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In spite of the temperature and the wind and the snow and other petty considerations we are much encouraged by the fact that Mr. Groundhog spent a shadowless day Saturday. And it might be worth noting that robins have been increasingly numerous the last few weeks as substantiation of the groundhog incident. Spring is coming—no doubt about that. But, gosh, it looks like it couldn't possibly get here before June!

Advertising in the Oregonian is an expensive yet very compensating thing. And advertising on the front page—who can gauge its power among a hundred thousand families? Certainly if California pays full space rates, the bill is no small item, because there has been column after column about blizzards, "winter's icy grip," and so forth. Why so much to do about two or three inches of snow in Portland and a mere temperature of a half dozen degrees below freezing? Mild weather of that character should be capitalized, not bemoaned.

HARVE INLOW HEADS NORMAL SCHOOL

Those who know the training, record, personality of H. E. Inlow, of Pendleton, are gratified at the decision of the board of normal school regents which elected him to the presidency of the new Eastern Oregon normal Saturday. Mr. Inlow is known as an efficient educator and a citizen of high type and La Grande can congratulate itself on thus having him made a part of this community.

President Inlow has been superintendent of the Pendleton schools for some nine years. He has been adequately trained as a teacher and as a school administrator. He has been a keen student of school affairs and of developments in educational methods along modern lines. He has been a leader in state, Northwest and national educational organizations and activities. And as an indication of his broad interests, his attractive and compelling personality, his capacities for leadership it is significant to note that he has been active in Pendleton community affairs during his entire stay there and received the enthusiastic support of that city in his application for the job to which he was elected Saturday.

In naming Mr. Inlow for the responsibility of organizing and directing the new state normal here we are confident that the board of regents placed greatest emphasis on picking a president whose primary goal would be efficient teachers. With that we are in hearty accord. That is the purpose of a normal school—to turn out teachers of the highest possible order. Others may be concerned with the number of students enrolled, the size of the school and such matters, but The Observer believes that the state needs and should have quality first, quantity second. We admit that we would much prefer having an institution here whose graduates had an enviable reputation for teaching competency and were in great demand in schools throughout the state than to have a normal with twice the enrollment but whose graduates were of such mediocre caliber as to make them a drag on the teaching market.

The enrollment here, without doubt, will be fairly large at the very start, but its ultimate and permanent growth will depend not upon the attractive features of this community or the convenience of its location, but upon the reputation its graduates win for themselves in the teaching profession. If a school is organized here that can produce high class teachers, teachers who are in demand by superintendents and school boards because of broad training and classroom efficiency, enrollment growth will take care of itself—and Oregon will be well and happily compensated for its investment in this institution of higher learning in the interest of state education.

That view is shared, we are confident, by President Inlow and by the board of regents. When he takes over the duties of his new office in March he will devote his time to organizing a faculty that will insure a school of high order. The Observer congratulates Mr. Inlow and assures him that the community will give full co-operation in his efforts to make the Eastern Oregon Normal school all that its most ardent proponents have dreamed for it.

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ABE MARTIN



Gabe Crow, manager of Melodeon Hall, talks some of gittin' the Volga boatmen here while the river is frozen over. Mrs. Gip Lickbider, whose husband was indicted for murder yesterday, is hustling to get her downstairs repapered as the floors gone over before his acquittal.

Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—A bill which would "give and confirm" to the city of Portland "the right and power to determine the quality and character of sewerage to be charged, and all other terms and conditions upon which any person, firm or corporation may operate a telephone system, plant or business" in that city was introduced in the house today by Representative Burdick.

All other cities and towns in the state are excluded from the provisions of the bill, which provides that it shall apply to cities of 100,000 population or over.

Judge Potter, of Lane county, chairman of the public institutions committee of the house of representatives, this morning appointed Dorothy McCulloch Lee, of Multnomah, Scott, of Umatilla, and Russell of Yamhill, as a sub-committee to make investigations of state institutions in and near Salem and Portland where such investigations are considered necessary.

Frank Andrews, of Multnomah, will introduce to the house this week a bill to increase the scope of the state engineer's powers in inspecting and passing on the construction of dams and other hydraulic structures in the state. The bill is considered a safety measure, and was first drafted by a committee of the Portland section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. It has the approval of utility concerns including the Northwest Electric Light and Power association. It is endorsed also by the Oregon state chamber of commerce, the state federation of labor, the Oregon reclamation commission, the state fish and game commission.

Further data on out-of-state students at the University of Oregon and Oregon State college was called for today by Senator Bailey of Lane county, chairman of the senate education committee. Both institutions last week furnished lists of all resident students in accordance with senate resolution 13.

Both institutions will be asked third week.

Snow Crushes Community Hall Roof At Perry

By Mrs. Mary E. Kail

(Observer Correspondent)
PERRY, Ore. (Special)—The Perry Community hall belonging to William Brown and Co. collapsed last Tuesday evening under the heavy load of snow with almost a total loss. It collapsed just a few minutes after being vacated by the Perry basketball team, who were practicing that night.

Mrs. Ole Matheson was a caller at the Frank Braden home one afternoon during the last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holden were city visitors one day the first of the week.

Mrs. Joe Smith and daughter spent last week in town. Mr. and Mrs. Giles are the proud parents of a new baby girl born to them last Thursday night at their home here. This is their fourth child.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holden were guests at the Hooper home last Tuesday evening. Theodore Matheson showed the snow off the roofs of the Perry School buildings following the recent heavy snow storm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and small son were guests at the Joe Smith home last Thursday. Jesse Voss and family made a trip to town last Friday after supplies.

Mrs. Mary E. Cox was a caller at the Walter Perisho home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beckie and small granddaughter, Lucille Beckie, were guests of relatives in town last Saturday.

Walter Perisho made a trip to town last Tuesday after a load of hogs.

Harry Coalwell and Mr. Carlston were recent visitors in La Grande. Ole Matheson received a telegram the first of the week stating that his sister is critically ill at her home in Wisconsin. Mr. Matheson has not seen his sister for 23 years.

Mrs. Mary E. Cox was shopping in La Grande last Friday.

Miss Treasa Ditty has been absent from school for the last week on account of illness.

Miss Billie Scott has been staying with friends in town for the last two weeks in order to be near high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Haylock and Thomas Haylock of the Mt. Emily logging camp, made a hurried trip to Perry last Monday to call upon relatives, after which they went to La Grande for supplies.

Walter and George Sinclair recently made a trip to La Grande. Walter Perisho recently returned from a business trip to Greenleaf, Idaho.

Ole Matheson was a business visitor in town Saturday.

A. F. Ingram has been busy the last week putting up ice for their use next summer.

Mrs. Joe Smith was shopping in

"HE'LL COME BACK, WE ARE SURE." SAY BERKELEY FOLKS OF BURGLAR



Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Vinther, aged couple, who confidently await return to their home of a burglar who carried away records of their dead son.

BERKELEY, Cal. (NEA)—A burglar looted the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Vinther, aged local couple, recently taking away cash, cameras and a small locked box.

And the Vinthers today eagerly await the return of this burglar. In fact, they are sure he is coming back, and they'll be glad to see him.

That locked box contained a picture of the grave of their son, Sgt. Claudine Vinther, taken by

last two weeks in order to be near high school.

William Brown and son, Bill, were recent business visitors in town.

Charles Ditty and son made a trip to La Grande one day last week.

John Anderson, who has been up in the mountains most of the winter logging, has returned to his home here until the snow settles.

Hurt Kail came to Perry Friday afternoon after his family and took them to their home in La Grande to spend the weekend.

Miss Gladys Dean was a recent caller at the Charles Ditty home.

J. R. Cox, who suffered an attack of the flu some time ago, has

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about regained his normal health again.

The Rev. Mr. Fox and daughter, Laura, were visiting in La Grande one day last week.

Opal Beckie was a weekend visitor at the home of her parents here.

Loren Harris and Alfred Johnson were recent city visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cox and children were recent visitors in La Grande.

Gerald Pierson was a recent caller at the W. W. Holden home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiteman and baby, were recent visitors at

the A. LaGore home.

Earl Watson, formerly of Perry, but now of Ponderosa, was calling on friends here last Friday.

EXPLODER, SCIENTIST DIES
NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP)—Cy-ril George Harold, explorer and scientist, who was to have sailed next Saturday for Madagascar on an expedition for the American Museum of Natural History, died today at Flower hospital. He underwent an operation for mastoiditis last week.

Mr. Harold, who was 33 years old, arrived here a few days ago from Winnipeg.

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Beware of COLDS NOW!

whether you've had
the FLU . . . or not

This is the time of year when serious cold troubles, such as deep chest colds, bronchitis, and pneumonia are always at their worst.

Just now, with so many people in the weakened condition that follows a flu attack, it is more important than ever to heed every cold as a danger signal and check it promptly before complications can set in.

Quick Direct Treatment

At the first sign of a cold, melt some Vicks in a bowl of hot water and inhale its healing vapors. Also place some up each nostril and sniff well back. This quickly opens the air passages.

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