

ON EQUAL FOOTING

Eastern Teachers Are Given No Advantage.

CONDITIONS ON STATE PAPERS

Candidates From Other States Must Show That They Have Passed Examinations Similar to Those Required of Graduates.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—The State Board of Education has recently made a ruling which will prevent the graduates of Normal schools of other states from securing state papers in this state, unless they have passed state examinations the same as are now required of graduates of Oregon Normal schools.

The reason for this is that the board will not give to certificate holders and diploma holders a higher credit than is given to similar papers in this state. This ruling is in a measure a matter of protection to the Oregon teacher, who is not required to take any state examination whatever his or her graduation may be.

In announcing the ruling, the State Board gave out the following brief statement: "The State Board of Education is not authorized to endorse a state paper from another state, unless it was secured in consequence of an examination conducted by state authorities of the state issuing the paper. In other words, a state paper issued from another state in consequence of graduation from an institution of learning cannot be endorsed by the Oregon State Board of Education."

The subject of the ruling is the granting of state papers upon the credit of such papers from another state. "provided the board is satisfied that said papers were secured by passing an examination equivalent to that given by the State Board of Education of this state for state papers."

Teachers who come here from the East put a liberal construction upon the board's ruling. They are not granted to graduates of Normal schools in this state, and this the board will not do.

MURDERER HANGED IN CELL.

Butte Prisoner Supposed to Have Committed Suicide.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 15.—Frank Oestroff, held here for the Wyoming authorities on a charge of stage robbery, committed suicide in his cell in the County Jail here this morning. He left a note to the editor of the Butte Inter-Mountain, saying that he had taken a rope and made a noose to die by the State's gallows.

Oestroff was the leader of the break that occurred here several days ago, in which three murderers, a stage robber and two highwaymen, were taken to the jail for robbery, planned the delivery. Oestroff complained of being sick and a doctor was called in. When the jailer opened the corridor door Oestroff dropped the keys from his belt, took the keys from him.

Oestroff then, with the aid of Joe Rodgers, opened the cells of the other prisoners, and the jailer was overpowered. Oestroff kept the keys while the other prisoners walked out of the jail. One of them secured a revolver from the jailer's office. Lenox and Martin, convicted of murder, went to the jailer's office and the others coolly walked out the main entrance. Oestroff was run down by a horseman and was completely exhausted when caught. Rodgers was also taken.

CARNIVAL AT OREGON CITY.

Business Men Form Company to Give Street Fair in September.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 15.—(Special).—The Oregon City Carnival Stock Co. was organized last night with a capital stock of \$200, and under the auspices of this association of the business men of Oregon City a street fair and carnival will be given here September 23-27 inclusive. This will be the week following the state fair, when hop-picking and the harvesting of other crops in the valley will be completed so that a good attendance is expected.

Mayor Grant R. Dimick was made president of the company, C. J. Hines, vice president, F. J. Meyer, treasurer, J. H. Howard, secretary and manager. The board of directors is composed of the four officers above named, Franklin H. Hines, C. W. Kelly, Stock Co. is being sold and preliminary steps have been taken to provide an attractive programme for the five days' exercises.

Secretary Howard leaves Monday for Astoria, thence to Eastern Oregon, where he will sign various attractions for the carnival. Among the features that are already assured are a band, a brass band, public wedding, ladies' band orchestra. Great interest is taken in the project which has the backing of the leading business and professional men of the city. There is nothing in pains and money to make of the carnival a big success.

ONTARIO A CLOSED TOWN.

Mayor Has Shut Down on All Gambling to Aid the Town of Had Men.

ONTARIO, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—For the last few weeks there have been large numbers of worthless vagrants in town, causing some uneasiness to women and children upon the streets after dark. Last Saturday a free fight among the hobos occurred, which caused a mob to gather. They were released upon promise of leaving town immediately. Other vagrants have been given notice to leave town or be compelled to join the chain gang.

ASHLAND COUNCIL ACCEPTS PROPOSAL THAT WILL REDUCE INSURANCE.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—The City Council at its session last night accepted a proposal of the Citizens Electric Co. to put in an electric fire-alarm system for the city.

WOMAN IN MURDERER'S CELL.

Flagrant Act of Thurston County Deputy Who Is Discharged.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special).—The discovery of a woman in the half-wild locked in the cell with Charles Clark, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Lela Page, created a sensation among the Thurston County officials today. The discovery was made by Sheriff McClarty. The responsibility for the presence of the woman in the cell was traced to Deputy Sheriff John McClelland, who was discharged from office.

COMING EVENTS.

Ninth annual regatta, Astoria, August 19-21. Knights of Pythias convention, Astoria, August 20-21. Summer Association of the Northwest Indian Agencies, Newport, August 17-21. Union County Teachers' Institute, Union, August 17-21. Teachers' Institute, La Grande, August 17-21. Elk's clambake, at Seaside, August 22. Baseball tournament, Rainier, August 22-23. G. A. R. encampment, Westport, August 23-24. Southern Oregon Pioneer reunion, Ashland, September 2. State Convention of Mining Men, Portland, September 2-3. National Guard encampment, September 3-12. Third Infantry, Gearhart Park, First Battalion, Seaside, August 29; separate battalion, Roseburg, September 3-12. Clackamas County Teachers' Institute, Oregon City, September 15-17. State Fair, Salem, September 14-19. Second Southern Oregon district fair, Eugene, September 23-October 2. Harney County Fair, Burns, September 14-23. Stock exhibit and race meet, Portland, September 23-28. Second Eastern Oregon District Fair, The Dalles, September 23-28. Klamath County Fair, Klamath Falls, October 2-8. Crook County Jockey Club meet, Prineville, October 2-3. Lincoln County Fair, Toledo, September 19-21. Washington. Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, Seattle, August 15-21. Snohomish County Chautauqua, Lake Stevens, August 15-21. Spokane Trades Council street carnival, August 23. Gun Club tourney, Davenport, August 13-14. Club tourney, Olympia, August 15-16. Carnival, Walla Walla, August 21-September 1. State Medical Association, September 1-7. Regatta, Tacoma, September 6-12. Annual Methodist conference, Spokane, September 2. Presbytery, Spokane, September 28. Washington National Guard encampment, near American Lake, September 14-21. Interstate Fair, Spokane, October 5-12. Whitman County Fair, Colfax, October 13-17. Lincoln County Fair, Davenport, October 13-17. State Fair, North Yakima, September 23-October 3. Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs, Olympia, September 23-25. Idaho. Interstate Fair, Lewiston, October 2-11. Interstate Fair, Moscow, September 23-October 2. International Fair races, Boise, October 13-17. Gun tourney, Lewiston, November 4-6.

LAWLEY GETS A PENSION

Did Not Draw Pay For Services in Indian War.

Ex-Representative Moody Succeeds in Having Established a New Ruling on the War Veteran Act.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—Hon. Malcolm A. Moody has just received notice from the Commissioner of Pensions that the claim of Lewis Lawley, of this city, has been allowed at \$8 per month from June 22, 1902. This pension established a new ruling on the Indian War veteran act, of the above date, thereby recognizing as pensionable the volunteers who failed to draw the pay allotted to them by the War Department for their service against the Indians in the early days when every man and every horse that could be spared from the scattered settlements of Oregon and Washington were called upon to protect the lives and property of the pioneers.

Lewis Lawley was born in Alabama in 1828, and in early life drifted to Missouri. When a lad of 18 he joined an emigration from St. Louis for the West starting in the employ of an emigrant whose ample means enabled him to take three wagons, and a small herd of horses and

his provisions clearly extend to those who served and were discharged under the other provisions of the act. The record shows that this claimant was enlisted, mustered, and honorably discharged by the authority specified in the act of June 16, 1862, and that he served for 183 days. He therefore clearly comes within the provisions and meaning of the terms of said act. The rejection of the claim was therefore an error, and the same is accordingly reversed. You are directed to readjust this claim, allowing pension as provided by the act of June 27, 1902.

TO INSURE THEIR OWN DRIVERS. Prunegrowers of the Valley Propose to Organize a Company. SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—At a meeting of prunegrowers held in this city today a movement was started for the organization of a mutual insurance company for the insurance of prune dryers. The growers were agreed that the insurance companies charge too high a rate of premium for this class of risks, and that the cost could be greatly reduced by cooperative action. A committee to report a plan of organization was appointed, consisting of John Pemberton, chairman, Roscoe W. Wright, Roseburg; Augustus High Vancouver, Shiloh; Philomath; Mr. Blanchard, Salem; H. S. Gile, Salem; H. J. Zurcher, Liberty.

It is intended that the insurance association shall accept members throughout Oregon and Washington, and transact business only on prunedryers and warehouses. The new organization will have no connection with any of the other prunegrowers' associations.

CHILKAT TRIBAL TROUBLES.

Witchcraft Leads to Death and Many Wounds.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 15.—Steamer Princess May, from Skagway, yesterday brought word of a tribal war among the Chilkat Indians of the Klukwan tribe. For several days a reign of terror was in progress in the valley of the Chilkat, from Pyramid Harbor to Klukwan. Witchcraft, which generally prevails among the Chilkat Indians, is said to have been at the bottom of the trouble. One death is reported to have occurred and a number of the Indians were badly injured.

WOULD SIT ON RAILROAD TRACK.

Tumwater Indian Killed at the Dalles While Intoxicated.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—Harry Twonah, a Tumwater Indian 21 years of age, was killed Thursday night near this city by an O. R. & N. train. Twonah was intoxicated and persisted in sitting on the railroad track, although warned of an approaching train and led into supposed safety immediately before the train passed. Death was instantaneous.

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—(Special).—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State this week as follows:

New Virtue Corporation, Baker City; \$400,000; A. Buckbee, J. J. Helmer, William Smith. Falls City Mercantile Company, Falls City; \$50,000; J. K. Stark, C. A. Stark, N. A. Blumitt, C. I. Emmitt. Mission Mining Company, Medford; \$4,000; J. E. Shearer, M. O. Warner, A. M. Scott. American Investment Company, Portland; \$500; I. A. Yerex, M. A. Loeb, H. K. Sargent.

Oregon Lumber, Land and Mining Company, Baker City; \$25,000; George A. Lamb, P. G. Kraemer, R. H. Brown. Medford Business College Company, Medford; \$50; H. F. Adkins, A. S. Bliton, E. P. Hill. Dixie Mining Company, Baker City; \$50,000; F. P. Ray, Nelson Moore, Neil O'Neill. Listerine Manufacturing Company, Salem; \$10,000; A. H. Schaefer, Gunn A. Schaefer, Florence J. Schaefer. Foley, Imbus & Company, La Grande; \$5,000; J. E. Foley, N. E. Imbus, Mary T. Foley. Humboldt Door and Sash Company, Portland; \$50,000; G. B. McLeod, C. A. Stewart, F. R. Olin. United and Eastern Railroad Company, Portland; \$125,000; G. B. McLeod, C. A. Stewart, F. R. Olin.

Hobos Dug the Shots.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 15.—(Special).—Night watchman Noblitt fired two flaming hobos last night, but no one was hurt. The noise of the explosion only accelerated the movement of the tramps. The evening overcast was gathering together at the Southern Pacific passenger depot by Officer Noblitt, who started with the men for the city jail. In passing the station, two of the men took to their heels. They disregarded the command of the officer to halt, and managed to make their escape through the crowd at the depot. The other five men were detained at the city jail for the night.

Certificates Granted at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—The examination of county and state teachers' certificates, which have been in progress here for several days, were concluded today. Those receiving certificates are as follows: First grade—Misses Sophia Anderson, Lillie Lewis and Marie L. Young. Second grade—Miss Minnie Lewis. Third grade—Misses Laura Fastabend, Marie Johnson, Mary Johnson and Mrs. Florence Turner. The examination for a state certificate, and her papers have been forwarded to the State Superintendent.

Beacon Light for Buoy No. 7.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—At the request of the bar pilots, Inspector Calkins, of this lighthouse district, has decided to place a beacon light where buoy No. 7 is now located. The beacon is to be a channel about opposite Smith's Point, within the quarantine limits, and where deep-water vessels are usually anchored on entering the harbor. The pilots expressed themselves as pleased with this order, as they believe that a beacon light at this place will be of assistance to them in their work.

Values Taken on Pullman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murton, wealthy residents of Montreal, have been robbed of jewelry worth \$200, and \$400 in currency, while on board a train coming from the north. The robbery is supposed to have been perpetrated when the train was passing through Nevada, the thief entering the Pullman during the night and abstracting a suit case which contained the valuables. An alarm was raised at Wadsworth, Nev., and every effort has been made to trail the robbers, but so far without result.

On State Fair Commission.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special).—Governor McBride yesterday appointed W. L. Wright of North Yakima, as a member of the State Fair Commission. Wright was appointed to succeed William H. Veasey, of North Yakima, who has resigned on account of pressure of business. Mr. Wright's term ends March 22, 1936.

Fell into Brush Fire.

SUMPTER, Or., Aug. 15.—The 10-year-old son of Elmer Thornberg, of Granite, was burned to death Friday evening. The lad was playing around a brush fire and fell into the flames. His clothing caught fire, and before it could be extinguished he was so badly burned that death resulted.

Mrs. Ladnaka Seara.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special).—Mrs. Ladnaka Seara, wife of J. K. Seara, died at her home at McCoy today of apoplexy, aged 65 years. Besides her husband, she was survived by three children. Her funeral will be conducted at Zion tomorrow morning.

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Considerable improvement might be made in the application of water to the land. Too much rather than too little water is used, with the result that many alfalfa fields show spots in which the plants have been drowned out. In some

CLARK COUNTY VALUES.

Returns of Assessor Show a Considerable Gain Over Last Year.

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