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HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER PROGRAM IS MADE

VARIETY OF COURSES ARE OFFERED MID-YEAR FRESHMEN.

STUDENTS ARE SENT TO CLASSES TODAY

Practical Knowledge Is Aim Sought—How to Cook and How to Sew, How to Drive a Nail—Book Contents Are Tied Up to Life.

The program for the second semester of the La Grande high school has been so arranged as to accommodate the regular students without conflict of studies as to years. Provision has been made for beginning classes in Algebra, English, Science, Manual Training, Penmanship and Spelling, Domestic Arts and History to accommodate the class entering this mid-year. The following is a synopsis of the different courses offered:

The mathematics course consists of three semesters' work in Algebra, two semesters' of solid Geometry and one semester's of plane Geometry. In all mathematics courses emphasis is placed upon thoroughness and drill upon the essentials. The aim of the department is not only to prepare the student for higher work in the subjects, but to make the work as practical as possible. The work in geometry is especially aimed to aid the student in a practical way for the mechanical drawing work.

In the commerce department a penmanship class for next semester and spelling for beginners in the commercial course, have been provided. The commercial course as outlined gives the student an opportunity to get a foundation in English and mathematics and to take some history and science in the first two years, leaving the last two years of his high school course for strictly commercial subjects. Every effort is being made by this department to make it function directly into the life of the community. Some of the students are doing part time work in downtown offices for which they receive school credit and in addition the student is able to receive some pay for his work.

With the entrance of a new class of freshmen, comes the formation of new English sections to accommodate members of this mid-year class. In order that the work may be done thoroughly, and that there may be no overcrowding in the classes, two sections of beginning English are to be found on the schedule, one in the morning with Miss Howard and another in the afternoon with Miss Gunderson. These sections will need two text books, Abernethy's American Literature and Brook's English Composition, Book I. In addition to this work, American and English classics will be studied. The September Freshmen will find three sections of English awaiting them on the new schedule—one with Miss Howard and two with Mr. Niles.

For the remaining classes in English there are practically no changes. Three sections of Sophomore English are available, one with Miss Howard, a second with Miss Gunderson and a third with Miss Smith. The first classic of the semester will be Parkman's historical novel of the northwest territory, The Oregon Trail. Two sections of Junior English and two of Senior English, all under Miss Smith, will appear at the same time, on the schedule, as they did last semester. In the former class, the beauty of Milton's Minor Poems will be discussed, while in the latter class, Shakespeare's Macbeth will be taken up as an introduction to his heavier tragedies. Plans are made for even more attention to be given to oral composition in the advanced classes than has been the case the preceding semester.

History Department. History I: Brief history of Oriental countries and the history of Greece. History I (2): The history of Rome. (Open to students who have credit for history I (1)). History II: The history of the middle ages from 476-1500; the religious, economic and intellectual development of Medieval Society I(2) leading to the formation of present countries. (Open to students of Sophomore standing.) History II (2): The history of the Modern Age from 1500 to present times: A continuation of History I, emphasizing the growth and territorial expansion of Europe. (Open to

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RAIN HALTS SEARCH FOR MISSING ARMY AVIATORS IN MEXICO

Heaviest Downpour in Three Years Is Falling—Twenty Outlaws Known to Be in Territory.

Calexico, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Rain today halted the search for Hunt, Bishop and Robertson, missing army aviators. The heaviest downpour of several years is falling. Three army captains have been detained at base camp 28 miles south of the border.

Twenty outlaws are known to be roaming the district where Americans probably alighted.

George M. Reynolds Again Honored. New York, Jan. 18.—(United Press)—George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental & Commercial National bank of Chicago, was elected a director of the Continental (Fire) Insurance company, of New York, at a meeting of the board of directors of this company here today.

Burglars Get Big Haul. Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Mrs. Emily Porter reported that burglars had entered her residence last night and stole a thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

"No National Strike." Washington, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—W. G. Clegg, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, protested in the House today the proposed action of the Interstate Commerce committee in regard to strike prevention legislation. Lee regretted the Railroad Brotherhood's action in rescinding the strike order after the Adamson Law had passed. In an impassioned statement he said: "I believe there never will be another nationwide strike."

Chicago Probes Police Scandal Today

Chief Charles C. Healey Said to Make \$20,000 Yearly on His Graft "Business."

Chicago, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Charged with being the invisible czar of a graft squad which systematically combed the dives and brothels of the underworld for weekly tribute, Police Chief Charles C. Healey was to appear in municipal court for preliminary hearing here today.

On the heels of Healey's arrest on a warrant sworn out by State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne ten days ago came revelations of Healey's alleged system of police graft rivaling disclosures of police rottenness in New York after the murder of Herman Rosenthal by Lieutenant Becker's gunmen.

Hoyne, who campaigned and was elected on a "clean up the police" platform, and who has waged bitter and relentless war on Healey ever since, charges that Healey, with the aid of

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Russians Claim Many Captures For 1916

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—The Service Journal declared the Russians have captured 420,000 German soldiers and 8700 officers in 1916. The paper gives details of capture of 500 cannons, 1800 machineguns, 400 trench mortars and nine throwers.

ART JORGENSEN BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral of Arthur H. Jorgensen, the young man killed in a railroad accident near Baker on January 15, was held at the Pearson Undertaking parlors, Russell street and Union avenue Portland, at 2 p. m. yesterday, Rev. Ed Cofer officiating. Interment was at Cofer officiating. Interment was at Rose City cemetery. Mr. Jorgensen was 21 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgensen of 545 Roselawn avenue, and the brother of Esther, Blanch, Maria, Alra and Harold Jorgensen.

CHARLEY MURCHISON VERY SICK LAST NIGHT

Charley Murchison was taken very seriously sick last night with an attack of acute indigestion. For a time the physician was not certain that his patient would live but Mr. Murchison is reported as considerably improved this morning.

NOW BELIEVED TO BE THREE RAIDERS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Daring Adventurers May Have Sunk Six More Ships; Spare Passengers

Buenos Aires, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—It is now believed there are three German commerce raiders operating in the south Atlantic, Moewe, St. Theodore and Ortega. The St. Theodore and Ortega are former British ships. The Ortega is an 8000-ton vessel and is the speedier of the two. Sailings have been indefinitely postponed from Santiago, Chile.

The Brazilian press denounces the raids because of the interference with commerce.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 19.—(Copyright by United Press)—An unconfirmed Rio Janeiro report says the German raider sunk six additional ships. No names were given.

The British steamer, Radnorshire's log graphically described the operations of the commerce destroyer. The log's entries are: "Sighted vessel ahead at 10:30 p. m. January 7. We were unable to escape and sounded the alarms. All donned life preservers.

"Six German officers and twenty men boarded us. They seized our coffee cargo and considerable food, but gave us time to pack our personal effects. Bombs were then planted on both sides of the ship. She sunk at 2:45 a. m.

"We saw vessels sunk on January 9 and 10," said the captain of the Radnorshire. "A German movie operator calmly took motion pictures of all sinkings. The German captain said he had orders to spare all passengers on big vessels.

"We were confined to the port bow compartment," continued the captain. "The compartment was airless and we were cramped in with Hindoos and Coolies. However, we were finally transferred to the Hudson Maru and given barely sufficient water and sea biscuit to reach Pernambuco."

Nine American Survivors Are Landed

Washington, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—American Consul Stuart, at Pernambuco, reported that nine Americans had been safely landed following the raids. Survivors stated the

Late Wires

Poindexter Introduces Suffrage Bill

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Senator Poindexter of Washington introduced suffrage constitutional amendment in the senate today. Bill provides that nobody may be prevented from voting on account of "race, sex or color."

Early Navigator Died Today.

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Captain John Clancy Gore, for ten years superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway's inland lake and river service, died suddenly here today of heart failure. Gore was an early navigator of the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

Danube Bridges Have Collapsed.

London, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—Petrograd wireless today: "Disaster has overtaken the enemy. The Danube bridges have collapsed. Russo-Rumanians are advancing on a wide front."

Sherman Whipple, "Leak" Counsel. Washington, Jan. 19.—(United

THE LANDLESS CAN OBTAIN FARMS WITHOUT HALF CASH

Farm Loan Act May Be Utilized By Giving First Mortgage As Security for Half of Appraised Value—Pay Owner Half and Give Him Second Mortgage For Other Half. If Landholder Has Confidence in Purchaser He Will Take Second Mortgage. Don't Overpay for Land.

BY FRANK R. WILSON

(Of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, Written for the United Press.) Washington, Jan. 19.—The question has been frequently asked, "How can a renter who has not saved 50 per cent of the purchase price of land make use of his own farm loan act to get land of his own?"

The answer is, by means of a first mortgage given under the farm loan act for 50 per cent of the purchase price—provided this does not exceed 50 per cent of the appraised value—and a second mortgage given to the former owner of the land to a bank or private money lender, for the balance.

It must be borne in mind that the amount which can be borrowed under the farm loan act is limited to 50

per cent of the appraised value of the land, and this is written on the assumption that the tenant will not pay more for his land than it is actually worth, or, in other words, its appraised value, as contemplated under the farm loan act.

To furnish a concrete example: Suppose John Smith, a renter, wants to buy 100 acres of land, valued at \$50 an acre: The total purchase price would be \$5000, but John Smith has not the money to buy it.

Under the farm loan act, Smith would be entitled to borrow \$2500 of the appraised value, if this appraised value should be the same as the purchase price. This would leave \$2500 to be handled by a second mortgage.

Weather Moderating. The weather has been moderating throughout Oregon last night and today. Reports from points along the O-W. in Eastern Oregon are all above zero, where a few days ago they were 16 to 30 below zero.

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Rehearsals for the Elks' show, "A Night in Bohemia," are coming thick and fast these days and are well attended. Tonight there will be a big rehearsal at seven sharp, which will continue until 8:30, after which most of those present will attend the big Charity hall. At 9 a. m. to morrow the kiddies will meet and go through their cute songs and dances. Tomorrow evening will be devoted to solos and the big specialties, "Drummer Boys," "Girls, Girls, Girls," "Salvation Army," and "Since Mother Goes to Movie Shows." Sunday at 10 a. m. in the Arcade theatre there will be a general orchestra rehearsal for everybody. Every singer is requested to be on hand at 9:30 a. m. Jack Hughes, who is handling "The Gazoot," reports that most of the leading merchants are placing their ads in said funny paper.

Yarrowdale, Georgia, Mount Temple, Vulture, Snowden, Grange, King George, one British schooner and one Norwegian vessel were captured December 12th.

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SENATE PASSES JOINT MEMORIAL ASKING THREE MILLION NAVAL BASE

Legislature Will Visit University of Oregon—Sweeney Would License Gun, Not Hunter—New Motor Vehicle Bill Presented.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—The Senate today unanimously passed the joint memorial urging Congress to appropriate \$3,000,000 to build a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river.

The Senate voted to accept the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's invitation to the Legislature to visit the University of Oregon. Senators Strayer and Garland opposed, saying the visit was merely a waste of time.

A resolution of sympathy, regretting Admiral Dewey's death was passed and copies forwarded to the President and members of the bereaved family.

Senator Sweeney of Josephine County, introduced the House bill licensing the gun instead of the hunter. The Senator said that many evaded hunting licenses but the gun permit would halt all evasions.

Senator Minturn presented new motor vehicle registration law, fixing license fees on steam and gasoline vehicles at fifty cents per hundred-weight and fifty cents per horse-power. Electric pleasure vehicle tax was placed at ten dollars; the motorcycle tax at eight dollars.

WILLAMETTE 'U' MOURNS LOSS OF DR. EATON

BODY INTERRED YESTERDAY BY REV. MR. CULLISON WITH SIMPLE CEREMONY.

DEAN ALDEN REPRESENTS SCHOOL AT UNION FUNERAL

Resolutions Expressing Regret of Faculty and Students of Salem School Read at Service—Twenty-two Nephews and Nieces Said to Survive Wealthy Citizen and Philanthropist.

The funeral of Abel E. Eaton of Union, who died in Portland Monday, was held in Union yesterday afternoon at two. Rev. Homer E. Cullison of the Methodist Episcopal church conducted the services.

George H. Alden, dean of Willamette University of Salem, represented the faculty of the university at the funeral. Mr. Eaton was a trustee of the university and had been given the degree of "doctor" by the school. He was donor of the \$50,000 which made possible Eaton hall at Willamette.

Dean Alden bore copies of two resolutions of condolence one from the faculty of the university and one from the associated student body.

Other out-of-town people who were in Union for the funeral were Jesse Eaton of Gooding, Idaho, a nephew of Mr. Eaton; Ed Eaton of Baker, a nephew; Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw and child, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Shaw and Stanley Shaw, of North Powder, relatives of Mrs. Eaton; and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Baird of La Grande.

The body was interred in the Union cemetery beside that of his first wife who died in 1894. A double monument had been placed over the grave by Mr. Eaton.

It is understood that 22 nephews and nieces survive Mr. Eaton. These relatives live in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the eastern states. What disposition of these relatives, if any, is made in the will is not known. The will will probably not be opened for some time.

Friends of Mr. Eaton estimate the value of the estate between \$500,000 and \$700,000.

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Elk Rehearsals Come Thick and Fast Now

General Orchestra and All Participants Asked to Be at Arcade Sunday Morning—"Gazoot" Flourishes.

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The spirit of cooperation being received on every hand is typified in the action of John Wells, loyal Elk, who walked 12 miles on snowshoes one day this week to telephone Adna Rogers, secretary of the local Elks lodge, that he would participate in the show.

Wilson is Strenuous; Takes Teddy's Way

Congressional Callers Call Collectively—Can't Consume President Personally. Present Practice.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—The Rooseveltian practice of seeing a maximum number of congressmen in a minimum space of time has been adopted by President Wilson. Members of congress aren't very keen about the new system.

Instead of going in individually and spending from five minutes to half an hour with the president alone, representatives and senators now go into the president's office in a group of from three to twenty. Roosevelt adopted this practice when he was president.

The president passes from one to the other disposing of all of them in jig time as compared with the old system.

In addition the president sees his callers now in the afternoon making it even more difficult for congressmen to get in for they have to leave the floor of the capitol in order to confer with the executive.

Work and the president is behind in his work and he has to clear up the callers quickly in order to get to the stack of government papers piled high on his desk.

Bryan in Indianapolis Today. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19.—(United Press)—William Jennings Bryan came to Indianapolis today to help the drive for Indian in the campaign to abolish saloons in the Hoosier state. He will address a state-wide gathering of dry Democrats.

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Mercury Drops Out of Tube at Meacham

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special)

Out at Meacham, when the thermometer drops down to worse than nothing, the people go inside, build monstrous fires, and enjoy themselves, according to Superintendent I. E. Young and John Hailey, who returned from there last evening after visiting the Meacham school.

They found the thermometer 38 below zero, and everybody in a happy frame of mind, despite the fact. The snow was between three feet and four and one-half feet in depth, they stated.

But Thomas Fitz Gerald said that he could go them one better on the weather subject. He said that one time in 1882 he reached Meacham, via a sleigh stage, after an all night trip from Umatilla, and that the thermometer registered 51 degrees below.

That was in the days when mail through this country was carried by wagon and stage. He said that he came from Portland to The Dalles via the train, and then up the river from Celilo by boat to Umatilla. From this point through to Granger, Idaho, the trip was made overland.

It Takes 503 Years; Applicants Desired

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—(United Press)—It will take 503 years to make a complete survey of the waters of Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon, according to estimates made by Superintendent E. Lester Jones, of the United States coast and geodetic survey. The estimates are based on progress made with the present facilities. It will take 333 years to complete the survey of Alaska water and 170 years to chart the waters of Washington, Oregon and California, he says.

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