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OUR SCHOOLS.

So much of facts pertaining to the school system in La Grande, but nevertheless, not known by many parents, is contained in the speech prepared and delivered by Superintendent of Schools J. D. Stout, at the Commercial club banquet early in the week, that the brief address merits perusal by fathers and mothers who did not hear it read. Mr. Stout says: Mr. Toastmaster and members of the La Grande Commercial club, From my viewpoint all cities are to a greater or less degree educational centers. Here in Eastern Oregon we have Baker, Pendleton, Union, Cove, Island City, Elgin, and other educational centers of more or less importance while the midst of them all lies La Grande, the principal educational center of Eastern Oregon.

I feel that I am not warranted in making this statement unless I furnish proof to substantiate my proposition, La Grande, the principal educational center of Eastern Oregon.

Less than two years ago, this Commercial club, composed of shrewd, wide-awake business men, sought to improve the city of La Grande. They began many and varied undertakings which has given La Grande high standing among the most prosperous and enlightened cities of the Inland Empire.

I believe the greatest of their undertakings was the improvement of their public school system. As a result of their efforts, the old buildings have been finished, modern up to date heating plants installed and a new high school building, second to none in beauty and commodity, has been erected.

You will pardon my taking your time to enumerate some of the advantages that our high school students are enjoying. On the lower floor of

our new high school building we have a thoroughly equipped up to date manual training department, where nearly 200 boys are being trained to become useful citizens. This department is fitted with 30 work benches, made by the students of the high school under the direction of their instructor. There are 30 individual sets of tools, a complete set of general tools, a circular saw with dado head, a band saw, and a turning lathe.

Also on this floor we find the domestic science department, equipped with electric hot plates and electric range. Everything here is modern and complete.

On this floor are also located hot and cold water shower baths, both for girls and for boys. Here we also have a very capacious gymnasium, 71 feet long, 48 feet wide and 16 feet to the ceiling, with a seating capacity for 400 spectators. This gymnasium will prove a source of pleasure to many an Ajax boy and girl.

On the second floor are the offices, well equipped; physical, biological and chemical laboratories, dark room, science lecture room, domestic art, and a complete commercial school from which students taking the four years course can be admitted to any college or university; and where those whose circumstances will not permit may take the special course and advance just as rapidly as their ability will permit.

On the upper floor are five large enrollment rooms, class rooms and library. It is on this floor that the school is seated and the work in languages, mathematics, history, pedagogy and other subjects is done.

We have also a beautiful auditorium with a seating capacity for 724, where the school is convened once each week where the literary societies hold their sessions and where all public functions of the school are held.

All grade buildings as well as the high school building, are being beautifully decorated with high class pictures, statuary, busts, ferns, and palms. This is being done to train the aesthetic side of the child. We are now arranging to place cabinet phonographs in each of the grade buildings and high school, that the students may be trained to appreciate the best classical music of the masters.

In our high school are maintained six courses of study, classical, scientific, English, normal, commercial and manual arts. Graduates from either of these courses can enter any of the colleges or universities in the west. Graduates from the normal course are granted certificates to teach anywhere in the state. These certificates are granted by the state board of education.

The faculty of the high school consists of eleven men and women, all either college, or university graduates. Some of them have studied on two continents and are familiar not only with American institutions, but foreign institutions as well.

In the high school today are 234 bright, wide awake young men and women. This is the highest high school enrollment in Eastern Oregon. We have students from Huntington North Powder, Union, Cove, Island City, Imbler, Elgin, Lostine, Perry Hilgard, Hot Lake and various country districts.

With this showing I believe I am warranted in making the proposition, "La Grande, the principal educational center in Eastern Oregon."

Walla Walla may well be proud of her educational institutions, which has increased her population from 10,000 in 1900 to over 20,000 in 1910. This increase has been largely due to her system of public schools.

I believe that La Grande, like Walla Walla, through her public schools, assisted by this Commercial club, and her noble citizens, will more than double her population in the next ten years.

"Ye who love the republic, remember the claim
Ye owe to her fortune, ye owe to her fame,
To her years of prosperity, past and in store
To the hundreds behind us, to the thousands before.

"Tis the school house that stands by the flag,
Let the nation stand by the school.
Tis the school bell that rings for our liberty old
Tis the schoolboy whose ballot shall rule.
"The blue arch above us is Liberty's



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