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BUILD A GOOD SCHOOL HOUSE.

The board of education of this city has it in its power to do a creditable piece of work for the capital of the state.

They are commissioned to erect a new high school building, and very few restrictions are put on their actions.

The district has a cash surplus with present tax levies that will amount to fifty or sixty thousand dollars in three years.

Why not take the estimated surplus revenues for the next three years and erect a building that will be a credit to the city and the state?

Of course, there will be those who say a good frame building is good enough. Why spend money on brick or stone?

But this state is growing rapidly, and the public school system is expanding under the impulse and ideals of an ambitious people.

No community ever made a mistake in building grandly and greatly for the public schools. So we say to the school board, don't build cheap.

Consider the pride of the people in their public schools. Consider that the high school is the people's college, and give us the best.

The best high school building that can be erected under the circumstances is not too good for our children and those who come after us.

We have enough cheap, perishable wooden buildings. Build one good one. Go and see what other cities of 12,000 to 150,000 are doing and act right.

DESPISE NOT THE POLITICIAN.

There are those who despise the politician and cry him down as altogether bad and his calling unworthy.

But to be successful in politics requires ability of not a mean order. What does it require to be successful?

Let it be said that many are able to succeed in professions, in making money, or in gaining social position who fail in politics.

Does it not require more real ability to be a good politician than to be a lawyer or doctor or to make money or shine in society?

The successful politician must know human nature, must be well-informed about public matters, must have a mastery of facts and situations.

A political struggle develops all a man's resources, his patience, his foresight, his sagacity, his intelligence and his honesty.

For at the bottom the man who succeeds in politics in the long run must be honest in purpose and honest in his relations with individuals.

The highest training of the citizen is received in a political campaign, where he goes up against all that is weakest and strongest in his fellow-citizens and co-ambitious rivals for popular favor.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

It is 14 years since the legislature of the state of Oregon enacted the measure which we know as the Australian ballot law. Oregon people are anything but mercurial. They take not kindly to change for the sake of change alone; but when the just and reasonable changes which were proposed by the Australian Ballot League in the election laws then existing, were set before the people of Oregon in the spring of 1890, there was not a county convention in the state that declined to accept the proposed amendment to the existing laws; nay, more, the demand of the people of the state was so unanimous and emphatic for the passage of the proposed law that every county convention in its platform and the state conventions of every party expressed themselves with no equivocation as heartily in favor of the law. The legislature of 1901 enacted the measure almost unanimously.

The Australian or secret ballot law was nevertheless not without enemies. Its passage wrested from bosses and professional politicians, a power and prerogative to which they dared no longer openly pretend, but they immediately sought to bring it into disfavor by making every possible attempt to erroneously increase the cost of elections by the new method. The voting booths which some officers attempted to buy were of steel and would have cost five times what suitable booths did cost.

The first attempt to tamper with this law was in 1893 when the old guard of ringsters from Matamah county offered through their agents in the house of representatives an "amendment" to the law proposing to make it practicable for a drunken or illiterate voter to scrawl out in the "party column" and thus evade his

fitness for the greatest boon an earthly power can confer—American citizenship. It was easy to defeat this insidious enemy. Then Democrats were more numerous in that legislature than the present one, and there were many Populists also, and with a few independent Republicans the attempt was smothered in negative votes.

Since that time, up to the present day, no convention, state or county, in Oregon has ventured to express itself as dissatisfied with our present manner of voting. No patriot arose among us to set forth the iniquity of the system. The enemies of the secret ballot have come out into the open. Yet in every legislature session since the enactment of this law the attempt has been made, and always originating in Portland, to rush through an amendment similar to that defeated in 1893.

If the question were before the people of Oregon for settlement by vote they would indicate their satisfaction with the law as it stands emphatically.

Legislatures and legislators always look or hope for a vast public charity to cover and overlook their sins. The people are, after all, easily reconciled to the pilferings from their rights by the most wily politician. He who can frame legislation for his own cupidity and paramount interest of his constituents becomes after many hairbreadth escapes a leader in politics. Government and legislation are profoundly simple things. It is but the ebullience and craft of rogues that makes the system so complex that the left hand knows not what the right hand does.

In a comatose comment of the last legislature, probably when the honorable senate of the state was about entering for the ceremony of a senatorial vote, or when the morning paper had just arrived and was receiving the scrutiny of the members to see what the cartoonist had done with them, a measure practically obliterating the spirit and purpose of the present election law was passed. Governor Chamberlain vetoed the bill. Two-thirds of the men who voted for it, for whatever reason, would undo that act today if it were possible. They know, as every intelligent man knows, that if the mechanical process of making a mark in a square or circle, thus endorsing a partisan nomination of a straight ticket, regardless of the men upon that ticket, shall be the manner of voting prescribed by our law, it will be senseless waste to maintain the form of secrecy in our elections, and we may as well march up to the polls tagged and branded as in the good old days. But good sense prevailed and the governor's veto was not overruled. The old law stands.

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series unless the demand of the strikers is met.

The administration of the German industrial schools, as of the system of general education, does not rest with the government of Berlin, but has since the earliest days of the empire been conducted by the various kingdoms and principalities.

Nature as well as necessity mothered the invention of the lathe, the first of machine tools. It was built originally between two adjacent large trees, near which grew a springy sapling. Lathes like it are used today in some of the Asiatic countries.

A boy of 11 who lives at Hamilton, Ont., wrote to the czar asking for some Russian postage stamps. Recently he received from the czar a complete collection of Russian postal, departmental and local stamps in a magnificently bound album. The collection is said to be worth several thousand dollars.

Tulare lake, in California, once navigable by steamers, is now perfectly dry. A man on foot can safely cross it at any point, and in some places the ground is hard enough for a team to drive over. The cause of this condition is the draining of Kern and King rivers of their waters by irrigating canals.

An English warship recently arrived at Puerto Arentas and saluted the flag of Costa Rica with 21 guns. It took the gunners of Costa Rica two hours to answer the salute. They had only one old muzzle loader, which had to be allowed to cool after each round. But the salute was got through in the course of the day.

Queen Alexandra of England celebrated her sixtieth birthday on Dec. 1. The festivities at Sandringham in honor of the day were very simple, the main feature being an entertainment for the school children of the estate at which the Queen and her guests personally attended to the wants of the little folks.

An indication of the immense business being done in the iron trade is the congestion of the tracks by cars loaded with the products of the mills in the vicinity of Homestead, Pa., and other manufacturing points. In one yard there were six miles of cars waiting movement one day in the early part of the month.

Washington Legislature.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 21.—Numerous pairs detracted from the interest in today's senatorial ballot. The Democrats complimented C. S. Voorhees, of Spokane. The result of the vote was as follows: Foster 29, Piles 24, Sweeney 24, Wilson 14, Jones 7, Voorhees 7. The house amended the Lewis and Clark bill by cutting down the appropriation to \$75,000.

Bryan and Jones Call on President.

Washington, Jan. 21.—W. J. Bryan, accompanied by James L. Jones, called on the president today. The two Democratic leaders were cordially received. Mr. Bryan said he had expressed to the president his approval of that executive's attitude on the proposed railroad legislation and federal licenses for all corporations. It is said the president was not averse to receiving Democratic support on these questions.

Milliken Dismissed.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Captain David B. Milliken of the Twenty-seventh infantry, who was recently tried at Fort Sheridan on the charge of making false statements, was found guilty by court martial and dismissed from the army. Milliken, it is alleged, married a Filipino, but reported himself unmarried.

Thirty-two Lives Lost.

Madrid, Jan. 21.—Thirty-two persons lost their lives in a fire which was of incendiary origin at Centini last night. Seven houses were fired, supposedly as a result of a long-standing feud.

New Collector for Yaquina.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The nomination of Charles B. Grosnow as collector of customs for the district of Yaquina, Oregon, was sent to the senate today.

Trust Company Suspends.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 21.—The City Saving Fund and Trust company suspended today. Capital stock, \$150,000. The deposits are estimated at \$1,200,000.

Whight's Paragon Headache Cure relieves from suffering instantly, and checks long confined tendencies to headache. Down goes the cure, away goes the headache, up goes your spirits. Every druggist.

Dr. J. H. Coleman was a passenger to Eugene this morning.

Judge McQueen, of Portland fame, is in the city on business.

Junction City is to have a new opera house.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Hawn-Towle Wedding.

Miss K. E. Hawn and Mr. J. E. Towle were united in marriage at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. T. F. Royal, on South Commercial street, at 12 o'clock, January 19, 1905.

The contracting parties are both highly respected young people of Shaw, Ore. Mr. Towle was formerly a popular school teacher of this county, but finding horticulture more congenial and profitable, he is now an extensive fruitgrower. The bride is a very popular young lady, who has a large circle of friends. They will reside in Shaw.

L. E. Towle, brother of the groom, and R. Claxton, brother-in-law of the bride, were present at the wedding.

Woodmen Entertainment.

A very pleasant social was held at the Holman building last evening in the Woodmen and Silver Bell halls after the usual sessions of the lodges. A large number of friends were present and were enjoyably entertained. The following musical and literary program was rendered:

Music by Evans' orchestra. Dramatic recitation, Miss Gertrude Johnson.

Music by the orchestra. Vocal solo, Miss Nina Johnson. Music, orchestra.

Selected remarks by different members.

After the program a social time was had, and the Ladies of Woodcraft served light refreshments. Later in the evening dancing was indulged in and the whole was a very pleasant affair.

Preparatory Class Party.

The home of Dr. Mott was the scene of a first year preparatory class party on last Thursday night. The rooms had been very tastefully decorated with the class colors, and everything possible done to make the occasion a pleasant one.

A very interesting program was rendered, consisting of the following numbers:

Address—Wallace Trill. Piano solo—Theo Bennett. Reading—Vera Byers.

Vocal solo—Nina Johnson. Reading—Wallace Trill.

Vocal solo Vera Byers. Vocal duet—Nina Johnson and Vera Byers.

Following the program various games were indulged in, chief among which were finch, panic and pitt. Refreshments were also served.

Sophomores Meet.

The sophomore class of the university met at the home of Miss Belle Crouse on last Thursday evening, and after transacting some necessary business spent a very enjoyable social evening. The popular games were played, refreshments were served, and the informality which marked the whole affair made it a very enjoyable evening.

Telephone Company Organized.

About 20 of those interested in the Chemawa Independent Mutual Telephone company met last evening at the home of F. J. Beatty to formulate plans and elected officers and did such other business as was deemed necessary for the construction of an independent telephone line. The following officers were chosen: W. Goodrich, president; R. O. Henderson, vice-president; E. J. Hall, secretary. Said officers will act in the capacity of a board of directors. Messrs. Rickman and Yergensen are the committee for securing the right of way. Arrangements were made for supplying the poles and work is begun. The next meeting will be held on February 3.

Bartenders Excluded.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—A rule adopted by the miners' convention today excludes saloonkeepers and bartenders from membership. Several hundred will be affected. Robert Randall, the Wyoming delegate, was expelled for attacking President Mitchell. He rented a hall for a meeting Sunday night and invited all Socialists to hear his side of the case. It is understood also that he wants to raise funds to get back home.

An Opportunity.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Central Congregational church will give a chicken pie supper at the chapel building, corner of Nineteenth and Ferry streets, Wednesday evening, January 25, from 5 to 2 o'clock p. m.

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