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## HAS STAYTON A STANDARD SCHOOL

Superintendent Smith Explains His Idea of the Requirements of a Standard School

## LOCAL SCHOOL IS NOT QUITE A STANDARD ONE

Let Every One Help to Attain the Recognized Standard

This is the age of standards. From railroads and automobiles to morals, a certain recognized efficiency, durability and safety constitute a standard. What is more necessary than a "standard" school? The perpetuation of government, science, art, law, medicine, morality, all depend upon the training of the child. Surroundings that are "standard" or "ideal" will surely help in a great measure in forming correct habits. Children are creatures of environment. Why not make the environment standard or ideal?

For some time past superintendent Smith has been working toward "Standard" schools for Marion county. His work can only be commended by the thoughtful student of human nature.

According to a chart furnished by the Superintendent to each school the following points are considered.

Building; well lighted, heated and ventilated, also in good repair with a good coat of paint, both exterior and interior and the flag flying according to law.

Room; clean and tidy, stove well blackened; blackboard clean, teacher's and pupils' desks in order, several flowering plants.

Water; plenty of pure drinking water, individual cups.

Grounds; clean from rubbish, some trees and shrubs, plenty of playroom, substantial walks, sanitary toilets.

Pupils; attendance 95 per cent, tardiness not over 1 per cent, orderly, cleanly and respectful.

Furnishings; ample supply of desks of proper height and correct position as to light, good teacher's desk, several good framed pictures, dictionaries supplementary readers. (Superintendent Smith might well have added here, "Free Text Book Law." Every other progressive state has it, and it is a success, why not Oregon?)

Library; a well selected collection of books with card and pocket system of recording, good book case.

Organization; register and reports well kept, program posted in room, course of study, monthly reports.

Teachers; at school house by 8.30 well planned work, carefully assigned lessons, current topics.

Under the last head might have been added the magic word "personality." The successful teacher must have the coveted Midas touch of making dry lessons flower into interest before even a "standard" school will turn out the finished product.

Let every citizen of our little city talk and vote for a standard and recognized high school. We need it, we must have it, if we are to keep our ambitious young people here. No matter if you have no children to send, every child of school age is the ward of the state and education must flourish or civilization will decay. —E. M. O.

## THROW IN HIS PANTS

Teddy says that he threw his hat into the ring. A Kansas man goes him one better and throws his PANTS containing his LAST DOLLAR, says an exchange. Sho' that's nothing Mr. Man, why the senior editor of this moral sheet knew a fellow 'way back in southwest Missouri, in the Ozark Hills, who swears that if Wilson is elected, he will BURN HIS WHOLE SUIT IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE AND AMBLE HOME IN HIS NIGHTIE. When those Ozark Hill Billies say they will do a thing, by Heck, they will, too.

## Famous Mosque of St. Sophia, Now In Danger of Collapse



ONE of the results of the recent Turkish earthquake is believed to have been the weakening of the walls of the mosque of St. Sophia, in Constantinople, to such a point that the collapse of its huge dome is feared. This building, one of the most famous in the world, is nearly 1,400 years old. It was a Christian church when the eastern empire was flourishing under Justinian, who built it, and throughout the rest of the history of the empire, until at the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453 it became a Mohammedan mosque. The Turks have taken no adequate measures to preserve this finest existing specimen of Byzantine architecture, nor have they, it is said, ever taken pains to classify or catalogue the treasures of art and literature supposed to be buried in the enormous vaults beneath it. Their failure to do so—if indeed they have not long since destroyed them—is attributable to the Turkish contempt for other literature than the Koran and the Mohammedan religious prejudice against the graphic arts which were believed to foster idolatrous practices.

## SUPT. ALDERMAN SUSTAINS A BROKEN LEG

Lakeview, Ore., Oct. 7.—As he was speeding along at a fast clip on his motorcycle, near here Saturday, Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman hit a rock while dodging another in the road, with the result that tonight he is suffering from a broken leg.

Mr. Alderman had been here attending the Teachers' Institute, and was nearing Albert Lake, enroute to Burns, to attend the Harney county institute. He was brought back to Lakeview. Mr. Alderman will leave for Salem Monday via Sacramento.

## WANT CHANNEL IMPROVED

Concerted action by delegates from the various cities of the Willamette Valley was taken during the past week at Albany to bring about the improvement of the channel of the Willamette river so that sufficient depth will be attained for the operation of steamers the year through between upper valley points and Portland. A six-foot channel was discussed and the Government will be urged to carry this project to a successful conclusion.

## FUNERAL at TURNER

Miss Rose Green, sister of Mrs. Roy Mullinix of this city, died of appendicitis in Spokane on Sunday October 6. The body was shipped to Turner, where her mother, Mrs. Green lives, and interment took place in the Turner cemetery Tuesday, October 8. Mr. and Mrs. Mullinix, Miss Nora Willing and T. B. Riggs attended the funeral from Stayton.

## GOOD SHOWS at THEATRE

The Stayton Theatre has been putting on some extra good shows for over a week. The Stayton orchestra has been furnishing excellent music which is much appreciated by the large crowds in attendance.

## PARCELS POST SYSTEM IS OF VITAL INTEREST

Of vital interest to the people throughout the northwest, particularly to those living in the small towns and on the farm, and also to the country merchant, is the parcels post system which will go into effect on January 1, 1913. It is thought that its inauguration will awaken new kinds of competition in trade. With very cheap rates on packages of eleven pounds and under, the country merchant will probably be first to feel its effect, because, say postal officials, the business expected for the parcels post is to be largely farm and factory products. It is here that the mail order houses will come into rivalry with the county merchant, whose only recourse will be to adopt the methods of the business houses of the larger centers. Under the new system a postmaster can furnish service for a C. O. D. shipment when desired.

Jacob Spaniol installed a Leader water system and did the other plumbing for J. W. Nipple in his new house at West Stayton. Mr. Nipple's house is modern in every respect and is a credit to our neighboring town on the west.

## LEG FRACTURED

Place Hill, a Bell Telephone lineman, while repairing the line and resetting poles, had the misfortune to have a heavy pole fall on one of his legs severely fracturing the limb between the knee and ankle. He was taken to the hotel in Mehama, where Dr. C. H. Brewer was called and attended the injuries.

## LAND PRODUCTS SHOW

Railroads are co-operating to make the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show, Portland, November 18-23, a big success. They offer reduced rates on all lines and the low fares enable exhibitors to come a week before the show opens. On exhibits of a perishable nature on which full tariff rates have been paid, the railroads will refund charges when shown that the exhibits were not sold. Free cold storage facilities will be provided for all exhibits.

## DR. BEAUCHAMP'S NEW BUNGALOW

Contractor W. A. Weddle Finishes New House Last Week For Local Physician

## MODERN DOMICILE IS A MODEL OF CONVENIENCE

Jacob Spaniol Fitted House Throughout With Sanitary Plumbing

Contractor W. A. Weddle has just turned over to the owner, Dr. H. A. Beauchamp, the keys to the modern seven-room bungalow on High street. After an inspection of the house one comes to the conclusion that it is one of the most finished pieces of work in this part of the valley.

The exterior is characterized by the popular bungalow style, wide porches, upstairs, open-air sleeping room, wide eaves and sloping roof.

The interior is more than a realization of what one expects. A roomy reception hall opens by colonades, flanked by built in bookcases, into the living room, which is equipped with a fine pressed brick fireplace and a polished oak floor. The dining room also has the same kind of a floor while the whole interior is finished in beautiful grained fir. Needless to say the kitchen is convenience itself, with cupboards, built in, high and low, hot and cold water, and dumb waiter from the basement which is cemented throughout.

The plumbing was put in by Jacob Spaniol and is a credit to any plumber from much larger places than Stayton.

The Doctor expects to move into his new residence the latter part of this week. Geo. Warford has rented the house which the Dr. will vacate and will occupy it some time next week.

## NEW KIND OF POTATOES

F. Silhavy brought a sample of three kinds of potatoes into the Mail office this week that were in class "A." An early variety The "Beauty of Hebron" has quite a record in this part of the country and is certainly a "Beauty" indeed. There was also an imported potato from Bohemia that Mr. Silhavy calls the "Crescent" on account of its shape. The tubers all grow in the shape of an Australian boomerang. They are of fine flavor and when baked are just about the best thing you ever touched your tongue to.

## Stayton Couple Married In Salem

Another happy marriage was culminated yesterday when Miss Lillian Blakeley and Willard F. Goodman were made one in Salem by the Rev. R. L. Morton.

The young couple drove over early Wednesday morning. They were accompanied by John Blakeley a brother of the bride, and Mrs. Jesse Shepherd.

The bride is one of the popular belles of Stayton and was raised in our city. The groom has driven the Turner stage for years, and—well, everyone knows "Fitz," and likes him too.

The young people expect to make their home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. They will probably start for that place the latter part of this week or the first of next. All their friends unite with The Mail in extending hearty congratulations, and many wishes for a long and happy life.

## HOLDS BUSTER PICNIC

The A. C. Bohrstedt company held a picnic at the Waldo Hills Orchard tract on Monday. This was for the purpose of boosting this enterprise which is setting out 1000 acres in fruit on five year contracts for eastern people, who are coming later to make their homes in the peerless Willamette valley.

Several government officials and prominent men of Salem were present at the picnic which was held near the beautiful farm home of J. S. Mackenzie.

Lon Shepherd of Mill City made a business trip to our city Monday. Mr. Shepherd and wife have just returned from a trip to Eastern Oregon where he has a ranch. They are well known in Stayton and have many friends here.

## ROUNDUP NEXT YEAR

A fair that will assemble a comprehensive exhibit of all the products grown in Eastern Oregon is being considered for Roundup week at Pendleton next year. The matter has been regarded with favor so far and it is likely the project will be successful. Eastern Oregon feels it ought to take advantage of the Roundup crowds to show its productivity.

## NEW VETERINARY HERE

Dr. A. W. Simmons of Silverton, but an old resident of Stayton will locate in our city and expects to take up the practice of veterinary science. His office will be in the Stayton Stables which is being remodeled for that purpose. Office open Oct. 15.

## REFORM SCHOOL BOYS STEAL HORSE

Lads From State Reformatory Cop Farmer's Horse and Buggy Near Aumsville

## MARSHAL SMITH NABS THEM NEAR SUBLIMITY

They Were Taken Back Sunday to the State Institution

Last Friday Frank Savage, who lives near Aumsville, called up Marshal Smith of this city and notified him that one of his horses had been stolen. Later Smith was again notified that a buggy and harness had also disappeared from the same farm. About this time news came that three boys aged 13, 14 and 16 had escaped from the reform school. Putting two and two together our city marshal got busy and succeeded in locating the lads at the Geo. Scott place some distance this side of Silver Creek Falls. They were taken into custody and turned over to the superintendent of the reform school on Sunday.

The superintendent, W. S. Hall states that they will receive proper punishment for this act and it is probable that the boys will be deprived of several little liberties for some time to come. The lads parents live respectively in Pendleton, St. Johns and Roseburg. We were unable to learn their names. Marshal Smith is to be congratulated on his quick action and success in returning the delinquents to the proper authorities.

## DEMONSTRATION FARM

Tillamook County, under the lead of its chief commercial club, hopes to establish a demonstration farm, devoted exclusively to dairying. Every farmer would thus have a means near at hand where he could learn the most modern methods and this would improve the output throughout the country. If a small gain should be made for each cow, the aggregate benefit would be very large. A county league will probably be formed to manage the demonstration farm.

## HIGH SCHOOL FUND LAW IS A SUCCESS IN LINN CO

Below is an open letter from Superintendent W. L. Jackson of Linn county relative to the success of the High School Fund Law which is to be voted on in Marion county at the general election.

"In reply to your request relative to the Fund law, which has been in operation in this county for the past four years, may I briefly state in answer to your letter that the consensus of public opinion, after a trial of four years, is strongly in favor of the law. It has proved to be a step in favor of the interests of the masses of the people and more especially to the rural communities. All classes of property is assessed to create a fund and in this county the tax has not exceeded a one-half mill for a maintenance fund."

"We have sixteen high schools in the county and one other being organized by combining nine districts, however, the law may be applied to either the single district or to the union of districts."

"The rural high school is a promoter in every sense of the word as it holds people in the country who would move to town, and it also brings the high school in reach of many poor people who could not give their children high school privileges."

## AT THE HELM.



—From New York World.