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The policy of the Coos Bay Times will be Republican in politics, with the independence of which President Roosevelt is the leading exponent.

INEFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS.

Some highly interesting statistics relative to the inefficiency of the public schools of the United States are furnished in an article contributed to the North American Review by Charles W. Larned of the West Point military academy. Candidates for the academy are drawn from every congressional district in the country and largely from the class of citizens who send their children to the primary and high schools supported by the states.

As now established the standard for entrance requires of all candidates, besides the physical examination, a written examination in the following subjects: Elementary algebra, plane geometry, English grammar, English literature and composition of elementary character, United States history, general history and geography. None of the requirements are beyond those of the common and high schools.

Referring to the first application of this standard, which took place in March of the present year, Mr. Larned says the results show a "pathetic commentary on the public school methods." There were 314 candidates examined. The examinations are written, and it is asserted abundant time is given for their completion. Yet out of the 314 who took the examination 265 failed in one or more subjects—that is, made a mark below the normal minimum of 66. Fifty-six failed in one subject only, 64 in two, 50 in three, 42 in four, 27 in five and 26 failed in all subjects.

Examining the failures by subjects, it appears from Mr. Larned's figures that 154 failed in algebra, 237 in geometry, 129 in grammar, 144 in composition and literature, 73 in geography and 54 in history. It is further shown that the weakness of the school system, so far as demonstrated by these results, is not a matter of locality. Deficiencies are shown in candidates from all parts of the country. Twenty-two were examined from Massachusetts and 16 failed; 12 from Illinois and 10 failed; 9 from Alabama and 6 failed. So on, all through the list of states.

The showing is a sorry one from whatever standpoint viewed. Of the 314 examined 295 had been educated in public schools, the average number of years of attendance being nearly 10 years for each. The average attendance in high schools was three years three months, and in grammar schools six years eight months. Yet, with all this schooling, the examinations at West Point showed 84 per cent of the candidates failed in at least one subject, a state of affairs justifying the remark that our educators "should sit up and take notice."

The friends of organized labor cannot forget that Bryan is the man who proposed to cut wages in two with the fifty cent dollar.

Mr. Bryan says there is always hope for a man who changes. Yes, but not for a man who changes from bad to worse.

Governor Hughes made some puns on the Bryan record in his Ohio speech that left the crowd sorely puzzled and their eyes, if that were possible.

The Democratic caucus here failed to elect a delegate to the Ohio convention and the result was a very sad affair. The caucus was held with which they attended Mr. Cleveland at Denver.

The theory of a new Bryan is difficult to assimilate. He is the same old 1860 Bryan with some 1888 variations.

Mr. Bryan declares that he does not favor government ownership of railroads. He favored it as late as May, 1907, and has not yet recanted the statement he then made that he did not believe anything could be accomplished by attempts to regulate the railroads and that government ownership of them was inevitable.

Coos Bay's Social Side

Would You? I told you that I loved you. With a start You turned and looked at me with wondering gaze. Your eyes searched mine and read the truth. My heart Lay all revealed before you. With amaze You turned away. Gentle you were to me But gave me nothing, though I craved so much. Would you have yielded had I made you see How keen, how sharp my hunger for your touch? —ANON.

The dance given by the "Swastika Club" in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Wednesday, October 21, was one of the most enjoyable social events given by the members of the younger society set, this week. About sixty couples were present. Eighteen numbers were danced, fourteen regular and four extras. The programs were very unique being printed in the form of a swastika cross. Among those present were: Geo. N. Farin and wife, B. F. Willey, Wm. Schroeder, A. S. Taylor, D. A. Jones, F. M. Rummell, Misses Della and Ada Chapman, Selma and Ellen Johnson, Minnie Harkensee, Hilda Stenholm, Mildred Coke, Nellie and Martha Bennett, Eunice Nichols, Jennie Eickworth, May Magee, Nellie McIntosh, Edna Weiser, Pearl Riggs, Ida Carlton, Hilda and Hannah Larsen, Emma Erickson, Hattie Ferrey, Beattie Flye, Helen Simpson, Beatrice Smith, Messrs. E. L. Archer, C. Bayles, S. W. Bennett, Wm. Cary, J. E. Cowan, Ed. W. Culver, G. E. Clarey, Wm. Conrad, G. F. Dillon, S. C. Doyle, Oscar Gulovson, T. W. Lynch, Jas. M. Merchant, J. Millet, W. J. Morrow, E. L. Murnahan, M. J. Ostraw, F. M. Painter, J. D. Rohs, Albert Seelig and George Seelig. The next dance will be given by the club November 1.

The Maids of Alaska presented at the Masonic Opera House last evening before a large audience, under the auspices of Doric Chapter O. E. S., No. 53, proved to be one of the most unique and novel entertainments of the season. Originally a satirical comedy based on the Sprinster's ambitions in the masculine direction it developed into an amateur vaudeville skit in which each of the characters contributed a turn. From the opening scene, a Marshfield street on a busy day, in which the part of Marshal Carter was successfully portrayed by himself, until the closing hypnotic act, the audience gave abundant evidence of appreciation by generous applause. The varied characters of the features scarcely permits individual analysis of the entertainment which pleased the audience and added to the laurels of the ladies of Doric Chapter.

The following is the cast of characters: Josephine Jane Green Solferno, president; Mrs. Kate Lando Priscilla Abigail Dodge, secretary; Calamity Jane Higgins Wireworker, treasurer; Mrs. Plum Rebecca Rachel Sharp Highflyer—Mrs. Simmeral; Mary Ann Fraddler Malaprop—Francis Franse; Violet Ann Ruggles—Mrs. Colgan; Patience Desire Mann Ketchum—Mrs. Phillip; Charley Longface Puddyfoot—Ruby Lenore Oshier; Sophia Stuckup Bennett—Mrs. Pettyjohn; Jerusha Matilda Spriggins—Harry McIntosh; Juliet Long Laudestadt—Mrs. Kelly; Betsy Bobbett—Nettie Savage; Cleopatra Belle Brown Hopkinson—Miss Tiffany; Tiny Short Van Tassel and the President's nine children—Mrs. Helzner; Polly Jane Pratt Doolittle—Mrs. Phillip; Belinda Bluegrasses Afraid of his face—Ercos Torrey; Lena—Sister to Brother Olio—Myrtle Elsworth; Florence Lucretia Goodhope Deepair—Sam Marsden; Frances Touchmenot—Mrs. Jenkins; Hannah Biggestaff Siscoom—Florence Graham; Prof. Dickenspell—Vince Pratt; His assistant—Charley Rehfield; Indian (young man afraid-of-his-face)—Mr. Bargett; Count Ketchum, a dude—Edw. A. Shultz. The entertainment was under the personal direction of Mrs. E. L. Bonham who shared in the honors of the evening by its successful production. The A. N. W. Club contributed its

share to the week's entertainment by an elocutionary and musical evening at I. O. O. F. Hall on Tuesday evening. Miss Lyliith Moore delivered several interesting readings and Miss Mable Clare Millis, who has become an established Coos Bay favorite delighted her friends with two vocal numbers and an encore.

Miss Evelyn Anderson entertained Friday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Eric Wold. The guests were practically all members of the bevy of girls who were closely associated a few years ago. Following bridge in which Mrs. Dungan carried off first honors and Miss Agnes Hutchison second honors, those present united in singing the songs that had been favorites at the gatherings of the girls a few years ago. Refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Hutchison, Reed, Mahoday, Butler Bradley and Sessie Eickworth and Mesdames Straw, Nicholson, Dungan, McKeown, Mingus, Schetter, Thayer, Prauss, Gettins, Short, Lawlor and J. W. Flanagan.

Harland Peyton will be the host to a number of schoolmates at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Blaize, next Friday evening. Halloween diversions will be features of the gathering.

Mrs. Eugene O'Connell is entertaining the Evergreen Whist Club at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. K. Jones, this afternoon.

Mrs. F. P. Norton entertained the A. N. W. Club at her beautiful new home Thursday afternoon. Laurel and huckleberries were used effectively in the decorations. Luncheon was served. At the business session, a number of routine matters were taken up and the committee to purchase the fountain were urged to secure it as early as possible. Twenty-two ladies were in attendance and the afternoon made one of the most delightful of the week. The club will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Capt. Reed.

Halloween comes next Saturday, October 31, and it is expected that it will be the occasion for a number of parties in which the festivities that usually mark the event will predominate. The principal Halloween event in North Bend will be a ball to be given by the North Bend firemen at Eckhoff hall. No general event has been announced for Marshfield, but invitations will probably be issued early in the week for several small affairs.

The laying of the cornerstone Monday afternoon, for the new North Bend High School, will be made much socially if the weather is favorable. North Bend will of course contribute the greatest number but many from Marshfield will also be present.

Mrs. J. E. Oren and baby will leave shortly for a visit in California. They will make the trip from here to Frisco on the Nann Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom James and baby, returned this week to their home in North Bend after a pleasant visit at their old homes in Newport and Portland.

The Beautiful America Club of North Bend, met Tuesday afternoon at Taylor's hall. Only routine business came up. The card party which the club had planned to give Halloween was postponed until some time in November, on account of the North Bend firemen having arranged for a grand ball at Eckhoff hall for Halloween. The next meeting of the club, a week from next Tuesday, will be held at Taylor's hall. After the routine business is concluded, the members will enjoy a social session and cards.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Gallender of Astoria, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Simpson of North Bend, and other Coos Bay friends for the past week.

Miss Alice Butler entertained the Biographic Club at her home Thursday afternoon. A paper by Miss Butler on Valasquez was followed by a discussion. The club will not meet next Thursday, but the Thursday following will be entertained by Mrs. E. Mingus who will read a paper on Sara Siddons.

The Ladies Art Club met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Shelley on Friday. The afternoon was delightfully spent in Needle work and conversation and at its close a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Gas Steam Radiators

The first installation on Coos Bay is in the Lockhart-Parson's drug store. You are invited to inspect this most modern and sanitary method of heating. It is clean, agreeable and economical. You light the gas and the Radiator does the rest. If it gets above a certain temperature it automatically shuts off the gas and cools the room a trifle, if a little too cold, the gas automatically lights again and increases the temperature. There is nothing like it and every modern residence and business house is being heated with them. The Bank of Oregon at North Bend is the next to be heated in this manner, and our North Bend customers are invited to call there and examine it. You would not think of using a tallow candle after having had electric light service, nothing could induce the housewife to go back to old coal stove after having cooked with gas and once a GAS STEAM RADIATOR in the house and it's sure the junk man will get the old fashioned wood or coal base furnace or furnace.

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Mrs. H. M. Tuttle will entertain the club on next Friday afternoon.

The Minnie-Wix Club met at the home of Mrs. A. Z. Downs. Owing to the inclement weather, all the members were not present, but a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mrs. Frank Ray assisted the hostess in serving refreshments at 4:30. Mrs. G. A. Bonebrake was the guest of the honor. Mrs. F. F. Ray will entertain the club on Thursday, October 29.

Miss Harriett Ferrey entertained Saturday afternoon at the residence of her parents. A large number of little folks in honor of her little niece, Miss Gladys Ferrey, were present. A beautiful spread filled a table to overflowing with all the good things that children like. The table was overhung by decorations of red and white crepe paper, and added brilliancy to the toothsome morsels below. Those present were: Mary L. McArthur, Edith Ayre, Jane McLain, Olga Hohn, Jeanette Upton, Besse Flanagan, Florence Flanagan, Alice Flanagan, Vera Albright, Opal Brown, Juanita Ellerby, Zella Swenford, Dickie Jones, Maxine Jones, Gene Traver, Francis Suechi, George Ferrey and Morton Coke.

A number of events have been given during the week in honor of Rev. H. H. Brown, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and wife, who will leave shortly for New Jersey to make their home. Dr. and Mrs. W. Ingram gave the first of the Wednesday evening. The event marked the fifth anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Ingram's marriage. The apartments were prettily decorated in autumn leaves and Japanese lanterns. Various progressive games were enjoyed during the evening after which dainty refreshments were served.

A number of Millfoma and River young folks united in a variety party last Monday night. The surprised "victims" being Chas. Garington and wife, the bride merely being Miss Pearl Stambuck daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stambuck. The young couple reside on Coos River near the mine, invited the noisemaker gave them a royal spread, the members of the party Ray, Leslie Kranick, George Tosh, Otha Ray, Katherine

George Bessey, Lawrence Bessey and Edna Ray with Mrs. H. E. Bessey as chaperone.

Miss Vera Dickinson of Schuyler, Neb., is a guest at the W. F. Miller home, having accompanied Mrs. Miller back this week from her extended visit in Nebraska and Iowa.

The dancing masters in convention assembled pronounce sentence of abolishment against the "Merry Widow" waltz because the positions taken in it are immodest; against the "barn dance" on the ground that it is more fitted for a barn than a ballroom; and against the "Boston dance" because it is not a dance at all. Now let them pass judgment on spelling, the Virginia reel and the cotillon. The sooner we reduce the art of dancing to watching Mademoiselle Genee the simpler for all this short-winded generation.

Mrs. L. J. Simpson of North Bend, entertained at luncheon Friday, in honor of Mrs. J. J. Simpson of Astoria.

entertained a few friends at luncheon today. Among her guests are Mrs. C. F. McCollum, Mrs. Wernich, Mrs. Talent and Miss Anne Flanagan.

Miss Mamie Mahoney will spend Sunday with friends at Empire.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sengstacken entertained a small party at dinner Monday evening in honor of Congressman W. R. Ellis of Pendleton, Oregon. Among those present beside the hosts were Miss Helen Chandler, Miss Genevieve Sengstacken, Miss Doris Sengstacken, Miss Alice McCormac, Walter Lyon, O. C. Leiter and M. C. Maloney.

The vocalists of the First Baptist church have reorganized under the name of the "Temple Choir" and will endeavor to develop one of the best choirs in southern Oregon. The following officers have been elected:

President—Dr. G. W. Leslie. Vice-President—Mrs. Marsh. Secretary—Mrs. Marsh.