

GRANGE SCORES RURAL TEXT BOOKS

"Blots" on System Is Charge Made by One Speaker; More Aid Is Urged.

HOPE IS FOR EFFICIENCY

State Superintendent Advises Per Capita Expense for Student in Country Is \$13 as Against \$30 in the City.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—After a hard day of routine work the State Grange closed its annual session with the installation of the new officers. The time was wholly taken up in hearing reports of standing committees until late in the evening, the session ending about midnight. So much time was taken up by publicity seekers earlier in the season that many valuable hours were lost and a resolution was adopted that hereafter those desiring to get a hearing before the State Grange will have to present their request through the committees. This rule will apply to future sessions.

The following are the officers installed for the next two years: Master, C. E. Spence, Oregon City, residence, 2000 N. Looking Glass, Douglas County; lecturer, H. A. Darnall, Leota, Multnomah County; steward, R. E. Grant, Waverly, Harney County; assistant steward, Charles Hayes, Sherwood, Washington County; chaplain, Cyrus Walker, Albany; treasurer, H. Hirschberg, Independence; secretary, Mrs. Mary S. Howard, Multnomah, Clackamas County; gatekeeper, C. C. Boreland, Oswego, Clackamas County.

Proposed changes in the bylaws concerning representation and raising of per capita tax were all referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the Grange Master with instructions to report at next session. The committee on education was sustained in its approval of country school supervision and advised that there should be no extension in the systems of higher education until the rural schools are provided for. State Superintendent Alderson was an earnest exponent of rural supervision. He said: "I consider the rural school problem the most vital problem in Oregon. The most expensive child's education which is so poor that it drives people away from it, the most economical school is the one that draws people to it."

Rural supervision has seen the greatest factor in the improvement in the city and rural schools. All city schools have supervision also. Some schools have been improved 100 per cent this year. We are spending \$13 for the child in the city and \$30 for the child in the country."

Present Textbooks III. The Grange observed when one speaker declared that the present textbooks were "rotten." Many specific instances of the unfitness of the books now in use were mentioned which were stigmatized as "blots" on the system. The Agricultural College committee reported 283 pupils on the rolls this year, of which 1784 are in the agricultural department, 310 studying engineering and 311 enrolled in domestic science. The remainder are scattered throughout the other branches taught.

The cost of the session has been over \$200, the greatest in State Grange history in Oregon.

ELECTRIC PLANT IS BEGUN

Tono, Wash., to Have Power Station for Development Work.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Excavating for the new electric light plant at Tono, an appropriation for which was recently made by the Washington Union Coal Company, started yesterday. The structure, when finished, will be sufficiently large to supply power to a town several times the size of Tono, but the site of the plant is large and the building is so constructed that additions may be built on later.

FRANCHISE IS GRANTED

Improvement Work Is Put Under Way at Milwaukee, Or.

MILWAUKIE, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—At a regular meeting of the City Council last night the franchise granting the Southern Pacific Railway Company the right to construct an electric line, telephone and telegraph lines through Milwaukee along the route of the present track was passed unanimously and was signed by Mayor Streb.

This places the company in position to electrify its present line, known as the Beaverton cutoff, and it was announced that such is the intention of the company, but how soon it is not known. Mayor Streb said he had assurances that the steam train through Milwaukee will be electrified.

J. E. MORSON ASSAILS WEST

Head of Deschutes Land Company Tells of His Troubles.

LA PINE, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—J. E. Morson, president of the Deschutes Land Company, at a largely attended mass meeting held Monday night under the auspices of the La Pine Commercial Club, bitterly assailed Governor West as having hampered his

company in its legitimate operations. Mr. Morson, at the request of the club, went into detail regarding his differences with the executive officer. He declared that he voluntarily furnished a bond for \$10,000, approximately \$1 an acre, for his holdings. Difficulties with the Federal Government because of reservations and through individual contents started by prospective homesteaders were in good faith, Mr. Morson declared, and were accordingly settled with little difficulty and with no ransom. But for Governor West he had no good word. Friction commenced as soon as the Governor took office and had a seat on the Desert Land Board. Mr. Morson declared that for two years he had been trying to have a friendly suit brought to determine in a competent court where his company stood. Professor Smith, agricultural expert of the O.-W. R. & N., spoke in praise of

MENU USED AT OPENING OF HOTEL NAMED AFTER GREAT EDITOR



Henry Watterson, Phil Metcaban, Sr., of the Imperial Hotel, yesterday received a copy of the menu used at the opening banquet of the Henry Watterson Hotel at Louisville, Ky. In addition to being one of the best editors of the country, Mr. Watterson announces his intention of showing how to dispense hospitality. The menu carries the name of the country, and the great editor is said to have made one of the best speeches of his career in responding to the toast "Jeet in Earnest."

ARMY USES AEROPLANES

GENERAL MAUS SEEKS DEPARTMENT ORDER

Various Methods of Signaling Will Be Tried When Grays Harbor Maneuvers Are Held.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Aeroplane will be used in the maneuvers of the 5000 regular troops and National Guard of Oregon, Washington and Idaho in the Grays Harbor country, beginning July 26. If General Marion P. Maus' application to the War Department is granted, it is proposed to have aeroplanes assist in carrying messages and otherwise tested for their efficiency in case of war.

Other methods that will be used in signaling will include the wireless telegraph, the telegraph, the telephone, mounted messenger, wig wagging, flag semaphore, light semaphore for work at night, and the heliograph. The cavalry at Boise Barracks, Idaho, comprising a squadron, which is four troops of 45 men each, will come to this point on a special troop train, run in two sections. From here they will ride to the point of concentration near Centralia. The Twenty-first Infantry, which arrived Monday from a three years' stay in the Philippine Islands, will march to the war field, as will the Infantry at Fort George Wright, near Spokane, and at Fort Lawton, near Seattle.

The movement of the troops during the 10 days' campaign will be between Centralia and Grays Harbor to Tacoma.

WEST DENIES HITCH

Strife With Boards Not On, Says Governor.

ROSEBURG TALK CLEARED

Address Not "Necessarily" Indicative of Dissension, Declares Executive—Grange Stand on Road Bills Is Explained.

SALEM, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The statement which I made at Roseburg has not necessarily any bearing on the institutions which are governed by the State Board, or Boards, declared Governor West today on his return to the Capital. It does not necessarily mean because I have declared for a policy of retrenchment all along the line, that there are any dissensions on the Board or that it will disrupt the cordial relations which exist among the members.

Boards Favor Retrenchment. The other members of the Board are as much in favor of retrenchment as I am. The Board is working in perfect harmony and is a unit for retrenchment in any quarter where evidence of extravagance is found. "However, I have a number of things in mind as to retrenchment in certain quarters, where the power to bring it about is wholly under my control and in due time will proceed to make them." The Governor would make no definite statements as to what his eventual policy will be, but reiterated that he will issue statements in a short time as to the various Boards, offices and Commissions.

Grange Matter Explained. He also issued the following formal statement as to the proposal of a compromise, which he made to the State Grange at Roseburg: "The newspaper reports of my proposal of compromise to the Grange were confusing—due largely to the fact that the press correspondents were not fully advised as to the provisions of the different bills and the compromise suggested."

"I found that while both the 'harmony bills' and the Grange's bills were meeting with opposition from the delegates to the State Grange, each plan had its supporters. I found the principal objections to the 'harmony bills' to be the lack of a provision providing that the power of locating the roads should be left in the hands of the people. In the 'harmony bills' is left in the hands of the County Court, as it is now, and my proposition was that the bills prepared by the Grange be withdrawn and that the 'harmony bills' be introduced and that the features which seem so much to desire, i. e., the matter of leaving the location of roads to the people, be taken care of by the institution of a new bill carrying that lone provision. This would place the matter squarely before the people and is a privilege which they could secure if they so desired."

Joining of Forces Hoped For. The proposition of withdrawing some of the 'harmony bills' was made. I informed the Grange committee that I did not feel I had the power or the authority to make such a concession, and, furthermore, that I was personally not in favor of such action; that my proposal that we get together and institute a separate bill in reference to who should have the power to locate the roads to be constructed by the counties, would remove the seemingly serious objection which they had to the bills and result in our joining forces in the interest of this greatly needed legislation.

A committee was appointed by the Grange to give the matter careful consideration, and a vote was taken by those present, which, as I understand it, was in favor of accepting my proposition and recommending such action to the main body of the organization. "I have not been advised as to any contrary action by that committee or the State Grange."

"If the Grange accepts the proposition it will mean the withdrawal of their bills and the endorsement of the 'harmony bills,' but if the Grange does not accept same it will mean simply that such organization goes on with its fight and behind its own set of bills."

"If we fail to secure good roads legislation it cannot be said that it is due to a failure on my part to use every effort toward bringing about an adjustment of the differences between the various interests."

SCHOOLS AT DUFUR CLOSE

Students Graduated From Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Grades.

DUFUR, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The closing exercises of the Dufur public schools were held this week in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Era Knowles, a graduate from the tenth grade; then followed an essay by Miss Bertha Giesler, representing the eighth grade; oration, "Lincoln—A Model," by T. A. Strachan; recitation, "A Second Trial," by Miss Kate Johnson; oration, "Victory," by C. E. Collins; essay, "Ideal Womanhood," by Miss Violet Benedict; recitation, "Jimmie Brown's Prompt Obedience," by Miss Alice Sanders. The orchestra gave several selections and Miss Florence Johnson played two piano solos. The programme was concluded with an address by the principal, J. P. Gibson, presentation of diplomas and remarks by the chairman of the school board, P. W. Knowles.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE LAUDED

Instructor Says Girls Should Be Taught How to Cook.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—To teach the girls of the Vancouver High School how to cook to reduce the high cost of living, by teaching the girls how to do things with their own hands, to make labor an honor—these are some of the objects to be attained by present-day education, said C. W. Shumway, City Superintendent of Schools, at a luncheon served Wednesday by the girls of the domestic science classes for 125 members of the Vancouver Commercial Club.

Every one of the appetizing dishes at the banquet was prepared by the girls, and served by them. The menu included veal loaf, chicken, several kinds of sandwiches, coffee, pickles, olive and salad and strawberry shortcake. R. H. Back was toastmaster. The Commercial Club of Washougal sent an invitation for the members of the Vancouver Commercial Club to eat dinner with them some night early in June, and it was unanimously accepted. A special train may be secured to take the trip. E. J. O'Connell, of Barberton, president of the Home Sweet Home Club, of 14 bachelors, invited the Commercial Club to a chicken and strawberry shortcake dinner, and this was also accepted, the date being June 15.

COMPANY BUILDS FOR MEN

Homes on Installments Is Plan of Oregon Paper Manufacturers.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The Washington Pulp & Paper Company has under consideration a home-building and co-operative scheme for its employees. The company is negotiating for a tract of land near the city and the mill, and if the plan meets with the approval of the men for whom it is intended, 25 or 50 homes will be erected this summer and fall. A similar number will be built next year and probably the year following.

It is planned to sell the homes to the employees on monthly installments without additional outlay. The management believes that the co-operative building plan will not only be of great benefit to the workers, but also to the company, inasmuch as the men and their families will be better satisfied, and after obtaining a home will take more interest in their work and the city.

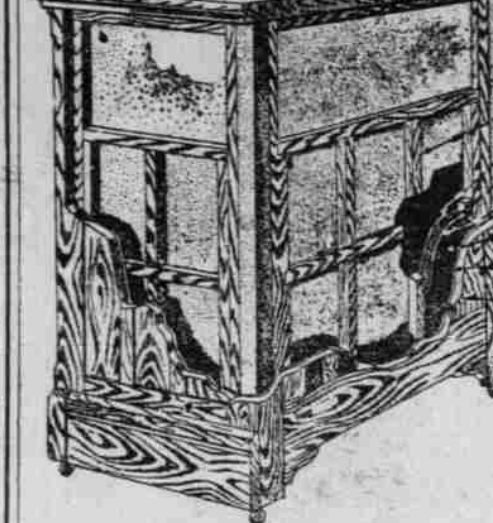
Homer's "Odyssey" in Pictures

ALBANY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The Albany Chautauque Association has arranged to present the motion-picture production of "The Odyssey of Homer" in this city on June 7 and 8. The pictures will be shown in the Albany Opera-House each evening of those two days and at a matinee Saturday afternoon, June 8.

Telephone Service Enlarged

ALBANY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Thirty miles of new copper wire is now being added to the telephone lines of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company between Albany and Lebanon. This will give two additional circuits between this city and Lebanon. The estimated cost of the work is \$6000.

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RIVER CLAIMS VICTIM

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109 PUPILS TRY; 43 PASS

Hood River Examinations Prove Too Much for Majority

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—C. D. Thompson, County School Superintendent, has finished the correction of papers for those who took the eighth grade examinations here last week. Out of the 109 students taking the examination only 43 passed; 25 received below 70 per cent in only two subjects and will be allowed to enter High School. They will be examined at the next tests in the subjects in which they failed.

"Most of the failures were due to a lack of preparation," said Professor Thompson. He declares that the number of papers that failed is no greater than last year. The students who received the highest and second highest grade respectively, are Josephine Dart and Armas Jakku, the former getting a grade of 94 5-8 per cent and the latter 94 1-2.

Oregon Lures Europeans

ALBANY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—That there will be a heavy immigration

of European residents of Mexico to Oregon this summer as a result of the revolutions in Mexico is indicated by letters which are being received by the Albany Commercial Club. Several requests for literature and information about this part of the state have been received recently from Mexico. Manager Stewart, of the club, received a letter yesterday from Juan Balme Hill, manager of the Avocado Nurseries at Queretaro, Mexico, in which the statement is made that many Europeans, principally farmers and orchardists, are preparing to leave Mexico for Oregon.

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Bottom Row—C. C. Boreland, Gatekeeper; R. E. Grant, Steward; Mrs. M. E. Allen, Lady Assistant; Mrs. Laura McMorris, Ceres; C. D. Huffman, Member Legislative Committee.