

RURAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OF OREGON

ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF EDUCATORS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

That the people living in the rural districts of Oregon care more for their schools, are working harder to give their boys and girls a practical education, and have made a greater advance than any other state, is clearly proved by the reception which has been given the rural school exhibit at the Panama Pacific International exposition.

At the request of the National Bureau of Education, the Oregon State Department of Education prepared for the Educational Place an exhibit showing the strongest features of the rural schools of Oregon; namely, the standard plan, the Boys' and Girls' Club Work and the Playground Movement. As the rules of the Educational Building would not permit children's work to be exhibited, the system was shown by means of charts and photographs. In the official bulletin of the Bureau of Education, they are mentioned as "unusually attractive colored views illustrating rural school work."

More than 2,000 of the leading educators representing all the States, and many foreign countries have made a careful study of the Oregon exhibit with the purpose of adopting as part of it. Three counties of California have adopted our Standard School Plan absolutely, and through the local press of their counties, the educational leaders have given Oregon credit for helping them. E. Cole, chairman of the Educational Committee of the Farm Bureau of Napa County, California, in a letter of appreciation to State Superintendent J. A. Churchill, says, after filling of a meeting of their county educational officials, "a standard school was adopted after the Oregon plan. We have kept the local press informed of our work. No doubt every county in California having a farm advisor will very shortly follow our lead." At the Annual Teachers' Institute of Monterey County, the county superintendent, George Schultzburg, brought the teachers to the Oregon exhibit, and in speaking of them said: "I want all of you teachers to see what wonderful work Oregon is doing in her rural schools. Their Standard School Plan is just what we need in our county." The teachers at once voted to adopt the Oregon plan, and the Oregon Standard card is now in every rural school in Monterey county.

Superintendent Harriett S. Lee, of Cole County, writes: "I am now working to make your Standard School Plan fit Yolo county, and I wish to thank you for the many excellent pamphlets and cards I have received through the medium of your delightful representative at the P. P. E."

Of the club work it is conceded that no other state has the work so well organized. The local and county school fairs with the club winners' work shown at the State Fair, making a logical culmination of the year's work. The organizing and directing of the work by the State School Superintendent with the expert bulletins prepared by the State Agricultural College for the children, telling them how to select seed and to do their work, are features which are raising the club work of Oregon boys and girls to a high standard. The judges at the State Fair this year declared that the corn exhibited by the boys was fully one hundred per cent better than last year, while the vegetables and other products were of a much higher grade than ever before.

Hundreds of requests have come from all parts of the United States for the Recreation Manual, issued by the State Department of Education, and every playground expert pronounces it to be the best one published. Every teacher in Oregon is furnished with a copy of this manual and the attention given this problem in Oregon during the past two years is developing a happier, healthier lot of school children.

Commissioners from a number of the foreign countries have sent their secretaries to the Oregon Educational Exhibit with instructions to copy every chart shown in order that they may have the material for a special report to their countries on our rural schools.

What the county and city superintendents of other states say of our work is well summarized by G. E. Wolfing, Superintendent of Vocational Education, Gary, Indiana, who said: "In Oregon, through your standard for rural schools, your Boys and Girls' Industrial Clubs, and your playgrounds, you are doing a work equal to that which the Federal Government is doing for the schools in the Philippine Islands, and this work is attracting the attention of educators in all parts of the world."

BASKET BALL GAME

Thursday afternoon the grade basket ball team, composed of boys weighing under 120 pounds, met and were defeated by the high school team of the same weight. The game was exceedingly interesting inasmuch as it was the first game this season referred under the new rules. There are a number of changes in the rules and it is expected that this will make the game more interesting, as well as require more skill to play it. The first game to be played between the local first team and an outside team will probably come off sometime before the 15th of January. No definite schedule has yet been arranged.

FINE PROGRAM IS GIVEN AT HIGH SCHOOL

The program of the Literary Society last Friday was pronounced by many as being the best that has ever been given. The feature of the day was the play given by some of the ingenious students of the school who had been practicing under the supervision of Mr. Hiles. The play was pulled off without a hitch and was such a comedy of humor that at times the house fairly shook with laughter. Another new feature of the program was the glee club music rendered by the boys and the girls' glee club. These numbers were also much appreciated by the audience and the high school is indebted to Miss Wheeler for training the voices of those who took part in the program.

Several readings were also given and it is safe to say that none of the visitors went away without having greatly appreciated the program.

VISITS DAUGHTER HERE.

Mrs. Fred L. Sheets was surprised Christmas day by a visit from her father, H. E. Petty, of Weiser. Mr. Petty returned home on the evening train.

ENTERTAINMENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The dance given by the Nut Club last Thursday evening was one of the most highly appreciated and perhaps the most successful from the standpoint of a good time that has been held by that organization. The music was the best that could be wished for, the floor was faultless and the club is to be congratulated upon the splendid order that was kept throughout the entire evening.

The parents of those who were invited were also invited to be present and nothing was done that might shock the modesty of even the most devout parent. In fact many of them expressed their thanks for an evening of good clean entertainment.

AT MOUNTAIN HOME.

William J. M. de Bas, a gentleman of experience in the management of hotels of the better class, has become connected with the Mountain Home hotel, as assistant to Manager Halvorsen. On January 1 the hotel will be changed to the European plan. The dining room service which already ranks with the best in the state, will be amplified and all meals will be served in carte. Mr. de Bas, who comes from the fine, modern Moore hotel at Ontario, Oregon, is arranging the details of the change. —Mountain Home Republican.

DOWN FROM SHEEP CAMP.

A. H. Tonningsen came down from his sheep camp at Westfall to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Tonningsen is a prosperous sheepman of this section.

GONE TO THE DALLES.

Mrs. Amy Baker, daughter-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. D. E. Baker, who has been here for the past three and a half months went to The Dalles last Friday morning to join her husband.

COMMUNITY TREE WAS IRRIGATION CONGRESS A BIG SUCCESS IN SESSION TODAY

HUNDREDS OF LITTLE FOLKS MADE GLAD BY VISIT OF SANTA

The community Christmas tree exercises held on Main street in Ontario last Friday evening were a decided success, and hundreds of little folks were made glad by the visit of Santa. The Christmas tree was an exceptionally large one, and was beautifully decorated with multi-colored lights and other Christmas decorations.

The program was rendered as announced previously. This was Ontario's first community Christmas tree and its success probably means more such events in this city.

CONKLIN HERE.

Roy Conklin of Wallowa, brother of E. B. and Don Conklin of Ontario, arrived here Monday for a few days visit with relatives. Mr. Conklin is superintendent of the schools at Wallowa, and has built up an excellent high school there. He is recognized throughout the state as being one of the most capable and efficient superintendents in Oregon.

WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. A. W. Leavett and Orpa Hurlberg were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Friday afternoon, Rev. D. E. Baker officiating.

Ben L. Du Vall and Lola Harper were united in marriage at the Vancouver rooming house Sunday evening at six o'clock, Rev. D. E. Baker pastor of the Baptist church officiating.

John W. Gibson of Weiser, and Miss Anna Anderson of Riverview, were united in marriage last week at Caldwell.

MOTHER IS DEAD

J. S. Orr, district manager of the Electric Investment Company at Payette, received word Sunday of the death of the mother at Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Orr had been in good health until last Wednesday when she was taken with pneumonia which resulted in her death. On account of the severe storms and possibility of being delayed Mr. Orr will not be able to attend the funeral which will be held today.

RETURNS FROM TRIP.

Mrs. T. J. Mansker returned to her home in Ontario Friday, after an extended trip in the east. For the past three months she has been visiting her parents in Oklahoma, and her sisters in Oklahoma and Arkansas. She reports a fine time and returns looking as if she had really enjoyed every minute of her trip.

VISIT PAYETTE LODGE.

Ontario Assembly No. 321, United Artisans, visited Payette Assembly No. 318, last Thursday night. They were given a warm reception and after the meeting music and a general good time was had. A banquet was served.

GIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A party was given at the home of W. I. Steers last evening in honor of Mr. Steers' 34th birthday. About twenty-five were present. The evening was spent in a general good time and at the close of the evening refreshments were served.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS IN SESSION TODAY

SUBJECT IS UNDER DISCUSSION TENDING TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE.

Nearly 350 men from all over Eastern Oregon, delegates to the fifth annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, met in Portland today and took up matters of vital importance to this section of the state. A. W. Trow is the delegate from the Ontario Commercial club to the meeting and left today for Portland. Guarantee by the government of the interest on irrigation bonds of approved projects rather than reliance upon state or federal aid will be the subject around which will center the deliberations of the congress.

It is predicted that the congress will memorialize congress to pass the bill of Senator Jones of Washington providing for the governmental guarantee of interest and supervision of financial expenditures on the projects which are approved. The whole movement of the congress will be toward the enactment of laws to promote the reclamation of irrigable lands of which more than 1,000,000 acres east of the Cascades remain in a totally uncultivated state, although susceptible of producing crops of immense value every year.

At the conclusion of the congress many of the delegates will remain to attend the annual convention of the Oregon Development league Friday. The congress' sessions began today at 10 o'clock in the Imperial hotel.

December 28, 10 a. m.

Call to order, Asa B. Thompson, president, Echo, Or.; address of welcome on behalf of the city of Portland, Mayor Albee; address of welcome on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, President C. C. Colt; response for Western Oregon, Porter J. Neff, Medford; response for Eastern Oregon, C. S. Hudson, Bend; president's address and report; appointment of committees; announcements.

December 28, 2 p. m.

Report of the secretary, Fred N. Wallace, Tualuma; address, "Irrigation in Oregon," Governor Withycombe; address, "The Reclamation Service," E. G. Hopson, consulting engineer, United States reclamation service; ten-minute reports by representatives of the various districts and counties; open discussion; announcements.

December 28, 8 p. m.

"Meritorious Irrigation Projects as shown by co-operative state and federal surveys," address, John H. Lewis, state engineer; "Government Right of Way for Irrigation," address, Leonard Lundgren, district engineer, United States forestry service; "Oregon Development," address, Professor E. G. Young, University of Oregon; ten-minute reports by representatives of the various districts and counties; announcements.

December 29, 9:30 a. m.

Irrigation district day—Report of committee on credentials; "The Irrigation District," address, Judge Carroll S. Graves, Seattle, Wash.; "The District Law in Oregon," address, George M. Brown, attorney general, Salem, Oregon; "Engineering and Construction," address, L. M. Rice, Seattle, Wash.; ten-minute talk by representatives of various districts and counties; open discussion.

December 29, 2 p. m.

"Is the Irrigation District a Solution?" address, O. Laugaard; "How Can Irrigation Districts be Financed?" address, J. T. Hinkle, Hermiston, Oregon; "Can the State Be of Aid in Reclamation Work?" address, Senator I. N. Day, Portland; report of delegates to the reclamation conference held at San Francisco, December 2 and 3, O. Laugaard, J. W. Brewer; ten-minute talk by representatives of the various districts and counties; open discussion; announcements.



Scene from the Motion Picture Play, Mary Pickford as "Mistress Nell" which will be shown at the Dreamland Theatre, Wednesday Night.

MAY FORM MILK TESTING ASSOCIATION

W. W. HOWARD ARROUSES MUCH INTEREST AMONG FARMERS BY PRELIMINARY SURVEY.

A milk testing association to be organized among the farmers in the vicinity of Ontario is being promoted by County Agriculturalist W. W. Howard, and a preliminary survey of this section has given much encouragement to the movement. Over 400 cows for testing purposes can be secured by the association, and at the rate of \$1.50 per head per year, would provide ample funds for carrying on the work. The association will be based upon principles employed by other similar testing associations over the country.

A man to do the testing will be employed, and he will devote his entire time to traveling over the district, and will test each cow once a month. At the same time he will weigh and apportion the feed for the next thirty days, or until the time of his next visit. The average of the cows for the year will be made, and in this manner it will be possible for the owner of each cow to know just how good his cow is and whether she should be maintained in his dairy herd, or fattened and sold for beef.

There is now about three hundred such associations in the United States where they have been tried they have been found very successful, and in many places they have been in operation for years.

TAYLOR-BROGAN WEDDING LAST WEEK

The marriage of Miss Betsey Taylor and Mr. E. I. Brogan occurred Thursday afternoon, December 23rd, at the home of Father Campo of the Catholic church. Both young people are well known in Ontario, which is the home of the bride. Miss Taylor is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Taylor, and was one of the teachers in the public schools here. Mr. Brogan's home is in Vale.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Taylor home. The young couple left on the evening train for Portland and had Christmas dinner there with Mr. Brogan's mother. They will remain in Portland for a week or ten days, and from there will go to Seattle for a week's visit. After about three weeks they will be at home in Vale.

The bride is a very fine musician and holds one of the highest teachers certificates in Oregon. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brogan. He is a graduate of a law school in Philadelphia and is interested in a bank at Vale. The young couple are widely known in this vicinity and their many friends wish them much happiness.

PROSPERITY DAY IDEA IS A GOOD ONE

Secretary Grauel of the Commercial club is delighted with a little folder handed him which came from an eastern correspondent, and, as the last paragraph reads, "This idea is not copyrighted. We have no personal axe to grind. It is given with our compliments to you and the nation as a whole. Use it," he has decided to take it up and pass it on. It is, he believes, the "biggest single idea placed before the people of this country in many years."

It is as follows and the idea is so unique that it cannot help but appeal to a thinking person: "The great mint of time has coincided for us an extra day in 1916, February 29. The United States will become millions of dollars richer on account of that extra 24 hours of time.

"You will receive on this day an extra day's revenue, as well as millions of others in the United States. In view of these facts it seems appropriate that Tuesday, February 29, should be known as 'Prosperity Day' throughout the United States, and that on this day every effort should be made to focus the attention of the public upon the unparalleled condition of prosperity that now stands throughout the land."

"Let the wage earner open or increase his bank account by putting his wages for this extra day in the bank. Let stores have their prosperity day sales. Let the newspapers and optars celebrate the occasion by explaining to the public how and why the United States is the most favored nation in the world."

"Let the associations of commerce and farmers' organizations hold open this day get-together prosperity meetings. For 24 hours—throughout the whole extra day of time—let every man, woman and child in this country forget the trying times through which the world has passed, and talk (Continued on page 4)

INSTALLS A UNIVERSAL PRESS AT LAUNDRY

NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT THE ONTARIO LAUNDRY

New equipment installed at the Ontario Laundry keeps that establishment one of the most up-to-date and best equipped institutions of the kind in this section of the Snake River valley. At a cost of nearly \$300 Manager Jones has just installed a Universal Press, a machine adapted to ironing heavy articles, such as coats and etc.

The new machine will materially raise the efficiency and scope of the laundry, but will not reduce the number of employees.

PIONEER VISITS IN WEISER.

"Uncle Tom" Barton one of our early day pioneers, is spending the holidays in Weiser this week with his niece, Mrs. Kate Harrison.

VISITORS FROM JUNTURA.

Mrs. Charles Frauhl and three children, Charles Jr. and Misses Harriette and Grace, returned to their home at Juntura, Saturday after visiting in Ontario a few days with friends.