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FEWER NORMALS.

The state is to have one less normal school. The institution at Drain is to be abandoned. The appropriation on the normal school account is reduced from $110,000 two years ago to about $80,000 by this session. The recommendation of Governor Chamberlain was that still another of the Normals be abandoned, reducing the whole number to two. Though the legislature will do well in the elimination of one, it would have been wise and proper to follow the recommendation to the letter.

The Normal school idea has been overworked in Oregon. Much of the money spent on them should go into the common school fund, and in the latter much of the instruction in the so-called Normal courses should be given. In theory the Normal institutions are for preparation of teachers; in practice they are high schools or minor colleges, The chief reason for the existence of so many is the desire of different localities for a graft and the popular notion that the state should provide it. Two thoroughly maintained and well appointed Normals are enough for Oregon, and for their purposes are infinitely better than four poorly provided for.

If, as predicted, the legislature abandons the Drain Normal now and later on eliminates still another, the state will have been well served.

NO OTHER EXPECTED.

It is given out from Washington that the only anti-trust legislation to be expected from this congress is the passage of the Elkin's bill. Elkins in the role of regulator of the trusts is a mammoth joke, His curative for trust evils is about as effective as catnip tea in a yellow fever epidemic. His measure provides for nothing not already covered in the interstate commerce act. It does not in fact provide such severe penalties for the giving of rebates by railroads as does the present law. It entirely abolishes imprisonment for such offenses and makes fines the only punishment.

Who is verdant enough to believe that a rebate system of which it may be truly said that "there are millions in it" could be broken up by an occasional prosecution, and a fine of "not more than $20,000,"—even if a conviction were ever obtained and sustained by the highest court, a thing that has never yet happened?

HIS DEATH.

Jacob Felger—Funeral Today—Parents Meeting—Other News.

The county court has asked for bids for bringing the present owner books up to March 1st next.

Professor J. B. Horner and W. E. Yates talked before a Toledo audience last night on "Oregon Literature" and "Value of Correct English."

Jacob Felger died Thursday night at his home in Philomath, after an ailment of years standing. He was aged about 75 years. The survivors are, the widow, Thomas, Benjamin, Oliver Felger and Mrs Rice, a daughter, in Portland. The deceased was a resident of Benton county for more than thirty years. The funeral occurs today at Philomath, and the interment is to be in Newton cemetery.

Next Saturday there is to be a parents' meeting, for discussion of school matters, in the hall of Fairmount Grange. The grange will also have a hand in the meeting. A programme similar to those at other parents' meetings that have been held has been prepared and will be disposed of by teachers and parents of the vicinity. It will appear in next Wednesday's TIMES.

BILLS ALLOWED.

List of Warrants Ordered Drawn at Last Week's Meeting of Court.

The following bills were allowed by the County Court at its regular March term towit;

T H Cooper sal supt rd dist no 4	$ 5 00
G L Stoneback " " 1	11 00
Lewis Wentz " " 5	24 50
John S Miller " " 7	72 40
E A Blake " " 6	16 00
W M Clark " " 8	5 00
A Cadwalader " " 9	23 00
W L Read " " 10	48 00
J R Fehler " " 11	11 00
Monroe Childers " " 12	27 50
G C Peek " " 13	38 00
E N Starr " " 14	13 00
John R Crow " " 15	18 00
Albert Zierolf " " 16	2 00
C E Banton " " 18	25 00
J R Fehler rd work	2 50
G L Stoneback "	2 00
V A Carter reg voters June 1902	5 20
Edna Finley work tax roll	11 50
M V Leeper juror circuit cf	4 40
Geo Mercer Jr " "	4 50
E Holgate J P fees State vs Flett et al	1 45
C W Young const fees	31 25
" " "	1 80
W L Price jury list J P	3 00
W B Price asst jury list	2 00
John Price " "	2 00
J N Hogue J P fees jury list	3 00
G C Peek ast jury list	2 00
M P Tatten "	2 00
W G Lane janitor	40 20
J D Mann & Co supplies c h	1 30
P S T & T Co telephones	2 50
Albert Strong bridge work	1 00
Lafayette Blakeslee "	8 00
Miller & Alcorn road supplies	2 95
Johu Miller road work	2 00
W I Price damage by road work	2 20
J E Michael run ferry	48 95
" " two boats	24 00
J R Smith & Co rd supplies	3 70
A J Fenton rd work	75
Wm Burgett bridge work	8 00
R M Wade & Co road supplies	1 65
Franklin Iron Works road & ferry work	42 35
H Hart bridge work	1 00
Chas Beckwith bridge work	1 50
J H Simpson road supplies	4 25
C Carns bridge work	3 00
R R Gilbert "	10 00
R M Gilbert "	82 50
G Hodes powder, road4.	2 40
C I Starr rd wk dist no 14	5 25
S Starr " " 14	1 50
Ist Nat Bank assgd vouchers dist no 14	1 50
Chas Armstrong rd wk dist no 17	6 00
E L Davis, " " 17	6 00
E B Horning gro co poor	3 00
R C Kiger sal Stock Inspector	37 50
J M Porter expenses bridge com	2 50
A W Hawley "	2 50
E R Bryson "	2 50
Mrs D Huggins care co poor	139 30
A Wilhelm & Sons mdse co poor	2 75
Corvallis Times printing	13 70
W A Jolly expenses to Albany	3 05

ATTEST—

VICTOR P. MOSES,
Clerk,

RESIDENCE COMPLETED.

Another Fine Home on College Hill is Ready for Occupancy.

Prof. A. L. Knisely has formally received his new residence near the college, from the contractor, A. F. Peterson. The professor is very proud of his new home, and justly so. Its location is very desirable, being in a good community, and commanding a grand view of the near-by hills as well as the distant snow peaks and lower ranges of the Cascades toward the east and northeast. This is a two story house containing ten rooms besides a spacious reception hall, attic, etc. It is hard finished throughout- There is 122 feet of veranda, The reception hall, reception parlor, dining room and sitting room are connected by sliding doors.

Between the reception hall and parlor in a grand archway supported by ash pillars resting on panneled bases ingeniously constructed into book cases and seats. In the octagonal windows, extending two stories, are handsomely designed seats. The main stairway is finished in natural fir with charming combinations of its varied grains. Mr. Peterson seems to be quite partial to the Oregon finishing materials and has apparently an unusual faculty of working them into fine effects. The work throughout is finished in fir, hand-wrought Although there are two fireplaces in the building it is completely fitted for being heated with air and is wired for electric lighting. Altogether it is one of the handsomest, most convenient and best constructed residences in the city.

Mr. Peterson is the designer and builder, and it can be said to the credit of both the owner and contractor that the business relations of the parties in the fulfillment of the construction contract are entirely satisfactory.

HEADED FOR OREGON

A Carload of Immigrants to Leave Nebraska on the Nineteenth.

A carload of immigrants is to leave Nebraska, on the 19th inst for Webfoot. Most of them come from the vicinity of Laurel, Nebraska, and nearly all are old acquaintances and friends of B. J. Evers, who came to Corvallis from the former place nearly a year ago Thirty persons are to be passengers on the car, and the destination is Albany, from whence the new arrivals will scatter in all directions. Mr. Evers has already rented a house in Corvallis for one of the coming families.

The low rates of last year. $25 from Omaha to Portland, will be available to the newcomers. As the same rate is to be in vogue for sometime it is expected that arrivals of homeseekers will be numerous during the coming months.

ELEVEN DROWNED

Bad Luck for Sheep Expedition in Alsea—Boat Went Under.

An ill-fated attempt at boating sheep was made in Alsea last week. G. C. Peek had twenty or thirty head running in the vicinity of the Vidito place, and during the snowy weather determined to move them to his own farm, a mile and a half down the Alsea river. It was decided to take them down the river in a flat boat. Thomas Slate was employed as assistant.

A dozen of the sheep with their legs tied were put in the scow and five more, similarly bound were laid in a skiff. The boats were shoved off, with Peek in the skiff and Slate on board the scow. A hundred and fifty yards down the stream, there was a drift. That is where the scow headed for. When it struck, it went bottom side up and disappeared, carrying eleven of the animals down to a watery grave. Slate escaped by leaping from boat to drift at the critical moment.

A WOMAN'S CLUB

Some Things About it—Its Last Month's Meetings and Next.

One of the delightful ladies' clubs of Corvallis, is the Ladies Afternoon Reading Club. The club numbers a dozen members, and reads each Tuesday afternoon. The meetings occur at the residence of one of the members for a period of a month, and the last one partakes of the character of an entertainment, embodying a programme, luncheon and the invitation of a few friends, if desired by the hostess. Last Tuesday afternoon one of the latter events occurred at the home of Mrs. J. F. Yates, and was delightful in character. The table decorations were of violets, marguerites and smilax, all from the conservatory at the home. The programme comprised, "Current Events," a paper by Mrs. J. B. Horner: vocal solo, Mrs Woodcock; "Origin of the English Language," Mrs Berchtold; "The Face at the Window." reading by Mrs Cathey; and quotations by all the members from Thackeray. The club meets during next month at the home of Mrs Woodcock.

SAW WITHERS ASSASSIN.

And Heard Him Talk—Believe That he Will Collapse—Withers Funeral.

Sheriff Burnett and Judge McFadden have returned from attendance on the funeral of the late Sheriff Withers at Eugene. The funeral was one of the largest in the history of Lane County. During the time there was suppressed excitement over the fear that indignant citizens might undertake the squaring of accounts with Lyons wsthout waitfor the court to do so.

The prisoner was seen in the county jail by Sheriff Burnett and other visiting sheriff, of whom there were several at the funeral. Lyons is of medium size and of a low order of intelligence. When seen, he was so much overcome by fear of summary vengance that he was much disturbed, and talked with difficulty. When the sheriffs approached his cell, he turned his face in another direction.

Sheriff Huston of Linn, on whose farm near Shedd, Lyons had worked several years ago, engaged the prisoner in conversation. The whole aspect of Lyons during the talk was that of abstraction and abject fear. Many believe he will collapse before his time comes. His trial will begin in Eugene two weeks from next Monday.

LINN COUNTY PAYS

Damages to Mrs. Riley for Injuries Sustained in Bridge Collapse.

Two thousand dollars is the amount that Linn county has paid Mrs Riley, who with Mr and Mrs Ed Andrews of Corvallis was injured in the collapse of a bridge last year. The Albany Democrat of Wednesday relates the facts as follows:

"The county court in session this afternoon ordered a warrant drawn in favor of Harriet M. Riley of Portland, for $2000, a compromise, on account of damages received in the bridge accident near Oakville last year. Dr. Wallace made a special trip to Portland several days ago and reported the srrious conditions of Mrs. Riley's injuries, injuries that will last for life Mrs. Andrews, her sister is not as seriously injured. A claim of damages with her is being adjusted. The court is doing the square thing. Mr. Riley is in the city today, attending to the matter."

In the accident Mr Andrews sustained a fracture of the leg and other injuries, while Mrs Andrews was badly bruised. The Linn county court allowed them $575 in full settlement.

NO ASSETS

Bankruptcy in Portland of Miles W. Wilkins, Builder of Hotel Corvallis.

Financial troubles have overtaken Miles W. Wilkins, who built Hotel Corvallis. The following paragraph from Wednesday's Oregonian, sets forth the facts:

"M. W. Wilkins and E. E. Wilkins, solicitors living at Montavilla and having offices in Portland filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court yesterday afternoon. Their total liabilities amount to $16,685.01, and consist mostly of small amounts due to bankers and merchants in Portland and the Willamette Valley The assets of the bankrupts consists of household furniture valued at $210 and exempt under the laws of Oregon, and 100 shares of the capital stock of the Corvallis Hotel Company of the par value of $19,500, but which is listed as worthless."

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at Wells, Oregon, or at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon within six months from this date.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 7th day of February, A D, 1903,

VIRGIL A. CARTER.

Administrator of the estate of Kinman Vanderpool, deceased.

Referee's Sale of Real Property.

On the 7th day of March, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock P M at the front door of the Court house in Corvallis Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate towit: Lots nos. 107 and 114 in block no. 25 in the City of Philomath, Benton County, Oregon. Said sale is made under and in pursuance of an order and decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County in the suit of George H Burtch, et al Plaintiffs—vs—Jennie Churchill et al, Defendants, a proceeding for the partition and sale of real property.

M. P BURNETT,
Referee appointed by the said court to sell said real estate,

Notice of Final Settlement,

In the Matter of the Estate of James Marvin Applewhite, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I. E E Wilson, as administrator of said estate of James Marvin Applewhite, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the clerk of the County Court of Benton County. State of Oregon, and the said Court has fixed Saturday the 7th day of March, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and for settlement ther

Dated this February 7, 1903,

E. E. WILSON.

Administrator of the Estate of James Marvin, Applewhite, deceased.