

La Grande Enjoys Privileges Of Efficient School System Operated At Minimum Cost

A school system which may be operated at a minimum cost and not jeopardize its students, a school system which produces results of an outstanding nature in all branches of school activities, such as class room activities, excellent scholarship, student affairs, student athletics, a school system that produces loyalty and high ideals and develops the child socially, mentally and physically is one of which any city may justly be proud.

Such a system has been developed in La Grande. The schools of La Grande are operated efficiently and smoothly. They are recognized as outstanding in their scholarship results. The student activities such as music, art, drama and other student affairs are unexcelled. The athletic standing can be challenged by no one.

To reach this stage it has been the object of those on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of the schools, namely the board of education, to secure as heads of the various branches of the system such as the superintendent, principals and departmental heads, those persons whom they felt were unquestionably qualified for their respective positions. By so doing a faculty in the La Grande school system has been developed which produces a well rounded, smooth running organization and gives to those children entering school an equal opportunity to secure their education, which if availed in second to none.

The La Grande schools are divided into two classes namely the elementary and the high school. There are four elementary schools besides the Ackerman training school operated in connection with the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The faculty of the elementary schools consists of four principals and 48 instructors including six at the normal school. The first four grades of the elementary schools are taught by individual teachers but after a child reaches the fifth grade he is placed in departmental instruction. By this is meant that teachers who are especially qualified to teach certain subjects become his teachers. The child then has several different teachers during the day. Under this plan the child receives every opportunity for personal contact and instruction in the subject he is taking. The La Grande schools have been very fortunate in having excellent training in activities other than the regular course of study, such as music and art. Many children have been reached through special instruction in these subjects who perhaps would never have received the instruction otherwise.

The children in the grade schools are given an equal chance to do those things to which they appear to be best adapted.

In one of the grade schools what is known as the opportunity room has

been developed. In this room those students who are slow and do not seem to keep up with other students are given personal attention and brought up to standard or assisted in the things for which they are best fitted.

When a child has completed his elementary course and is satisfactorily qualified he enters the high school. Here he is again starting in on a new system of schooling wherein he develops his own desires to a certain degree in so much as he is given an opportunity to choose those courses which he desires to take along with certain required subjects.

The high school is headed by a principal who has on his teaching staff 23 instructors all of whom are specialists in their particular fields. La Grande High school is a standard high school offering a choice of subjects that will provide a well balanced high school education. It is accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools, which is affiliated with the North Central association of the middle west. This enables its graduates to enter any college or university in the United States.

The courses offered in the high school are divided into the following groups: general, scientific, commercial, college preparatory, language, and industrial arts.

The general course is intended primarily for those whose formal education will cease with the high school. The student taking this course is permitted to combine various subjects offered by the high school providing the requirements for graduation are met.

The scientific course is so arranged to meet the needs of those desiring a scientific training in order that they may enter a special vocation.

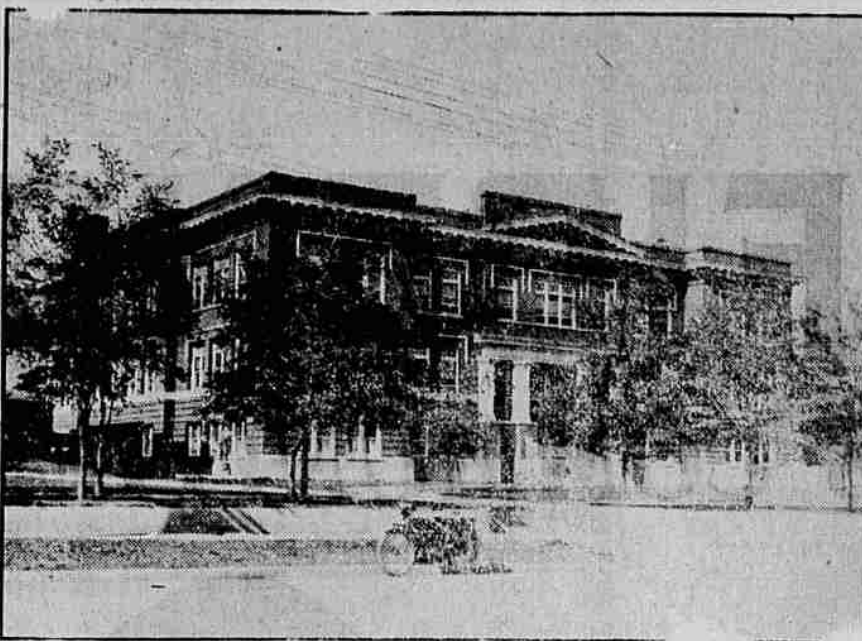
The college preparatory course offers subjects which when completed will provide the student with the required preparation for entering a college or university. The student has the opportunity to arrange his course so as to meet the requirements of any higher institution of his choice.

The language course is offered to those who expect to specialize in languages.

The industrial arts department offers courses of a very practical nature. For boys courses in woodwork, turning, carpentry, gas engine, forge, lathe, drawing and designing are offered. Many useful articles are made by the students each year, for themselves. The materials used in these departments with the exception of the cooking department are purchased by the students themselves and the instructors guide them in their work.

Besides the above named courses many other opportunities in the way of activities are offered in the high school. The music department has

THE BEAUTIFUL LA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL



The La Grande High school building, pictured above, is located at the corner of Fourth Street and M Avenue, and was constructed several years ago and subsequently remodeled. It contains a large auditorium and a gymnasium in addition to the offices and classrooms. The Central grade school occupies the lot to the left, and in the rear is the two-story brick structure housing the manual training and domestic science departments.

been an outstanding one as shown by the results of the band contest in Corvallis where La Grande band took second in the entire state as well as doing so in quartet work at Forest Grove. In the music department of the high school there are the following branches offered to any student qualified to participate, the girls' glee club, the boys' glee club, the band and the orchestra. Several hundred high school students avail themselves of this training each year.

The Associated Girl Students is an organization composed of all girl students in the high school. Its purpose is to promote a spirit of loyalty, helpfulness, courtesy, service, democracy and companionship; to develop high ideals; and to give spiritual, physical, social and mental development.

Dramatics are also taught in the high school and each year two plays and one operetta are produced namely, the senior play, junior play and the operetta. Proceeds from these plays are used to finance other activities of the high school such as publishing the high school annual, the Mimic, and also financing the Junior-senior banquet.

The operetta is put on by the Boys' and Girls' Glee clubs annually in the spring. Another important activity which not only is outstanding in the high school but the grade schools as well, is that of athletics. With the exception of Willow school all schools in the system have one

instructor who has charge of all athletic events in which the schools participate. These instructors are not hired to do this alone but it is an added duty to their regular teaching work. All of the boys and girls in the grades are given an opportunity to participate in games of all kinds such as baseball, track, football, basketball and mass games. Close to the end of each year competition is put on by the grade schools and practically all of the children are in some event.

The preliminary work done in the grade schools accounts in a very great degree to the splendid achievements of the high school in its competitive athletics, such as championship football, basketball and track teams.

In the high school every student is required to take physical training unless excused by a physician. Here in the same manner as the grade schools a head instructor is employed for both the boys and the girls. The athletic coaches as they are termed are not secured for their services as coaches entirely but as are those in the grades are required to teach subjects in the regular school hours.

In the high school a system of intramural athletics is put underway each year making it possible for competitive athletics between the classes. Besides the regular physical training required those who desire may enter into the competitive games. The result of the intramural games last year gave the following number

of boys an opportunity to play football, 72; basketball, 129; track, 70; baseball, 78. From these boys, those on first team squads were football, 38; basketball, 11; and track, 18. No first team baseball.

The girls' athletic department offers volleyball, self testing activities, athletic dancing, tumbling and stunts, tennis, hiking, swimming, indoor baseball and track events. Class competition is also afforded to the girls.

With such a course as offered by the La Grande schools a student who secures his education therein will have developed an appreciation for the finer things of life and acquired a better personality and character and learned the spirit of co-operation and loyalty to his community, state and nation.

St. Mary's Falls
"Sault Ste. Marie" is French and is translated Falls of St. Mary. Sault is the same word that appears in somersault, meaning a leap. The word should by right be pronounced So, but custom has given it the pronunciation Soo.

And Probably Win
A Michigan professor asserts that only the mentally capable should be admitted to vote, but the other kind, of course, will continue to run for office.—Dayton Daily News.

Water Users Are Advised to File Early For Right

Much has been said and written of late concerning the value of supplemental irrigation in Oregon, particularly in the western part of the state where this practice has only recently been widely accepted, but little has been said of the importance of early filing on irrigation water rights where a stream is the source of supply.

Arthur King, soils specialist of the state college extension service, has explained recently the provisions of the Oregon law regarding water rights. No one is subject to fine, of course, for taking water out of a stream before first filing on a right, he explains, but in case of shortage the man with a water right can stop the man without one from using any irrigation water from the stream, even though it runs right through his place.

"If you are figuring on using water continuously for a period of years, it is safest to file for a water right so that you will be in a position to do the objecting in case of water shortage," says King. "Your water right will be dated and filed in the state engineer's office and your right will be prior to any of those filed on later dates."

That many Oregon land owners have recently realized the future value of such rights is evidenced by the enormous increase in applications since the possibilities of irrigation in Oregon have become more generally known.

"The procedure in obtaining a water right is to get an application blank from the state engineer's office," says King. "A book of instructions will come with it. The following facts are needed to fill out the blank:

"The legal location of the land to be irrigated, down to the nearest ferry; a map to show the location of the land within the different tracts; a legal description of the points of diversion, whether by pump or dam; and a map showing the location of the main canal for diverting the water. The county agent has a supply of these blanks and is prepared to assist in filling them out. Once acquired the right lasts forever unless the owner fails to use the water for five years, in which case it may be applied for by someone else."

TATTOOED MAORI PROPHET ENDS NEW ZEALAND FEUD
AUCKLAND, N. Z. (AP)—At a great gathering of Maori tribesmen it was decided to forget the ancient feuds that have kept the clans apart.

Speaking to 1400 chieftains, Rautava, the Maori prophet, with tears streaming down his tattooed face, said he was willing to hand over his temple and pledge the loyalty of his 35,000 people to King Te Rata if the latter's tribesmen would agree to unite.

Billy Howell's kid brother, Tom, is a golfer too. He shot an 88 in a recent tournament.

Pigs In Swanky Soviet Sty Charmed By Apollo's Lyre

MOSCOW (AP)—Drolleries made to order for the pen of a Mark Twain have been uncovered by the trendy magazine "Crocodile," a quasi-humorous publication, by a survey of animal breeding, particularly pigs, in the Soviet Union.

Its investigators found that managers of the Crimean pig trust spent \$225,000 to build an artistic pig sty modeled after an ancient Greek temple on one of its livestock farms. On the roof was a statue of Apollo in a chariot.

"Of course," comments the journal, "we have no objection to Apollo playing the lyre on this pig-breeding Parthenon, but we do protest against

The responsible officials were reprimanded and ordered to set up their sty elsewhere.

A similar situation was found in Ufa, where the former governor's house also was being used, as the magazine put it, "to make the pigs comfortable."

Representatives of the Baku central workers' co-operative, hoping to increase its swine herds, purchased a lot of boards in a distant region. But when they loosed them on the farms they learned to their chagrin that they had bought a species of wild boars which killed and ate all the domestic animals.

The Belorezky central co-operative,



the expenditure by these aesthetic gentlemen of 450,000 roubles for this kind of adornment."

Even soviet officials, with their contempt for anything smacking of royalty, were shocked to learn that a part of the magnificent palace that formerly was the governor-general's house in Leningrad, was being used as a pig sty. This was discovered, the magazine reports, by an assistant to the president of the central co-operative trust who, while strolling down the Nevsky Prospect, was attracted by the strong odor issuing from the place.

launching a campaign to breed rabbits on a large scale, imported 3,000 expensive animals and stood back to await the expected rapid reproduction.

When, instead of multiplying, the herd actually decreased, due to fighting among themselves, an investigation revealed that only bucks had been purchased.

The magazine drew a moral from these happenings, declaring that most of them were due to stupidity and poor management, but that in some cases the hand of the saboteur might be discovered.

CHILE FREES NAVAL REDS

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Group by group, leaders of the communist naval revolt of last September are being released from the penitentiary and sent to live in villages of the far south, but always under surveillance. The policy includes those originally sentenced to death.

RUMANIA LIMITS EXCHANGE

BUCHAREST (AP)—Rumania has joined the list of countries forbidding free buying and selling of foreign exchange. All foreign currency, checks and bank credits must be converted into lei and export of currency is forbidden.

BRIEF WEDDING RITES

PARIS (AP)—Being in a hurry, the mayor of the 16th arrondissement recently set a record by marrying 34 couples in 30 minutes.

HUNGARIAN INCOMES LOW

BUDAPEST (AP)—Royal Tyler, the American finance commissioner here for the League of Nations, places the Hungarian national income at between \$385,000,000 and \$590,000,000 with a monthly average per capita of around \$70.

GAS MASKS SELL IN ITALY

ROME (AP)—Gas masks soon will be offered to the public in retail shops, the manufacture and sale being under war department supervision to make sure that the devices would be really serviceable in emergency.

EIFFEL TOWER NETS PROFIT

PARIS (AP)—The Eiffel tower earned net profits of \$114,724 in 1931 from gross receipts of \$275,801 of which \$12,000 came from an illuminated advertisement of a widely known automobile.

GERMANS LEARN ITALIAN

BERLIN (AP)—Free instruction in Italian is given here in the Casa del Fascio, headquarters of the Italian fascist party in Germany, and 1,100 Berliners have grasped the opportunity. The Italian government pays the teachers.

SPAIN EXALTS 1898 HEROES

MADRID (AP)—Spanish heroes of the 1898 campaigns against United States troops in Cuba and the Philippines will be enshrined soon in a memorial mausoleum being erected here under joint financing by the city and federal governments.

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