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### —THE NORMAL SCHOOL, TOO!

The Eastern Oregon Normal School situation comes to the fore in conversation this week with the proposed contracting by the state today for the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles for a reported amount approximating \$160,000. If effected, this will result in the expenditure of sixty thousand dollars in excess of the appropriation passed by the people of the state two years ago. That bill carried the sum of \$100,000 and the bill providing for the Eastern Oregon Normal carried no appropriation at all, but both projects received additional legislative appropriations from the legislature.

Last year both the hospital and the normal school were held up by the board of control and the board of regents, respectively, because of the state deficit. Although each project received an adequate appropriation, passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, neither of the boards felt inclined to go ahead and spend money that they felt the state did not possess. The propositions have therefore remained dormant up to the present time.

Now, it seems, the state board of control—composed of the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer—feels that the tuberculosis hospital appropriation voted by the people is sufficiently binding on that body to force an additional expenditure of sixty-odd thousand and the immediate construction of the original hospital building. At least that action is being taken and we feel sure that the members of the board of control have come to the careful and studied conclusion that further delay would be detrimental to the state's health interests and the expenditure of less money would be uneconomical in the long run.

We are confident that their decision is entirely justified, that the expressed will of the people and the present hospitalization makes immediate and adequate construction advisable. No one in the state, we feel sure, will find any logical fault with this program; a big majority will meet it with full accord. The only conclusion that we would wish to draw from this changed policy with reference to the hospital at The Dalles is that similar action is fully warranted in the case of the normal school.

It's true that the hospital carried an appropriation when approved by the people while the school did not. It's true that officials quite naturally consider a public appropriation more mandatory than one passed by the legislature in its usual routine. And it's true that going from a hundred thousand to a hundred sixty is less difficult a temptation for economists than going to a hundred seventy-five thousand from "scratch."

Nevertheless, one feels that members of the board of regents can well consider the new point of view of the members of the board of control. We are sure they will agree that education is no less important than health, that Oregon's obligation is no less pronounced to its growing generation than to its ailing generation. It's merely a question of expediency and we have come to the conclusion that not only the people of Eastern Oregon but of all the state would say, with the facts before them, that the expedient thing is to get both these state institutions in operation as rapidly as possible.

Perhaps an equitable course can be worked out in the next few weeks by the board of regents. At the invitation of Governor Patterson, extended yesterday, a committee of La Grande citizens will appear before the board at the next meeting. Their interests and ours are very much in common, we are sure, with reference to the normal school, and we believe such a meeting can be mutually beneficial. The school can be and should be realized before the existing appropriation is lost. Proper co-operation and effort will accomplish it.

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## ABE MARTIN



At a debate at Apple Grove Schoolhouse, last night, it was revealed that the "Reds" were in a better friend of the farmer than was supposed. The first thing a Redder does when he's held up is change his mind about what he used to think he'd do.

## UNION PERSONALS

Union, Ore. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Davis and daughter, Helen returned Sunday from Portland where they attended the Masonic and Eastern Star grand lodge sessions there last week. They were accompanied home from Seattle by their nephew, Junior Davis, who will spend the summer here with relatives and Miss Mary Kay Anderson, of Portland, who will spend a short time visiting here before going to Idaho where she will spend several weeks.

Miss Gertrude Wheeler, Miss Nellie Geertsen and Miss Winifred Halvay were Saturday visitors in La Grande.

Miss Zella Peterson and Clark Matthews were among the Union people in La Grande Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and three children, of Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, of Payette, Idaho, returned Sunday to their homes after spending the weekend here visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hess.

Miss Peggy Hess and Frank Black, of La Grande, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hess.

Mrs. J. A. Peterson and daughter, Mrs. Hajlo, were La Grande visitors Sunday and attended conference at the L. D. S. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson and son, Vernon, and daughter, Grace, of Okanogan, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, of Walla Walla, were Sunday visitors of W. O. Haggerty and family.

Frank Higdon was a business visitor at Union Tuesday.

William Davis, who has been at Salt Lake City for the last several months, where he has been employed in a garage, arrived at Union Saturday for a visit with his wife and family. He is contemplating moving his family to Salt Lake City soon.

Mrs. Viola Parker was transacting business in La Grande Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowbr Miller and four children of Dufur, Ore., arrived here Saturday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thelma Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess and family, of La Grande, were Sunday visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hess.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McElroy and two sons of La Grande visited right-

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## Frank Dolph Five Up on Eddie Hogan

PORTLAND, June 19 (AP)—Frank Dolph, star of the Alderwood country club was five up on Eddie Hogan, the 14-year-old sensation of the Pacific northwest amateur golf tournament at the end of the first nine holes of today's play.

A. W. Johnson, of Seattle, was two up on C. A. English, Portland. W. F. Williams, Walla Walla, one up on G. S. Shaw, Los Angeles. Dr. G. F. Willing, Portland, one up on Johnny Rehstock, Portland; Tom Rice, four up on L. D. Hepburn, Astoria; K. W. Ben Scott, Seattle, two up on Rudi Weibum, of Portland.

## Loughran, Latzo Matched

PHILADELPHIA, June 19 (AP)—Tommy Loughran, light heavyweight champion, will meet Pete Latzo of Scranton in a return 14-round bout for the title in Whitehorse, Pa., on July 14. It was announced today at the office of the state athletic commission.

Loughran won from Latzo May 24 in a 12-round affair at Brooklyn.

## Kansas City Net Star Takes Match

LONDON, June 19 (AP)—William F. Cowen Jr., of Kansas City, 17-year-old member of the United States Davis cup tennis team, reached the fourth round of the London championship tournament today by defeating H. G. Mayer, Canadian veteran 1-1, 1-6, 6-4. Earlier in the season Mayer forced Rene Lacoste, French star, to five sets.

LONDON, June 19 (AP)—William T. Hodson II, United States Davis cup tennis team champion, won two matches in the London championship tournament at the Queen's club today, but in so doing dropped the first game he has lost in England this season.

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