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NORMAL SCHOOL NEEDS CITED

EASTERN OREGON'S ISOLATION POINTED OUT.

Majority Registrations and Teaching Done Near Monmouth.

Fred Lockley formerly one of the owners of the East Oregonian of Pendleton is in town in the interest of the proposed Eastern Oregon Normal school at Pendleton. In speaking of the matter Mr. Lockley said: "A good many people are wondering why we do not get better results for the money spent for education. There is no denying the fact that we are not getting results commensurate with the money spent. Many factors enter into the reason for our lack of success along educational lines. Lack of home training is one of the big factors. Another factor is the lack of preparation of our teachers. High salaries are the rule throughout Eastern Oregon yet in spite of many of the rural districts paying high salaries they are not getting the service to which they are entitled. They secure inexperience or untrained teachers. An orchardist would not employ a man to prune his trees who knew nothing about the work yet this same farmer will as a member of the school board employ an untrained teacher to instruct his own and his neighbors' children. When it is realized that only 13 per cent of the 6055 teachers in the public schools of Oregon are normal school graduates it is easy to see that many of the schools are compelled to employ untrained teachers. The reason for our having so few properly trained teachers is not far to seek. We have but one normal school in Oregon. This school is located in the Willamette valley and most of its students come from the immediate vicinity of the school. Its graduates are absorbed largely within the territory surrounding the school. In fact during the past five years the nine leading counties of Eastern Oregon furnished but 91 students to the Monmouth normal school as against a registra-

tion of 877 from the nine leading Willamette valley counties. Only 39 graduates of this school taught in Eastern Oregon during the past five years as against 203 who taught in the Willamette valley. This certainly proves conclusively that a normal school is needed in Eastern Oregon. The leading educators of the state are almost a unit in endorsing the movement to have a normal school established east of the Cascades to train Eastern Oregon students as teachers for Eastern Oregon schools. J. A. Churchill, an eastern Oregon man who is familiar with the needs of Eastern Oregon and one of the hardest-working and most efficient superintendents of public instruction Oregon has ever had voices the sentiments of the educators of the state when he says: "Oregon's greatest need for its rural schools is the teacher who has had full preparation to do her work. Such a preparation can best come through normal school training. "I trust that the voters of the state will assist in raising the standard of our schools by establishing a state normal school at Pendleton. The location is central, the interest of the people of Pendleton in education most excellent, and the large number of pupils in the public schools will give ample opportunity to all students to get the amount of teaching practice required in a standard normal school."

Hip Is Broken by Falling Gin Pole. Clatskanie, Or., Aug. 15.—The gin pole of a hay derrick on the J. W. Miller place slipped while the derrick was being set up last Saturday and struck Mr. Miller's 9-year-old son, breaking his leg near the hip. Because of the location of the fracture, the lad will have to be strapped fast to his bed while the bone knits. C. L. Potter, a laborer on the Miller farm was thrown a distance of 20 feet when the pole fell, but escaped serious injury.

Foreign Corporation Will Enter State. Salem, Or., Aug. 15.—The Savage Tire company, of California, with a capital of \$10,000, has filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman its declaration of intention of engaging in business in the state. Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Wilson Siding Grain & Elevator company, of Ione, which has a capital of \$3000.

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The longest single span in the world is the span of Brooklyn bridge. It is a suspension bridge, and its supporting towers are 1,600 feet apart. Imagine the strength of the cables capable of supporting such a terrific dead weight, to which add the surging traffic of two vast cities.

The two longest bridges in the world are the Tay bridge in Scotland and the great bridge which carries the railway across the St. Lawrence at Montreal.

The most ornate bridge in the world is the Tower bridge across the Thames. In fact, it is perhaps the most beautiful bridge in existence. It is unique, too, in that it is both a girder bridge and a suspension bridge and is also like the ancient drawbridges of romance.

Its cost was £1,500,000, which is just about half the amount the Forth bridge cost.—London Chronicle.

INFLATION AS A DEFENSE.

Easy For the Puffer Fish to Bask Its Natural Enemies.

The puffer fish affords a novel example of the way nature sometimes works to protect her creatures. The many different species inhabit all tropical and other warm seas and certain large rivers. Few of them reach a length of more than two feet.

The peculiar characteristic common to all of them is their ability to inflate themselves with air or water until they become almost spherical in shape. The air or water that fills the abdomen or the esophageal sac is retained by a valve in the throat and can be discharged almost instantly.

A few good sized scup were placed in one of the exhibition tanks of the New York Zoological society with a dozen puffers about two inches long. The hungry scup at once attacked the puffers, but in an instant every puffer inflated itself so completely with water that it became almost globular. All the scup could do was to knock them about like toy balloons, too big to be swallowed, too smooth to afford any hold to the jaws.

Puffers that become frightened near the surface of the sea and are inflated with air sometimes drift ashore, where they roll along the sands until they die and are dried by the sun and wind. The Japanese make lanterns of their dried inflated bodies, for the stretched skin is as transparent as oiled paper.—Youth's Companion.

Locating Icebergs.

The captain of an ocean steamer in most cases finds out when his vessel is approaching an iceberg from the men down in the engine room. That sounds queer, but it is a fact nevertheless. It appears that when a steamship enters water considerably colder than that through which it has been going its propeller runs faster. Such water usually surrounds the wreckage of icebergs for many miles. When the propeller's action therefore is accelerated without the steam power being increased word is passed up to the officer on the bridge that icebergs may be expected, and a close lookout for them is established. There are natural reasons for the propeller acting in this way, and sea captains will assert the same thing.

One Good in Flimsy Houses.

The Japanese have an easier time than their confederates in Europe. Crime in the land of the chrysanthemum is almost limited to theft and cases of bodily harm resulting from street brawls. It is next to impossible, the chief of the Tokyo police says, for a murder to be committed without some one hearing of it at the moment. This is due to the fact that the houses are composed of paper and bamboo, so any noise in a house occasioned by robbers or assassins would not fail to attract the attention of neighbors.—Dundee Advertiser.

No Hope For Them.

"Some folks fuss with the world because it won't turn to look at them," says a Georgia philosopher, "but if it should stop to hear their complaints they'd soon be fussing because it doesn't talk back. There's no pleasing them this side of heaven, and even up there the angels wouldn't know how to make 'em feel at home."—Atlanta Constitution.

Taken at His Word.

He (after marriage)—What! You have no fortune? You said over and over again that you were afraid some one would marry you for your money. She—Yes, and you said over and over again that you would be happy with me if I hadn't a cent. Well, I haven't a cent.

Too Busy.

"When a cook is making her bread she is unlike the rest of the world in one particular." "What is that?" "She does not want her friends to come to her in her hour of knead."—Baltimore American.

Good actions ennoble us, and we are the sons of our own deeds.—Cervantes.

EAT LESS MEAT IF BACK HURTS

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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