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PRINCIPALS END MEETING

CLOSING HOURS SATURDAY INSTRUCTIVE.

Vocational Training Important Subject of Discussion.

The early part of the afternoon session of the school superintendents and principals on Saturday was devoted to a further discussion of Bible study. State Superintendent Churchill expressed the belief that Bible study should be recognized for its literary and historical value and in no sense from a religious or sentimental standpoint. He believed that a good knowledge of the old and new testaments would be a better education than medieval history. In any case such studies, if undertaken, should be thorough.

Superintendent Girdler, of La Grande, presented the topic "Vocationalizing of Public Schools." Mr. Girdler took the stand that vocational work should be entirely elective for the reason that any amount of training in a manual way would be futile for those who have neither the inclination nor the aptitude for such work. This view was opposed by Prof. Hampton, of Pendleton. Superintendent Churchill sustained in the main the remarks of Mr. Girdler.

Principal Gene Hall of North Powder showed the impracticability of military training as a part of high school work. Many of the smaller high schools have not sufficient enrollment to justify special instructors and the expense of equipment would be out of the question, and, finally, that all that could be done in this direction would not in the end produce a training that would be efficient in case of actual need.

The final paper was by Prof. E. E. Grant, of Union, on the subject of "Admission in the High School" which was very ably handled. The informal addresses and participation in the various discussions by Superintendent Churchill added very materially to the interest and instruction of the attendants. The business session was led by Principal Kronenberg, of Elgin. There was no election of officers, the present incumbents continuing in their respective places.

MIMICKED HIS BOSS.

When Nat Goodwin First Gave an Imitation of Stuart Robson.

Nat Goodwin had just finished his monologue at the Palace one night when William Barkus, a veteran actor and lifelong friend of the comedian, said:

"Nat, I remember the first night you went on the stage at the Howard Athenaeum and played Ned the Newsboy in Stuart Robson's production of 'Law In New York.' You gave imitations then, and I never heard better ones before or since."

"Well," replied Goodwin modestly, "they told me that my stunt went remarkably well that night. If you remember, after I had responded to several encores some of them in the gallery shouted, 'Imitate Stuart Robson!' I was afraid to imitate my manager, so I shook my head. Still they shouted, 'Robson, Robson!' He was standing in the wings, and as I came off I said: 'What can I do, Mr. Robson? They are clamoring for me to give an imitation of you!' 'Do!' said he in that falsetto voice so well known to theatergoers of that period. 'Go back and give the villains —!'"

"On the impulse of the moment I went through an entire scene which the audience had just witnessed between Robson and a favorite player named Henry Bloodgood. As I assumed each voice, particularly Robson's, the applause was deafening, and at the finish, after repeated calls, Robson was obliged to take me on and make a speech, thanking the audience in my behalf.

"After the play Robson said to me: 'Young Goodwin, you have done two things tonight that I shall never forget—halted the performance and given a very bad imitation of me. I could have done it better myself.'"—New York Times.

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Farmers Predict Bumper Crops.

Pendleton, Feb. 21.—There is deeper moisture in the ground of Umatilla county right now than there has been in years, according to many farmers who have had occasion to make tests. A number place the depth of the moisture at six feet and declare there is enough stored up now to insure two good crops.

The greater part of the moisture in the unprecedented snows has seeped into the ground, especially upon the lands where there is little or no slope. The snow has gone off so gradually that little of the water has had a chance to run off into the streams.

So wet is the ground, particularly that in summer fallow, that it is almost a mire. Billy Ferguson, well known farmer of Athena, brought in a story yesterday that gave some indication of the amount of moisture in the ground.

During the time the ground was frozen, he said, he pulled a wagon across his barnyard and left it standing in one corner. This week one of the hired hands undertook to move the wagon. A span of mules was hitched to the wagon but both the vehicle and the animals became mired down. The more the mules struggled, he said, the deeper they sank until finally one of them had little more than his head sticking out. For three hours the animals were imprisoned before another team could drag them out of the mud.

INNES LOSES FIGHT.

Supreme Court Rules in Famous Oregon Case of Abduction. Washington, Feb. 21.—Vivtor Innes and wife, of Portland have lost their Supreme court fight to postpone extradition to Atlanta for trial in connection with the disappearance of Beatrice Nelms and Eloise Nelms Dennis. They were first apprehended in Eugene and taken to Texas.

READING BENEFIT.

From the Experience of La Grande People. We are fortunate indeed to be able to profit by the experience of our neighbors. The public utterances of La Grande residents on the following subject will interest and benefit many of our readers. Read this statement. No better proof can be had.

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FRANK OWSLEY IN TOWN

Explains Details of Wheat Cleaning Project Now Under Way. Frank Owsley is over from Colfax, Wash., on a visit to his family who are on the farm near La Grande.

Mr. Owsley has for many years been representative for the Kerr-Gifford company, with headquarters at Colfax, and in this capacity has been the purchaser of a large portion of the Palouse country grain crop. It is the purchases which he has made for his company that are now being shipped eastward and stopped at La Grande enroute for cleaning. A good many carloads have already passed through La Grande and many more are to follow.

Mr. Owsley says that La Grande is the only advantageous place where the grain can be cleaned. There are two objects in this way of handling eastern grain shipments. One, and the important one, is to have the grain cleaned and ready for export without further handling. The second part of the plan is to put the grain in the

cars in bulk. If sacks were used it would only delay shipments at the eastern seaboard, New York and Boston. With the grain in the bulk the loads are dumped direct to the ships from the cars. While the consignments are only as far eastward as Omaha all this grain is in reality for export either from Boston or New York.

There are no facilities for cleaning and unsacking the grain at the export points so this is done at La Grande and the process involves a considerable work and incidentally distributes a good deal of money in the community in the way of wages.

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