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WHAT TWO FLIES WILL DO.

Two flies that start housekeeping in the spring will boast more than 5,000,000 descendants by August—providing there's plenty of fifth of all kinds to facilitate breeding. And each fly with buzzing wings and crawling legs has the power of carrying millions of the germs of sickness, so that the evil two flies and their issue may do posess beyond calculation.

With these facts before them, representatives of the civic, official and educational organizations of La Grande might well start on a campaign having for its slogan, "Make La Grande a Flyless City."

Dr. Hodge, of the extension department of the University of Oregon, has already started such campaigns in a number of the cities of the state, including Eugene, Portland, and Pendleton and he will give a "lantern lecture" on this subject in the high school auditorium of this city Tuesday evening. The first call will probably be upon the school children to trap and destroy the pests. Citizens will be invited to co-operate with health authorities in removing the manure, garbage, cut grass and other matter in which flies feed best. Dr. Hodge's plan is not to let the fly be born.

France has invented an inflammable dart that will enable aeroplanes to burn buildings. But any capable English suffragette can do that and keep both feet on the ground.

When the poets wrote these moving verses about the pleasures of the imagination, they probably had just seen some one reading a seed catalogue.

If you'll join the "Swat-the-fly" movement you can leave those old rusty squaking screens in the basement this summer.

The name of a new London play is: "Should a Woman Tell?" Perhaps she shouldn't, but she always does.

The Big Dipper is disappearing which scores another point for the individual drinking cup.

Dr. Hodge's plan is to kill the fly before it is born.

RAILROAD COMMISSION

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certain circumstances, be enforced by the commission against the Co-operative company, by requiring the Co-operative company to attach the long-distance wires of the Home company to its switch-boards at Elgin, Cove and Summerville. It is claimed by the Home company that there is substantially no competition between the companies at those places; the Co-operative company having at Cove and Elgin the larger part of subscribers, while at Summerville the Home company has no exchange whatever, but serves the public for long-distance business through a pay station located in the store of Jap Choate. The Home company has indicated its expectation that it will lose all its local subscribers at the points mentioned, as residents will naturally take the Co-operative service when they can reach, through it, the majority of local people over its line, and at the same time have the benefit

of long-distance service. That the public is required to pay large sums to agents of the Home company at those three places for messenger fees, is another claim of the Home company, and a connection will eliminate that burden on the public, as well as delays in transmission it further claims.

The petition was filed about the 1st of January and before the exchange of the Co-operative company was constructed in La Grande. The Home company claims that should the connection be made at Cove, Elgin and Summerville, it would have been possible to carry on a long distance conversation at the date of the filing of the petition from anywhere on its lines and on the lines of the Pacific company to any of those points on the Co-operative company's lines without duplicating any facilities of any company, and that this connection, would not impair or render less satisfactory the operation or service of any company whose lines were used in making such a long distance conversation. A considerable sum would be paid to the Co-operative company, it is alleged, as commissions on such long distance business, if the connection asked for should be made.

Defendant Company Answers.

The answer of the Co-operative company on the other hand, denies that it would be for the public convenience to connect at the points prayed for, and alleges that the connections should be made at La Grande and some convenient point for Wallowa county business. It further answers that on account of the fact that the great majority of the people in Cove and Elgin now using the Home service, already have the Co-operative system. No convenience or necessity is shown for the connection. The Co-operative company further claims that it has many times, unsuccessfully, demanded connection with the Home company at La Grande, and claims that La Grande is the place it should be made, if made at all. The Co-operative company further claims that no just compensation has been offered to it for connection at the places under consideration at the present hearing of the commission.

Independent of the pleadings, the Home company gives as its reasons for refusing to connect at La Grande, the fact that it has several times in the past offered to connect with the Co-operative company at the places mentioned, and long before the La Grande exchange was constructed. It claims that in 1911 it attempted to connect at Elgin; that in the fall of 1912 it offered to connect at Summerville; that in May 1913, it wrote to the Co-operative company offering to connect at Cove, Elgin and Summerville, but that the letter was not answered for many months. To connect at La Grande and switch messages for the Co-operative company in La Grande, and to transmit long distance business from there, would be to use its La Grande property in a way that would directly destroy all of its long distance business and property in all the territory covered by the Co-operative company's lines it is set out. This the Home company plainly says it will never do, unless legally forced to do so.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Attorney L. Denham, of Elgin, is in the city attending to court matters. Homer Frank, Will Pearson and Jno. Cowender of North Powder, are registered at the Savoy hotel.

Dr. Law of Union, was in the city this morning attending to business at the land office.

J. A. Brady, a prominent merchant of Walla Walla, was in the city over Sunday looking over prospects.

Jas. Crowley, superintendent of the Palmer Lumber camp, is in the city registered at the Sommer hotel.

Mrs. Lee Warnick and children left this noon for Union where they will be guests of Mrs. Tuttle, mother of Mrs. Warnick.

Mrs. A. G. Clay of Union, who was here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Suther, her parents, left this noon for her home.

Ed. Thomas has returned from Portland where he has been spending a week on business. He was recently appointed master mechanic for this division.

J. D. Casey of Meacham, is in the

city on business. He states that they have but a foot of snow at Meacham and this is vanishing rapidly.

Mr. William Eubanks of Summerville, is in the city on business.

Rev. N. D. Wood of Weston, left this morning for his home. He was in the city yesterday to conduct the services of the M. E. Church South. He is the presiding elder of his district.

Mrs. C. E. Smith and family of Walla Walla, left this morning for Milton and Freewater where they will make their home in the future. They have not definitely decided on a home but will choose one of the two places mentioned.

Calico Ball, Rex hall, March 17.

The Evening Observer on sale at Newlin Book store and the Club.

RAINEY FILMS
DUE IN CITY

Paul J. Rainey's African hunt is to be told by the film route in La Grande March 11 and 12 at the Arcade theatre. This will be the first time that this film has been shown outside of the big city theatres. A great deal of time and money has been spent to picture Rainey's tour.

The Rainey expedition consisted of 35 white men, 325 black men, 135 camels, 40 horses, 60 dogs, 54 oxen, and 150 sheep on the hoof. Mr. Rainey, Prof. Hiller of the Smithsonian Institute, and others, and their personal retinues, met Mr. Allen Black of Australia, and Mr. Augustus Outram of The Transvaal, at Port Said, and while traveling to Mombassa, completed their plans. Dr. William Johnson was added as physician and surgeon, and a staff of photographers. At Mombassa the complete Safari, or hunting journey, was arranged. Black giants of the Wakhmandas and Kharkuas, the courageous inky Massi, and smart Somalis, all African tribesmen noted for their endurance and other worthy qualities, accompanied the expedition, some as employees and carriers and the remainder for the love of the sport.

Mr. Rainey's expedition cost him over \$250,000 and the time consumed was about one year.

Prices, children 10 cents, adults, 25.

NEW EXAMINATION RULES

SUPERINTENDENT CHURCHILL
ISSUES NEW RULES.

Promulgation Facilitates Manner of Taking Eighth Grade Quizzes.

Excerpts are herewith given of the new rule adopted by the state educational department for eight grade final examinations effective after February 24th.

Rule IV. (a) Any pupil who has attained, or will attain the age of 14 years within six months from the date of the examination, and has completed the regular years of the elementary school, and can present to the county school superintendent satisfactory evidence of having spent at least 450 days in attendance at any public school in Oregon during the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, and has made an average of not less than 85 per cent in deportment during such time, may, upon the recommendation of the principal or teacher in charge, be excused by the county school superintendent from examination in any subject in which he has made an average of not less than 90 per cent in class work and school tests during the past year, as shown by the school records and by reports from other schools, and such average may be accepted by the county school superintendent in lieu of examination in such subject.

Rule IV. (b) Any pupil who has taken the regular seven years' work of the elementary school and can present to the county school superintendent satisfactory evidence of having spent at least 450 days in attendance at any public school in Oregon during the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and



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Rule IV. (c) Any pupil who has taken the regular six years' work of the elementary school and can present to the county school superintendent satisfactory evidence of having spent at least 450 days in attendance in any public school in Oregon during the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and has made an average of not less than 85 per cent in deportment during such time, may, upon the recommendation of the principal or teacher in charge, be excused by the county school superintendent from examination in the subject of physiology in which he has made an average of not less than 90 per cent in class work and school tests during the past year, as shown by the school records and by reports from other schools, and such average may be accepted by the county school superintendent in lieu of examination in such subject.

Rule IV. (d) Teachers having pupils who claim exemptions in one or more subjects in accordance with the provision of the above rules, shall furnish the county school superintendent with a list of such pupils not less than 20 days prior to the examination, together with a certified statement of the record of each pupil in deportment during the past three years, as shown by the school register and grade book, and by reports from other schools, together with his class record for the past year. The county school superintendent, after having examined such records, shall determine what exemptions shall be allowed and notify the teacher accordingly. If a part of the record is taken from report cards from other schools, such report cards must be attached to the teacher's statement.

Rule IV. (e) Pupils who have reached the age of 18 years, may, at the discretion of the school board, be admitted to any high school without having passed the eighth grade examination and may receive the eighth grade diploma from the district, after having earned three semester credits.

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