others where parochial schools are established by law or by church dictum, and the common school system shows like an arc light compared with the light of a tallow dip.

The common school system has come to stay, and free and an enlightened country like the United States will never abandon its present system for the old and impractical systems which enlightened peoples have thrown into the discard as contributing causes to ignorance, internal strife, and as an obstacle to orderly, peaceful and intellectual progression. If one believes that the trend of all human endeavor should be backward, instead of forward, then the old obsolete system of church should be welcomed back. But there is little danger that such will be the case. The world has become too enlightened for that.

At last Mah Jong has struck the town, with a whoop and hurrah. If you hear a noise like a rattling of old dry bones, and feminine squeals of delight, added to baritone exclamations of joy, don't get excited; it is only a game of Mah Jong. It has been hinted by some scientist, that the wooden pieces with which the game is played, which are imported from China, contain potentialities for the distributing of pestilential Oriental disease! but that probably is a fabrication quoted by some envious editor who hasn't been invited to "sit in" at a game of the new here, but old there, Chinese game.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence on the various subjects of the day is invited by the Headlight for publication. Any paper for publication must be signed with the writer's name, which may be withheld by request.

WRITER DISCUSSES FARM PROBLEMS

To the Editor: To the casual observer of passing events it will be remembered that only a few years since that agricultural colleges and the metropolitan daily press were issuing a large amount of propaganda advising farmers to specialize in the growing of crops and in raising stock for it was claimed that it would be a solution of some of the difficulties that confront farmers so often, and be instrumental in bringing about better prices for their products.

Strange to relate, however, quite the opposite advice and propaganda is now being doled out to farmers. The farmers are now advised that diversified farming is the proper thing and a way out of their financial and other difficulties, especially wheat growers. So in the space of a few years farmers are advised to adopt two different methods of farming by those who claim to know what is best for farmers and who should be in a position to give good, sound, practical advice.

Good arguments can be made pro and con, for specialized and diversified farming for climatic and soil conditions largely enter into determining this phase of the question. For illustration, it would be ridiculous for the metropolitan press and others to advise dairymen of Tillamook county to diversify in farming should the price of cheese happen to drop below the cost of production and go into wheat raising. It is, therefore, only waste of space to endeavor to prove whether the advice given farmers a few years since and that given now is the most sensible, practical kind of advice, for there is nothing logical in giving different and opposite kinds whenever market prices take a drop in any one of the agricultural products.

The same things have occurred over and over again in Oregon with potatoes, fruit, meats, etc., but no one was foolish to advise the abandonment of growing or raising these farm products.

It will naturally occur to most people, should the wheat growers follow the advice now given them and take up dairying and other branches of agriculture, there will soon be a shortage of wheat, and consequently higher prices for the consumer to pay for flour and bread. From that point of view it can be argued that it is good advice the metropolitan press and others are giving farmers to diversify their crops.

But there are two view points to be considered. Should most of the wheat growers divert their energies and activities to dairying, which most of them would undoubtedly do, regardless as to climate and soil conditions, it is a foregone conclusion that in a few years there would be an over production of dairy products, which would place the dairymen in the same financial straits as the wheat growers, for foreign markets enter into the price of wheat and cheese, with no prospect that wheat growers would be financially benefitted by making the change. In fact, it would result in a double calamity, for over production of dairy products would be disappointing to wheat growers who changed to dairying and would be instrumental in lowering the price of dairy products to a price below cost of production, thus dragging down the dairymen to the same financial conditions some of the wheat growers are facing at the present time.

Looking at the matter from that view point it must appear to every sensible person that wheat growers are not receiving the best of advice from those who have undertaken to give them plenty of free advice, with the expectation that they are going to pull the wheat growers out of a hole and bring them financial success by diversifying in farming.

When Tillamook cheese sold some years ago around 10 cents per pound, the dairymen had their financial troubles and were hard pressed for

money, just the same as the wheat growers are at the present time, but they grit their teeth with firm determination that they would make a success of the cheese industry under the specialized system of farming and came out on top, which conclusively proves that soil and climatic conditions have considerable to do as to whether the land is suitable for specialized or diversified farming.

It is safe to say that a number of wheat growers will diversify in farming, but should any considerable number do so and try their luck at dairying, it will surely soon overstock the markets with dairy products, resulting in lower prices for this is what over production generally brings about.

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