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ENTERS A PROTEST

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ZINSER CRITICIZES MRS. McADAM.

Says Her Work in Oregon City Schools Was Not Satisfactory and Her Election to Eastham School Would Result in Discard.

OREGON CITY, July 27.—(To the Editor of the Clackamas County Record.)—Last week's Record mentions a rumor that Mrs. McAdam, of Texas, would probably be appointed principal of the Eastham school, and goes on to say that "her work was very satisfactory." Since the Record was not in existence at that time, this opinion can be based only on hear say and is to be taken with a grain of allowance. It was no doubt, highly satisfactory to herself and the inner circle of her personal admirers, but a great majority of the patrons and taxpayers do not share this view.

If a teacher's success is to be inferred from stanning styles of headgear, military parades and showy entertainments, then this candidate takes front rank, but if she is to be judged by scholarly and intellectual attainments, we cannot reach such a conclusion. It is true she had on record a state paper; but this was at a time when the merest nominal requirements, or no requirements except the pocket book, could secure one. She has never taken an examination in this county and consistently kept away from all educational meetings, where she was in danger of exposing her mental shallowness.

She gave up her position in Oregon City at the expiration of her contract, June, 1900. Her certificate expired December, 1900, and it was more than suspected that she dare not face the ordeal of a public examination.

The newly elected superintendent, who was a grade teacher during the McAdam regime, will meet difficulties enough in her first year of administration without embarrassing her with needless ones. Should Mrs. McAdam be made one of her subordinates, feminine jealousy would soon find endless opportunities for carping criticism and invidious comparisons with "my husband's" way of doing things.

It should be our proud ambition to build up an efficient educational system in Oregon. This can best be done by recognizing the successful work of teachers, who have identified themselves with the interest of our state. We have scores of teachers in Clackamas county alone who have demonstrated their efficiency by unqualified success. If the best positions in the county are open only to applicants of unknown or questionable antecedents, what motive remains for the ambitious home teacher?

We pass Chinese exclusion laws, because the Chinaman is an American for revenue only, yet it is proposed to place our best schools in the charge of a family whose highest motive appears to be to spend our revenues in Texas.

Believing that he voices the sentiment of a large majority of the patrons and taxpayers of the district, the writer wishes to record an earnest protest against the proposed appointment. Very truly yours,
J. C. ZINSER.

RETAIL GROCERS' PICNIC.

Thousands of People Crowd Canemah Park All Day Sunday.

More than four thousand people attended the picnic of the retail grocers at Canemah Park Sunday. Probably three thousand came from Portland and an excursion train brought down about 1000 from Willamette Valley Points, leaving on its return at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

The park was crowded all day and dancing was indulged in in the afternoon and evening. The sports and athletic contests at the park were varied and interesting and consisted of races, tugs of war, etc. The grocermen defeated the commercial travelers in a game of base ball by a score of 6 to 5. The game was very entertaining and was one of the best amateur exhibitions ever seen on the grounds. The score was tied in the fourth inning and ten innings were necessary to decide the contest, the winning run being made in the last half of the tenth.

This year's picnic of the retail grocers of Portland and the Willamette Valley exceeded in popularity and attendance the picnic of last year which was held at Canemah Park.

WHOLE SECTION CONTESTED.

Valuable Timber Land Homesteaded in Benton County By Spaulding Family.

A contest of great importance has been on trial in the United States Land Office for several days past and was adjourned Saturday morning. There are in all four cases involving a whole section of land in Benton County, about 16 miles west of Corvallis. The section in question is numbered 24, in township 19 south, range seven west. The entrymen are the Spaulding family, two sisters, the father and grandfather, each of them having filed on a quarter section of land as a homestead. Four people have contested the claims and the contest of Charles W. Davis vs. Lillian Spaulding occupied the attention of the land office for three days, closing last Friday night. One hundred and twenty pages of testimony were taken.

The Southern Pacific Company is evidently interested in the claims as section 24 lies north of section 25 and east of section 23. Both sections 23 and 25 belong to the railroad company and are known as railroad lands. W. D. Fenton, attorney for the Southern Pacific Company is the principal counsel for the entrymen and he is assisted by Attorney Leiter, of Portland, and Colonel Robert A. Miller, of this city. Hedges & Galloway appear for the contestants. The second of the contests commenced Saturday morning.

The land is heavily timbered, and there is about four million feet of timber on each quarter section, a total of probably 16,000,000 feet in the section. There are two sawmills within five miles of the section.

The contestants charge the entrymen with want of cultivation, non-improvement and residence elsewhere than on their homesteads.

FOUND GUILTY.

Fred Brakebush Convicted in the Justice Court of Criminal Trespass.

Fred Brakebush was convicted in the Justice Court last Thursday afternoon of criminal trespass upon the property of Mrs. Jessie Appling. The defendant was represented by Attorneys George C. Brownell and Howard M. Brownell who served notice of appeal to the Circuit Court. The testimony showed that Mrs. Appling had purchased a piece of land near Sunnyside together with a right of way 16 feet wide. This right of way caused the controversy which eventually resulted in Brakebush's arrest and prosecution. The right of way runs from the county road down to the residence of the owner of the land. Brakebush purchased a piece of property the corner of which adjoins the end of the right of way. He regarded the lane as one for public use and hauled wood through it to the county road. Mrs. Appling contended that the road had been in use for many years but only for private and not public use. She endeavored to arrange with Brakebush to buy a strip of land 16 feet wide and make a 32 foot lane, but Brakebush did not consent to this and finally Mrs. Appling closed the lane and built fences in two places to enclose it. Whereupon Brakebush broke down the fences and Mrs. Appling swore to a complaint charging him with criminal trespass. Justice Stipp imposed a fine of \$50 upon Brakebush, who will have to give a bond, pending the appeal.

Weather Report From Elliot Prairie.

George Pope sends the following report to the weather bureau from the Elliott Prairie district:

Weather favorable; spring wheat is filling well; oats making large heads and good straw; corn is growing nicely, and early planted is tasseling; nemp just starting to bloom; haying general; yield of timothy somewhat short; early potatoes show a good yield; fruit doing well; stock fat; pastures still good.—The warm weather prevailing during the past week has been of considerable benefit to backward plantations, but there is no improvement noticeable in the stunted roots; there is less foliage and laterals are shorter than usual; malt hops are just starting to bloom, and English closter and fuggals are setting strobiles rapidly, and about a week earlier than last year, which gives good promise of good fertilization of the crop, which is likely to be of fine bodied quality; there are very few aphids to be found in well cared for yards; the yield in this district will fall below average.

Real property and Chattel Mortgage Loans. Abstracts furnished.
G. B. DIMICK, Attorney at Law, Oregon City, Oregon.

COMES TO A CLOSE

TENTH ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA ASSOCIATION ENDED SUNDAY.

Session Was Best and Most Profitable in History of Association and Nearly \$300 Remains in the Treasury After Debts and Expenses Are Paid.

The tenth annual assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association came to an end last Sunday night. The session just closed was the most successful and profitable in the history of the association and the board of directors is very well pleased over the result. After all debts are paid the association will have between \$700 and \$800 in its treasury which may be expended in any manner the directors see fit. The aggregate receipts for the thirteen days of the session were \$5000. Last Sunday was supposed to be a dull day and Secretary Cross said he would be satisfied if the receipts of the day were sufficient to pay the gate keepers and marshals, but he was more than pleased to learn that over 600 day tickets were punched at the main gate during the day.

Sunday many of the campers prepared to depart and Monday morning the vast expanse of grounds was in confusion. Tents were being taken down and camping articles were being rapidly packed. By Monday night the park at Gladstone, which has been the scene of bustle and enjoyment for the past two weeks, was practically deserted for another year.

Sunday school was held Sunday morning under the direction of Rev. Howard N. Smith, and sermons were preached in the afternoon and evening by Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, of Chatsanooga, Tenn. In the afternoon a sacred concert was given by the Chemawa Indian Band.

A scare alarmed the passengers to Portland on the train Saturday night. A rumor was current that an attempt would be made to hold up the train to Portland and Superintendent L. R. Eells and a dozen special men were on the train armed to the teeth. But nothing happened and either the supposed highwaymen were informed of the plans for defense or the report was a canard. Probably there was nothing in the foundation for the report.

Unstinted praise is due Secretary Harry E. Cross, for the able manner in which he has handled the assembly and for the months of labor that he has put in to make the assembly successful in every particular.

RESOURCES OF THE STATE.

Attractive Booklet Issued by the O. R. & N. Co. and the S. P. Co.

The passenger departments of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and the Southern Pacific Company lines in Oregon have issued an attractive booklet descriptive of the resources of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Its author is Rinaldo M. Hall, advertising agent of the O. R. N. Typographically and in every other way the book is a gem. Not the least of the good things inside its covers is the map of the three states showing the lines of the railroad companies. Every town on the lines of the two roads is written up and the illustrations are handsome and tasty. Pictures are shown of agricultural and horticultural products and the twenty-one chapters of the book are devoted to school advantages, climate, soil, grain growing, grasses and forage plants, dairying, stock raising, fruit culture, vegetable products, hop raising, lumber industry, mining, fish and fishing, irrigation, markets, railroads and many other features. Four cents will bring anyone a copy of the book, which should be in the hands of everyone, by addressing A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company or W. E. Coonan, general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, Portland, Oregon.

Ensign W. R. Crabtree, of the Salvation Army, has a project on foot to purchase the property on which stands the hall now used for a barracks by the salvation Army. The land and building are owned by a Chicago man and he has offered it to the Army for \$850. Of this sum, \$300 must be paid by September 1 and the balance, \$550, within 18 months from September 1. Ensign Crabtree will go to work at once in an endeavor to raise the money necessary for the first payment.

JNO. B. DIMICK DIES.

Prominent Citizen of Marion County and Father of Oregon City's Mayor.

John B. Dimick, the father of Mayor Grant B. Dimick, of this city, died early Tuesday morning at his home near Hubbard, of pneumonia, which he contracted while on a trip to Wilhoit Springs. Mayor Dimick went to Hubbard on Tuesday morning's train to attend the funeral.

John B. Dimick was born in Boone County, Ill., September 26, 1840. He crossed the plains with his parents at the age of seven years. He lived quietly at the farm, which his father purchased on French Prairie, spending all the time possible in school. In 1858-59 he attended Willamette University. His father died in 1859.

At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Dimick enlisted in a company of cavalry and later assisted in organizing a regiment of infantry, in which he served in Oregon and Washington until the close of the war.

In 1886 Mr. Dimick was elected to the state senate as a Republican. In 1890 he voted for Bryan and in 1900 was a candidate on the Democratic legislative ticket in Marion County, and again in 1902. He met defeat in both campaigns.

John B. Dimick was a man of sterling character and always held the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens. He leaves a large family of sons to mourn their loss.

TUBERCULOSIS CAUSED DEATH.

Mrs. Joseph R. Smith Passed Away at Her Home in West Oregon City.

Mrs. Joseph R. Smith died Sunday night at her home in West Oregon City of tuberculosis and her funeral was held from the family residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The interment was in Clackamas.

Mrs. Smith was a woman of advanced years and was highly respected in this community, where she was well known. She was born near Nashville, Tenn., and was married at Gainesville, Ark., in 1866. They came to Oregon in 1879 and one year after their arrival her husband passed away, in 1880. By heroic efforts she kept together her four little children until they were able to support her. A year ago her daughter died of tuberculosis and Mrs. Smith contracted the dread disease through nursing her. She is survived by three sons, Erastus A., Thomas A. and Mathew S. Smith. The latter is employed in the Bandon woolen mills and all were present at her bedside at her death. The eldest son, Erastus A., is a student of McMinnville College, and is well known throughout the state of Oregon and Washington in collegiate and oratorical circles.

Death of Seth Austen.

Seth Austen died Sunday at the home of his son-in-law, William Mattoon at Viola last Sunday, aged about 60 years. Austen was one of the best known timber men in the county. He leaves a large family and had been a resident of Clackamas County for 30 years. The funeral was held at Viola Monday. Austen pre-empted a homestead in the Cascade Forest Reserve a number of years before the establishment of the reserve in 1893. The homestead contains 151.73 acres and the patent was issued to Austen May 2, 1903. Austen drove a stage in the Blue Mountains many years ago and many stories are related of his experiences. At one time he entered into a deal with some road agents to rob the stage which he was driving. He quietly informed the authorities and on the trip in which the holdup was to take place, he took with him a number of armed men and the result was that the whole body of desperadoes was captured.

Death Caused by Anesthesia.

The body of Mrs. Maggie Coetjen was shipped last Wednesday morning to Grass Valley for interment, after being embalmed. The circumstance surrounding the death of Mrs. Coetjen were sad. With her husband, Charles Coetjen, she arrived here a short time ago from their home in Grass Valley to pay a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Steel Hamilton, who reside on Fifth and Monroe streets. Mrs. Coetjen's maiden name was Maggie Martin and her home before her marriage was at Maple Lane. She was married three months ago. She was taken ill suddenly at midnight Sunday night and death came at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Her death was caused by anesthesia. Mr. Coetjen accompanied his wife's remains to Grass Valley, where the interment took place.

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Death of Dora Stover.

Dora Stover, the 21-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stover, of this city, died at 4 o'clock last Thursday morning at the family residence near the Barclay school. The girl had been ill with consumption for several years and her death was not unexpected. She had many friends in this city. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from the residence. Rev. Young was the officiating clergyman at the services. The interment was in Mountain View Cemetery. The funeral was attended by many members of Sola Circle, Women of Woodcraft, of which order deceased was a member.

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Losses Are Adjusted.

W. H. Howell, superintendent of the Oregon City water commission, and Mr. Honeyman, of Portland, have adjusted the loss caused by the recent fire in the Oregon City Manufacturing Company's woolen mills. Mr. Howell represented the woolen mills company and Mr. Honeyman the board of fire underwriters. The losses will be divided between 50 companies a will total about \$107,000. The debris left by the fire is being removed and the work of reconstruction will be commenced without delay. Probably six months will elapse before the work will be completed but in the meantime work in the mills will progress.