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VERNONIA'S NEW SCHOOL

Several speakers at the dedication of the Washington grade school Friday brought out the fact that no other town of the size of Vernonia in the state has so fine a school building. In beauty, design, facilities and material of construction it is outstanding, and the community has every reason to be proud of it.

Yet a school is more than a building. An up-to-date structure makes possible an enlightened type of instruction, such as Superintendent Howard analyzed, but does not assure it. Unless the human element is in keeping, the modernity of the surroundings serves no purpose. Unscientific instruction restricted to the three R's might just as well be had in the cheapest of shacks, if roomy enough.

That the instruction under Superintendent Condit and the present staff has been of high quality is unquestioned. So, too, the pupil activities as demonstrated in athletics under Coach McCrae, art under Mrs. Fullerton and music under Miss Bougher. The present school year has been one of achievement, in keeping with the commodious, well-appointed building.

Is the future as promising? That depends upon the taxpayers, who can force the school directors into wasteful economies, penny-wise and pound foolish; or, while guarding against extravagance, they can make possible first rate instruction in Vernonia's fine school.

As an emergency measure, while many of the taxpayers are getting only part-time work at reduced wages, decreasing the number of teachers and cutting drastically the salaries of those who remain is perhaps justified. Such a situation, however, like the sluggish lumber market at the bottom of the difficulty, should be merely temporary. Overburdened, underpaid teachers can in the end perform only inferior work. If the time ever comes when Vernonia's good teachers leave because the scale of pay is lower than their talents command, and less competent pedagogues take their places, the \$75,000 spent on the new building is just that much wasted.

Vernonia's teaching staff must remain on a par with Vernonia's distinctive building.

The way of municipal ownership is not always smooth. Vernonia water rates are too high, either because some past administration let the contract at too high a price, or a slick salesman for a bonding company gold-bricked the city dads. Forest Grove's power and light department charges rates that are excessive, though for an entirely different reason: The city drained all the income above immediate cost of operation, and provided no sinking fund for redemption of bonds or depreciation of equipment.

Perhaps the lesson will some day be learned that municipal or state ownership of utilities is a business, and if successful must be conducted on sound business principles, as much so as any private enterprise.

VAN VLEET TO START LOGGING

The Van Vleet Logging Co., of Vernonia will begin work in about two weeks hauling logs into Clatskanie by means of a fleet of trucks.

Last fall Van Vleet purchased the DeRock timber in sections 23 and 27 between the Nehalem and Deep creek, consisting of 12 and 15 million feet. This is the timber that will be marketed in the open market through Clatskanie.

Van Vleet has been logging in the Vernonia vicinity and selling logs to the Oregon American but failing to find a market there has hauled some logs here in the past. He and his family and about eight other families are planning on moving to Clatskanie as soon as possible. J. E. Miller, local realtor, is trying to find houses for them now.

Mr. Van Vleet began yesterday to cut piling on the DeRock holdings and in about two weeks will begin falling of timber. A road has already been constructed so that they may be brought out.

The Wiggins Bros. who hauled logs from the top of the Nehalem mountain last year have announced that they will resume operations again in a very short time.

—Clatskanie Chief

battles, must wage its own contests for the things it gets and favors it receives. Although it is bounded only by France and the Mediterranean, it is not a part of France politically.

On the shores of the beautiful Columbia river in the northern part of Oregon lies the thriving city of St. Helens. It is not separately governed, but comes under the jurisdiction of the state of Oregon and is a part of Oregon politically. But when it has a fight to make, frequently it must make it alone, without the aid of the rest of the state, particularly from some of the powers that be. In this way it is comparable to the principality of Monaco.

We refer, of course, to the fight that has been waged to secure the location of the Pacific Northwest branch of the national soldiers' home. Fighting practically alone, as far as support from the rest of the state was concerned, St. Helens went after this home with might and main. Suitable property was optioned, complete surveys and reports on it were gathered. Representatives of the community were sent to the seat of the national government to present its merits. But encouragement from other places in the state as indicated in the press reports of metropolitan newspapers was noticeably lacking.

The reason for this we do not know. We do know that we put up a good fight and that we have apparently lost out. We must take what satisfaction we can from that, at the same time offering our congratulations to whatever site is finally chosen. For after all, we are a part of Oregon, even though we may feel that we are at times a neglected part, and we are happy that the site is to be in this state.

—St. Helens Mist.

DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

Clatsop county regrets the loss of a half-representative in the legislature through the last minute amendment to the reappointment bill, and may rightfully resent this action as discrimination. And this without denying the claims of Columbia county to representation equal to that of Clatsop.

As a matter of fact Columbia county's population is so near that of Clatsop that no injustice is done in conceding her equal representation. Her gain of a half-representative, while seemingly at the expense of Clatsop county, was actually not so. She should have gained a whole representative at the expense of some of the sparsely populated counties of Eastern and Central Oregon. Both Clatsop and Columbia counties were discriminated against.

Representation outside Multnomah county was made on a basis of one to an average of 13,361 people, yet we find that Crook and Jefferson counties, with a combined population of only 5627 was given a representative while

What Other Editors . . . Think

OLEO REFERENDUM CIRCULATORS START

An illuminating little item from Portland discloses that Geo. Bylander, professional peddler of referendum petitions, has taken a contract for the halting of Oregon's new 10-cent oleo tax.

He will attempt to get signatures of 11,000 qualified voters to hold up the oleo tax, and call an election to repeal it. A crew of 80 paid circulators will be put on the streets of Portland, Salem, Corvallis, Albany, and Eugene, at an unnamed commission, possibly the usual 10 cents per name.

He may find enough signers who care little or nothing for the dairy farmer's plight to succeed in defeating, or at least delaying, the law which we had hoped would give dairying a living wage again.

If he does, that's Oregon's loss and the South Sea Islands' gain.

—Grants Pass Courier

OUT IN THE COLD

On the shores of the beautiful Mediterranean sea in the southern part of France lies the small principality of Monaco. It is a separately governed independent country under its own jurisdiction. It must fight its own

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instances preventable waste of human life.

But how can the murders and near murders by motors be stopped? We are told that last year 960,000 were injured and 32,500 were killed by stupid, careless, ignorant drivers. The law can not prevent carelessness at the wheel, but it can, and should, see to it that ignorance and stupidity do not occupy the driver's seat. Before a barber is permitted to cut your hair, he must prove his competency at the risk of violating a consistency that heretofore has stubbornly resisted all temptations to ask "for a law" to cure this or that. The Spectator now suggests that Governor Meier appoint a Commission of Public Safety whose members shall have a knowledge of electricity and engineering and who shall searchingly examine on his driving ability every person who proposes to operate an auto in Oregon. With proper care in issuing licenses to motor drivers we should this year be able to reduce the shocking total of more than a million citizens killed and injured in this country in 1930.

—The Spectator

STOP THE MURDERS BY MOTORS

The man who operates the stationary engine the motivates the big shovel in our excavations is required to show a certificate of sobriety and ability, and as a result the engine and shovel cause few accidents. Persons who propose to drive automobiles are required to present no evidence of experience of temperance, or of nothing else except that they have the money with which to sure the machine. As a result of this, in the United States last year more than 32,500 persons were killed and 960,000 were injured in motor accidents. There is a greater total of fatalities and casualties than our soldiers suffered in the great war. If we were in conflict with another nation, and if our newspapers reported nearly 3000 of our sons slain and more than 80,000 wounded in a month, our pacifists would hold monster massmeetings and demanded a cessation of the internecine war through peace at any price. But the frightful record of motor murders attracts little attention, and certainly stirs us to no effort at abatement. Not even the fact that last year more than 2000 little children were crushed to death and 45,000 were maimed by autos and that the new year opens with no less appalling list of tragedies seems to awaken us to the necessity of taking measures to stop this shocking and in many

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