

WOMAN SPIRNS ALL FOR COOK CONSORT

"June, the Blonde," Casts Devoted Husband Aside for Man Who Led Her to Jail.

LOVE FOR FORGER AVOWED

Prisoner, After Narrating Bad-Check Career Here Under Spell of Hammond Utters Desire to Wed and Reform Fugitive.

Kota Pierce Heim, graduate of Oberlin College, art patron, talented student of music and the wife of a Chief Gunner in the United States Navy, who for the love of an alleged arch-forger became entangled in the criminal net and has gone down in police history as "June, the Blonde," is in Portland, remorseful, but still infatuated with the man who brought about her downfall.

The "affair" with George Hammond, leader of the gang of forgers, who shot a detective in Los Angeles rather than be arrested, has lost its charm temporarily, but when the "price" is paid, Hammond gives up his criminal career, they will be married.

Kota Heim avowed this yesterday shortly after her arrival at the steamer Bear in charge of Captain of Detectives Baty, and in the presence of her mother, Mrs. Mary Pierce, who is at the Portland Hotel, and her husband, who has come from the Bremerton navy-yard to aid his wife in her predicament.

Prisoner Declares Love. "I love Hammond," sobbed Kota Heim at the City Jail yesterday, "and I could do almost anything for him. When he asked me to pass the worthless checks, somehow I couldn't refuse. I am sorry, but I am willing to face the consequences."

John E. Heim, Chief Gunner of the United States Navy, stationed at Bremerton, Wash., arrived in Portland Saturday on a five-day leave. Mrs. Heim returned to Portland last week from Los Angeles, where she had gone in the interest of her daughter.

Detectives Royce and Tichenor met the steamer Bear at Alinsworth dock yesterday afternoon and escorted the party to the Police Station. With Mrs. Heim was Ernest H. Carpenter, a Portland shoe salesman, who is under indictment as an alleged accomplice of Hammond. Captain Baty was accompanied by Mrs. Baty. They were taken to the police station to the station, where they are held without bail, pending the action of the District Attorney.

Husband Greeted Calmly. On the gangplank the first question Heim asked was, "Have you seen my wife?"

Mrs. Heim's first query was: "Have you seen my mother?"

At the police station the party was met by Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Heim. Seeing her mother, Mrs. Heim rushed to Mrs. Pierce and exclaimed, "Mamma!"

They embraced, and Kots' big brown eyes shined with tears. She paid no heed to Heim until after the party had entered the jail elevator. The greeting of her husband was a cold stare and a private room of the police station for nearly an hour.

These Kots, unflinching, told her story in detail to her husband and to her mother. She repeated the story to the Oregonian later. She told of her meeting with Hammond in a hotel at Bend, Or., where she had gone for the purpose of filing on a homestead. It was a case of mutual infatuation and later Mrs. Heim consented to accompany the alleged forger to Portland, she said.

Check Scheme Related. In Portland Hammond told her he was "the greatest forger alive," said Mrs. Heim. She said that in some manner unknown to her Hammond, Carpenter or assistants robbed the offices of several local lumber mills and other business places, where blank checks were obtained. Hammond wrote the checks and used the latest devices in marking them, she averred. Photographs for stamping in the amounts of the checks were found among Hammond's effects, Captain Baty declares.

About \$300 worth of checks were passed in Portland, and of this amount it is said Mrs. Heim passed \$200 worth for Hammond. Later the party, Mrs. Heim, Carpenter and Mrs. Carpenter, went to Bayocan. From the seaside resort they went to Los Angeles.

Hammond Shoots Detective. A few days after their arrival in Los Angeles, C. O. Murray, a Pinkerton detective, approached Hammond and Mrs. Heim outside a hotel, where Mrs. Heim was employed as manicurist. Hammond turned suddenly and shot the detective. Just as the Pinkerton man fell, he exclaimed, "Grab the blonde," in fright. It was then she first realized the enormity of her crime, she said. Hammond escaped.

After walking and riding a bicycle aimlessly for three days and three nights, Mrs. Heim arrived at Pomona, Cal. She engaged a taxicab and passed the police station several times before finally gathering sufficient courage to surrender.

"After I saw the shooting I didn't know what I was doing," Mrs. Heim said. "When you see the man you love shoot another man down, its rather takes the vim out of a person. I was dazed. I think I'll get out of this all right."

Tears Follow Narrative. Then the woman known to the police as "June the Blonde" again started to cry.

"Please don't call me that horrid police name," she pleaded, with representative of the Oregonian. "It is just too awful. Call me Mrs. Heim."

She referred to the title, "June the Blonde."

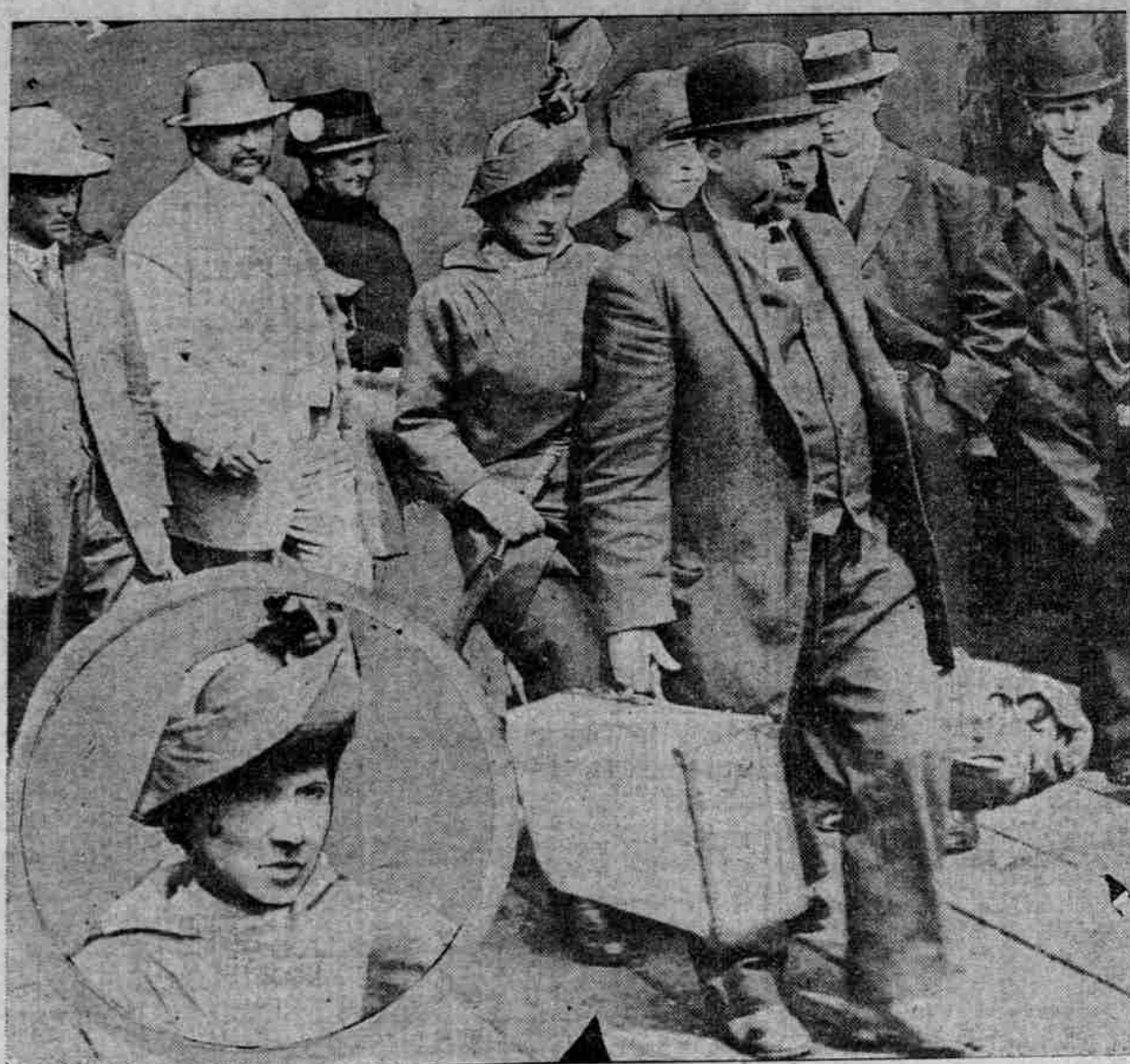
When asked if she would return to her husband Mrs. Heim replied: "No, Mr. Heim and I have parted forever. This plight makes it more necessary than ever, although I am sure he forgives me and is willing to take me back. I shall return to mamma and live at Coronado—that is, if I get out of this all right."

Mrs. Heim said she had not been happy with her husband and has requested him to obtain a divorce. In Los Angeles, while awaiting Captain Baty's arrival to return her to Portland, Mrs. Heim received a telegram from her husband.

"Am advised of your trouble," the message read. "Do not despair, no matter what happens, I will fight for you. Write me, if possible, before leaving. My love and devotion are still yours."

Love for Hammond First. Mr. Heim has been in consultation with the District Attorney, but it is understood no promises were made to him. On the steamship Mrs. Heim told Captain Baty and others that she still

"JUNE, THE BLONDE," (KOTA PIERCE HEIM), TALENTED ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE OF FORGERY GANG, AND E. H. CARPENTER, ONE OF HER ALLEGED CONFEDERATES, ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN PORTLAND YESTERDAY.



"June the Blonde" and E. H. Carpenter, Taken as They Left the Steamship Bear at Alinsworth Dock in Charge of Captain of Detectives Baty. In the Light Suit to the Left of the Picture is Kots. Below to the Right of Her is Mrs. Heim, Alas "June the Blonde," is the Central Figure. To the Right of Her is Mrs. Heim at Close Range.

RADIO PLANTS CLOSE

Inspector Dismantles Last of Amateur Stations.

GERMAN HAS WIRELESS

Officers Put Aerials Out of Use for Operator Believed to Be One of Kaiser's Reservists—Step Is Precautionary Measure.

All amateur wireless stations in Portland, of which there are about 50, have been dismantled by the United States Customs department in Portland, and Inspector H. F. McGrath yesterday said that so far as Portland was concerned only authorized radio service was being conducted from this district.

British Consul Thomas Erskine has had several conferences with United States Customs Collector Burke, and following the last of the stations were closed last week. One of these stations was operated by a German reservist on the East Side, but his plant was found to have been too small to have reached vessels far off the coast.

The dismantling of this plant and one nearby of much greater power was taken as a step of vigilance rather than in fear of the stations were attempting to get in touch with any German war vessel off the coast.

The United States naval stations are listening day and night for any stray amateur radio operations, and should any of the amateurs attempt to re-establish their plants the authorities will prescribe the penalty.

Lieutenant R. R. Smith, of the Naval Recruiting Station, is the censor in charge of radiograms going from Portland and is supervising amateur operations.

The reason for dismantling the amateur plants is primarily for expansion in supervising the radio service, said Inspector McGrath yesterday. "Almost all of the amateur plants are in the homes of amateurs, probably at sleeping rooms of the operators. In case the censor should try to supervise messages which would be sent out or made public it would entail an endless detail and occasion needless inconvenience to the operator's family and others. By dismantling the plant the Government's aim is accomplished at one stroke."

"We dismantled the last plants last week. I heard one of them was operated by a German reservist, but I do not know this was true. I want to say, however, that we did not suspect any of the amateurs were attempting to convey or receive information to or from the German warship Leipzig, but our action was taken as a precaution."

Complaint and a petition were filed with the Commission some time ago asking that the company be required to make stops at Washington street.

The company now makes all stops at Monroe street, one block north of Washington street.

The Commission also may hear the application of the Portland & Oregon City Railway for a crossing over the Southern Pacific Railway. The franchise of this company is pending before the Council and the railway route has been settled, but the railroad crossing is still an open question.

TAX SCHEME INDORSED

California Expert Thinks Proposed Amendments Are Good.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Tax Commissioner Galloway has returned a letter from Carl C. Ficht, a tax expert of California, indorsing the amendments providing for classification of taxable property to be voted upon at the November election. Mr. Ficht says:

"Taxes cannot be made just and equal unless they can be adjusted from time to time to meet new conditions."

"Oregon has advanced and put on new strength and the old law, shackling the adjustment of taxes to the new conditions hampers her. If you want new people and new capital to come in, you must promise them a square deal in taxation."

GRANGE HONORS FATHER

LENDS PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY HAVE DUAL CELEBRATION.

Organization Keeps 70th Anniversary of A. F. Miller, Patriarchal Founder, and Its Own Birthday.

With a banquet and addresses the tenth anniversary of Lents Grange, Patrons of Industry, and the 70th anniversary of A. F. Miller, founder of Lents Grange, a pioneer and prominent granger, were celebrated Saturday in Lents Park. More than 200 members and their friends attended. T. J. Kreuder, master, presided and welcomed the assemblage, referring to the progress Lents Grange had made and saying much of its prosperity was due to A. F. Miller, its founder and first master.

Rev. C. E. Cline, a guest of the grange, delivered the opening address. He paid high tribute to Mr. Miller as a citizen of the state, declaring that a man who could live in Oregon for 62 years and enjoy the confidence and esteem of his fellows without exception was a man worth knowing.

Other addresses in praise of the grange and its founder were made by H. A. Darnall, ex-state lecturer; District State Deputy C. T. Dickinson; State Deputy Mrs. H. L. Vall, W. H. H. Dufur, master of Woodlawn Grange; J. Henderson, master of Pleasant Valley Grange; H. W. Shashall, of Pleasant

WHITE SALMON SCHOOLS TO OPEN

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The White Salmon schools here are all in order awaiting the opening of the fall term, which will be Monday. The schools open early here so as to finish the term before the strawberry rush starts in May. The corps of teachers, with the exception of one high school instructor, is the same as last year.

In 1911 France had 2,000,000 bicycles, as compared with 2,807,406 the previous year.

ESTATE PARTITION NEAR

PORTLAND HEIRS EXPECT TO GET SLICE OF \$80,000,000 GIFT.

W. H. Hamilton, of Montavilla, and 19 Others in Portland Legacies in Hollander's Will.

W. H. Hamilton, of Montavilla, who believes he is one of 800 heirs to an estate in Holland valued at more than \$80,000,000, says that after 17 years of hard work, settlement of the estate seems near at hand. Of the 800 heirs who will be unearthed in the United States, 20 are believed to be in Portland, says Mr. Hamilton.

The first intimation of the division of the big estate was an article in the Oregonian in 1896, shortly after the death of Jacob Cronkite in Holland. Under the terms of his will his vast amount of property was to be divided among his relatives even of the third and fourth generation. This article attracted the attention of Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, of Gresham, mother of the Montavilla man, and whose name was formerly Cronkite. She is one of the nearest relatives to Jacob Cronkite in this country.

Lawyers were engaged in New York to establish title in the Dutch Probate Courts, and for 17 years they, with the aid of George McElliot, another one of the heirs, have been digging into the family records. Last week Mr. McElliot was in Portland for a few days on business in connection with the estate. He told Mr. Hamilton that final settlement seemed near at hand.

The exact amount of the estate is not known, but is said to be more than \$80,000,000. All of it is in Holland government bonds. Title to the land where the borough of Harlem, N. Y., now stands also is involved.

BOY MAYOR IN SOUTH

Eugene J. Rich and Secretary Goodwin Are Studying Conditions.

Eugene J. Rich, Portland's boy mayor, and his secretary, Earl R. Goodwin, of the Oregonian, arrived in Los Angeles last week, according to a report from that city. "Civic government, at least in the case of the junior legislative body, is an unqualified success in Portland," Mayor Rich is quoted as saying.

The boys are in Los Angeles studying the conditions in that city. "In addition," says a dispatch from the south, "they are making a close study of the resorts and the baseball games."

In an interview they outlined briefly the plan of the junior government in Portland.

TWO BOYS ROB OAKS

"Gang" Royally Entertained on Stolen Tickets.

THEFT CONFESSION MADE

Many Attractions Enjoyed and Capture Comes Just in Time to Prevent Plot to Steal Rabbits and Also Guinea Pigs.

There's nothing much like Santa Claus about Woodie Poole, 433 East Seventh street, and Rocco Geommitto, 510 East Fifteenth street, who have just reached 12 Summers, and besides the season is a little off color.

But that did not deter the two little Brooklynites. For yesterday afternoon they gathered their chums with a: "Wanter go ter th' Oaks? We'll stand treat."

Six in number, the little crowd set out for the amusement Mecca. They walked to the road gate and when an automobile came along, stole in hidden by the body of the car.

They swaggered along to the bathing tank, presented perfectly good tickets and had a perfectly good swim. They visited one amusement spot after another. Finally the skating rink drew their attention.

Theft Is Confessed. Six tickets were presented and six missing numbers noted. Six minutes skated over the floor. But it was only a moment before Harry Riley, chief of police at the Oaks, appeared. The two Santa Clauses made an instant break for the door. But then came capture and confession.

Woodie and Rocco confessed to taking over \$50 worth of tickets from one of the entrance gates last Friday, while the city was away for a moment.

"We thought the Oaks was easy," explained Woodie. "So yesterday Rocco and I come out again with a bag. He was going to cop all the guinea pigs and I was going ter git the rabbits. But we couldn't, for they had locked the cages."

"We brought the 'gang' today and we got pinched. See?"

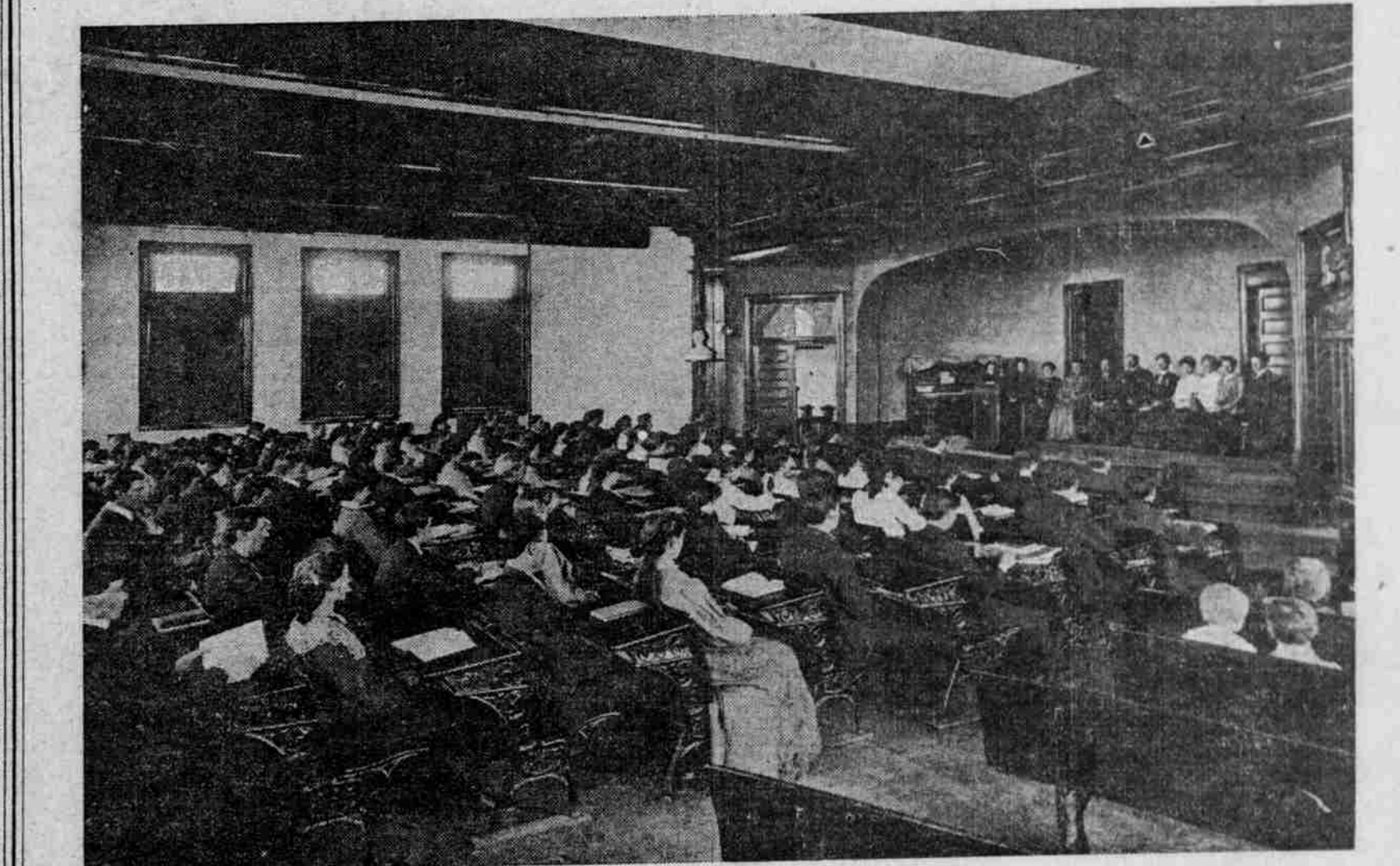
"Gang," in Tears, Sent Home. The "gang" included Walter Jossi, Mike Cimball, 12 510 East Fifteenth street; Pearl De Lashmitt, 12 287 East Sixth, and P. Pippl, 13 394 East Lincoln.

The "gang" went tearfully home, with instructions to tell mother and father what had happened, while the probation officer intends to call on them and explain why it is really bad form to take what does not belong to you.

The boys seemed to think only one crime had been committed—the Oaks was too "easy."

HIGHWAY CHANGE URGED

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—A meeting is to be held in Tenino this week between representative business men of that place and a delegation of the North End Improvement Club of Centralia, to ascertain the best way of bringing to the attention of the state legislature the proposed change in the route of the Pacific Highway between Centralia and Tenino, so as to extend through Bucoda instead of Grand Mound. The question was first agitated by the local club several weeks ago, and it is understood that the majority of Tenino merchants are in favor of it.



A Corner of the Chapel, Eastern Oregon Normal.

Why the Weston Normal School Should Be Re-Opened

(From the Heppner Herald.)

While there may be some very good arguments for voting against some of the initiative bills next November, there seems to be no logical reasons for voting against bill number 316, which provides for a tax of two and one-half cents on every thousand dollars assessed in the State of Oregon, the money thus raised to restore to operation the State Normal School at Weston, Oregon. At the present time Oregon has one normal school located at Monmouth, which serves the western part of the state. There is no state educational institution of any nature in Eastern Oregon, a condition which should not exist.

The main function of the state is to raise good citizens, and whenever she does not she is scheduled for the greased chute. It is poor economy and bad business management which forces Oregon young men and women to go to neighboring states for their schooling. Especially is it to be regretted that when Oregon has an up-to-date school plant located in the eastern part of the state, where it is needed, and representing an outlay of \$75,000. That it can be successfully operated is shown by experience. In 1907-8 it had enrolled 275 students from eighteen counties. Weston is an ideal place for the school and no reason worthy of passing notice has ever been advanced for its discontinuance, which was brought about in 1909.

Reopening the Normal at Weston will furnish an opportunity to many young men and women who are now staying at home, being financially unable to go to Monmouth for their pedagogical training. If we wish to bring the school to those who need it, then reopen the Eastern Oregon Normal. If we want to cater to a few, let it remain closed. It seems eminently fitting and proper to many of us to do the former.

VOTE 316 X YES

One-fortieth of a mill will be amply sufficient to maintain this school and keep it out of politics. It will cost the \$10,000 taxpayer only twenty-five cents each year, and others in proportion.

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