

English Pupils Write Up Coming Teachers' Institute

Officiating in the capacity of editor, Deborah B. Smith, instructor of English in the La Grande high school, directed the gathering, assimilation, co-ordination and segregation of a copious number of topics pertinent to the coming teachers' institute, and relative to some of the work being done in the high school and grades under Supt. McCullough and Prin. Hampton. The English class members were her reporters—they took their assignments like dyed-in-the-wool news gatherers and on this and other pages of this issue are articles of extreme interest to parents and the public, written by pupils and edited by the instructor. The Observer's permanent editor feels sure the reading public joins with him in commendation of work done by teacher and student. Articles by students are all signed.

INSTITUTE'S PLANS READY

WELL ORGANIZED CORPS OF ASSISTANTS, FROM SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL CLUB ARE READY.

Even City's Menus And Prices In Hands of Visitors Before Their Arrival in the City November 1st.

(BY LETA KIDDLE)
Arrangements have been completed for the entertainment and accommodation of the teachers who are coming to this city for the Teachers' Institute, to be held the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November. On October 31, Mr. Hampton will go to Joseph and Mr. Prince will go to Baker, to accompany the teachers to La Grande in order that all arrangements can be made before they arrive in this city. Both of these men will have lists of the rooms which have been promised for the use of teachers and they will also have menu cards from all of the restaurants, so that an idea of the prices at different places may be obtained. In accordance with this plan the teachers will have signed up and will know exactly where they are to go, before getting off the train.

Upon arriving at the depot, they will be met by a committee representing the Commercial Club, who will take them in autos to their respective rooms. Troops A and B of the Boy Scouts will guide the drivers to these places. The boys will wear blue and white badges, which will read, "Committee."

All of the privileges of both the Elk's Club and the Y. M. C. A. will be extended to the visitors while in this city.

On Wednesday an organ recital will be given in the Methodist Church between 5 and 6 p. m. for the benefit of the teachers.

A banquet prepared by the Domestic Science classes, assisted by ladies from the Neighborhood Club, will be served on Wednesday night. The following evening there will be a reception arranged by a committee from the Neighborhood club.

Florence Fox from the Department of Education at Washington D. C. will give a lecture, Thursday evening, after the reception.

Messrs. McNeill, Snodgrass, Fulkerson, Mason and Prince were the committee in charge for soliciting rooms.

Messrs. Snodgrass, Hampton, McNeill, Wilkerson and McCullough arranged for cars which will convey the teachers to their various rooms.

Magazines Big Part of History Reading

Current Events in La Grande High School Mean Just What the Cognomen Says—"Rooks" Start a Wail.

BY LYNN LARSON.

By the divine right of high school history teachers, current events have always been considered a part of the history course, be it ancient, medieval, or modern—American, English, or Greek—natural or unnatural. For the first few days of the school year, history went on swimmingly for the freshman, but on the second Friday, a long-drawn-out wail was heard. The Rook had discovered that he must keep pace with the political, social and scientific events of the day.

This addition of current events to the history course, beside giving some variation to the regular routine of history work, encourages the reading of the best magazines and acquaints the student with the views and opinions of the foremost political men. Of course, it involves a little study, as well as some difficulty in obtaining the subjects desired, but this last trouble is overcome by the practice of posting the lists a week ahead of time.

One Rook was heard to remark: "Gee, you have to study about eighty pages of history every day, and then for current events you have to read about five hundred magazines a week!" Cheer up, my son, and think of the vast knowledge you will possess at the end of four years of history. Five hundred magazines a week means two thousand a month—two thousand a month, for nine months, is eighteen thousand in a single year—eighteen thousand a year, for four years—why man! You will be able to tell the presidential candidates themselves, just where they stand.

"PRIDE OF LA GRANDE" WELCOMES VISITORS



The Y. M. C. A. Where Teachers Will Find Warm Welcome While in the City. Secretary King Has Made Elaborate Arrangements to Make the "Y" Real Homelike.

Manual Training in High School Unique

Practical Appliance of Mechanics Includes Laying Cement Walks—Needed Repairs to Building Done By Students.

(BY CLYDE BUNTING)
Mr. Mason, who has charge of the manual training department this year, has introduced two new departments in the work. These are the cement making and architectural drawing departments.

The students who are taking up cement construction are now building sidewalks around the Central school. They work under the direction of one of their number, choosing their mixtures and building their own forms in the construction of the walks. The architectural drawing department is for Seniors only. This class is taking up the drawing of plans of residences.

Some of the members of the manual training department are doing work for the benefit of the school. One is putting in a door between two of the upstairs rooms, while others are making desks for the office and for certain faculty members.

As in previous years, high class cabinet work is being turned out by the students for their own homes. This includes writing desks, library tables, piano benches, and many other articles.

Mimir Circulation Stimulated.

At a mass meeting of the student body of the La Grande High School, Monday afternoon, October 16, 170 subscriptions were taken for the Mimir, the high school publication, appearing four times a year. Enthusiastic speeches were made by the business manager, editor-in-chief, and advertising manager, asking the students to support the Mimir heartily and to make it much better and more interesting this year than it has ever

Voting Methods to be Taught Pupils

Election Day Looked Forward to as It Will Carry Valuable Instruction to Future Voters—Real Ballots Used

(BY LEAL RUSSEL)
On November seventh votes will be cast not only at the various precincts, as prescribed by law, in the town, but also at the juvenile polls at the La Grande High School.

This has been arranged as a training for the students in practical civics, preparing them for the time when they shall be of age and shall cast their votes at the city polls.

Sample ballots which are to be secured from the county clerk, Ed. Wright, are to be used in this election. The pupils will vote on the federal, state, and county candidates, whose names will appear on the ballots.

The members of the civics class will act as the judges and clerks of the election. The class will be divided into groups and each group will act for a certain portion of the day.

The voting will go on during the entire school day and the ballots will be counted at the close of the day. The names of every person voting will be taken and the number of ballots will check with the number of names on the poll book.

yet been. The subscription price is 75 cents; single copies, with the exception of the final number, are 20 cents each.

A special feature of the Mimir, and one which will undoubtedly be of interest to graduates of La Grande high school, will be a complete list of the alumni and their present places of residence. This list of the alumni will appear in the last issue of the Mimir. The list will begin with the class of '07, as this was the first class to graduate from the four-year course.

BRANCH NOW 16 YEARS OLD

FIRST EASTERN OREGON ASSOCIATION CONVENTION HELD IN LA GRANDE NOV. 1899.

Mrs. Neil Has Served as Treasurer Every Since the Association First Drew Breath.

(BY WILLIAM SILVERTHORN)

The Teachers' Institute which meets here on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd is an occasion which should interest the people of La Grande, as well as all those who are connected with it in the three counties which constitute the membership of the convention. In view of this point, reporters were selected from the student body of the La Grande High School to interview the officers of this organization, residing in this city, among whom are Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county superintendent of schools and Mrs. Nellie G. Neil both of whom have been connected with the local schools.

The first annual meeting of what is known as the Eastern Oregon division of the Teachers' Institute, met in this city November 1st, 1899. The reason for forming this division was that it might be more convenient for the teachers in this part of the state, to attend the annual meetings, as many found it difficult to attend the state convention at Salem. There was before this time, a county organization which held its annual meetings in La Grande. This, of course, was done away with, when the present Eastern Oregon division was formed.

The first Eastern Oregon convention was composed of Umatilla, Baker and Union counties. The principal speaker on the program was State Superintendent Ackerman, in a session held at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Ivanhoe and E. E. Bragg were the only two local members on this program. Mr. Turner Oliver delivered an address of welcome and a discussion was taken up concerning important features of the course of study.

It was this year that Mrs. Ivanhoe was elected secretary, while Mrs. Neil was elected treasurer and the latter has held the office ever since. Managers of the sugar beet factory, which was then in operation, invited the visitors at this convention to inspect it as a part of their entertainment.

Second Meeting at Baker.

The second annual meeting was held at Baker. Here too, an interesting program was given, on which, as the leading speaker, appeared the name of Mr. J. H. Greene from Kansas City, Mo.

The third meeting was at Pend-

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SECRETARY OF INSTITUTE A LA GRANDE WOMAN



Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe.

Cafeteria Run By Cooking Classes

Best Meal at Least Expense Policy—Domestic Science Lessons Useful. Consumer Pays as He Eats.

(BY FAYE McKINNIS)

The Domestic Science classes of La Grande under the leadership of Miss Kirtley are doing splendid work this year.

The work begins in the sixth and seventh grades. Here are taken up the principles of cooking, most of the work being elementary and intended as a preparation for the course in High School.

The High School class has charge of the cafeteria, all the cooking being done by the girls. Careful account is taken of the cost of all of the foods, so they may be sold for just what they cost the Domestic Science Department.

The cafeteria has an average attendance of between 25 and 30, which will be increased, probably, with the coming of bad weather. The money taken in by the cafeteria is used for new equipment.

No one is hired to do any of the work in the kitchen. The girls wash their own dishes, etc. to keep the expenses as low as possible. Each day two girls are appointed to be house-keepers. The duties of the house-keepers are to keep the supply table in the neatest possible order, wash all the extra dishes and put every thing away at the close of each lesson.

The members of the second year class are now drawing plans of houses, keeping in mind the convenience of them. They also plan the interior decorations and furnishings with reference to kind, appropriateness and cost.

The interest shown by the members of the various classes is a proof in itself that the work is made interesting as well as instructive.

GIRLS GIVEN POISE COURSE

THREE-FOLD PURPOSE BEHIND NEW VENTURE INTRODUCED IN LA GRANDE SCHOOLS.

Health, Poise and Active Fun Provided For Girls as Well as Boys—Instructor Versatile Person.

(BY AMY HULSE)

Although there have always been some athletic sports for girls in the school, never until this year have they become a part of the regular school work. Now under the direction of Miss Tozier, a versatile physical director, two periods a day two days out of the week are devoted to high school girls, and one day each to the seventh and eighth grades.

The purpose of this course is three-fold; first to gain and retain health; second, poise, and third, real active fun.

Thus far the girls have played indoor baseball out doors, and besides the regular practice, have had five match games. The first three were between the grades, giving the eighth B's the championship. They then played the High School and were beaten 23 to 14. The eighth A's then challenged the High School girls to a game which was played Wednesday October 18th, and which resulted in a score of 25 to 19 in favor of the grades. This closed the baseball season.

Friday October 20th, basket ball was begun; this is played only after school. Two games will be played with Pendleton, one in that city and one in La Grande.

The regular indoor work which is just now beginning will consist of Swedish Gymnastics, Folk and Aesthetic dancing, Indian club drills, and Wand marching, and will continue throughout the year.

The girls will be dressed uniformly in black suits, consisting of bloomers and Russian blouse with white collars and cuffs.

Although the course is new there is much enthusiasm shown among the girls taking part, and a general good time is anticipated.

Forensics Not Slighted.

A class in elocution, which is open to seniors only, has been organized by Miss McMillan for the purpose of preparing them for the annual senior play, to be given later in the year.

After a thorough study of stage technique, the class will choose a play and in one of their meetings will stage it. The supervision of this play will be given over entirely to the class. A stage manager, prompter, and a committee of critics will be chosen from the members.

Girls Developing Splendid Glee Club

Boys, Too, Have Warbling Organization—Miss Hindman Coaches Youthful Prima Donnas.—New Orchestra Plans.

BY EDYTH DARLAND.

The Girls' Glee club is the largest it has been since Miss Hindman has had charge and it has now become necessary to limit it to 32 members, because of lack of stage room to accommodate more.

The list of members is as follows: Zilpha Allen, Iciss Bryant, Gladys Black, Edith Bragg, Gladys Currey, Nellie Davis, Florence Dickerson, Lois Given, Estella Graybill, Dorothy Hawthorn, Julia Hopkins, Anna Johnson, Jennie Kimmel, Marie Love, Florence Lynch, Fern McCulloch, Lila Mallory, Elsie Nash, Frances Pierson, Helen Ransom, Janette Stoddard, Frederike Schilke, Mildred Stringham, Ruth Selders, Jessie Spiker, Lena Stein, Pearl Taylor, Ruth Trill Bessie Walker, Marguerite Winters, Thelma Oesterling, and Katie Myers.

Boys Not So Numerous.

The Boys' Glee club, while not so large, is likewise very enthusiastic. Following are the names of its members: George Abbott, Clyde Bunting, Albert Brinker, William Casey, Dewey Glaze, Clifford Horstman, David Johnson, Fred Knautz, Charles Moran, John O'Connell, Ralph Poston, Audmer Playle, Howard Pierson, Milton Roberts, Everett Rosenbaum, Wilbur Shaw, Delter Snider, Lloyd Thompson and Warren Thompson.

Students Loan Instruments.

Among the various high school plans leading to greater efficiency appears the new system in the orchestra.

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LA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE USED BY VISITING TEACHERS DURING THE INSTITUTE, ITS SPACIOUS AUDITORIUM AND STUDY ROOMS AFFORDING AMPLE FACILITIES.

