

NOT WHOLLY SECRET

Questions for Regular Teachers' Examination.

SOME INCONSISTENCIES IN MARION

County Superintendent Who Runs a Summer School for Teachers Had Access to Questions.

SALEM, July 12.—Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman has prepared and printed the list of questions for the regular teachers' examination, to be held on the second Wednesday in August. These questions will be mailed to the several County Superintendents within a few days. The Superintendent of State Board of Education has promulgated many new rules concerning teachers' examinations, the general object of which is to throw around the examination system safeguards against unfairness, thus guaranteeing to employers of teachers that the holder of a certificate is possessed of the qualifications required. The most important of these rules is as follows:

Rule 28. All examination questions shall be forwarded by the State Superintendent to the several County Superintendents who have exclusive charge of said questions until the examinations commence. The questions shall be inclosed in sealed envelopes, which are not to be opened until the day fixed for the examination, and only in the presence of the Board of Examiners and the class, all the applicants being seated and ready to begin their work. A member of the board and one of the examinees shall be appointed to open the envelope and to read the questions. It is the duty of the board to see that the seal is not broken. The examination system contemplates that both teacher and examiner shall be entirely ignorant of the questions propounded until the seal is broken in the presence of the class gathered for examination. The rule quoted is not intended as an intimation that the County Superintendent might reveal the questions to some candidate for a certificate, but is calculated to give every person interested full assurance that such a disclosure is impossible—that it not only will not be made, but cannot be made. It aims to protect the County Superintendent by placing them under a suspicion in addition to the one now existing, such applicant is required, before receiving a certificate, to subscribe to the following statement:

I do hereby certify that prior to this examination I had no knowledge of the questions proposed, and have neither given nor received any aid during the progress of the same.

But, right through the rule seems to be developments concerning the preparation of the present set of questions indicate that there is still a serious flaw in the examination system. During the last few weeks Superintendent Ackerman frequently by George W. Jones, Superintendent of the public schools of Marion County. The work performed by Professor Jones was principally in the tabulation of statistics regarding the public schools of all the counties of the state. However, when the examining questions had been drafted, Mr. Jones assisted in distributing them in groups for mailing to the several counties, and in this work had access to the questions for a considerable time.

Mr. Jones is not only County Superintendent of Schools, but is also a part owner and teacher in a summer school at which teachers are prepared for the regular examination. The school is conducted by Professor Jones and Professor Krapp, at the Capital Business College in this city, and it is attended by about 30 teachers. It is contended that for the benefit of the proprietors, Superintendent Ackerman has no financial interest in the school, but at the solicitation of the proprietors he has arranged to deliver an address before the school on the subject of pedagogy, upon which subject the teachers will be examined in August.

It has been the custom in this county for several years for County Superintendents or members of the examining board to conduct summer schools for teachers who contemplate taking the next ensuing examination, and while there has been no objection to this custom in conducting the schools, there has been considerable murmuring among teachers who did not take the course of instruction who are required to pay the fee. While the school is conducted by Mr. Jones, who has no financial interest in the school, many will question the propriety of the present position. Superintendent Jones' term of office will expire July 21, when he will be succeeded by Superintendent-elect E. T. Moore.

Hop Combine Improbable. Squire Farrar, a Salem no dealer, expresses serious doubts of the possibility of an organization of growers controlling 75 per cent of the hop acreage of this state. He says that fully 90 per cent of the acreage is already under contract and mortgaged, or is owned by the dealers and is therefore beyond the reach of an organization having for its object the limitation of hop production. He says that of the remainder, 75 per cent there are many who sold their hops early last fall and secured a good price, and that these men will not go into any sort of combination. There are others who expect a good price this fall, and who will not bind themselves to destroy a part of their crop if profitable prices can be obtained for all of it. These classes, together with those who will stay out of the combination for various reasons, he figures will make it impossible for 75 per cent of the acreage to be controlled.

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REVIEWED BY SUMMERS

GENERAL GETS HEARTY RECEPTION BY PHILIPPINE VETERANS.

Salem Officials and the Military Authorities Exchange Courtesies—Best of Feeling Prevails.

SALEM, Or., July 12.—General Owen Summers, reviewing the Oregon National Guard at Camp Geer, immediately after the parade, about 200 Oregon Volunteers gathered near the Third Regiment quarters and sent a committee to ask General Summers' attendance. When the General appeared he was greeted with three cheers, and was asked to address the crowd, which he did in a most complimentary manner. Besides this there were recently filed in the office at Burns certain deeds of rights of way. All of this indicates something ahead in connection with the future of the road across the mountains. It is probable that only Mr. Hammond can state what this will be, the local office not being familiar with the program in this line.

UPPER CLACKAMAS HATCHERY. Everything in Readiness for Work—Building May Be Erected.

OREGON CITY, July 12.—E. R. Greenman, superintendent of the Upper Clackamas hatchery, who is here today, stated that he has everything in readiness to begin taking chinook salmon eggs by July 25. The hatching troughs are in place at the new station, three miles below the main hatchery, and it is expected that a large haul of eggs will be made there if a good catch is made. A building will be erected for permanent use. This is the policy adopted by the Fish Commissioner wherever it is intended to establish hatcheries in the state, to ascertain whether the effort will be successful to justify the erection of a hatchery.

Divorce Suit Against Capt. Metzner. In the Circuit Court today Pauline Metzner filed a suit for divorce from Captain Metzner on the ground of cruelty. The defendant is Captain of Company A, Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard and ex-member of the City Council.

POLK COUNTY NEWS. Contract Is Let for Remodeling Schoolhouse—Bonds Are Sold.

DALLAS, Or., July 12.—Last night the Directors of the school district of Dallas, contracted for remodeling the schoolhouse of Riley & Morrison, of Dallas, for the sum of \$200. When the plans are complete the house will be a modern building of eight rooms, with the latest systems of heat, lighting and ventilation.

The McMinnville National Bank will take, August 1, the \$5000 of school district bonds. These bonds bear 5 per cent interest, and run 10 to 20 years, and \$25 principal is paid. Interest is payable semiannually.

Railroad shipping interests at Dallas are suffering from want of warehouses, depot and yard accommodations. The improvements will, however, commence very soon on the land condemned last winter by the court. A new depot and warehouse is to be erected and an entire new system of switching laid, with commodious yard room.

Extensive plans are on foot to enlarge the lumbering plant here belonging to the Thurston Bros. to make it as large as any in the state. The plans contemplate either the further improvement of the floating system of dams, etc., or the construction of logging railways to the timber.

Levies County News. CHEHALIS, July 12.—Rev. John Johnson, representing the "Divine Realities" of the Chehalis valley, held a series of meetings in Chehalis at an early date. Mr. Johnson and his friends have been having big success out in the Populist section east of here the past month, 28 having been baptized in one day recently.

There is some talk of incorporating the thriving little city of Pe Ell, which is on the Chehalis-South Bend branch, 23 miles out from Chehalis.

Oregon Notes. Albany will extend its sewer system to the eastern part of the town.

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RICHEST IN BOHEMIA

ORE STUDDED WITH GOLD IN THE OLD KNOTT MINE.

Force of Miners to Be Put at Work and the Old Mill Will Soon Be in Operation Again.

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