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## LEND THE HELPING HAND.

Every citizen of this community should stand loyally by and lend a helping hand to our public schools for education is one of the strongest bulwarks of our modern civilization. Instead of criticizing and knocking, and disrupting this social and commercial necessity, let us exert our individual efforts to its advancement and expansion. The public school is one of our greatest constructive agencies and without its aid and assistance in creating and cultivating the intellect of our young people this community would soon be sinking to the ancient plant of ignorance and superstition. There is nothing to be gained by jeopardizing the work and influence of our public school system, but there is everything to gain by fostering and encouraging and extending it a helping hand. Education is a vital necessity of the day and its efforts are felt in every walk of life. Without it a young man enters upon the problems of life handicapped in a thousand ways. We of the community are personally interested in the welfare of the community, and there is no way in which we can better serve our individual and collective interests than by standing loyally behind our public schools. They need our good will and encouragement—not only need them, but should have them.

Judging from his latest tirade, the editor of the Gardiner Courier has not improved—either in manners or language—since he left this neck of the woods and located at Gardiner. He seems to be in the throes of the salmon barons and objects to The News' stand on the fish question. In fact, this alleged writer has no use for the up-country sportsmen—he is in the body and soul to the big interests—that's where he gets his upkeep. People who are familiar and know the past record of this fellow—a mighty shady career at that—place about as much confidence in his utterances as they would in that of a degenerate man. One would glean from his latest vulgar language that he had "taken on" a generous supply of that liquid prohibited under the "home dry" law and had forgot to rinse out his mouth before speaking. Come again, old sport, while the coming is good.

It is such ill-advised action as that at Honolulu, yesterday, when the interned crew of the German commerce raider Geier set fire to their vessel, that causes distrust in the minds of Americans. These German sailors, to escape destruction of their ship and possible death at the hands of the English cruisers, fled to the sheltering protection of Honolulu harbor. There they have remained for many months, enjoying privileges that Americans bestowed upon them. Now, when their government follows a course that causes rupture with the United States, these men who, by personal contact, ought to have learned something of American generosity and indulgence, abandon themselves to a criminal course and deliberately commit arson.

The second week is well along since the break with Germany, and still there is no indication that the country is nearer a state of actual war than it was ten days ago. Very many of the best informed believe there will be no open rupture between this government and the German empire. That some way out of the difficulty will be found, is the opinion that is gaining impetus throughout the country. The great American people do not want war, will do everything that is possible to avoid it, and if it comes Germany must force it upon the nation—and then take the consequences. But there are better ways of settling national difficulties than by going to war, because in the latter eventuality even the victors are losers.

According to a bill just passed by the house, and now in the hands of the senate for consideration, pupils of the high schools of the state, who may elect to do so, can have the advantage of a military training. The course will be purely optional with the scholar. While there is danger of going too far into militarism, this proposed measure is not ill-advised. Only a few hours each week will be devoted to drill work, and this feature will be of immense value in assisting students in acquiring a better physical condition, teaching them discipline, which trait is often lacking in young America, and generally helping them to "brace up." The senate will probably concur and the measure pass.

The latest report from the paper market is that Uncle Sam has countermanded his order for 17 tons of note paper with which to continue diplomatic negotiations with Germany.

The manufacturers of paper soled boots and of embalmed beef are feeling cheerful over the idea that the United States army will soon be in the market for their products.

## Live-Wire Doings of the City

## Returns After Visit.

Mrs. W. J. Armitage, who has been visiting at the home of her brother, M. F. Rice, returned this morning to her home at Newport.

## Visits Friends in Portland.

Mrs. J. M. Weatherford left this morning for Portland where she has friends and relatives with whom she will visit for a couple of weeks.

## Departs for North Bend.

J. H. Howard left on the morning train for North Bend where he will spend the ensuing weeks attending to business matters and visiting with friends and relatives.

## Guests Leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Poard, of Bucoda, Wash., who have been visiting with Mrs. P. M. Von Planta, left last night for Los Angeles where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

## Enters High School.

Miss Veva Senter, sister of F. L. Senter, supervisor of schools, arrived Saturday from Roseburg and entered the Eugene high school Monday morning.—Eugene Guard.

## High School Number Changed.

Late this afternoon the high school number on Mount Nebo was changed from an '18 to '19 by the class represented by the latter number.

## Visit in Willamette Valley.

Roy Bond and wife left this morning for Salem, Albany, Harrisburg and other points in the Willamette valley where they will spend a few weeks visiting with friends.

## To Muster Out at Vancouver.

W. L. H. Osborn left this morning for Vancouver where he will join his company which is now on its way from the Mexican border and will be mustered out of service with them. He returned several weeks ago from the border and has been visiting here on a furlough.

## Will Bring Mother to Roseburg.

Mrs. C. H. McClung departed this morning for Marshfield where she will spend a few days. On her return she will bring with her mother, Mrs. Caroline McCulloch, who comes to this city for treatments at the Electric sanatorium.

## Booze is Seized.

A private residence in Medford was recently searched by Sheriff Jennings and a large amount of booze seized. It was claimed by the authorities that the liquor was brought in after the dry law went into effect.

## James Medley Dies.

James Medley, a pioneer of Oregon, died at Portland last Sunday at the age of 88. He is survived by many children, some of whom are located in Cottage Grove. Mr. Medley was well known in this city where he has visited for a number of times.

## G. A. B. Camp Dates Set.

The next state encampment of the Oregon Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Forest Grove, Ore., on June 26, 27 and 28. The local post has been notified to this effect. It is thought that a number from this city will attend this year's encampments.

## Return to Washington.

L. W. and Wm. Price and C. F. Gesner, who have been prospecting in the vicinity of Riddle, left this morning for their homes in Vancouver, Wash. They may return later to take up farms in Douglas county, as they are well pleased with conditions here.

## Tourist Traveled in Oregon.

C. R. Brimcombe, manager of the Peck-Judah Tourist Bureau, who recently visited in this city, made statements at Ashland that a party of 115 would soon pass through this section on their way to Alaska. This is probably the first crowd of tourists to pass through and it is expected that at regular intervals hereafter Oregon will be visited by many tourists. Roseburg will offer attractions that will tempt them to stop here, as will many of the other cities in Oregon.

## Undergoes Minor Operation.

Mrs. S. M. Woodward today underwent a minor operation at the offices of Drs. Seely, Sether & Stewart. Dr. Seely was in attendance.

## Administratrix Appointed.

Mrs. Sarah Donovan was appointed administratrix of the estate of A. H. Smith, deceased. A. G. Young, A. E. Smith and J. D. Medley were appointed as appraisers.

## Improving After Operation.

Mrs. J. H. Laughter, who has been confined to Mercy hospital recovering from a recent operation, is reported to be much improved and will probably leave the institution soon.

## Inspects Large Farm.

Col. H. L. Archer, of Portland, spent the day yesterday with J. C. White of this city, and inspected his large ranch which is situated between Canyonville and Days Creek. He returned last night to his home.

## Former Roseburg Girl Ill.

Miss Edna Jones, formerly of this city underwent an operation in Sacramento on Thursday of last week. Word has just been received that she is doing as well as could be expected.

## Small Boy is Injured.

While playing about the yard today, the 8-year-old son of B. F. Morgan fell and was quite severely injured. He was taken to the office of Dr. Sether where the wound was dressed and now seems to be improving, although the extent of his injury has not yet been ascertained.

## Morton's Successor Begins.

Wallace J. Fore began his work as the new recruiting partner of J. H. Ramsey in the Eugene office Monday morning, says the Eugene Guard. He is from the recruiting office at Marshfield and succeeds W. C. Morton, who recently moved his headquarters to Roseburg.

## Many New Members.

After completing their canvass yesterday afternoon the members of the committee to solicit members for the Commercial club, reported that they had secured considerably over one hundred names of those who had agreed to become members of the organization.

## Returns to Homestead.

C. E. Barney, who for some time has been employed at the Empire Feed and Livery Stable, left this morning for Grants Pass where he will go to his homestead within a few miles of that place. He was accompanied by H. E. Samuels who will remain in Grants Pass for a couple of weeks visiting with friends.

## S. P. Detective Here.

Maurice Cotturi, S. P. special agent, was in the city today examining Bill Brown, who has been confined in the city jail on a charge of vagrancy. It is believed that the goods carried belonged to the company, but as nothing definite could be obtained, the prisoner was released this afternoon.

## Twilight League Meeting.

A meeting of several of last year's officials and members of the twilight league was held last evening at the office of the president, J. H. Clark. A short discussion was held and it was decided to meet again Wednesday evening at which time an effort will be made to have a much larger representation from each church present.

## Letter from the Philippines.

Captain J. A. Buchanan has received a letter from his son, Bayard, who is a member of the constabulary force in the Philippine Islands. Bayard tells of a very interesting court trial in which a native was arrested for carrying a weapon. The Roseburg boy has made quite a name for himself as a base ball player, having pitched and won five games for the soldiers.

## First Annual Valentine Ball.

The first annual Valentine ball is to be given at the Armory Wednesday evening by the members of the hospital corps and it is believed that this will be one of the greatest events of the social season. The music will be furnished by Ott's orchestra. The armory hall is being decorated for the occasion and when completed will present a very beautiful appearance. The patronesses are Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. Clark Baratz, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. Harry Standen, Mrs. K. L. Miller, Mrs. F. H. Vinell, Mrs. F. W. Haynes, Mrs. Julian W. Perkins, Mrs. W. F. Chapman, floor committee. Sergeant W. A. Stephenson, Private Carl E. Black, Private George Willett, R. R. Turner, F. W. Haynes, Clark Baratz.

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## AT THE HOTELS.

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## Arrivals at the Grand.

The following are registered at the Grand hotel: W. G. McCord, Portland; W. A. Woodward, Albany; E. F. Dykeman, Chico; Geo. F. Chamberlain and wife, Idaho; L. W. Price, C. F. Gesner, Wm. R. Price, Sifton, Wash.; F. T. Grewe, J. T. Clow, F. B. Solomon, Rd. Rierson, W. L. Speck, W. E. Kurtz, J. L. Mohr, W. M. Menagh, G. Hazelton, R. E. Mallory, J. T. Heron, W. R. Medley, P. H. Tyson, A. T. Morian, F. Paulsen, H. R. Riv, P. M. Fulton, Portland; Floyd Ramp, Roseburg.



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