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ASHLAND, . . . WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1897

Teachers' Institute Program.

Following is the program prepared for the teachers' institute to be held in Grant's Pass, April 28, 29, and 30, 1897:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

7:30 P. M.—Music and Opening Exercises.

Address of Welcome, Hon. Henry L. Benson.

Response to Address of Welcome, G. M. Irwin, Sup't Public Instruction.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29.

9:00 A. M.—Organization of the Association.

Primary Teaching.

The Ethical side of Teaching, Prof. Price.

The Importance and Place of History in the Public Schools, Prof. G. A. Gregory.

1:30 P. M.—Personal Progression—Work of Teacher, Prof. Horton.

Reviews and Examinations.

The Relation of Teachers and Directors, Gus Newbury, Sup't Jackson County.

7:30 P. M.—Music.

Recitation.

Music.

Lecture, President C. H. Chapman, University of Oregon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

9:00 A. M.—Difficulties in Country Schools, Prof. J. D. Hayes, Sup't Josephine County.

Normal Training for Teachers, W. T. Van Scoy, President Ashland Normal School.

The Importance of the Study of English, Prof. C. A. Hitchcock.

1:30 P. M.—The Duty of the State in Relation to High Schools, Miss Elva Galloway.

Supplementary Reading and Teaching.

7:30 P. M.—Music.

Recitation.

Music.

Lecture, President P. L. Campbell, Monmouth Normal School.

Waverley bicycles run easy and wear well. See "Model 14" at this office.

Entertainment by Grant's Pass Talent.

The entertainment given in the opera house last Monday evening by Grant's Pass talent, for the benefit of the S. O. Chautauqua, was attended by a large audience and proved a very successful affair in all respects. The ability exhibited throughout the program reflected much credit upon Grant's Pass, and all who attended the entertainment commented favorably on its merits.

The entertainment opened by a piano solo by Mrs. J. S. Parsons and Miss Mary Silsby, followed by a male quartet, "Comrades in Arms," by Messrs. Cramer, Kinney, Cramer and Dodge. Miss Esther Silsby then rendered a contralto solo, "The Mighty Deep." A piano solo, "Awakening the Lion," was executed by Miss Belle Robinson. The next number was a selection by the male quartet. This was followed by a bass solo, "The Bugler," by N. P. Dodge. The variety program was concluded by a clarinet solo by Dr. Van Dyke. Each number of part one was heartily encored by the audience. Music was also furnished by Larson's orchestra. The second part of the program consisted of the presentation of a comic operetta, "Penelope," or the "Milkman's Bride." The characters in the play acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, and kept the audience in a continuous state of mirth. Ashland people were delighted with their pleasing entertainers, and unite in saying, "Come again."

War Has Begun.

Active war has at last broken out between Greece and Turkey, and much hard fighting is being done. The Turks fight like demons, having somewhat the advantage in point of numbers over the Greeks, who, while they gain many points, are not quite as successful as their adversaries. The advance of the Turkish forces into Greece is slow and steady; the Greeks stubbornly resist the invasion. A number of fierce battles have been fought, with the advantage slightly with the Turks, the Greeks yielding a few positions with a reluctance that signifies that triumph is not to be won in a day. Several Turkish forts along the water front of the Aegean sea have been taken by the Grecians, and the Turks are in rapid retreat to the interior, where their forces are massing.

Local Populist Meeting.

A meeting of the populists of the three local precincts was held last Saturday afternoon. A resolution was introduced condemning the coalitionists who prevented the organization of the house of the recent legislature. The resolution demanded that populist legislators who assert that they had been offered bribes, produce the names of the would-be bribers and the evidence against them before the grand jury of Marion county. With a few dissenting votes, the resolution was adopted, despite the effort made to lay it on the table.

Other resolutions were adopted censuring the populist county officials for ignoring the platform of the party pledging a reduction of salaries of county officers.

Climate Report.

The Oregon Climate and Crop Bulletin says that weather conditions at present are favorable for showers and fair

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weather at intervals, but hot weather is not again probable for some time. Frosts are not probable.

The highest temperatures occurred last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when they ranged from 82° to 90°, being highest on record for the month of April.

The marked change in the weather from that which preceded the current week has had a most beneficial effect upon vegetation and the warmth being followed by the rains of the past few days has been most opportune.

A Chance to See Mercury.

It is only once in a while that this planet is easily visible, says the Youth's Companion, and perhaps our readers will be glad to know that they will have an excellent opportunity to see it on April 27th, and for two or three days before and after. It will not set until nearly two hours after the sun goes down, and will be fairly conspicuous in the western twilight as a ruddy star of the first magnitude, rather brighter than Aldebaran, and a little south and east of Pliades.

The "Red Jackets," our local baseball boys, are looking forward with interest to their contest with the Phoenix nine next Saturday afternoon. We understand that the Phoenix boys have not been defeated in the past three years; the "Red Jackets" are confident that their opponents will "meet their Waterloo" next Saturday, however. A game of much interest is promised.

Co. B, First Infantry, O. N. G., of McMinnville, started last Saturday on the first of its series of practice marches. The line of march was to Amity and return. The company was well represented and presented a splendid appearance.

Tremendous excitement exists in the wheat market of New York at present. Prices have advanced four cents a bushel, and dealings run up into millions. War news and foreign buying are the factors that occasion the tumult.

Orvil Perdiue, who was arrested in Medford a little over a week ago for stealing a number of hogs, was sentenced to 3½ years in the penitentiary.

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