

ROSEBURG SCHOOL ENROLLMENT THIS YEAR SHOWS GAIN

Prune Harvest Completion Allows Many Pupils to Resume Studies; 27 Increase Noted.

School enrollment in Roseburg this year is 27 higher than at the corresponding period last year, according to the report of W. M. Campbell, city superintendent of schools, in his report of attendance for the month. School enrollment was low at the beginning of the year, due to the fact that so many students were employed in the prune harvest, but most of the

pupils are now in school, so that a gain is shown. The senior high school is 18 ahead of last year. Rose school shows a gain of 5, Benson school a gain of 22 and Fullerton a gain of 13. The only loss is in the junior high school where the enrollment is 41 under last year. The attendance and punctuality report for the month ending October 25 is as follows:
Total pupils enrolled to date 1188
Average number pupils attending 1139.4
Average daily attendance 1108.2
Per cent of attendance 97.2
Number tardinesses 61
Number pupils neither absent nor late 279
Number visits by parents 58
Combined record of attendance and punctuality by buildings and grades according to rank is as follows:
Benson, 2A-6A, 98.5; Rose, 5B, 98.3; Rose, 1B, 98.3; Fullerton, 2-4, 99.1; Benson, 1A-5B, 99; Benson, 3B, 98.9; Benson, 2B, 98.9; Sr. High, 12, 98.8; Jr. High, 7-9, 98.7; Jr. High, 5, 98.7; Rose, 3B, 98.7; Benson, 1A-2A, 98.6; Sr. High, 10,

OREGON STATERS HAVE CHANCE FOR NORTHWEST TITLE

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 31.—Now tied for sixth place in the conference standings by virtue of a 27 to victory over Idaho last Saturday, Coach Paul Schlabach's Oregon State college Orangemen will endeavor to climb the ladder at the expense of Washington State. The Orangemen clash with the Cougars Saturday at Multnomah stadium, Portland, in what promises to be a real football tussle. Washington State college holds fifth notch. A victory will give the Orangemen that rung while a defeat will relegate them to seventh place. A victory means more than just that, however, for if the Orangemen win they have a chance at the northwest championship when they meet Oregon in the crucial battle November 16 at Eugene. The Cougar battle has to be cleared first and it is not the easiest thing in the world. Washington State held Callfor-

NEW LAW CURBS STEALER OF 100,000 CHICKENS

(Associated Press Local Wire) PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31.—Joe Miller, whose address is obscure, but whose alleged confession that he stole 100,000 chickens from Washington and Oregon farms within the past two years is said to have charged up the chicken stealing epidemic, was arrested at Desvostor, Wash., and was lodged in jail here today. Miller said passage of an Oregon law requiring that birds be properly identified as property of the seller before accepted on the market put a damper on the chicken stealing business, police said. Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

G. J. WILLIAMS NAMED CURRY COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Blue Blood And Red

by ROBERT TERRY SHANNON

CHAPTER XLVII
Her dark eyes as she looked at him were filled with distressed sympathy.
"My God, Eddie—you'd think I was the smallest of something! Honest, I'm not as awful as you seem to think I am. I'm just a girl trying to get along and find a little happiness for myself and you, for I don't want to take anything away from you, Eddie—I want to bring something to you."
His head fell wearily onto his propped-up palm.
"I know—I know. You mean fine—only, we got different ideas. Look here, I don't want to be impolite to you, Bernice—but I do wish you would run along home this afternoon. I—I got work to do."
She with strange meekness did not resent this dismissal; in minor matters she seemed to obey him with a childlike willingness. In leaving she saw she did not want to kiss her good-bye and she made an attempt to thrust a cress up on him.
"Alone, he realized that he had 76 light off a violent depression and he went back to the timber, where his axe resounded with almost superhuman ferocity through the woods. As an escape from the smoken state of his heart, nothing could equal the narcotic effect of tremendous physical exertion. Despite the downward pull of his mind, the muscular effort sent his heart pumping with a steady rhythm that forced with curious force through his veins. Slowly a flush came to his neck and his face grew wet. Presently his shirt soaked against his perspiring body and his lungs pumped and exhaled the deep, stinky air of the medicinal oil of pines.
"He had never read anything by Oscar Wilde and had no knowledge of the English poet's philosophy—that only the body can cure the mind and only the mind can cure the body. But the set result of his prolonged labor was that he returned to the house, seeking in his muscles from a frenzy of toil.
"Even as his body was tired, so his brain from over much thinking. Contrary to his expectations, sleep came to him as soon as his head touched the pillow and a new day found him again fighting for peace—throwing himself like a charging warrior into the task of telling the forest. When night came he was again a ready for slumber as a spent animal.
"Eddie had placed a letter from New York beside his plate and with reluctant fingers, Eddie opened it. It was from Mike Arno.
"Dear Pal Eddie, Arno had written. "I pulled off that business transaction I spoke to you about in Richmond and it was very satisfactory. Nothing doing here in the big town right now and it occurs to me that it might be a good idea if I ran down and paid you a little visit. I have been working pretty hard to put that deal over and it wouldn't do me a bit of harm to get out in the sticks and rest up for a while. In fact I want

to drop out of sight for a couple of weeks for certain private reasons of my own and I think your place down there would be a great helpaway. You can look for me in a day or two. I don't know just what train I'll come on, so you needn't bother trying to meet me as I will hire a car at the station and drive out. Maybe you've changed your mind and might listen to a proposition to hook up with me in the future. We'll talk it over when I see you. Always your pal, Mike Arno."
Eddie, as he put down the letter, noticed that it had crumpled between his fingers. This was a new spear thrust, and it reached him with piercing pain. There was no escape! His past, fraught with lingering menace, pursued him with the malignancy that was beyond his power to combat.
Mike Arno—a crook—a confidence man—
The food on his plate remained untouched. It was no good telling himself that Mike Arno was a square guy—as squareness was rated among people of Arno's stripe. Yes, Mike was all right, in his way. Eddie even liked the tall, suave fellow who was perfectly honest about everything except money. Despite his bad record Arno had a charm, an expansive personality that was really attractive. But here—with the love of Marian Thorndike at stake—Eddie was filled up, suddenly, with a bitterness against Arno that amounted almost to hatred.
"As if I didn't have trouble enough already!" he groaned.
It was no use protesting—defeat was all around him. Whatever way he turned, he ran into the same stone wall. Even if the countess did not already know about Bernice Veresi, it soon would. Mike Arno might fool them and pass for a gentleman—but Eddie himself would know. He would be carrying around an inner condemnation that he was secretly consorting with a man whose friendship would damn him in the eyes of everybody if it were known. The knowledge would work on him in secret darkness and would be as a poison to his conscience.
"There's no way out," he decided aloud. "I'll have to clear out myself and get away—it's the only escape!"
Very slowly, then, the idea of flight began to seep through Eddie's consciousness. The more he thought of it, the plainer it became that it was the only method of freeing himself from revelations that would end forever the cherished hope of his heart.
"Common sense told him that Bernice's continued presence in the community would wreck every chance he had with Marian Thorndike. And there was no hope of

persuading the girl to go back to New York. Indeed it was too late now; no doubt the whole county was already amazed with the news of her presence and had already linked their names together.
With Mike Arno on the place there would be an undermining of morals, subtle and dangerous. Flight was a coward's weapon—but what else was there?
As accurately as his fevered mind was capable, Eddie weighed the chances of disappearing. For one thing, the scandal would be checked where it was—at least there would be no new developments. As soon as he was gone, he was certain Bernice Veresi would go back to New York. He would escape the visit of Mike Arno. Marian Thorndike, if she thought of him at all, would at least recognize that he had pride enough not to make a shameful parade of himself virtually before her eyes.
The thought of putting hundreds of miles between himself and her dear presence was a sharp anguish. It was like an amputation without ether.
When he was gone, what hope could he hold for the future? Would she think of him as only a blighter and a boulder who had once temporarily crossed her path? Would she remember him at all?
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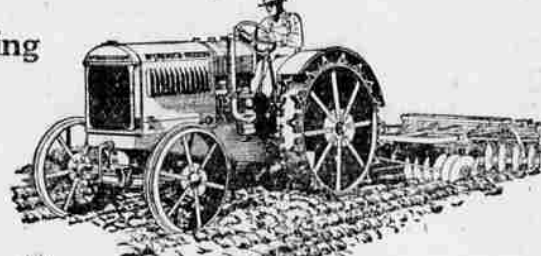
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