WORK IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY ON NEW SALEM ELECTRIC LINE AND CARS WILL BE IN OPERATION NOV. 15

CALLS FOR NEW IDEAS IN SCHOOLS

Critic Says Portland System Harbors Derelict Teachers.

PETTY GRAFT OF OFFICIALS

Several Instructors Alleged to Have Unfit Habits-"Too Much Stress on System and Too Little

on Public Welfare."

SEARCHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS. Herewith is presented the second

of a series by a prominent Portland educator in which the author examines the public school system of the city, pointing out its defects and suggesting remedies. In this article he calls attention to the inadequate preparation of instructors for their work, and shows up the Summer school graft of salaried city and county school officials; also discussing the need of moral standard for teach-

SECOND ARTICLE.

Reluctantly the writer renews his discussion of the Portland public school system knowing that his motives will be challenged by the friends of the present administration and that an attempt will be made to belittle the need for reform measures. At the outset, the appeal is made to every fair-minded citizen to sift this discussion to the bottom and govern himself and herself accordingly. In the last article reference was made to the superintendent's pupil teacuer

In the last article reference was made to the superintendent's pupil teacuer classes as totally inadequate preparation for a teacher in our schools, in view of the fact that many of these young women are called in to do much teaching before they complete even this meager equipment—very meager compared with the education, normal training and experience demanded by other cities of Portland's standing, such as Milwaukee, Kansas City, Los Angeles or St. Paul It might also be added that many cities limit the number of local applicants licensed to teach for no other reason than that the teaching corps may applicants licensed to teach for no other reason than that the teaching corps may not entrench themselves behind "persons of "dinfuence" in their ward or wards and so defy both superintendent and board to remove them from service. That our city. like others, is burdened with many of these teachers who watch the clock and pay day on the fourth Friday, goes without saying. The only way to rid the system of these derelicts and dead-at-the-top contingents is to get public opinion aroused to force the board into action and then been the board in heroic measures, for they are entrenched heroic measures, for they are entrenched behind political influences not remotely connected with ward politics.

"Cramming" for Examination.

Another attempt at the preparation young women for teachers is the hool conducted by the superintendents school conducted by the superintendents of our city and county, assisted by one or two others. 'This consists of a three-weeks' session of what is known as 'cramming for the examination.' which immediately follows its close. That these would be teachers get a "brushing up" none would deny. That many get a preparation for their work as county and city teachers that is better than none at all, probably most would admy. robably most would admit.

We are sorry for the children of Mult-roman County if many schools must be taught by these well intentioned young women. The time was, when any one women. The time was, when any one was "good enough to teach a small country school." But in this day and age country schools and country boys and girls are not so generally being spoiled, driven from school, their time worse than wasted by inexperienced leachers as they were once. Thanks to a srowing public sentiment. a growing public sentiment, country boys and girls are counted quite as deserving of wkilled instructors as their city cous-

This Summer school graft run by the heads of city and county schools is now rated by would-be teachers as the sine qua non of being certified to teach. They have discovered that if they wish to they better enroll in this school Tuition, \$15. With an enrollment of 50 or more this school has produced a next sum for division among the three or four instructors. four instructors.

Superintendent Has Enough to Do. That our city superintendent and his assistant has arduous work enough with-out engaging in this outside work during any part of the year, for he is employed for a calendar year, is self-evident. He wes nothing to Mulinomah County of-icially. His salary, if not large enough, before the recent raise, now 34 .-000 should have been, so that there should he no need to piece out by this taxing monly known that our supermembent's bealth is in a precarious condition mak-ing this Summer school work as unnecessary as it is unwise and unwarranted. Some teachers allege that in spite of their greater opportunities for scholarships and pedagogical preparation thes palship in one of our schools by a man fall to pass the city test because, perforce they have falled to memorize the words of the text in the psychology set down as "the text" in this subject. That answers given as the result of widernot do is also asserted. Though it appears that "objectionable applicants are kept out. Here, as in the course of study, the letter of the law is the all-in-all. This condision of things reminds one of the methods of the toothpick machine. No individuality-all alike.

-Stick to Beaten Paths. ideas are not wanted-get on the right track stick to the beaten paths—to think is to offer one's poppy head to the King who walks down the garden path, clipping off the taller heads with his cane. Let it be granted that this three weeks' ceaching achool is better than none at all, but that it should be run by the salaried officials of our schools, whose time is pledged to their own work, is

well open to nd city are needed and if these teachers that come from Oregon, then let the ly maintain a city normal whose ourses shall meet the demand of the peculiar needs" of one or both, or else pacullar needs" of one or both, or else lemand that state normals be at once alsed to that point of efficiency that will fit persons to be teachers of the city schools and not discredit them and op-pose them, as the city now seems to be doing. That the city does discredit the work of the state normals is evident cedence over the intellectual. When it is from the fact that it employs less than known that the moral teaching inculcated one out of 20 of their graduates and by the heads of our city and county

TOKE WILSONVILLE



women of clean life and exemplary habits has so long been the qualifications demanded that every one takes it for granted that our principals and teachers all come up to this standard. State law not only expects this qualification. law not only expects this qualification, but demands it in the holder of a state license to teach. The harmful effects of intoxicating liquor must be taught. What a traveaty on state law, to say of decency, was the holding of a so notoriously a user of liquor that not only the patrons of his school knew of it, but the children as well. That he was removed only after his arrest on a crimtinal charge and a vigorous protest of the patrons against als being longer forced upon them, reflects the quality and quantity of supervision exercised by the central office. But t. : is not the worst charge that is preferred against principals and teachers. Another prin-cipal was discharged but not until the teachers of his building made a protest to a member of the board, whom they could approach, charging him with a heinous offense. When this charge was brought to another member, it is re-"let his own teachers alone

But this is not all, another principal has had so unsavory a reputation that it is almost common talk among teachers. if not among the children, of the school whose lives he is influencing and

Christianity in the Schools. Unwritten law expects that the teacher shall be in accord with that American spirit which recognizes Christianity as its hasic principle. But when those in charge of schools not only deny this basic principle but discredit its force by word, if not act, it is unamerican and pernicious. The Los Angeles course of study voices the almost universal sentiment that the physical and the moral should take pre-

are still living in the days of the "back districts."

Morai Standard for Instructors.

That instructors should be men and beedless attitude toward Christianity is

TRESTLE AT PARKS.

with stories of lewd sort is in marked contrast with the maniy and wholesome influence of another principal who has taken a deep interest in every boy of his school and kept many a one from falling by the way, and even kept up this splendid work through the boy's this splendid work through the boy's high school course although receiving no encouragement to do so by those in charge. That many a boy owes his being saved from cigarettes and a worse ruln, to this man they and his school patrons are agreed. The pity is that he has left this noble career for he could have been

It would seem that the mothers' clubs city would have discovered some of those deplorable things or even that some of our business men might have the wel-fare of their children enough at heart to hibit and award medals and prizes. Our risk inquiry and protest.

Too Much Regard for the "System." When other city superintendents not only welcome the study of school probems and the co-operation of their members in all matters of good habits and good morals our Citly Superintendents stand out in a unique position, not only not encouraging such effort, but using the most good. their influence against the movement, sarcasm playing no small part of their

hostility. When public school supervision

is run on such close corporation lines the

inference is obvious that our schools are being maintained too much for the "system" and too little for public welfare. "system" and too little for public welfare.

That at least one of our teachers is so much in love with her profession that continues to teach when she is able to live in apartments at a prominent hostelry, costing \$100 a month, is the mat-ter of current remark. The attitude of others toward their profession is reflected by their conduct at state and county as-

General Manager G. W. Tgibot and Chief Engineer R. L. Donald have returned from a trip of inspection over the whole line. They found workmen busy all along with the work approaching completion. Between Portland and Tier and Salem is even further along. It is thought to have the south end of menced today. fancywork,—sit on the back seat, chew gum and swap silly gossip.

The teacher from out of the city st great expense comes and pays her members. Exhibition to Be Held Next Month

Matthew on the central committee: and Mrs. J. W. Hayes, Mrs. Dayton, and Mrs. James Tifft on the executive committee. The State Federation of Women's Clubs is The teacher from out of the city at great expense comes and pays her memership fee and carries back to her school

inspiration and better equipment; the city teacher commonly watches the clock and the minute she has hours enough to satisfy the law decamps, and is seen no more. The reason they give for this un-professional spirit is that they are obliged to attend so many teachers meetings that they are tired and sick of shop talk, and this is probably true; but the principal must hold the required number of these meetings whether his head is

the officials that the system will be in

operation for the handling of both freight and passenger traffic not later

New York engineers, and the manage-ment of the Oregon Electric Railway Company is very well satisfied with the

mpty or not. me valuable lessons may, even at this distance in time, be drawn from the cexhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition That the state as a whole did itself credit is admitted, but that its work along many lines was crude is also conceded. In manual-training Washington and Utah were a decade ahead of us. effect of years of teaching and the en thisiastic supervision of this most valuable branch of education. In drawing both freehand and mechanical, our exhibits were weak compared with that from Copy work was too much in evidence tr our work: indeed, the training of eye to see and the hand to execute a drawing from the object is training that leads to something valuable while the copying of a drawing from the book or from blackboard begets fittle said to nothing in the arts or crafts. It is to nothing in the arts or crafts. It is time Portland realized this and began giving children some hand craft skill.

copied long enough!
award of medals and prizes at the late Exposition is a sealed letter to most educators of our state. A commission of judges was chosen by the State Com-Multnomah County Superintendent Schools whose office is close to our City Superintendent's office was the commis-sioner. The judges called from other states did their work and handed in their report, but lo it did not please the afore-sald and their recommendations were laid to rest and this self-appointed commissioner in all his wisdom proceeded to award the medals where they would do

Let it be understood that this worthy judge had never been out of the state before his trip to St. Louis, where he found Oregon's exhibit lamentably rural

It would be a matter of keen interest to many to know how the honors would have fallen had the judges' award been made. We suspect that too many would made. have gone wide of the mark of proper

On Aberdeen Waterfront.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Auf, 10 .- (Spewonder that the whole system is so silent on the question of teaching morals? That supported and manifer the laughing stock of the Coast country, because they have been starved and crippled by penny politics. The excuses offered do not excuse. The fact is, we wonder that the greatest branch of the greatest branch of the coast country, because they have been starved and crippled by penny politics. The excuses wonder that the greatest branch of the greatest branch of the coast country, because they have been starved and crippled by penny politics. The excuses wonder that the greatest branch of the coast country to the comes up to Portland for these annual conventions eager to get everything that makes for her advancement, she is in masted schooner David Evans arrived today. This is the second visit of the eachers who come to these meetings bringing their tatting, crocheting and below the proving. The schooners which have been chartered. The fourmasted contrast with some of our city teachers who come to these meetings bringing their tatting, crocheting and below to be improving. The schooner which have been laid up here some makes for her advancement, she is in masted schooner David Evans arrived today. This is the second visit of the excuses bringing their tatting, crocheting and cial.)—The lumber market is reported here to be improving. The schooners

completed by the end of August. As the work is being pushed at present the company has a construction payroll of

STEEL WORK ON THE

than November 15. The line is being first two steel spans have been erected everything is in good shape built by W. S. Barstow & Company, and it is expected to have the structure speedy construction of the line.

WILSON VILLE BRIDGE

all points on the new Salem elec-tric line, promises are made by fficials that the system will be in 150 teams, are hastening the work as

much as possible.

The high bridge across the Willamette River at Wilsonville is well along. The Materials are all on the grounds and

Electric cars and locomotives to equip the line will reach Portland by the mid-

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 10 .- Maximum temper-

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity-Fair and warmer;

Western Oregon and Western Washington

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho-Fair and warmer.

warmer, except near the Coast;

EDWARD A BEALS.

Block 112 which will be

best booths.

FINISHED TRACK.
SOUTH OF TUALATIN

J. W. Dean, manager of the pure food shows to be held in the old Exposition building on Washington street. September 2 to 14, says it will be the biggest in the circuit of similar events that will be held in other Pacific Coast cities. He says the number of large spaces already con-tracted for and the elaborate designs that have been presented to him for exhibits

Will Be Big Affair.



J. W. Denn, Manager Pure Food Show

managed. He expects the coming show to rank not far below the Rose Fiesta in the beauty of the arrangements and de An electric kitchen will be a prominent

feature of the show and will contain near-ly 1000 lights. Everything in this kitchen win be performed by the latest electrical devices. This kitchen is certain to at-tract a great deal of attention.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs has taken charge of the country store feature, which will be managed for the benefit of charitable institutions for women. The women in charge have a num ber of surprises in store for patrons of the show and the country store will show how old methods have been supermeded by modern ways of doing business. The women will also conduct a voting booth where those attending may vote for the most popular grocer demonstrator, school teacher, stenographer, policeman or fireman and gold watches will be given to the

one winning the contest.

Women who are on committees for these two booths are, Mrs. S. A. Evans.

Mrs. F. E. Eggert, Mrs. A. H. Breyman, Mrs. Ben Selling, Mrs. S. M. Biumauer, Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. A. Stiles and Miss E.

STATE'S INCOME FROM RESERVES

Oregon's Share This Year for Schools and Roads is \$13,980.89.

REPORT SENT TO FULTON

Total Receipts From Thirteen Forest Reserves in State \$139,808.91, of Which 10 Per Cent Goes to School and Road Fund.

ASTORIA. Or., Aug. 10 .- (Special.)-Senator Fulton has received a letter from Associate Forester Price, of the Department of Agriculture, stating that the amount which Oregon will receive from the forestry service for the fiscal year 1907 will approximate \$13,980.88. The letter which Senator Fulton received is as follows: ceived is as follows:

Coquille Fremont Goose Lake. 4,467.37 11,617.37 8,130,97 Goose Lage,
Heppner,
Imnaha (Chesnimnus and
Wallowa),
Maury Mountains,
Siskiyou.
Tillamoek. 459.91 Total..... \$139,806.91 Ten per centum of this amount, or \$13,980.89, is the approximate contribu-tion of the forests to the schools and roads in Oregon for the year just closed,

ANOTHER FALSE QUANTRELL

WALLA WALLA ALSO CLAIMS THE FAMOUS GUERILLA.

Colonel T. C. Burgess, Thought by Many to Be the Confederate Leader-Once Justice of the Peace.

All grading between Portland and the Wilsonville bridge is expected to be completed by the end of the first week in to the erection of freight and passenger WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 10 .-(Special) - That Colonel T. C. Burgess, formerly Justice of the Peace in Walla Walla, was really Bill Quantrell, that the famous guerilla leader of the Clvil War is now buried in the city cemetery is the firm belief of many old-timers of this city. His family, who still live here, admit that he was often taken for Quantrell and that he was at one time tried, condemned and sentenced to be hanged for being Quantrell, but they claim that it was a case of mistaken identity. It is said composed of the Women's Club, Council of Jewish Women, Tuesday Afternoon Club, Forestry Association, Froebel As-sociation and Portnomah Club. that he was always known as Quan-trell and was pointed out as Quantrell when traveling, but his family claim J. W. Snyder, the expert booth-builder, has srrived in the city and has received that he did not resemble the famous guerilla. The Colonel Burgess who lived here since shortly after the Civil contracts to build a large part of the War and who died in 1899, was adverse to having his picture taken, though old-timers claim he often talked with them regarding his being mistaken for Quantrell, Whether or not he was Quantrell, however, may never be de-At Le Palais Royal, Always the best at the lowest price. 375 Washington termined.

Burgess came here shortly after the Civil War when the section around Walla Walla was a Confederate settlement. It is told that at that time Union men were almost kept out of this part of the country and that there were practically nothing but Southern sympathizers here.

Burgess was a leader in this settlement. Burgess served in the Con-federate Army for a while and after the war went South. Sometime aftertotal rainfall since September 1, 1906; 45.32 ward he was caught, taken to In-dianapolis and tried for being Quantrell. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. There are two stories told here as

to how he got free; one is that a woman who knew him was not able positively to identify him; and another, that after conviction he begged that his brothers-in-law might be brought from Kentucky to identify him. came and were placed outside the door, not being told that on their decision rested his life. They recognized him as Tim Burgess, and he was subsequently freed. He lived afterward in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico, Nevada and California, and then came to Washington. Here it is claimed be ran a saloon, but was afterward converted and when he died was a mem-ber of the Baptist Church. At one time he was a Justice of the Peace here and was very well-known.

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