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GRANDE RONDE OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS.

It is gratifying to know that a Grande Ronde lady has been recognized by the Eastern Star of Oregon and given high office by that order. We have reference to Mrs. Jennie Gilham, daughter of Summerville who was a few days ago elected Grand Matron of the Eastern Star at a grand lodge meeting in Portland.

Mrs. Rinehart is one of Oregon's best women. The name of Rinehart in Eastern Oregon stands for good citizenship, for the family bearing that name is a large one and each member does something of some account in the world.

While the lady honored has been a resident of Summerville she will soon be numbered with La Grande's people. That, however, is incidental and the fact that she lives in the Grande Ronde valley is the all important one. Our people rejoice to know that this valley is recognized on the staff of the Eastern Star and we as a people are not unmindful of the merit required of the individual who is thus chosen.

TREAT THE TEACHERS FAIRLY.

School teachers in this city want more pay, says the Portland Telegram. They want the fair treatment

accorded to other public employes. They want their pay envelope to come through regularly every month of the twelve. They think that they should be entitled to a paid vacation, and the thought is entirely proper. It will be to the credit of the city if the School Board shall affirmatively consider their requests and claims.

It is always safe to endorse any movement of school teachers which has in view their better compensation, or contemplates in any way an increase of rewards for the service they render. The school teacher is underpaid generally—we might almost say universally underpaid. This community, in common with other communities, regards the employment of teachers strictly as a matter of business, which means that one of the aims of school administration is to secure the service of teachers with the least possible outlay.

It is probably true that we pay teachers better than some cities of the East, but that proves nothing as to our greater appreciation of the teacher and her services. We are simply following the economic fact that wages generally are better in the West than in the East. We ought to put the business of school teaching, so far as greater compensation may aid in commanding greater ability, on a higher ground than that of purely business economics.

At all events that which the teachers of Portland ask in the present instance, is just, and will readily appeal to the average citizen's sense of fairness, however the School Directors may regard it, or however they may feel compelled to treat the matter officially. There is no good reason why we should make invidious distinction in the case of the school-teacher. There is no public servant of whom we require more in accordance with the compensation. There are few who require such preparation or upon whom the exactions of duty rest more heavily or more constantly. It is certainly the fact that no other line of service produces results of greater importance and value to the community. If favor is shown to any class of public servants above another, it should be shown to the school teachers. If anyone is to enjoy vacation with pay, the teacher is that person. It is only fair and reasonable that the request of the teachers, in this regard at least, be granted.

PATRIOTISM AND THE ELKS.

Complaint has been made that the country is growing short on patriotism and there is some reason to believe there is truth in the statement, but the country will not remain short on patriotism and one reason for this, probably along with others, is the attitude of the Elks order toward this cardinal principle of good government.

All over the country flag day was celebrated by the Elks in a manner that was felt. From the home of every Elks lodge floated the stars and stripes. Appropriate speeches were made and appropriate songs were sung, by members of this order, and all taught the rising generations the lesson of honoring the flag of the country above everything else.

The Elks are strictly American in every sense. Like the old patriots they are for their country first, last and all the time, and for their country—right or wrong.

The Grand Army of the Republic is fast passing. It was the greatest of all patriotic orders, but age has

claimed its members. The Sons of Veterans never has been an organization that spread over the land as it should have done, but the Elks have taken up the patriotic standard not to lay it down.

No star will ever grow dim in the flag and no stripe will ever be obscured so long as the B. P. O. E. people live and have strength to raise their voice in praise of the land of freedom.

HASKELL AND OKLAHOMA.

While apparently it was unfortunate for Governor Haskell ever to have been elected to the highest executive office in Oklahoma more could hardly have been expected of a new state that seemed to develop in a single night. In the rush of Oklahoma Haskell won the governorship, and ever since his inauguration he has failed to measure up to what Oklahoma is entitled to in the way of an executive.

His desire to occupy the stage's center, has placed him in rather embarrassing circumstances, to say the least, and in the last national campaign he was rather discarded by his own party.

The latest piece of acting by Oklahoma's governor was to refuse service of a subpoena by a federal officer. It is alleged he threatened to throw the officer down the stairway, which if true is a dangerous utterance for a governor to make. For if federal officers are not to be recognized how can Governor Haskell expect the officers whom he is over to do their duty?

But Oklahoma will recover from her follies. She has the bank guaranty law and by demonstration it has proved anything but successful. And Oklahoma has other laws that are almost as foolish.

It takes years to ripen a state into safe action, just as it takes years for a man to become well balanced and free from flighty thoughts. In years to come Oklahoma will reach a sane condition and will then be one of the best states in the union, for she has resources in abundance and markets close to her door.

ENGINE AND CARS IN DITCH.

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senger trains were marked up to arrive at 6 o'clock.

The extent of the wreck is not definitely known in railroad circles here. It seems the train struck the slide while running at considerable speed. The engineer apparently escaped, but the fireman was caught though the nature of the injuries which he sustained were not learned in La Grande today. The debris was piled

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up in great heaps according to the reports reaching here, and it seems that escape by other members of the train crew were miraculously.

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