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## A Dangerous Weed.

For a number of years reports have come in from time to time of the dangerous ravages of a remarkable pest known by its proper name as St. Johnswort. Parts of Douglas, Lane and other counties are literally devastated by it. It is a weed usually growing to be two feet or more in height, with a yellow blossom at this time of the year, but becomes brown and very stiff after it loses its flower. It is said to have started from Eola in Marion county many years ago, by being brought in a crate of crockery shipped to a merchant of that place from Germany, so it is said in the shape of a few seeds and the result is with us.

At present there are thousands of acres of land in Oregon which are practically worthless by the presence of this imported weed. It is one of the worst pests known since it grows more especially in pastures and on land not cultivable. It will appear in a small patch, most people not knowing what it is, and if left alone will rapidly spread, never stopping until it has killed out every other object in the nature of competing vegetation. Forest rangers have found it growing in the Cascade mountains where campers have carried the seed. In many respects it is a worse pest than the Canada thistle. No stock will eat it not even a goat. It should be watched especially in its infancy.—Salem Statesman.

## Corvallis Man Elected

The Grand Lodge of A. O. U. W. of Oregon, held its annual election on Thursday last, and Prof. F. Berchtold, of this city, was elected Grand Master. W. J. Clark, of Gervais, was elected Grand Foreman and Philip Gervurtz, of Portland, Grand Overseer. Prof. Berchtold is one of the best known and most popular teachers connected with the O. A. C. and his election to the head of this order in the state is a compliment well merited and well deserved.

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## MORE COLLEGE NOTES

### The Chair of Horticulture.

Jno. D. Olwell, of Central Point, probably the largest apple raiser in the state and very much interested in horticulture, is on the lookout for a suitable man to teach that subject at the college. As it now stands Prof. Lake is relieved of duty in that branch, having been assigned to Forestry instead. This gives Prof. Lake college work entirely.

Thomas Bilyeu, who recently graduated from the wood-working department of Cornell University, and who formerly held a position in the same department here, has applied for the position and will probably be honored therewith. He brings recommendations of a very high order.

Mr. Galvani, who represents the society for the improvement of the Hindus, appeared before the board of Regents with a proposition to assist in educating three or four young men who may be brought from time to time from India. Mr. Galvani is a Russian by birth, but was exiled from the University of Moscow for his political views. He is at present draughtsman for Multnomah county and has an office and extensive library in the Oregonian building. He has taken up this missionary work for the Hindus because it appealed to him, and he believes there are great possibilities in the Hindu people if they can be inspired with American ideas and ideals. All Mr. Galvani asks is that the young men be treated kindly and that they be given work.

The college athletic teams were fairly successful and came out with a small balance in the treasury. The total receipts from all games, entertainments, etc., were \$3009.96, from student matriculation fees, \$1,221, or \$4,230.96 for all. The expenses were \$3,867.10, leaving on hand \$363.86. A full report will be given later.

Prof. Fulton was given considerable latitude to make experiments in mining and assaying. Mr. Fulton was relieved entirely from station work to enable him to devote as much time as possible to this kind of work. His work has been highly spoken of, and Mr. Keady, of the board, thinks the institution has found the right man for the right place. It is the purpose of the board to install a first class mining and assaying experiment plant.

At the close of the session Wednesday evening, Mr. Whitehead, manager of Cauthorn Hall, invited the members of the Board of Regents to six o'clock dinner. The invitation was accepted by all with the exception of one or two who were compelled, by reason of previous engagements, to go elsewhere. Several took conveyances to Albany Wednesday night for their homes.

### A Good Recommendation.

At the recent meeting of the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, President Weatherford suggested and recommended that hereafter, all required reports be made out beforehand and a typewritten copy be sent to each member of the board in advance of the several days regular session, in order that each member might know something of the business to be transacted in the general meeting. This is a good suggestion as matters of importance come up for decision and they ought not to be decided upon without much discussion and the thorough deliberations of the entire board. Furthermore, the regents should receive some monetary remuneration other than their expense money.

If the institution represents an investment of \$300,000 as one member states, and from \$75,000 to \$100,000 is annually expended, it is worth the while of the pro-

jectors and sponsors of the institution, to hire and pay for the very best talent obtainable. While these gentlemen may be giving their very best efforts for the sake of the institution and for the honor their is in it, it would give the matter a more business like touch to pay them something for their services, and again the state would have substantial ground for removing lax or incompetent members, if the work done did not justify the expenditure.

The board met and transacted all necessary business in less than five hours. The discursive and deliberative qualities that should characterize such a body of men were noticeably few. Two or three members did most of the suggesting and a slight trace of "bossism" prevailed. The reports of nearly all officers and committees were typewritten and passed through without question or discussion. This, however, could not be said of the many resolutions passed. They were not typewritten and the most important one was dashed off out a scrap of paper and passed in less than 20 minutes. It gave a touch of "tinkering" to the latter part of the proceedings.

After all is said and done, however, one thing stands out clear and strong, that the O. A. C. is on a substantial foundation and has a splendid executive at its head, President Gatch. The college is doing well, is coping successfully with the emergencies of the times and is abreast with the needs of the yet youthful state of Oregon.

### The New Telephone.

The Independent Telephone Company has just received 9000 pounds of telephone cable wire. The switchboard arrived Friday from Kansas City. This switchboard is one of the best for the purpose to be found anywhere. The company is sparing no pains to give the public the very best public service obtainable. The switch-board is something unique. It contains incandescent lights corresponding to the number of patrons. When a patron signals central, his lamp is lighted up. Central calls up the person wanted, at the same time grounding the wires of all the others who may be on that party line. The electricity will be furnished by the city Power and Light Company. There are no dry batteries to bother with; when you wish to use the 'phone you lift the receiver from the hook and commence to talk. You are not annoyed by the ringing of the phone, thus calling others on the party line. The only bell that rings is that of the person with whom you wish to talk.

The service this company will render the citizens of Benton county will be of inestimable value. It is a good thing, and the citizens are pushing it right along. Nearly every business house in the city has subscribed for the phone.

### Rural Carriers' Salaries.

It was supposed at first that rural mail carriers were to receive \$60 per month, but a circular sent out recently by the department gives a different version of the law. The salary will be based on the number of miles traveled. The following is the scale upon which salary is based: Carriers on routes 24 miles and over in length will receive \$720; twenty-three to twenty-four miles routes will carry \$702; twenty-two to twenty-three miles, \$684; twenty-one to twenty-two miles, \$666; twenty to twenty-one miles, \$648; eighteen to twenty miles, \$612; sixteen to eighteen miles, \$576; fourteen to sixteen miles, \$540; twelve to fourteen miles, \$504; ten to twelve miles, \$468; eight to ten miles, \$432.

## BIG HOTELS AT ST. LOUIS.

An Iowa Visitor Looks On The Humorous side of the situation.

The Thinside Inn, St. Louis, Thursday—I am comfortable situated in the Thinside Inn, which is a pleasant little tavern about as big as Missouri Tallev. It is built of lath, scantling, jute bagging, wall paper and paint and is very substantial. A heavy man can climb all over it. I saw three ball boys carrying the bill for a night's lodging up to the fourth floor just now and the beams did not sag much. The management is careful though. It puts all new guests on the ground floor, and after they have paid their bills for the first day they put them on the second floor. By the time a man has paid his bill for two days he is light enough to go up on the third floor with safety. When he stayed a week they have to put weights in his pockets to keep him from shooting up through the roof.

I got into the Inn at 9 o'clock and was 86th in the line. When I got to the clerk he turned me upside down and shook me. Then he counted what fell out of my pockets, told me to register and handed me a blue ticket and a bell boy.

"You have enough money for four days" he said. "Go to the cashier and settle."

My room is No. 5415, three blocks from the public square and a mile south of the buffet. When I got my receipts and my bell boy I sat down and waited an hour for a street car. But they told me there wasn't a line in the whole place—not even a hack line. I had to walk all the way to my room—wore out two bell boys on the way but there's plenty more. There are more bell boys than there are guests at the Inn. They use 'em for change. When you give the clerk \$5 for your room he hands you back \$2 and a bell boy.

My room is a little far away for meals but I make it nicely. I start for supper at 9 a. m. and stop for a lunch on the way with a friend I know in room 2507. But a friend of mine who lives in room 7649, is up against it. He got two days behind with his meals living out in the country at the rear end of the hotel. Finally he found that he was nearer to Moberly, Mo., than he was to the dining room so now he walks over to Moberly every morning.

The Inn is a fine place. They treat you right and do their best to make you feel at home. I wanted the clerk to come out and play a game of bottle pool with me this morning and he said he would just as soon as he had 99 guests taken care of. But when he got through with them there were 119 more waiting so we had to give it up. He did not remember me this morning until I told him my name. I wonder why that was?

### Taylor-Greer

In the presence of immediate relatives and friends Harlan Taylor and Roma Greer were united in marriage, Saturday at the home of the bride on third street by Rev. Handsaker. The bride looked very pretty in her wedding dress of pale blue while the groom wore conventional black. Mr. Taylor's brother, Chester acted as best man and Mrs. Ollie Baldwin graced the office of matron of honor. After the ceremony they were congratulated by their relatives and friends, then repaired to the Pioneer restaurant where refreshments were served in honor of the occasion. The groom is a highly respected young man of this city and is employed at the Benton Mills. The bride is a highly esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greer of this city. The couple will make their residence in Corvallis.

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