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GOOD STRONG PRINCIPALS NEEDED.

There is a general impression that the people of Salem are getting an inadequate return for the money expended on their public schools. That was what moved a committee appointed to investigate the matter a few years ago to report in favor of reducing the eight years' work to six. That report was prepared by Messrs. Claud Gatch, Geo. Hughes and Geo. Pearce, and, while it was not adopted at the school meeting, the office of city superintendent, at \$1500 a year, was abolished as the result of the better demand for better principals. It was argued that strong, competent principals would tend to build up the ward or suburban schools. But that plan was not followed, and the principal of the East Salem school was made city superintendent, and placed over the other principals, and they are not responsible for the condition of the schools, so far as the general management is concerned. Criticism of the general condition of the schools that is pertinent must be against the city superintendent, and this is said without reflection on that gentleman, but when there is a superintendency there must be responsibility. Unless Salem is to take steps toward securing a fully developed school system, there is little use for city superintendency, and great use for able principals. Each of the suburban ward schools should be built up with all the grades that are taught in the East school. At present some of the principals are getting \$70 a month for teaching from 15 to 25 children. With the low grades that are taught these \$70 a month principals teaching so few children do not give a full return to the district for the money invested. Epidemics have disarranged the work of the public schools the past year, and it has been impossible to

keep a high grade of efficiency in the organization.

With better conditions and better distribution of the work there will come better results. Still the large ward schools need the best ability in the principal to keep them from running down to mere primary grade schools.

The board should seek to get the very best men for principals, and give them the backing needed to build up and develop the work into higher efficiency in each of the four large schools. If Salem schools are to be brought up to schools of other cities a superintendent will be needed.

OUTGROWING ANCIENT REMEDIES

When we were children our grandparents had an old-fashioned saw-bones doctor come and treat them in the spring. His method was "cupping and bleeding," and he bled them for all there was in it.

We children were regularly given sulphur and molasses to ward off infantile troubles. The test was complete when the sulphur came through our clothes.

Those methods have been abandoned, but they remind us of the politicians. In the last legislature they cupped and bled the people until they have to pay \$1,100,728.06 state taxes.

The Populists gave the people sulphur and molasses—brimstone and treacle—for their imaginary ailments. It was harmless, and a robust child could stand a great deal without hurting his constitution.

After we get direct legislation, direct nomination and direct election of senators, people will find their way of political life so much improved they will wonder how they ever endured the old method.

In opening the campaign this year at Brooks, Marion county, Tilmon Ford made a strong speech in favor of all the reform ideas in state affairs that the Journal has contended for—Republicanism of that kind no honest citizen of any party can object to. Here is his speech in a nutshell: "Mr. Ford claimed that with a proper primary law for registration and nomination of officers, and the enactment of reasonable flat salaries for all officials, and the adoption of the initiative and referendum, that the taxes of the people of the state of Oregon would be lowered at least one-half within the next four or five years; and that what the tax-paying people of all parties most desired is the best possible government at the least possible cost, with efficiency."

After the above kind of policies are put into effect, the people will wonder why they stood the old "cupping and bleeding" process as long as they did.

No one objects to the Tilmon Ford style of progressive reform Republicanism; but when you jam all the rattle and spools element of a party into one faction, and put that in charge, what will you get?

The people who can read and think clearly know they will never get tax reduction at the hands of the Fulton-Furnish-Jack-Mathias wing, now operating the Republican flying machine.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

The Washington State Dental Society will try the nerve of Tacoma people next week.

Ah, there, sunny California! Showers have been raining the big floral parade at Sacramento, May Queen and all.

The Salem Sentinel and Gervais Star are the solid Republican newspaper support Mr. Furnish has in this county.

"When you have leisure," said a caller to the city editor, "I would like to speak to you." All right, come after I am dead.

Billy Clarke, of the Gervais Star, says direct nomination demonstrations at Salem and elsewhere are fomented by "certain worn-out politicians."

Billy Clarke, of Gervais, is fiercely opposed to direct nomination. Does he fear the people might also wish to have a voice in nominating postmasters?

Marion is the banner Sunday School county, and it ought to stamp with disapproval the idea of a man buying the nomination for the office of chief executive.

Mr. Geo. E. Chamberlain will be granted the freedom of the Capital City Saturday. All the people of all parties will be welcome to see the next governor of Oregon.

A lady, looking over the editorial page of the Portland Telegram the other day, was heard to remark: "Do you know what this paper reminds me of? It's in the position of a hen-pecked

married woman, who is afraid to claim her soul as her own."

A Sunday School teacher recently told her class about the cruelty of docking horses. "Can any little girl tell me," she said, "of an appropriate verse of scripture referring to such treatment?" A small girl rose and said solemnly, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

HON. TILMON FORD IS NOT A SCUTTLE

In a Speech Republican to the Core Advocates Self-Government for the Filipinos.

To prove that the Democratic platform maintains the true policy of this country toward the Philippine Islands, read the words of Hon. Tilmon Ford, in his campaign speech at Brooks, Marion county, Wednesday evening:

In speaking of the Philippine Islands Mr. Ford said it would be unchristianlike for the American government to abandon those islands, and thus allow some other nation to take charge of the people, and treat them as Spain had done during the past 300 years. The Republican party proposes that we educate those Filipinos and give them the largest voice so far as the governmental affairs are concerned, until, in due course of time, they become sufficiently enlightened to gov-

ern themselves, provided they ever attain that proficiency, which time alone can develop. The islands came to us as the result of the Spanish war, and it is our duty to protect those people, and nothing short of this will answer the demands of a Christian world.

Now read the Democratic platform on the same subject:

We believe that the true policy is to prepare the people of those islands for self-government as speedily as possible, and when so prepared to grant them their independence, retaining such coaling stations and ports as may be necessary to protect those islands from foreign interference, and to maintain our trade relations in the Orient.

Mass Meeting at Woodburn.

Woodburn Independent: The direct nomination mass meeting to be held in Armory hall next Saturday night at 7:30 p. m. will be largely attended. The people recognize a good thing when they see it, and they can perceive that this movement, which will abolish the practice of machine methods in politics should be encouraged. R. P. Boise, Governor Geer, Tilmon Ford, N. J. Judah and others are expected to be present and deliver addresses. There will also be in attendance legislative candidates who have pledged their word, if elected, to aid the cause, or will at this meeting give such a pledge. Every farmer for miles around should attend this mass meeting.

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GENERAL PALMA HOPEFUL.

Splendid Future in Store For Cuba Under Self Rule, He Thinks.
President Elect Tomas Estrada Palma of Cuba recently left Washington at midnight for his New York home, where he will remain until the last of April, when he will leave New York for Santiago province, in which he will spend a few days, going thence to Havana to be inaugurated May 20.

"I will enter upon my duties as president of Cuba," said General Palma, "confident in the belief that there is a splendid future in store for the island. The people are naturally of an orderly, peaceable disposition, mild-mannered and submissive to law and to order. What they need is the opportunity to work, and with this assured prosperity will come to the people. They are dignified and will respect law and order."

"The ceremonies incident to my inauguration will be in keeping with the requirements of the occasion. Closely following the induction of the new government will be the appointment of a minister to represent it at Washington. As soon as this has been done and a representative appointed from the United States to Cuba steps will be taken for the drafting of a treaty between the two governments embodying the features outlined in the Platt amendment. This will include provision for a naval station, probably at Guantanamo, although this is not settled, and the establishment of coaling stations at points to be mutually agreed upon."

"The retention of 500 artillerymen is with the consent of the Cuban government. They are not to interfere in any way with Cuban affairs. They will be retained until the Cuban government is ready to replace them with a force of its own men. The latter now has about 200 men who have been drilled in artillery practice, and to these it is contemplated adding about 100 more."

President Palma, in closing, paid a tribute to the United States government. He said: "The government of the United States has shown a most beautiful example of good faith in dealing with the weak government which it undertook to rescue from its oppressors. Some countries would have sought some pretext for selfish gain in undertaking a work of this character and taken advantage of some technicality for their own aggrandizement, but the contrary spirit has been manifested by the United States, and it has given to the world an evidence of good will seldom found. The people of the United States have commended their own Declaration of Independence and have fulfilled a duty to mankind."

Breaking It Gently.
"Well, John, how are things going at home?"
"Your mother's air."
"My poor mother dead! How long was she ill? What was the matter?"
"Well, sir, she never held up her head after your father's death."
"My father too! Tell me the cause. Speak, man!"
"He took to his bed as soon as he heard the bad news, sir."
"Bad news! What do you mean?"
"That the vessel that held his whole fortune had been lost at sea."

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A CASE OF IDENTITY

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The postmaster at Clayton at the time I write of and for two years previously was a single man, thirty-five years old, named Henry Day. He made his home with a widow named Martin, who had three children. As postmaster he was known to every man, woman and child for five miles around, and you would say that his identity could be proved above any other man's. One morning Day was missing, and within an hour the widow started the community by charging him with attempted assault and robbery. Her statement was to the effect that she had been awakened about midnight and found him in her room. She had that day received \$2,000 in cash, and he demanded the money. When she cried out, he struck her with a club, and during the few minutes she was unconscious he secured the money and fled.

Did any one doubt her story? Was there the slightest reason to suspect she could be mistaken? She had seen him and heard his voice. So also had Frank and Lattie as he left the house. He had taken a freight train which passed the station at 1 o'clock a. m., and the station agent had even spoken to him. As he was the only passenger, the conductor and two brakemen could fully identify him. Was there ever a plainer case?

It was three weeks before Mr. Day was overhauled and brought back for trial. He was not even flushed. He calmly denied that he was Henry Day. He denied that he had ever been in Clayton. Indeed he was so cool and nervous that the officers, who knew him as well as they knew their own children, began to doubt if he were really the man before them. The prisoner declared the officers mistaken, but made no objection to returning with them. There were 500 people at the depot to see him. Every one recognized him as Henry Day. Next day he was arraigned before a justice of the peace under that name. He denied it and gave his name as James Bailey. His plea was "not guilty," and he had the best lawyers in the county. The doubt which the officers brought back with them now began to be felt. When Mrs. Martin took the stand, she positively identified the prisoner as Day. On cross examination she began to waver. One of her children swore positively; another "thought so." A clerk in the postoffice was put on the stand to identify the prisoner. He was positive at first, but ended by doubting. Only two young persons out of thirty called to the stand were positive. The defense claimed a case of mistaken identity. The prisoner denied his name to be James Bailey and that he was born of American parents in Switzerland. He had come to the United States as a tourist and had only been in the country two weeks when arrested. He had about \$1,000 in money, some of which was English gold.

When the trial in the higher court came on, the crew of the freight train and the station agent were put on the stand. Each set out to be positive, but each ended by doubting. The testimony of the station agent was a fair sample.

"Mr. Jones, you were acquainted with Henry Day?"
"Yes, sir."
"What sort of nose had he?"
"None? Why, a straight nose, sir."
"Sure of this?"
"Yes, sir."
"That will do."

The prisoner in the box had a Roman nose. Did Day have that sort of nose? One half the village said yes, the other half no. The Widow Martin was determined to be positive this time. She not only believed in what she was going to swear to, but a hundred different people had encouraged her in her conviction. This was the way she came to grief:

"You think it was about midnight when you awoke?"
"Yes, sir."
"I saw the prisoner at the foot of the bed and called out."
"Did you know who it was before you heard his voice?"
"No, sir."
"Well, what did he say?"
"He said, 'I want that money or I'll murder you.'"
"You were greatly frightened?"
"Yes, sir."
"And yet, frightened as you were, you recognized his voice?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, let us see if there is any similarity. Prisoner, you will call out the words used by the man in the bedroom."

The prisoner complied, seeming to put himself in the other's place, and his words knocked the bottom out of the prosecution. The Widow Martin seemed stupefied as she looked at him.

"So you swear that this is the voice you heard in your bedroom, do you?" asked the lawyer.
"I—I can't say."

Of the two men who had been positive at the preliminary examination one backed square down, while the other was full of doubts. When the case was closed and the jury went out, eight were doubtful and the other four not very positive, and the result was a verdict of "not guilty." Bailey remained in town for a couple of weeks, meeting everybody as a stranger and wandering around to see the sights, and then went quietly away, to be seen no more. Was he Bailey or Day? I have told you how they failed to prove he was anybody but Bailey, and yet he was Day. Years afterward I interviewed him in a South Carolina jail for two days before he was to be tried for burglary, and he acknowledged his identity and laughed heartily over the details of the case.

M. QUAD.

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THE DAIRY AND THE COW.

A Woman's Eloquent Tribute to These Twin Benedictions.

The following eloquent tribute to the twin benedictions, the dairy and the cow, from the pen of Mrs. W. B. Hunt of Georgia appears in a recent contribution to the Jersey Bulletin. What is a dairy? Answering from my own experience, I should say a place to make butter and poetry in. In the dairy is that creature of daily miracle—the transmitting of golden sunshine, through the blossom and the grass, into golden butter—and in this transmission is involved all the mysterious, subtle forces in the air above, the earth beneath and the waters under the earth, whose sum total we call "nature" and whose understanding "science." In that invisible laboratory where the cloud turns to a violet and the worm to a butterfly and the egg to a thrush's song and the dawn is painted on a sunshel there the gift of a sunbeam and perfume of a flower are caught and held in an envelope of silk. This is a butter granule, and it comprehends all things from star dust to flower dew. Its shape is that of the whirling world around the sun, and, like them, it obeys the concords of astronomy that hold and bind the universe. The scientist's microscope will tell you of "sugar of milk," of "casein" and of tangible solids, but only the poet's subtle sense will discover that, caught in that tiny gossamer envelope, are the song of the lark, the glow of the dawn, the ripple of streams, the balm of twilight, the breath of blossoms—all the mystery and melody of nature's rhythmic pulse beats from buds of May to tawny leaves of autumn. And in the making and conserving of these silken covered atoms is comprehended—what? Agriculture, botany, chemistry, bacteriology and all laws governing plant and animal life, and, back of all and involved in all, the infinite human thought and labor that are allied to all science.

The cow herself, what is she? The deity of the dairy! Nature's own symbol! She is the Greek Astero and the Syrian Ashoretz and the Babylonian Mylitta and the Egyptian Osiris and Isis, in every age and clime the personification of maternity, the object of man's adoration. Deified and worshipped by all priests and peoples, carved in stone in all pagan temples, with eyes of the same unfathomable calm she looks at us, as once she gazed on kneeling worshippers in Egypt. With her from Asia into Europe came arts and science, letters, language and religion. Look at her and read the history of humanity! Every age and every clime have left their stamp upon her. From Rome to Gaul, from Gaul to Normandy, from Normandy to the island of Jersey, thence to America, where modern science has perfected her—this has the cow become the exponent of man's highest civilization. "Measure it not by the height of his church steeples or number of his school-houses, but look at the butter he eats!"

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