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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

SHIPBUILDING According to the Literary Digest, shipbuilding should be a booming industry for at least ten years to come.

CHARACTER AND REPUTATION There is a difference between character and reputation. Character is what a man is; reputation is what he is thought to be.

ST. HELENS CREAMERY This institution has been organized and in operation just a year. From a very small beginning it has grown so that it is now a large institution.

Another column of this paper will be found the report of a special Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill recently made at Astoria.

There are many laws on the statute books which should be repealed, but instead of devoting their time to this, in all probability, about every member of the legislature or senate is already framing some other freak law to go on the statute books.

Please, Dear Santa Claus S. P. & S. R. K. Co., if you want to make a little city named St. Helens real joyous at Christmas time, give us the assurance that you intend to build a real depot to take the place of the present inadequate shack which now bears our name.

Before going to Portland or taking the time to read the many Christmas catalogues you are daily receiving, look at the windows of home merchants, and nine cases out of ten you will find exactly the article you wish.

On every letter you mail, place a Red Cross stamp. It will help stamp out the white plague.

SOME SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A Portland popcorn and peanut vendor disposes of his goods from a wagon drawn by a big dapple-grey horse.

An enterprising colored man has a shoe shining stand in one of the Washington street barber shops.

A dealer in women's apparel invites patronage by displaying the following sign: "Ladies' Dresses One-Third Off."

A curio dealer from the land of the Mikado puts price cards on each article in his window display, one of them, attached to a small basket, reading, "Baskets, 25c per each."

OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS JAN. 4-6

The executive committee of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, at a meeting held November 22, decided that the next meeting should be held in Portland January 4, 5 and 6, 1917, and the work of preparing the program is already begun.

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT COSTS INCREASING

The railroad locomotive which cost \$22,000 a year ago sells for \$45,000 today, and the freight car which could be purchased for \$1,500 in November, 1916, commands \$2,400 at this time.

PACIFIC LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION IS ON

The Pacific Live Stock Exposition is now being held in Portland. It commenced on Tuesday, the 4th, and will end Saturday.

The sale dates were: Swine, December 5; Champion individuals and carlots, Dec. 6; Shorthorns, Dec. 7; Holsteins, Dec. 8, and Saturday closed the sales with Herefords as the attraction.

BOYS SENTENCED TO STUDY FOREST FIRES

Two boys, recently convicted in a Los Angeles court of leaving a campfire burning in the Angeles national forest, were sentenced to visit the scene of a forest fire near Newhall, Cal., where 400 acres were burned over and property to the value of \$100,000 was destroyed.

Sugar has dropped 30 cents per hundredweight. This is a little sweetening along with the bitter of the high cost of living.

Look over the advertisements of the home merchants as appears in the Mist. By patronizing them you are helping yourself.

TEACHERS MUST SOLVE EDUCATION PROBLEM

Speaking before the Clatsop County Teachers' Institute, which recently ended a three days session, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill said:

"The teachers must solve the problem of education in Oregon." He urged all teachers to join the State Teachers' Association, which has various committees at work drafting legislation much needed to instruct.

"One of the problems the teachers themselves must face is the problem of retardation. When you consider that of 150,000 pupils enrolled in Oregon schools 20,000 are annually retarded, you see the bigness of the problem.

"Another important question is the problem of a retirement fund. Teachers must be freed from the fear that some day they will want for even the necessities of life.

"A bill to be presented to the legislature for enactment has merits of which some teachers have not thought or heard. The plan of the bill to be presented to the legislature is that 5 per cent of the teacher's salary be placed to his personal account with the state treasurer.

"Supposing a teacher should place 5 per cent of a \$1,000 salary for 30 years, the principal with the accumulated interest would total about \$2,000. Here the state will step in.

"Then, too, the bill has another merit. The deposition of 5 per cent of his salary will show the teacher how to save. It is an actual fact that 98 per cent of the teachers in the first class districts, of which Astoria is one, return to work in the fall owing someone money.

"Another thing that will mean much to the teacher is the professional teacher's certificate. A rigid standard is maintained, and if the teacher does certain required work, a certificate is issued which is the highest form of recommendation.

"It will do away with, in great part, the tramp teacher. We all know the instructor who teaches in Linn county one year, Clatsop county the next, and Tillamook county the next year, leaving each county for the community's good.

Discussing the efficient teacher, Supt. Churchill said that such an instructor planned his program and emphasized the important parts of the lesson, being content to show the pupils where to find the unimportant parts of the subject.

"After eight years following the idea of instilling correct grammatical usage in the pupils by reading and natural exercise, we find that pupils enter high school without a correct knowledge of their language. Therefore, this year we are coming back to technical grammar. Language is the most important subject taught in the grammar school today, and every teacher should emphasize it more than any other subject."

CENSUS OF OREGON COUNTIES

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Population. Includes Clackamas (39,317), Clatsop (19,459), Columbia (13,101), Coos (20,015), Crook (12,728), Jefferson (6,334), Curry (2,543), Douglas (23,325), Gilliam (4,123), Grant (7,035), Harney (4,602), Hood River (7,032), Jackson (26,384), Josephine (9,398), Klamath (12,160), Lake (5,740), Lane (29,443), Lincoln (6,842), Linn (26,231), Malheur (13,522), Marion (49,213), Morrow (4,892), Multnomah (294,284), Polk (17,542), Sherman (8,540), Tillamook (24,266), Union (8,387), Wallowa (10,963), Wasco (21,043), Washington (23,126), Wheeler (3,075), Yamhill (19,592).

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To make a little child glad at Christmas is a joy angels might covet.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at St. Helens as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 20, 1916, at 9:00 a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 23, 1916, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon U. S. History, Writing, Penmanship, Music, Drawing

Wednesday Afternoon Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic

Thursday Forenoon Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art

Thursday Afternoon Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate

Friday Forenoon Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Physical Culture

Friday Afternoon School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government

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