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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The advancement of the standards of the public schools of our county coupled with the additional facilities in the way of new buildings and modern equipment, which is the subject of more than one article in this week's edition of our paper, is most gratifying to say the least. The first question that 99 out of every 100 of the new settlers from the east ask, when inquiring about property in any locality is "How near is the school house and how many grades do you have?" The masses are coming to realize more and more the advantages of a good common school education, including the four grades that are included in the high school course. Modern demands for educated people make it almost absolutely necessary for every child to have a good high school education. It is a right that should not be denied every child that has no desire or is unable to go farther than the public school and it is absolutely necessary for those who contemplate entering any business or collegiate institution.

This is an age when the modern books, magazines and newspapers have, to a very great extent, replaced the olden time lectures and sermons. The statement that "A good book is the life blood of a master spirit embalmed and treasured up on purpose for life beyond life," is equally true of many of the better articles found in the modern magazines and newspapers. The best of past and present writings enable every man to think and live the great thoughts of the greatest men and women of all ages. They bring to our own firesides the inspiration and solution of the life problems of all classes and conditions of people with which we can mould and temper the metal of which we are made.

Among the many writings that present themselves to the modern reader are scores which have a glittering attractiveness, but which bear in their wake much that is debasing. Others there are, which while they have no seeming harm in the thoughts that they spread, are filling to the mind without having in them any of those qualities which might be termed mind food. Experience and education are the only factors that enable any reader to grasp that fact that there are as many things printed in books that are untrue as there are that are true.

The modern working man, business man or professional man can no more get along without the written thoughts that bear truly on his line of work than he can without the tools or devices that are requisite to that kind of work. The farmer must have his farm magazine to glean thoughts that act as labor savers and money makers, the store-keeper should read the latest ideas of business getting and business making, and the lawyer must have those books and papers that keep him in touch with the latest and the best court decisions. There are written thoughts on every line of work that are quick roads to that which would otherwise only be learned in the bitter school of experience, and in every class there are hundreds of books, magazines and papers that are gotten out wholly with the idea of making money for the authors or compilers without a thought as to the quality of the brain food that is being delivered.

What is true of the kind of books just mentioned is even more true of those books that are read wholly for recreation. There are times when we feel the necessity of mental relaxation. It is then that we should turn to the books that deal less with the stern realities of life. There is no place in written thoughts where more care is needed than right here. The courses in literature offered in the higher grades of the public schools teach us to spurn the "Wishy-washy" lovesickening tales such as the novels of Mary Jane Holmes and The Duchess, that invariably contain the dark haired man in love with the light haired woman and the brunette pining away for the love of the light-haired male. It is these same courses that teach us the real value of writings of such men as Dickens and the 101 other writers of the past and present ages who really wrote stories that will furnish us with that mental relaxation and at the same time picture life as it is and not clouded by lovesickness and baser passions of men hid under cover of suggestive thoughts.

It is only the trained mind that is enabled to pick and choose that which is good and discard and disregard that

which is useless. We came into this world without our consent and the world owes us not only a living, but it owes us the best means that are obtainable to enable us to make that living. The least training that we have a right to expect and demand is the training that is given in every grade of the public schools from the first grade to the twelfth inclusive. Our young folks have the right to demand and to get, and the right to be taught to demand and to get this training from those who are responsible for their existence and their development.

To those who cannot, do not or will not acknowledge this right and see that it is given, let it be said that there is no investment that will bring more financial good, dollar for dollar, to the goods and property of the community than the few dollars each one is called upon to invest in the public schools of the community. If you have no children and never will have any, still, you owe it to your pocket book to see to it that no community has a better public school than yours has.

HUMANE CONVENIENCES.

Much is being said in the papers of late about the necessity of providing public drinking fountains for both the people and the animals of the communities. Many towns and cities have either provided well in this particular or are at least agitating this question with marked success. There is one matter, however, of even more importance that is not receiving a just amount of agitation and thought, and that is the provision for public rest rooms and toilets. The lack in this line is more especially marked in the smaller cities where transient visitors and rural visitors abound. While this applies to every town in this part of the valley we will take only our own county seat as an example.

Oregon City is in the midst of a rich agricultural region, it is filled with men who have no homes except two by four rooms in a boarding house and it is a place where many travelers come on business and pleasure. Outside of the little rest room that Frank Busch supplies in one part of his ample store there is no such place where any of the visitors can go outside of the saloons. Leaving out the question of the good or bad that comes with the saloon, it must be said that it does supply a need that is not found elsewhere at least for the male portion of the human family. It is a need that their opponents, the churches, do not meet. There are on or near Main street of the city, five large commodious buildings that are used but seldom during the week days, called churches, built for the help and betterment of mankind that might, if they would, aid in this most necessary work. There are other public buildings and places that might with only a slight expense be used for the same

purpose. The high rents debar the merchants from providing such places and the already cramped condition of a great deal of the stock carried leaving them out of the question. This is a question that should be taken up by the Churches, Clubs, and institutions that are working for the betterment of the community, not tomorrow or next week, but today.

Many sheep breeders, especially those of the east, will be surprised to learn that pure bred registered sheep may be raised and run on the open ranges of the west in large bands without any diminution in the grade or quality of the product as compared to the parent dams and sires with which the flocks were started. The first requisite, however, is that an entirely satisfactory range, properly protected from the intrusion of other flocks and upon which there is certain to be the necessary amount of forage, water, etc., must be assured. At the present time this condition exists only upon private lands and within the National Forests of the west which are under the administration of the Forest Service. A noteworthy example of what can be accomplished in breeding high-grade sheep on properly controlled open range is that of Allen Bros., who graze about 3000 head of registered Cottswold sheep within the Uinta National Forest in the State of Utah. These bands are the increase of about 200 head of prize winning stock from the Royal Stock Show in England and the International Stock Show in Chicago, purchased and imported to Utah by Allen Bros. since 1902. They have been grazed within the Uinta National Forest since 1903, upon ranges which are practically ideal for sheep grazing purposes, being well watered, grassed and shaded, and protected from the grazing of other sheep. Careful breeding is developing a pure bred type of Cottswold entirely adapted to western range conditions, yet equal to anything raised under fences in the eastern United States or in European countries. This is a simple case that demonstrates what range control within the National Forests is enabling the stockmen of the west to do. There are quicker and greater returns to be secured from the raising of high grade stock than from inferior mongrel breeds, but in many sections stockmen have hesitated to invest in registered sires and dams because of the uncertainty of securing ranges upon which feed and water are absolutely assured and without which such ventures would not be so remunerative or so successful as the running of inferior grades of stock better adapted to the severe range conditions that are commonly encountered because of over-stocking and lack of control. On National Forest ranges the number of stock allowed is only what the range is sufficient to sustain under all conditions, and a stockman who secures a permit to graze stock on these ranges may embark upon the business of raising high grade cattle and sheep with every reasonable assurance of success.

Vigorous protest was entered by the commercial interests of Oregon and the Oregon State Dairy Association, against the adoption by the Pure Food Conference at Mackinac Island, Michigan, of a standard for evaporated milk, requiring 28 per cent solids. Oregon's milk is rich in butter fat, owing to our climatic conditions, but abundant pasture means less solids than in milk from cows fed eight months in the year. Oregon dairymen and condensers insist that solids should be such as result from the use of whole milk in their product.

E. H. Harriman, the greatest individuality in the railroad world, is enjoying with his family the glories of Oregon's August climate at Pelican Lodge, near Klamath Lake. Their stay will cover several weeks. Vice-Presidents Julius Kruttschnitt and E. E. Calvin accompanied Mr. Harriman to Oregon, but during his vacation they will be busy inspecting their roads throughout the state.

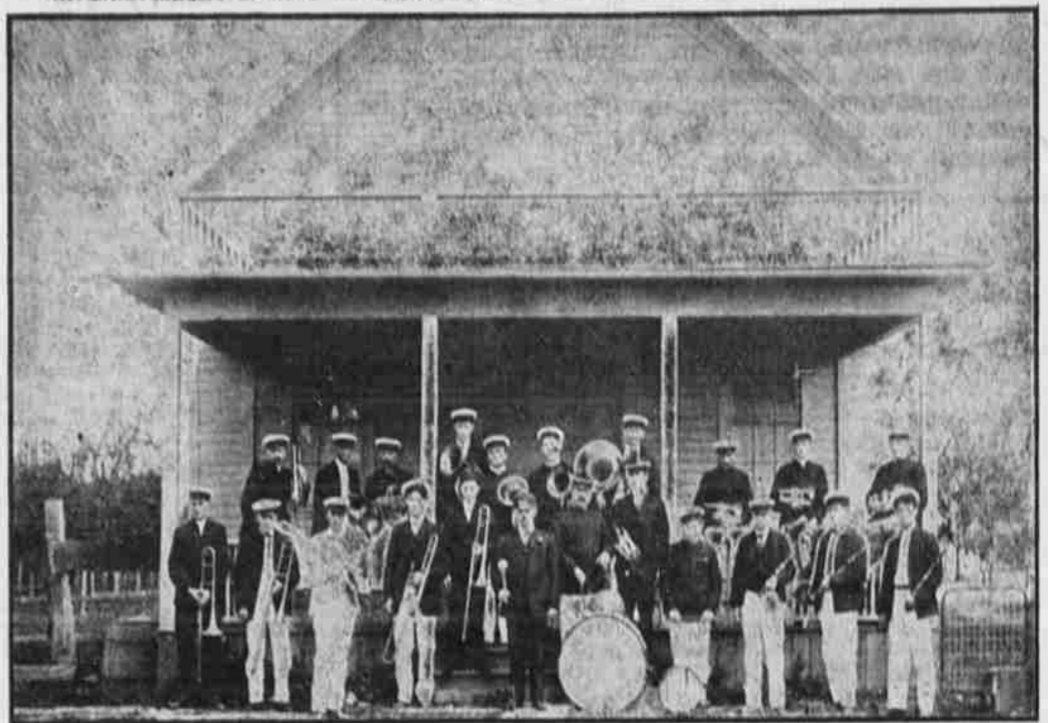
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The Pendleton Tribune says, speaking of the play to be given at Shively's Saturday: "Frequent interruptions of applause during the play and a robust ovation at the end of each act, testified gallantly to the sensational success last night of—ON THE FRONTIER—as presented by the Claman Players, at the Opera House.

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The above is a picture of the Milwaukee Band that is giving free open air concerts in Mrs. Luelling's orchard, near the car barns, every week. They were organized in 1904 and incorporated in 1906. They are doing some fine work under the leadership of H. G. Surles, who now resides in Oregon City. While the majority of the members live in or near Milwaukee the membership is not restricted to that district and the band has attracted musicians from Oak Grove and more distant localities.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Linwood Jones entertained a few of her friends on Thursday afternoon at her home at whist. During the afternoon delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. Margaret E. Myers, of Portland, and John Holmes Deino, of Kingston, Mass., were married Thursday evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr. Wm. LaSalle, of Gladstone, Rev. Mulkey, of Gladstone, officiating. The maid of honor was Miss Edna Doyle, of Portland, and the best man was Guy LaSalle, of Chehalis, Wash. The bride was becomingly attired in white silk with Cluny and Duchess lace and carried white carnations, and the maid of honor wore a beautiful gown of blue silk, trimmed with lace and carried pink carnations. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LaSalle, Mrs. F. E. Gumaer, California; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Leor, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle, Portland; Mrs. Kruse, Miss Nettie Kruse, Miss Mildred Kruse, Miss Grace Miller, Mr. Beebe, Miss Grace Doyle of Portland; Mr. Guy LaSalle, Chehalis, Wash.; Mr. Howard Newhall, Vancouver, Wash. They will be at home to their friends No. 666 Weidler Ave., Portland, Oregon.

The dancing party given at Canemah Park last Friday evening, was a very successful affair, and the young men of this city who had it in charge are deserving of much credit in the manner the details were carried out. Parsons' orchestra furnished the music for the dancing, and was never heard to a better advantage than on this occasion, and many of the latest pieces were danced to by the large gathering. Many were here from Portland to attend, returning to that city by special car. The patronesses were Mrs. Charles D. Latourette, Mrs. A. L. Beatie, Mrs. Linn E. Jones, Mrs. Jewell Adams, Mrs. L. L. Pickens, Mrs. J. B. Lewthwaite, Mrs. E. A. Chapman, Mrs. J. N. Wisner. The dancing pavilion was elaborately decorated with bunting and flags, and a festoon of red and white streamers, while a background of bunting completed the decorations where the orchestra was stationed. Canemah Park is an ideal place for an affair of this nature, and many other social events have taken place there during the Summer months.

Miss Laura Glnther, of this city, was given a linen shower at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chris Grasier, of Ninth and Madison street on Monday evening. Miss Glnther was the recipient of many beautiful pieces of linen. Mrs. Grasier was assisted in the entertainment of her guests by Miss Blanche Miller, Miss Grace Brown, Miss Bertha Friedrichs, and Mrs. H. Johnson, of Vancouver, Wash. The parlors were artistically decorated with maiden hair ferns, carnations, while the hall was in palms and hydrangias. The evening was delightfully spent in a guessing game called "show," and the prizes were awarded to Miss Mabel Frances and Miss Winnie Jackson. During the evening refreshments were served by the hostess. Miss Glnther's marriage to Mr. Frank Schoenborn, of this city, takes place September 3.

A moonlight party was given at the Gladstone auditorium by Miss Juliette Cross Monday evening, and a most delightful time was spent in music and other amusements. The grounds surrounding were brightly illuminated with Chinese lanterns.

THE HOME OF MRS. A. BLOUNT

The home of Mrs. A. Blount was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being a party given in honor of Mrs. Whitcomb, of Indianapolis and Mrs. S. D. Simons, the latter who has been residing at Gladstone for the past seven years, and who on Monday left for her new home at Tacoma, and was accompanied by her family, her husband preceding her several months ago. The only regret was the parting of Mrs. Simons who has made many friends during her residence at Gladstone, as well as Mrs. Whitcomb, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. F. Parker. The ladies entertaining with Mrs. Blount were Mrs. C. A. Baxter, Mrs. Homer Rockwell, Mrs. S. D. Simons, Mrs. Whitcomb. The amusement of the afternoon was an animal drawing contest, and the prizes were awarded to Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Dan, and an observation contest, in which Mrs. Clark and Mrs. C. B. Johnson captured the prizes.

The Blount home was beautifully decorated with clematis and trailing vines. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Mrs. Dan O'Neil, whose 72d birthday occurred on Thursday, was given a very pleasant surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warner, the "Lilacs" at Mt. Pleasant, on Thursday evening, which was quite a novel affair. Mrs. O'Neil was invited to spend the afternoon by Mrs. W. B. Stafford, and in the evening a buggy ride was planned by Mrs. Warner, and upon their return at the Warner home, they found the parlors filled with friends. One of the features of the evening was an age guessing contest, very appropriate for the occasion, of which there were twelve questions, the first being, "To what age will people arise, if they live long enough? Answer: 'Dotage.'" Miss M. L. Holmes was awarded the prize. This was followed by a delicious birthday dinner, the dining room being tastefully decorated with red roses and asparagus ferns, and favors of bunches of lavender tied in lavender satin ribbons were presented to the guests. The center of the table was ornamented with a huge birthday cake, brilliantly lighted with candles.

Those present were: Mrs. Dan O'Neil, Mrs. W. B. Stafford, Mrs. A. C. Warner, Mrs. C. C. Williams, Mrs. W. B. Lawton, Mrs. S. B. Lawton, Mrs. E. E. Kellogg, Mrs. Warren Loomis, of Spokane, Wash., Miss Clementine Bradford, of Portland, Miss Roma Stafford, Miss Ella Williams, Miss Louise Holmes, of Spokane, Miss M. L. Holmes, A. C. Warner, Chas. Holmes, Warren Loomis.

A very pretty wedding took place in this city on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. J. S. McComb, when his daughter, Miss Lillian, was married to Mr. Lawrence Meriwether, of Portland, Rev. Ernest Smith, of Arleta, performing the ceremony. The wedding took place at 4 o'clock, and after a wedding supper enjoyed, the young couple left on the 6 o'clock car for their home in East Portland. The groom has furnished a cottage on Hawthorne avenue, where they will be at home to their many friends. Mrs. Meriwether is well known in this city, having made her home here for several years before going to Portland, where she has made her home for the past year. The groom is engineer at the Hotel Portland, and is an upright young man. Only relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were present at the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was prettily gowned in white organdie, carried an arm bouquet of white carnations and asparagus ferns, and was

attended by Miss Bertha Wyman, of this city, who wore white, carrying pink roses. The best man was the bride's brother, Mr. Joseph McComb, of this city. The decorations were artistic, being of ferns, roses and vines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fairlough entertained a few of their friends at their home on Seventh street Wednesday evening at whist. During the evening a luncheon was served and a very enjoyable evening spent.

Mrs. William Greaves, Mrs. Peter Greaves, Mrs. Jennie Harrington, Mrs. G. J. Howell, Mrs. David Catto and Mrs. M. C. Kientha formed a party which went to the Miller place near Mount Pleasant gathering hazelnuts August 13. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon and the afternoon was spent at the Miller home, where a most enjoyable time was spent. In the evening they were brought to this city in a hay wagon.

The marriage of Miss Mary E. Skelton and Mr. Clark McKinney, prominent young people of Marquam, took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harris, Twelfth and Main streets, on Wednesday afternoon by Justice W. W. H. Samson. Mr. McKinney and bride left for their home on the evening train at Macksburg, where the groom is engaged in farming.

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