

DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNAL ORDERS LA GRANDE, ORE.

M. W. A.
La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets each Monday evening at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.
M. McMURRAY, C.
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La Grande Aerie No. 259, F. O. E., meets every Friday night in Elks' hall at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren invited to attend.
C. E. HACKMAN, W. P.
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Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., hold stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
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Star Encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month in Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting patriarchs always welcome.
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La Grande Lodge No. 169, W. O. W., meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening in K. of P. hall in the Corpe building. All visiting members welcome.
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La Grande Lodge No. 16, meets in their hall every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. Cemetery plot may be seen at Model restaurant.
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Foresters of America.
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A. F. & A. M.
La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m.
R. L. LINCOLN, W. M.
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Knights of Pythias.
Red Cross Lodge No. 27, meets every Monday evening in Castle Hall (old Elks' hall). A Pythian welcome to all visiting knights.
J. F. BAKER, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, K. of R. & S.

Rebekahs.
Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
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MARTHA E. SCOTT, Secretary.

B. P. O. E.
La Grande Lodge No. 433, meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elks' club, corner Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
C. S. DUNN, Exalted Ruler.
G. E. McCULLY, Recording Sec.

STATE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Local Attorney Discusses Perplexing Question in Detail.

La Grande, March 11.—(Editor of Observer.)—The recent drastic treatment of the Normal school question by the legislature has left the subject in a rather unsatisfactory condition, and settles nothing unless it be this, that the people of the state have determined to submit no longer to the "logrolling" schemes of certain localities and individuals to maintain high schools at the expense of the taxpayers of the state at large, under the guise of State Normal schools to train grammar grade teachers.

The public school system is maintained by the state on the principle that society at large is benefited by having its future citizens educated and enlightened thereby advancing the moral and intellectual standing of the community and benefiting all the people, rather than that the individual is to be paid a debt belonging to him from the public, or put on the road to personal success. This being true, the duty of the state is to so shape its educational system that the greatest good shall be done to the greatest number, and the first and paramount duty is to see that every boy and girl become proficient and be properly trained in such subjects as will best fit them to be useful citizens, and this has given growth to the free grammar grade school system of the country. It is better for the government to support good grammar schools and no collegiate institutions, than to have poor grammar schools and colleges at public expense for the limited few. There is a difference of opinion as to the extent the state should go in affording higher and technical education free to the young, but whether such training best conserves the public good, or is simply a gift to the taxpayers to the individual for his exclusive benefit, it is practically agreed by all the states that it is the duty of the state to support the three classes of public schools, grammar grades, high schools and a college, or state university, and no one wants to see Oregon lag behind the other states in these matters. The higher education being upheld on the assumption that while a comparative few enjoy such advantages, yet the greater efficiency for public good acquired by the individual justifies the public expenditure for collegiate and technical training, especially for that training which is used for upbuilding others and increasing the natural wealth of the state, such as teaching and cultivation of the soil.

The chief cause of complaint seems to be the attempt to duplicate at state expense the high school and grammar school work in the Normal schools and the Agricultural college, which are supported by the taxpayers for the purpose of training teachers to teach in the lower grade schools and farmers and machinists, while the school districts and counties which support high schools, are also compelled to pay their proportion of the cost of maintaining these state schools, duplicating the high school work.

There is no reason why the Normal work done in the Normal schools of Oregon, and a large portion of the work done in the Agricultural college should not be done in the local high schools of the state at home, and the money taken away kept at home, and the support and energy of the young people turned toward upbuilding the home institution; for it is a well known fact that a large part of school studies some even in the grammar grades, and that they do not go to these institutions for pursuing the courses for which they are primarily maintained by the public.

Many of the high schools of the state are already giving instruction in branches outside of the usual curriculum, such as commercial courses, typewriting, music, etc., and it is no more the duty of the district to maintain such instruction so as to prepare the pupils for specialized pursuits of this kind, than it is to furnish instruction to specially prepare them for teaching and scientific agriculture of the high school grade, and no one can say that the public at large would not be even more benefited, and every intelligent man knows that the average high school teacher is fully as competent to teach these things as the average Normal school teacher.

Why would it not be a good plan to let each county or district decide upon what of these subjects should be taught at home in its own high school? By a clean-cut classification of schools that the district, county or state shall maintain, the subject could be wonderfully simplified, and the disgraceful logrolling schemes occurring at each legislature avoided. If the district and county, assisted by the irreducible school fund of the state, would maintain the grammar and the high schools, together with

the professional and technical courses of those grades, and the state at large maintain only the collegiate grades in a college of liberal arts at Eugene, a college of agriculture at Corvallis and a Normal college located somewhere in the state, all under one board of regents, without unnecessary duplications of studies, and all requiring the equivalent of a high school course to enter, the standing and grade of each could be improved and expenses greatly curtailed; and last, but not the least, the spirit of making the home high school the best possible would be fostered, and a more careful examination of its needs given by its patrons. Such a classification strictly adhered to would remove the inducement of "letting down the bars" in order to get number, rather than scholarship, which members of the legislature complain of being systematically pursued by some of these schools, so as to get larger appropriations. Better schools and more economically administered, is what we want.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. S. HODGINS.

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