

DEAN JOSEPH DEFENDS SCHOOL

Replies to Strictures Made Against Medical Department of University.

ENTRANCE TEST IS HIGH

Pronounces Attack on Oregon Institution Disloyal and Without Warrant in Fact—Denounces Anonymous Attacks.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—I have read the reported utterances of Dr. A. C. Pantan and another, and feel that in the interests of medical education in Oregon they ought not to go wholly unchallenged. I assert that the average Oregon educated physician, who has attended the medical department of the University of Oregon, are the equals in educational attainments of any average lot of students in the medical schools in the United States for the same periods. Nearly all American schools have advanced with succeeding years. The graduates of 25 years ago were required to pass tests not exceeding that necessary for entrance to high school and in the case of most medical colleges no entrance test was demanded. Two sessions of six months each, with one year spent previously in study under direction of a practicing physician, was all the time required for graduation. Generally, but steadily, all this has been changed until now most American medical schools demand as a minimum for entrance, completion of four years of high school work in the Latin course, or the equivalent.

Oregon Makes Same Tests. This is, and has been for some years, the test for entrance to the medical department of the University of Oregon, and after January 1, 1910 (as has been already announced), a year more of University work in certain branches will be required. The medical training, both didactic, laboratory and clinical, given in the medical department of the University of Oregon is of high order and the examination tests before graduation rigid and exacting. From Dr. Pantan's reported word one would gather that our students are all numskulls and defectives. In the face of the facts, Dr. Pantan's utterances, if correctly reported, are utterly absurd. Our students are admitted to the medical school only upon certificates and diplomas issued by schools and individual examiners, absolutely removed from any influence of this medical faculty. In the case of individual examiners, only such as are approved by the Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Neither this faculty, nor any member of it, is permitted to hold entrance examinations or to issue certificates.

Doctors Poor Spellers. Attention has heretofore been called by The Oregonian itself and other newspapers to the poor spellers sometimes turned out by high schools, academies and even colleges. Is it a wonder that a few of these find their way into the medical schools? Nay, does it not cease to be a wonder when in our day so little stress is laid upon correct spelling according to old rules, and the purely phonetic methods recommended by persons of high scholastic authority? That applicants for license in this state have been discredited for incorrect spelling I have every reason to believe. I believe, too, that the time limit for answering questions propounded by the members of the Oregon Board is altogether too brief for carefully composed and full answers to be given, and that many an applicant has failed to pass the examinations for that reason. In connection with this matter the statement published December 5 (by one who claims to have passed the Oregon Board examinations but hides his identity behind the screen of cowardly anonymity) and yet there was not a question asked that a man of ordinary intelligence who had never studied medicine at all ought to be able to answer shows the absurdity of some of the pronouncements upon this subject. There is no layman of high intelligence, and wide reading even, who would not be able to read and understand the questions propounded. Disloyal to Oregon. The statement that Oregon needs no medical school because Washington has none, and because there are larger schools in other states, is as disloyal to our state as would be the statement that Oregon needs no manufactures or other productive industries because their products can be obtained elsewhere. Few realize how important it is to a state to keep its youth at home for initial higher and technical education and to offer to those beyond our borders the advantages of such institutions. Are we never to start and conduct enterprises here in Oregon and upon our own initiative because, forsooth, our sister, Washington, has not yet set us the example? Or, worse still, should we, who have worked diligently and faithfully and, I assert, successfully, notwithstanding the efforts of enemies to pull our structures down, for the up-building of a medical school in Oregon as a part of the State University, be denounced for turning out poor material because Dr. A. C. Pantan, from his point of view, arbitrarily pronounces that it is so? Dr. Pantan in his remarks is reported to have referred to the criticism of another school in Oregon by Dr. Bevan (president of the council on medical education of the A. M. A.), but he neglected to state that both Dr. Bevan and Dr. Colwell, the secretary, had personally examined the medical school in Portland and in the printed report rated it with the accepted schools. Admits Some Advancement. His gracious admission that the Portland school had made some advances in the last two years limits the period of its advance altogether too much. Not for two years only, but for 22 years, has the Oregon school made advancements from year to year. As dean of the school for 22 years, I am in a position to know whereof I speak, and I can truthfully assert that not a year has passed since the very beginning of the medical school that some substantial advancement along lines of medical education has not been made. This school points with pride to its alumni, numbering nearly 250, very many of whom are successfully practicing medicine in this Northwest, and many of whom have become prominent both as practitioners and citizens. Very many of our graduates have taken the examination in other states, and it is a rare occurrence when any fail to pass. Statistics prove this. This is substantial proof of their capacity and efficiency as medical practitioners. I venture the assertion that of all our 250 graduates there are not

a dozen to whom licenses have not issued. This matter of the adverse criticisms of medical schools by state examining boards has occupied the attention of the East and Middle West as well as the Pacific Coast. Recently an article by Professor Willis G. Tucker, of Albany, N. Y., Medical School, dealing with the relations of the examining boards to the medical schools, declared that it was time that attention should be given to the methods and efficiency of the examining boards, whose shortcomings were fully equal to those of the schools which they criticized.

Capable to Answer Charge. As to the animadversions of Dr. A. C. Pantan upon his own examining board, its living members, both present and past, are sufficiently capable of answering his aspersions upon their integrity, but the dead have to offer in refutation only their record as faithful, upright and loyal citizens of our commonwealth. The "holier-than-thou" individual is not difficult to find in any community, but because he smites upon his breast and cries "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men are," it does not sufficiently appear that his motive is superior to that of his fellows.

CAME TO OREGON IN 1865

J. J. Morgan, Who Died Tuesday, Will Be Buried at Hillsboro.

J. J. Morgan, who passed away at his home, 556 Edat Alder street, last Tuesday, was born in Putnam county, Mo., November 8, 1851, and came to Oregon with his parents when 14 years of age. He married Emma, eldest daughter of



The Late J. J. Morgan.

Judge T. D. Humphrey, February 16, 1872, and for a number of years was a resident of Hillsboro. For 16 years he was the agent of the Southern Pacific there, and for about four years was engaged in merchandising and in the real estate business, accumulating quite a competence. He was also, during this time, a stockholder and vice-president of the First National Bank of Hillsboro. About 12 years ago he moved to Portland. On the opening of mines in the Klondike he sailed on the first steamer from Portland, going to Dawson, where he spent two years and was moderately successful. He returned another season to Dawson, with cattle, subsequently going to Nome in a similar undertaking. For the last few years he had been in the cement contracting business. His mother and father died in Washington county some years ago. His brother, William J., of San Francisco; Mrs. J. R. Keats, of Warrenton, and Mrs. Martha Clark, of Hubbard, survive him. Mr. Morgan was a member of the Christian Church for years, having been the principal donor in the erection of the church at Hillsboro. He was also an Oddfellow. In every field of endeavor, whether of social or business nature, he took a deep interest in all his undertakings, gathering to himself a host of friends. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Ralph A. Davis, besides a wide circle of friends. The body will be taken to Hillsboro tomorrow morning to rest in the family burying ground.

Perhaps Hot Air Was What He Meant

Trustful Tale Teller Tells Trick That Threatens Terrible Trouble to the Tellers.

THREE newsmongers, a hotel-keeper and several other men formed a group at Sixth and Alder streets yesterday afternoon, watching the ironworkers throwing together the steel frame of the Meier & Frank Co. building. The newsmongers and the rest of the group formed a part of the several hundred rubbernecks that lined the streets, all watching with strained neck muscles the derrick hoisting the beams into place, with the din of the "bull driver" crushing the rivets and spitting into place. One newsmonger was fat and sleek, and if President Roosevelt knew of his being, he would make him a charter member of the Amantia Club, for when he cuts loose a dream there is positive proof that he has an impediment in his veracity. "Say," said this careless handler of the truth, "one of the worst accidents and a terrible mistake almost happened yesterday on this building. That it didn't happen was entirely due to the railroad. You see, when it came to shipping the framework, things got mixed up, but it wasn't discovered until the ironworkers had finished the second floor. Just the first and second floor framework had reached Portland, and also the ironwork for the ninth and tenth floors. Well, the men on the job didn't want to lose any time, so when they had finished with the second floor, they at once began putting up the ninth and tenth floors, with the intention of building on the other floors underneath when the frames came. You know air will hold up almost anything on earth, provided you can get enough of it, but if there had been a leak anywhere, the ninth and tenth-floor frames would have fallen, carrying with them the rest of the building." The rubbernecks who stood listening to the newsmonger unroll his pipe dream haven't figured out yet what was to support the ninth and tenth floors, but the sleek fat man does not care.

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Police Make No Progress on Bank Robbery.

CLEWS SO FAR WORTHLESS

Detectives' Only Hope Now Is That Robbers Will Quarrel Over Spoils and Eventually Give Each Other Away.

Theories and clues in great numbers were evolved yesterday in the random chase of the robbers who appropriated nearly \$5,000 from the East Side bank, late Monday afternoon. But after another 24 hours of work on the case, the multitude of plain clothes men and private detectives are no closer to the resourceful trio than before and perhaps not so close. The one hope of the police is that when it comes to dividing so much money it is possible a dispute will arise. The man who jumped inside may have a full appreciation of the fact that he took the big chance and did the real work and he may demand the lion's share of the plunder. Such things frequently happen where large sums of money are taken, and the police usually profit by the dispute.

Search for Stolen Gold.

Much time and attention was spent yesterday hunting for a possible cache of the stolen money. Few of the officers believe the trio carried all the money away, as the weight was not far from 300 pounds, and the bulk was very great. Every vacant lot and brush pile on the East Side has been investigated, as has every old house. The occupants of not a few shacks out in the suburbs are being investigated also. The customary number of baseless tips had to be followed out during yesterday. It was surprising the number of people that had "clews." During the forenoon a hurry call came in that three men had been seen to emerge from the brush down near the carshops. Of course they were carrying a large sack.

One Clew Yields Naught.

A detachment of police was sent out on the run, for this report sounded good. After formulating a detailed plan and carrying it out, the officers captured this suspicious trio only to find that they were gentlemen of the genus hobo, with not 15 cents among them and the sack contained some dry bread to tide them over on their long ride, a la brakebeam, to the sunny domains of Southern California, to hobos' winter paradises.

"PHONY" SWEARING HER DOOM

Woman Will Be Arrested for Using Profanity.

Mrs. Charles Thornton, 247 1/2 Taylor street, is to be arrested for swearing over the telephone. Central switched her into the police station late Tuesday night, when she was in a perturbed and profane frame of mind, and three policemen stood at branch instruments of the station line and heard what they described as a most voluble and complete line of profanity. The complaint charging her with using profane language was issued yesterday by Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson at the instance of the police department. Mrs. Thornton is about the failure of her husband to return home on this particular occasion. She telephoned to his various haunts but could get no trace of him. Central, horrified at the sizzling epithets that poured through the telephone switched her onto the police station the next time she called for a number. Captain of Police Slaver swore.

"Where's my husband?" Mrs. Thornton demanded. "I don't know madam," said the Captain politely. "Blankety-blank. — !!! — !!! — !!! — !!!," etc., said Mrs. Thornton. Patrolman Keller was motioned to another phone and a third officer to still another. They heard the lengthy tirade. Mrs. Thornton finally hung up with a veritable explosion of oaths. The police immediately called her up to verify her name and collect more evidence. She then ran over her abundant list again for their delectation, telling the officers many things about themselves and their forbears that they'd never even suspected. She is to be arrested today, if the police can find her, so it was announced at the station.

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