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OUR REFORM SCHOOL.

Few possibly realize the benefits of our state institution, known as the Oregon state reform school. We do think, however, another name would add no small weight to bringing about the desired results. The fact that a boy in speaking of the school must be continually confronted with such a name all through life, is handicapped. This is not a penal institution. The boys are not sent there to be punished for bad conduct before their commitment. They are sent there to be taught habits of industry and to be improved morally, mentally and physically; to be transformed into good, self-supporting and useful citizens.

Boys are not sentenced for any definite period, when so committed they become wards of the state until they arrive at the age of 21. Boys only may be committed between the ages of 10 and 16. This does not mean that they are kept under actual guard all of this time. When in the opinion of the superintendent a boy has been there a sufficient length of time to warrant the belief that he can take care of himself, he may be paroled. Their stay depends entirely upon their own conduct and efforts. While there they must attend school nine months in the year, which includes industrial and agricultural training. A good band is one of the features of the school and the boys have every opportunity to study music. Religious services are held twice each week, including a well-offered and conducted Sunday school. A precept and guardians lose complete control; many, however, never having known the care of a mother. Once a month the boys are directed to write to parents and friends and officers stamps are provided. All letters pass through the hands of the superintendent. Boys on parole must report every three months.

Few ever visit this state institution, but those who do, always come away with words of praise after noting what it is doing to give boys a chance to prepare themselves for a useful life. Many an honest man is now living in this state who owes his honor and success to this school. The great majority of boys sent there are saved from a life of crime, and it is much cheaper for the state to educate them and prepare them for life, than to capture, convict and imprison them after they become a prey upon society.

Portland may lose Tom Richardson, its present secretary of the Oregon Development league. The city of Denver has offered him a salary of \$10,000 per year. He has it under consideration. It is quite likely that Portland will make an attempt to keep him. Tom Richardson has done more for Oregon than any one man who ever held a similar position. It was Tom Richardson who broadened out Portland, whereby it gave some little consideration to the wants of the other portions of the state, that was vitally necessary to Portland's growth. Today there is not a hamlet in this great state that is not proud of Portland's growth and wishes it to continue. What helps Portland helps the state. Any development in any portion of the state helps Portland. No longer is the term "Portland hog" seen in print. If Tom Richardson had accomplished nothing more, his mission in our state would have been well worth his salary, but that is only an incident to his labors. We hope he will continue at the head of the boosters for several years, anyway until after the Yukon-Alaska exposition. Oregon under proper management will profit largely through this fair, the same as Washington did from the Lewis and Clark fair. Better keep Tom Richardson for another year.

The Ladies' Neighborhood club and some of the Sunday schools have had separate committees canvassing the city with a view of ascertaining whether or not we have any families in our midst who need assistance, food, clothing, or little children where it was thought a toy or little reminder of the Christ spirit would not come amiss. This inquiry has led to interviewing the physicians of our city, but this research has developed no case of extreme suffering. This, however, has been no exception to the rule. Every year during Christmas week the city is generally canvassed, but seldom is the committee rewarded for its efforts.

It is becoming recognized that when the time arrives President Taft will be supported by a cabinet that will add dignity to his administration. Senator Knox as secretary of state warrants this prediction.

Our valley roads are in as perfect condition as in midsummer. This is an ideal winter; stock can be fed with little or no waste. Wood can be brought from the nearby mountains with greater ease than in the summer, which prevents excessive prices. From a climatic standpoint, 1908 has been a model year that few in the past have excelled. Every season has permitted the proper planting and harvesting of crops and the yield and prices have been above normal.

Every Thanksgiving a public offering is taken, to be distributed at the discretion of the Ministerial association of the city, and usually there is a small balance left over each year. This fund seldom amounts to more than \$20. Grande Ronde valley, while not composed of what might be termed wealthy men to a greater extent than the average community of the northwest, the masses of our people are better fed and clothed and enjoy a great variety of the comforts of life.

This is without doubt the busiest week in the entire year.

TRY PRICE GATES.

His and Other Cases Will Come Up Next Wednesday for Trial.

The trial of Price Gates of this city, charged by Dr. W. H. Riley, with practicing veterinary surgery without a license, will come up next Wednesday. The case has been hanging fire for many weeks. The other cases are law suits. One of them is Huntley vs. J. W. White, and I. W. Faulk where the plaintiff alleges that Constable Faulk attached property which should not have been so treated. Roy T. Oliver is suing Ichessenberger for \$287.90, less \$34. These will all come up before Justice Stewart next Wednesday.

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No. 5-5-rooms, bath, toilet, pantry, fair cellar, barn; 2 lots set to good fruit trees; location on 2nd street. \$2,000.00.

No. 6-4-room house, barn, two lots Location on Trowbridge St. \$1,000.00.

No. 7-6-room house, wood house one lot. Location on First street. \$1,200.00.

No. 8-6-room house, hen house, wood house, 2 lots. Location on E street. \$1,000.00.

No. 9-5-room house, pantry, large barn, 20 bearing fruit trees; elegant outside home place. Location on North Fourth street. \$2,500.00.

No. 10-5-room house, 3 1/2 lots; 12 fruit trees. Location North Fourth street. \$1,100.00.

No. 11-4 rooms, cellar, wood house, some fair furniture with house. One lot. Location on S street. \$1,200.00.

A part of the above list can be purchased with one-tenth down, balance easy payments.

No. 12-4-room house; 4 acres land, 4 shares water; wood house. \$1,800.00.

No. 13-3-room house, 1 acre land, 1 share water; good wood house; nice lot berry bushes. \$1,050.00.

No. 14-5-room house, 3 closets, pantry, cellar, wood house, on 2 acres best land near town; 2 shares water; fine berry bushes; fruit trees. \$2,250.00.

No. 15-3-room house, 1 acre land, 1 share water; wood house. \$950.00.

No. 16-20 acres, 2 1/2 miles from La Grande. All in cultivation; running water on place; no buildings. \$1,500.00.

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No. 18-40 acres near Summerville, 2-room house, log barn; mostly fenced. \$450.00.

No. 19-150 acres; 40 acres splendid timber; 12 acres under cultivation; 20 fruit trees; 3-room house, fair stable; good water; partly fenced; lots of wood on balance of farm. \$900.00.

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Notice of Sale of Impounded Stock.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on the 18th day of December, 1908, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public auction at the city pound in the city of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, the following described animal, to-wit: One red and white cow, 3 or 4 years old; brand resembling H on left hip; ear marks, square crop, off left ear; square croft off and underbit and slit in right ear, marked with three due laps. Impounded December 7, 1908. Said animal will be sold for cash in hand to the highest bidder at said time and place under and by virtue of the ordinance of the city of a Grande, Union county, Oregon, providing for the impounding and selling of animals found running at large in said city.

Dated this the 16th day of December, 1908.
J. W. WALDON,
Chief of Police, La Grande, Ore.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that Otho Eckersley, administrator of the estate of William J. Shoemaker, deceased, has filed his final account as administrator of said estate and the county court of Union county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and the county court room in the court house, La Grande, Oregon as the time and place for hearing said report and all objections thereto. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1908.
OTHO ECKERSLEY,
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