



OREGON SCHOOLS BROADEN

Current Events and Good Citizenship Are Topics in High Favor

The department of education of the University of Oregon through its representatives in teachers' institutes this year is devoting a large share of time to the promotion of better civic instruction in the elementary and high schools. The lecturers are using the excellent lists provided by the state library for this purpose. At each institute the numbers and titles of the best books published for the purpose of inducing an interest in citizenship and good government are given out and discussed. An effort is made to show the importance of debating and debating societies with the accompanying knowledge of parliamentary law as an aid to citizenship.

The teachers in the institutes so far have shown a marked interest in these subjects. Teachers in the high school section report a remarkable interest in courses dealing with current events and civic questions. In some schools the pamphlet giving the arguments on the different questions before the people has been used as a center of civic instruction. The elementary teachers also have shown a large interest in civic questions through their subscription to a number of papers which give brief but excellent descriptions of current events.

the Public School

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 3—The materials and the work of domestic arts in the schools are connected directly with the materials and work in the home. Hence the domestic arts course not only contributes to the aims of universal education, but likewise to the arts and science of home making. Throughout the entire course, as planned for the public schools of Oregon by Mrs. Brooks professor of domestic arts at the Agricultural College, the work is carried along two lines that supplement each other—subject matter and problems of construction. Since the principles of art and design are constantly used in working out the problems, the aesthetic nature of the children, along with their practical and intellectual endowments, is undergoing steady and natural development.

All work in this course is determined and guided by an underlying principle or idea. The purpose of the technique of sewing, garment making, care and furnishing of girls' rooms, house

planning and furnishing, study of textiles, use of money, and other problems involved in efficient house-keeping, is to impart to pupils ideas and ideals, standards and guiding principles, experience and methods, as permanent assets in their lives.

"Hand work is not to be introduced as a unity of itself," says Mrs. Brooks "but in close relation to the other work of the grade. Thus employed it vitalizes the entire course, and brings the child directly into contact with the world, where she may realize the relation of all the work of the school to all the work of her life. In thus understanding her relation to society she becomes a better citizen as a producer, a consumer and a home-maker in her community."

New Currency System Begins

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2—The Treasury Department has now completed its plans whereby the new system of regional banks will be put into operation all over the country during this month. The transforming of our currency system has been the most stupendous undertaking of our Government since the Civil War. The old currency system under which we were doing business, and are still doing business, has been a serious danger to the entire world. Nothing but the unlimited natural riches and wealth and foreign capital has enabled us to escape a financial breakdown before this. The new system will provide the element of elasticity to the currency so that when business begins to boom as it is bound to do in a few weeks the currency will automatically expand in accordance with the requirements of the booming business. The panics of 1893 and 1907 were both brought on by the exhaustion of capital, that is, the volume of capital failed to expand with the expansion of business. Both of those panics were financial panics and they came as quickly and as suddenly as a thunderclap out of a clear sky. Under our old system any era of prosperity would be obliged to culminate in a panic in a few years on account of the crudeness and inelasticity of our financial system. Our new currency system will give us the finest system that can be devised as we have borrowed the best features from the financial systems of England, France and Germany which are the three best systems in the world.

A large and up-to-date theatre is being fitted up for Heppner.

The Columbia Highway is to be finished through the Dalles by June 1.

Roseburg housed 200 unemployed and the S. P. Co. hauled them away on its train.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Carries in Nevada and Montana; Women Say Nebraska Will Show Victory

Helena, Mont. Nov. 5—Scattered returns from 70 per cent of the state show the woman suffrage amendment at noon today is ahead by 100 votes. All of the big cities have been heard from.

Miss Jeannette Rankin chairman of the state committee claims the state by 5000 votes.

Chicago, Nov. 5—Woman suffrage, voted upon in seven states of Tuesday's election has carried in two states, possibly three, according to National suffrage leaders, 'still has a chance in 2 others.' This resume was based upon the best information available at noon today. Incomplete returns show victory in Nevada by 3000 majority and a majority for suffrage in Montana.

In Nebraska 541 precincts out of 1650 gave 27,130 for and 30,186 against the suffrage leaders insist complete returns will show a victory for their cause.

Available returns show the amendment defeated in North and South Dakota. However, Mrs. Medill McCormick chairman of the Congressional committee of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association said today the amendment may be shown to have won in the Dakotas, since reports of defeat are based on less than half the returns.

The amendment met overwhelming defeat in both Missouri and Ohio.

Blind Pig Operates

La Center, Wash., Nov. 3—A full-grown blind pig, the first that has yet been found in La Center since the town went dry two weeks ago, when the last saloon license expired, was discovered here last Saturday evening. Certain people in the community, known to have a constant thirst, had been noticed making frequent trips to an old building near the dock on the Lewis River, in the edge of town. Officers swept down on the place, found the blind pig and confiscated several barrels of wine, whiskey and beer partially emptied. The owners of the sightless porker were not found. Investigation is now being made as to how it came in on a small packet plying between La Center and Portland daily.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Salem, Oregon, November, 2—Plans are being made for a Moose lodge building at Hillsboro to cost \$30,000.

\$3000 has been subscribed toward a proposed new cannery at Orerco.

The city of Portland will construct another \$100,000 reservoir to increase its supply of Bull Run water.

Lakeview has shipped this season 1613 head of cattle, 72,735 head of sheep and 1,238,000 pounds of wool making a total of 952 cars.

Lakeview may be on the proposed new railroad line from Butte to San Francisco.

A new road 30 miles long will be built from Prairie City to Long Creek.

The Eagle Valley News has been taken over by E. C. Thorp of Des Moines, Iowa.

Portland is calling for bids for another \$60,000 24 classroom school.

Plans are being prepared by R. L. Chapman for rearrangement of interior of Dallas hospital building for use as an apartment house.

School directors of Gresham have voted for a union high school.

The Fruit Growers League of Medford and the Rogue Land Canal Co. are taking steps toward securing irrigation in Rogue River Valley entailing expenditure of \$2,000,000.

Coquille will build a bridge to cost \$2200.

The hop industry has been unsettled with prices from 5 to 11 cents the lowest for years.

Thank heaven, says an exchange, from now on some industry will get attention besides politics.

R. Land S. Eccles of the Eccles Lumber Co. would be mayor of Baker.

Astoria industries are bidding for Belgian laborers.

Marshfield has annexed Cooston and Eastside and will bridge Coos river and build streets.

The Hill line will run through trains from Chicago to Astoria next spring to connect with steamers to San Francisco.

Oregon Avenue, Bandon, is to be paved.

Machinery for a new substation for the Eugene municipal light plant has arrived.

The \$330,000 jetty at the entrance to Siuslaw harbor is about completed.

Water street, Albany, is to be graded by the S. P. Co.

Coos Bay railroad construction employs 1200 men.

Douglas county wants a county high school system.

Work on the Celilo canal is employing 750 men.

Astoria is starting a campaign for a drydock.

The first Multnomah county high school is to be erected at Corbett for \$6600.

Silverton has voted bonds for a new high school.

Oregon and Washington ports sent out 28,829,000 feet of lumber the first half of Oct.

PORTLAND LETTER

State Building Thrown Open to Social Affairs for Halloween. Oregon's Great Exhibit Now On

Portland, Ore., Nov. 3, (Special)—The Manufacturers and Land Products Show, staging the greatest display ever made of the products of the farms and mills of this state is now on. From every section of the state has come remarkable specimens of the products of farm and factory and from all parts of the state are coming the crowds which fill the great Armory to overflowing. The past week was a notable one in the point of attendance, special time having been allotted to the visitors from individual communities.

Forest Grove sent a delegation 150 strong, Woodburn 100, and Salem and Eugene sent an enthusiastic crowd of Radiators and Cherrians these two organizations being the guests of the Royal Rosarians of Portland. Eight counties are represented in the Wil-

mette Valley exhibit which it is intended to send to the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915 after it has done service in this and other land shows. The counties represented by this exhibit are Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion and Clackamas.

Oregon was not only "first" in the selection of her building site on the grounds of the San Francisco Exposition, but she was also the first to finish her building and the first to throw the building open for a public entertainment. On last Saturday evening a Halloween dance was given to six hundred invited guests under the auspices of the Orean Society of California in cooperation with the exposition officials. All other state societies represented in San Francisco were invited and each was asked to christen the huge log column representing that particular state. Oregon apples and cider from Hood River were served and a former resident of Portland supplied automobiles to transport the guests to and from the building.

In order to enjoy the immediate benefits of the reclamation extension act passed Sept. 14, settlers on all government irrigation projects must file formal acceptance of the terms of that act with the local project manager not later than Nov. 15. Failure to file such acceptance by the date named will force settlers to meet payment falling due Dec. 1, 1914, on which date they must also meet any and all deferred payments. In the event that the acceptance is on file by Dec. 1, instead of having to pay an installment of six dollars per acre, the settler will be required to pay 2 per cent of the balance due under the contract for the purchase of water rights. Failure to make the necessary payment due on Dec. 1 will result in the forfeiture of the water right entry.

Electric Sparks

Of course the Germans won't have much chance of winning a conclusive victory until they get the cable repaired.

Whether or not Francis Joseph accedes to the Pope's request to shorten the war, it must be admitted that his army is doing what it can.

"The war came like a bolt from the blue," says a returned traveler; wonder how he got by the censor with all this inside information?

A certain amount of stubbornness at the front makes it appear as though they intended to fight it out along this line if it takes all of the century.

One of Senator Smith's constituents declares that a tax of a dollar per horse power on autos means suicide; sounds more like locomotive ataxia.

Carranza defiantly announces that he will put 100,000 soldiers in the field which ought to hold Villa until he can make a provisional Presidential getaway.

It has not required very much time for Villa to live down the epithet "bandit" once so recklessly applied to him by some of the Mexicans.

There might be more enthusiasm about giving the Filipinos independence if there were any reasonable assurance that they could hold on to it.

Militant suffragettes in England adhere to their demands but do not expand them to include the right to carry arms in actual warfare.

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends:—When such sudden grief come to us it would seem as though nothing could bring relief to the stricken ones. It seemed almost impossible to bear the awful agony; but when we came in and found our home filled with loving grief stricken friends—everything done that could be done for our comfort, and then the beautiful funeral loving friends gave our precious girl it softened our sorrow as we had no idea it could be softened.

We would if we had words to express the gratitude we feel to all for what you have done for us to the business men for the honor paid our loving daughter in closing the houses of business. May God's blessing rest on all who have helped us.

C. D. Abbott and family

Deposits are Growing

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 3—The postal savings deposits in the Centralia Postoffice have increased 200 per cent since the European war broke out, according to a statement issued yesterday by Postmaster John Benedict, Jr. Three months ago the deposits totaled \$10,000 on Oct. 31 they amounted to \$30,000. The postmaster is of the opinion that this increase covers money sent to Europe.

DEBT TO BE PAID WITH \$1000

Nominal Assets of Dominion Trust Co., Vancouver, B. C., Are \$5,000,000.

Vancouver B. C., Nov. 3—At a meeting yesterday of shareholders of the Dominion Trust Company, which recently quit business, and auditor's report showed that with deposits of \$500,000 and debts owing to clients on trust fund accounts of \$1,000,000 more there was only \$1000 left in the treasury.

The nominal assets are \$5,000,000. The company's books were being audited when W. R. Arnold the managing director committed suicide three weeks ago. The company placed much of its clients' money in second mortgages whose interest and principal it had guaranteed.

One of the largest debtors to the Dominion Trust Co. is Baron Alvo Von Alvensleben. Alvensleben's indebtedness to the company is stated to be \$1,250,000.

The company conducted the largest trust business in West Canada. It operated branches in Regina, Winnipeg, Calgary, Montreal, Toronto, London and other cities.

American Gem Production

The gem industry of the United States in 1913 was marked by a fairly large output of sapphire a real advance in the work of testing the Arkansas diamond field, and a greater activity in the Nevada opal field. There was, however, a decrease in the production of most of the other gems mined. The total production was valued at \$319,454, according to D. B. Sterrett, of the United States Geological Survey. The output of sapphire in Montana was the largest ever reported to the Survey and the value is estimated at \$245,635, or over \$43,000 more than in 1912. The sapphire consisted of both blue and varicolored gems and cuts for mechanical purposes. In Arkansas one diamond washing plant was in operation about three months and recovered several hundred diamonds, and the construction of another plant was practically completed. Many new claims were located in the Nevada opal field, the development of which, along with those previously opened, resulted in a fairly large output of beautiful gems.

The imports of precious stones for 1913 were valued at \$4,431,993 and were the largest in the history of the industry.

A copy of the report on gems and precious stones for 1913 may be obtained free upon application to the Director, United States Geological Survey, Washington D. C.

EDUCATION

Place of Domestic Art in Field Sports

When you keep a boy interested in football, baseball, tennis, and the like, you lessen the chances that he will get interested in things not so good for him.

The Youth's Companion since its enlargement gives generous space to this matter of athletic training, and gets the best coaches in the country to write for it.

How to practice to become a first-rate pitcher, how to train for a race, how to learn the newest strokes in swimming—these and a hundred other topics of the greatest interest to boys—40 girls too, for that matter—are touched upon in this important department of The Companion.

And this is only a small part of the service which The Companion renders in any home which it enters. It has points of contact with a hundred interests.

If you don't know The Companion as it is today, let us send you one or two current issues free, that you may thoroughly test the paper's quality. We will send also the Forecast for 1915.

Every new subscriber who sends \$2.00 for the fifty-two weekly issues of 1915 will receive free all the issues of the paper for the remaining weeks of 1914; also The Companion Calendar for 1915.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass. New Subscriptions Received Here

Miss Flora Ball visited friends in Medford Wednesday.

W. J. Butterly of the Norling Mine was in Medford Wednesday.

New Crop Raisins Currants, Citron, Orange and Lemon Peel, Etc.

Loose Muscatels in Bulk Thompson's Seedless, in Bulk

Raisins and Currants in Cartons. All kinds Dried Fruit. Brand New Goods.

LEWIS ULRICH

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.