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HIGH COST OF PUBLIC PRINTING.

Millions are wasted every year by the government in public printing. So much matter is issued that is of no general interest that the government printing office at Washington, with its thousands of employes, is becoming a burden upon the national treasury. This evil of over-working the printing offices has extended to the states, and the printing of official publications in Oregon and elsewhere calls for a vast expenditure of money which is really of little benefit to the people in general. Reports of officials are always unnecessarily elaborate for public consumption and being so pleonastic and bulky are usually tossed aside, often unopened.

The people, in whose interest these reports are printed, have not yet sufficient time to read them and they are usually so cluttered up with unintelligible statistics and technical statements the average man has no adequate conception if he should read them.

For the purpose of official filing it might be all right to have these departmental reports extended and liberally embellished with statistical tabulation, but for public use they would have a far better effect if boiled down to an understandable basis.

Furthermore, there would be an immense saving to the public, which has no conception of the enormous amount expended in the publication and distribution of these reports. Many of them are practically duplications year after year. This entails unnecessary labor on the part of the departments and furnishes much matter of no use to the public.

What Oregon, and a majority of the states, really need is a supervisor of public printing whose business it should be to pass on the orders of every department and official for printed matter with authority to reject unnecessary matter and prune all requisitions down to actual needs. A capable, honest official of this character should save the state from \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year by cutting out useless reports, condensing others, and requiring economy in the use of all printed supplies.

EDUCATION AND SUCCESS.

A homeless and hungry man who applied to the Hackensack police station for relief said that he could speak 10 languages and complained that a college education had not done him much good.

An education such as this gives a man the advantage of being able to ask for a meal at almost any household in this broad land; but is this real education?

It is the rule rather than the exception that the high-grade college men are outtripped by the self-schooled Lincolns. Some eminently successful businessmen have declared that their experience has taught them to beware of applicants from the classical colleges and even from the high schools of today.

Higher learning and cultivation of the esthetic are good. They are essential to the happiness and usefulness of the individual, as they are to the progress and development of the race.

But these must be the superstructure, not the foundation.

The first things that make the nation are not the learned scholar, the famous artist, the magic musician, but the practical farmer, the skilled artisan, the successful merchant.

The nation's true greatness is not in its libraries, its halls of art, its temples of music, but in its productive farms, its busy factories and its marts of trade.

Our sweetest National Song is the rhythmic hum of industry. Our highest glory is in the happy homes of a prosperous people.

One may speak 10 languages, and only beg for food. Another may speak but one, and that imperfectly, and yet give to the world a wondrous message.

Like Grover Cleveland, former President Taft has a firmer grip on public confidence than he did when president. Perhaps it is the independence that comes with the removal of the shackles of office holding which causes such men to grow in mental and patriotic stature in private life.

Among recent press dispatches was one telling that William Ruf, a gun pointer on the battleship Texas, had broken the world's record for marksmanship, having scored eight straight hits with a fourteen-inch gun shooting at a moving target twelve miles away. Another gunner with a name that came over from one of the foreign lands when his parents came to this country made a record not made before in rapid successful shots with a twelve-inch gun, and he's only nineteen years old. With all of Uncle Sam's "unpreparedness" the fellows who start any unpleasantness with him will have a run of luck if they get away from such gunners.

The United States Cashier company, of Portland, seems to have deliberately defrauded the people of the Northwest out of more than a million dollars, and was only getting started when the "blue sky" corporation law put a stop to its operations. That law was one of the best ever put on the statute books of the state, and yet the late state senate voted to repeal it. Only an independent, honest house majority saved it from the assaults of the "promoter" gang.

The Capital Journal's sworn circulation statement for the month of February shows 3,679 daily subscribers, or 18,395 readers on the basis of five readers to each regular subscriber. This is a circulation built up by honest, businesslike methods on the merits of the paper, possessing quality as well as quantity. No other paper printed or circulated in this field has a right to be listed in the same class, because all others fall hundreds below these figures.

Contraband copper in sugar casks in Copenhagen and rubber concealed in cotton bales in New York help to pile up trouble for neutral ships and shippers. Greed for extra gain in war time increases the difficulties of honest trade and embarrasses nations striving to preserve neutrality, remarks an exchange.

Japan announces a program of reform for China. The little yellow fellows probably realize the hopelessness of attempting anything of the kind at home, hence their activity on behalf of their neighbors.

Mexico is losing its hold on the front page. They haven't had a new president or a fresh revolution down there in the past ten days.

Jack Johnson seems determined to be neutral in the war of races. He is keeping a broad expanse of water between himself and White Hope Jess Willard.

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New Books at the Public Library

Abbott, "Notable Women in History." Gives brief sketches of 70 women who, in all ages, all lands, and in all womanly occupations have won fame and put their imprint on the world's history.

American Ass'n for Highway Improvement, "Official Good Roads Yearbook 1912." A clear and concise statement of the trend of modern drama in America, England and on the continent, giving information on leading playwrights and the general tendencies of their work.

Aussan et Nicolette translated by Andrew Lang.

Barrie, "Half Hours," four of Barrie's plays, Pantaloon, The Twelve Pound Look, Rosalind, The Will.

Blake, "China." One of the A. & C. Black color books. Has very fine illustrations in color by Mortimer Menpes.

Bleyer, "Newspaper Writing and Editing." A bright, entertaining, yet accurate and exhaustive account of newspaper work, arranged for systematic study. Contains carefully selected and analyzed illustrative material. Mr. Bleyer teaches journalism in the University of Wisconsin.

Caban, "What Men Live By." From his experience as a physician the author urges the use of four cures—work, play, love and worship—to bring back the patient and all others into the currents of real life. Each cure he dwells on interestingly with a broad minded spirit and genial outlook.

Champlin, "Cyclopedia of Painters and Paintings." A valuable addition to the reference department. Gives information about painters and paintings in one alphabetical arrangement. It also has illustrations.

Collier, "Germany and the Germans from an American Point of View." This was written before the outbreak of the present war and gives a graphic picture of men, institutions, social life and national characteristics. The essays are brilliantly written.

Cradlebaugh, "Nyctonia Klischee Illusion." Songs of the good country. Poems of much local interest.

Gibbons, "The New Map of Europe." The story of the recent diplomatic crisis and wars and of Europe's present catastrophe. Mr. Gibbons is well qualified by study and residence in various countries to know whereof he writes.

Kimber, Text-book of anatomy and physiology for nurses.

Lee, "Dorothy Wordsworth: the story of a Sister's Love."

National Conference of Charities and Correction Proceedings 1914.

National Educational Association Proceedings and Addresses 1914.

Parsons, "Law of Business."

Taylor, "King of the Dark Chamber." This symbolic little play of the Indian poet has been translated into English by himself and so loses as little as possible of its original charm. The Drama League of America has set the stamp of its approval on the play.

Van Dyke, "The Grand Canyon and Other Poems."



"The Nation bestows honor on all men who have made good use of their time."

George Washington will always live in the memory of man as the "Father of Our Country."

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OPEN FORUM

Dr. Linton and His Auto.

Waldport, Ore., March 2.—Editor Capital Journal: I am the victim that wrote Secretary of State Olcott some time ago about the ocean beach. Now, what I want is this: to trade for a buy cheap; the parts of a wrecked M. E. machine, model 1910; don't care for the engine, just need most of the rest of the internal organs, etc. It's a long ways to the factory from Waldport, and I would like to have a supply of internal and external auto lingerie right on the ground. Now, Dear Journal, I hope this will bring results. I have tried out the razor clams from the flywheel and clutch; baled the salt water out of her crank case; soldered up her spark plugs, and domesticated most of the sand flies that had pre-empted her cushions. If my friend Olcott will help me get together these scraps, I will join them together in holy union (I am a magistrate, you know), and send him that Tee for motor vehicles so long delayed.

But I sure want these things, all but the engine, and will give good trade or cash for same. I had intended to write the legislature regarding the matter, but procrastinated.

Yours, in some sorrow,

DR. C. E. LINTON.

PARKERSVILLE SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ringo, Miss Jessie Ringo, Miss Catherine Hagenson, and Mr. E. E. Shields were school visitors on Friday.

The children are making good use of the play ground equipment, which was put up a few weeks ago by the patron of the district. There are two swings, four swing-rings and two tethers.

In the spelling contest held February 18th the following averages were made: Fourth grade, 99 per cent; fifth grade, 99 per cent; sixth grade, 100 per cent; seventh grade, 94 per cent; eighth grade, 89 per cent. Those making 100 per cent were Mildred Pickens, Vallie McVish, Velma Redman, and Irene Duff.

Those getting 98 per cent were: Lulu Shields, Daisy Parker, Eugene Catling, Glenn Cutforth, and Edith Manning.

Monday being Washington's birthday but not a school holiday school was held as usual, with appropriate exercises in the afternoon to celebrate the birthday of our first president.

A parent-teachers meeting is being planned for Friday, March 20th. The speakers named will be announced later as it is not definitely known as yet. All patrons requested to be present. Every body welcome.

The Industrial club has reorganized with the following officers: President, Ruth Manning; vice-president, Truus Haskins; secretary, Eugene Catling; treasurer, Daisy Parker.—Gervais Star.

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COOPERSTOWN TEAM WINS.

San Diego, Cal., March 1.—The polo team representing the Cooperstown, N. Y. club, recognized as national champion, has its proud colors lowered a notch today by the Owensville club four of Lake Forest, Ill. The Cook county representatives yesterday humbled the easterners in the most exciting and fastest game played this year at the Colorado country club, and won the Pacific all American trophy. The score was 8 to 6.

Asking Questions

"Go, get a pail of water, kid," said Jeremiah Jink, for, wearied by the work he did, he longed to have a drink. The kid, John James, he just had hired, to do the daily chores; to see the furnace was kept fired, and head of noisome buses. "Oh, shall I get it for you, well," said he, "at the spring or at the creek in yonder dell, where cheerful halloos sing? Or shall I tap the hydrant's flow, or seek some quiet drain, or shall I to the cistern go, the moisture to obtain? And shall I take the two-quart pail, of Adam's ale, for which you seem to yearn? Or, had I better take the lit, or down the stairway go? Before I on this journey drift, these things I'd like to know." "You take your bonnet," said the boss, "and kindly fade away; that youth will never come across who questions asks all day. When you are told to do a thing, you shouldn't scratch your dome, and ask conundrums—you should spring to fetch the bacon home. The lad who would to honor rise, and travel with the best, must use his brain and hands and eyes, and give his tongue a rest."

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WILL JUSTICE EVER BE DONE?

(Woolborn Independent.)

Will the masses ever get justice from state legislatures, the members of which are selected by the people but are governed by influential lobbyists? It seems not. The hydro-electric bill, passed by the house and defeated in the senate, is but one instance, but a glaring one. This was a method proposed whereby rural districts could organize and arrange for electric power for lights and motor for farm work, and in many other ways brightening rural community life and prospects. The senate thought the idea was 10 years ahead of the times and had a few other objections to rob the farmers of their rights. There is a suspicion growing that, instead of this being 10 years ahead of the times, the state senate is 10 years behind and should be abolished, if for no other reason than that it still clings to the belief that it should be guided by a lobby of corporation entities whose opinions are the opinions of the people in general. It is enough to enter into a state of real despondency or get into a fighting mood. The independent believed before the election that the state senate should not be abolished, but this might have been an error of judgment. If the house had not been interfered with by the senate, the people of Oregon would this year have received more legislation of a progressive order.

THE OREGON SENATE.

(Arnon Observer.)

The Oregon senate just adjourned with little cause to feel proud of its work. It has made a disgraceful record, which the work of the house has rendered somewhat less infamous. Scarcely a pledge made to the people but what the senate has violated. It must not be inferred that that body was composed entirely of unfit legislators, but its leaders oppose all legislation in the interests of the people and sponsored legislation most inimical to their interests. The house made its mistakes, but its action was neither vicious nor promissory. It was forced to accept legislation which it knew to be vicious in order to secure other legislation held up by the senate until the house should accede to its demands for "spoons."

Last year more than 40,000 voters voted to abolish the senate, and the recent action of the senate will convince many more that those 40,000 votes cast were cast by discriminating voters. Today, with its unsavory record fresh in the minds of the voters, nothing could have the senate, were the question before the electorate.

SOME SPELLERS AT HUBBARD.

At the last spelling contest held on February 18 the following pupils received 100 per cent:

Fifth grade—Agnes Seeman, Leroy Ledtke, Louise Schlittenhardt, Velma Scholl, Laveen Rankins, Catherine Laurer.

Sixth grade—Thelma France, Melvin Newton, Myrtle Bonney, Emily Turabell, Hazel Mills, Nancy Moore, Catherine Hall, Lois Melvin, Ruby Nichols, Randolph Pansen, Wayne Mack, Bessie Yoder.

Seventh grade—Harold McAffrey, Elizabeth Smucker, Hettie Miller, Esther Ledtke, Teacher, Pearl Yoder.

Fourth grade—Gardner Lindsay, Ivy Bonney, Beryl Blosser and Harry Rankins. Teacher, Henrietta Wolff.

FRANK CASE STILL UNDECIDED.

Washington, March 1.—The United States supreme court concluded handing down decisions at 12:15 o'clock. Leo M. Frank to escape execution for murder in Atlanta, Ga., of Mary Phagan, of which he was convicted, was not announced.

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