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A CHANGE IMPROBABLE.

Various attorneys have various methods of working up the cause of their clients. Some prefer to practice in a legitimate, straightforward way, while others seek to accomplish their ends through ways that are dark.

After hearing insult after insult upon the school teachers and superintendents of Oregon; accusing them of being a veritable school machine, run in the sole interest of the American Book Company, and insinuating that the superintendents and board of examiners have been bribed by it in the past, and that they will be again, the Committee of One Hundred, through Attorney Strong, attempts to intimidate them into voting for a change in text books by threatening them with exposure.

During the coming two months, books for use during the next six years will be selected. These publications will be chosen by ballot in which forty-one votes may be cast—thirty-two by county superintendents, and nine by members of the state board of examiners.

Quite an interest was manifested in the subject of grading the country schools, and the sentiments expressed were favorable to the adoption of a course of study. Owing to inclement weather, the attendance was light; but the few who were present manifested an interest in the proceeding that augurs well for the success of the association.

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PORTLAND'S FAIR.

There was a time when Portland was up to date. Until this year, she has given an industrial exposition annually. These displays have always been looked forward to with pleasure by those in a position to attend.

Edited by R. F. HOLM. All communications intended for this department should be handed to the editor on Monday morning.

The Polk County Teacher's Association will be organized at Dallas, Saturday, October 27th.

In spite of the stormy weather, the following rural teachers attended the B. T. A. on Saturday: Mrs. Nelms, Miss Carrie Woods, Messrs George Denman, W. T. Lee, and Frank Watkins.

Miss Eunice Alexander began the winter term of school in district No. 36, near Summit, on Monday.

On Saturday evening of last week Miss Carrie Woods organized a local reading circle in district No. 8.

W. T. Lee, of Bell Fountaine school, has two very interesting literary societies in progress in his school, one of which is under control of the pupils, and the other is conducted in the interests of patrons and "old folks" generally.

The Benton County Teacher's Association was in session on Saturday last. The forenoon session was devoted to queries and discussions on White's School Management to page 43.

The following, which we clip from the Oregon School Journal, received today, is in line with the remarks in this column last week: "California has a law providing that teachers shall be dismissed only for violations of the rules of the school board, for incompetency, for unprofessional or immoral conduct."

OREGON PACIFIC SALE.

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Mr. C. S. Smith has been appointed local ticket agent for the Great Northern R. R. at Corvallis.

Passengers from Corvallis can make direct connections at Portland, with the through overland train for the east. The Great Northern owns and manages its own equipment of palace sleeping and dining cars, Buffet library cars, family tourist sleepers, coaches, etc., and is well prepared to give its patrons the very best accommodations.

NEWSY COLLEGE NOTES.

Work in the horticultural department is progressing rapidly day by day. A new windmill is being erected so as to enable the water supply to be independent of the main pump.

Work on oats will occupy the second year classes in physiology next week. There is some doubt about sufficient cats being obtained, as the class numbers about sixty.

Prof. Craig is busily employed in getting out a bulletin on the Oregon thistles, and the best way to exterminate them. He will discuss in this bulletin five different varieties of thistles. This bulletin will be illustrated with Prof. Pernot's half-tone engravings.

Early next spring a bulletin will also be printed on the native clovers of Oregon. Over forty different varieties will be mentioned and illustrated.

The chrysanthemum season is just commencing and a large and beautiful collection will soon be in full bloom, both in the greenhouses and on the grounds.

The tobacco experiment recently carried on in the horticultural department has proven quite successful, as the growth was very prolific, and the leaves seem to be of good quality, so far as can be judged at this early date.

BLODGETT VALLEY.

Mrs. Wm. Galaway is again very low, with but little hope of her recovery. A "hust-up" of the Gellaly baler has laid off the local teams for a few days.

Harvey Miller is moving his effects to the mountain ranch formerly owned by Linke Thornton.

Strange to say, war was declared to be a greater evil than intemperance, by our literary juries last Saturday night. Truly, the day of miracles is not passed.

It is rumored that a party has jumped the old soldier, Impson's claim. If this be true, there should be a hell more terrible than that pictured by old-fashioned orthodoxy.

The democrats in this vicinity are getting anxious concerning the sanity of Irvine since reading his leader on free wool in last week's Times.

N. Norton is having a close pull with inflammatory rheumatism. The physician thinks if the vitals can be protected till the disease abates, Bub will come out all right.

Life or Death.

It is of vital importance that it should be understood by persons whose kidneys are inactive, that this condition of things is finally indicative of a state of the organs where life hangs in the balance.

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TWO FAVORABLE REPLIES.

Representatives Hofer of Marion, and Daly of Lincoln-Benton, Favor the Gazette's Wagon Road Plan.

From Hon. E. Hofer, editor of the Capital Journal, who is now on a six-weeks campaign tour in North Dakota and Iowa, the GAZETTE has the following interesting letter which is self-explanatory:

DEAR SIR:—In reply to yours of Sep. 25th, will say that both as a member of the legislature, and with our newspaper, to the full extent of our limited abilities, I shall heartily support your plan of extending by wagon road the Oregon Pacific railroad through Minto's Pass, or any other available route, into Eastern Oregon.

A wagon-road extension is peculiarly appropriate in view of the fact that it is only by wagon roads that people living off the Oregon Pacific are now able to take advantage of its low sea-going and local freight rates, and are hauling heavy freight to and from it between Eugene, Independence and Corvallis, and many other points.

The \$20,000 appropriation now spent on our worse than worthless railroad commission could be far better invested opening a wagon road to Eastern Oregon.

There will be many objections to your proposed plan. Little minds will be raised and many technicalities will be raised in opposition. We have come to that pass in our state government where no protection against spoliation of the taxpayer, and no obstacle to the schemes of the bootler; at the same time it is a walkway from behind, which the corporation lawyers are able to throttle almost any effort of the people to relieve themselves of burdens that are crushing the life out of them.

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Very truly yours, E. HOFER.

Many excellent reasons for the appropriation are advanced by John Daly in the following interesting communication: You ask me if I would favor an appropriation by the next state legislature to build a wagon road across the Cascade Range to connect Eastern Oregon with the Oregon Pacific railroad.

Very truly yours, E. HOFER.

court in Oregon, it would very much surprise me.

The O. P. leaves Linn county and enters Marion at Mill City, and from this point for over forty miles its survey runs east between the two counties, settled all the way by a thrifty, long-suffering people, whose faith, if it could be utilized to remove mountains, would have leveled them all long ago.

I can show you an unexplored region of country, where the foot of white man has never trod, less than ninety miles, in a straight line, from the city of Portland, and yet it will produce anything that grows in Eastern Oregon, and its altitude is not greater than that of Baker City or LaGrande.

I think your estimate of the cost is above the mark, but that is a matter to be determined hereafter.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

Fannie Sharp, by her attorney John Barnett, has begun suit against her husband, Sharp, for divorce.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

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