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### ARE FOR BETTER RURAL SCHOOLS

Committee to Consider Measures for Improving Facilities for Farm Children.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 13.—The State Bankers' Association has named a committee of six men who will have charge of the movement for improving rural conditions, especially in the matter of educational facilities, so as to stem the tide of country boys and girls going into the cities, and keep them on the home farm, for their own future profit as well as for the best interest of the state and nation.

In August representatives of the Bankers' Association of ten states met in Minneapolis, and one of the chief topics of discussion was the absolute necessity of the retention of the sons and daughters of the soil on the farm. Each state association was instructed to appoint a committee to take up at once the work of inaugurating and carrying out such measures as should accomplish that end.

The Oregon committee has as Chairman Emery Olmsted of Portland, and includes also J. H. Boothe of Roseburg, J. H. Albert of Salem, C. J. Mahoney of Heppner, and C. A. Dobell, business administrator of the Oregon Agricultural College. As soon as a date and place mutually convenient for State Superintendent of Schools Alderman, Pres. W. J. Kerr of the Agricultural College, and Pres. P. L. Campbell of the state university can be fixed upon, a meeting will be called, probably next week, by Mr. Olmsted. Such matters as better graded rural schools, possibly through the consolidation of smaller ones in a township into one large one; the instruction of teachers in agricultural subjects so that they may give their pupils work of direct practical bearing on their daily life; transportation facilities for children at a distance from the schools, will be discussed at this meeting.

### SAYS NEWSPAPER CONTESTS BAD FOR PUBLIC

The Drain Nonparell says: "The recent exhibition of strenuous effort to increase the circulation of a newspaper, exhibits the decadence of a power to do good along the lines of Journalism, and shows it to be the belief that the first and primary object is to make money. The good of the community, the elevation of morals, the education of the young by precept and example, are secondary, and stand little chance of honest consideration. A newspaper in a community, no matter how insignificant, should stand for the best of everything. To say that a paper, even, should seek no higher level than the depraved tastes of a majority of the citizens in which it exists, is a misnomer, and drags down to base uses a heritage intended to exalt and elevate mankind.—To this end we declare, that the recent contest by the Roseburg Review, a newspaper published in this county for subscriptions, tends to debauch the public mind, and create a spirit of gambling, as insidious as any so-called Wall street manipulation. That the introduction of persons, prominent in the community, one being a judge in our courts, and one a minister of the gospel, as almoners of the distribution, thus giving the approval of law and the church as the channels to success.

"We, therefore, put the stamp of disapproval as an editor upon the growth of these schemes as debasing, immoral and prejudicial to the public good."

### NOTICE.

All those having in their possession subscription lists of Coos Bay Oil & Gas Co., will please turn them in to the secretary at an early date in order that proper record may be made of subscribers.

R. T. KAUFFMAN, Sec.

Try The Times' Want Ads.

### "BEST ON EARTH"

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure.—RED CROSS DRUG CO.

### SAY THAT GOOD LIGHTING PAYS

C. L. Eshelman Tells of Value of Illumination to Cities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—"A well-dressed city, like a well-dressed man, commands attention and respect," declared C. L. Eshelman of Cleveland, Ohio, today in an address before the American Civic Association.

Mr. Eshelman was speaking of the benefits of modern street lighting in American cities, and he declared that a "Bright White Way" in any city was the forerunner of business prosperity. Civic pride and civic competition, he said, were largely responsible for the increase in ornamental lighting systems in the cities.

Well-lighted streets, said Mr. Eshelman, not only had an advertising value to a city, indicating prosperity and progressive spirit, but a benefit in dollars and cents could be traced to them directly.

Mr. Eshelman cited instances where a city block, apparently dead, was revived to a live business thoroughfare of heavy traffic when private enterprise provided the illumination.

Modern lighting on city streets, Mr. Eshelman, said was sure to enhance the value of property, because the value of business property was fixed only by the amount and kind of traffic which passes it. He explained the common condition of one side of a street being deserted and another side busy, as being due to the superior illuminations on the busy side.

"Practically any street directly tributary to a business thoroughfare can be fully doubled in value by installation of spectacular lighting," said he. "Lighting the entire business section of a city increases value by increasing traffic, not only from the city itself but from the surrounding country and towns. Good light increases the value of residential streets. Good street lighting more than any other thing gives to a city an air of progressiveness and permanency."

Mr. Eshelman condemned the system of not lighting city streets after midnight or on nights when there is a moon as a fallacy. He described many systems of ornamental lighting which are now in use in Indianapolis, Pueblo and other cities with success.

### LIBRARY NOTES.

The library has just received a limited number of copies of a list of books for a child's library. This list is sent out by the State Library Commission, and is intended to furnish suggestions for the buying of children's books for Christmas, and to be kept for future reference. Parents and friends of children are urged to place only the best books in their hands. These lists will be given on request while they last.

Christmas season began for the library yesterday when Mrs. M. C. Horton presented as a Christmas gift a subscription to the Survey, a weekly magazine which has long been needed and will be much appreciated. It gives the most authoritative information on all present-day movements toward better conditions for human life.

Mr. Bolt of the Coos Bay Cash Store presents McCall's Magazine. It is a welcome addition to the reading table.

The library is glad to receive copies of eastern newspapers after subscribers have read them. They will be placed on the tables for the benefit of strangers who wish "the news from home."

### TATE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of examining all applicants for state papers of the various kinds public examination will be held in the Court House in Coquille, beginning at 9 A. M., on December 20th, 1911, and continuing three days.

The subject for these for five year primary papers are:

Nature study, busy work, and reading in the primary grades. Select one.

Dated this 7th day of December, A. D. 1911.

W. H. BUNCH, County Superintendent.

Have your job printing done at The Times' office.

### SECURE ELK FOR OREGON

Fifteen fine Ones Secured as Nucleus of Herd.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Through the efforts of State Game Warden William L. Finley, on his recent visit at Washington, D. C., the government has been persuaded to donate fifteen elk to the State of Oregon. These animals will be taken from the forest reserves of Wyoming, crated and transported to Oregon as soon as the people of this state provide an adequate pasture for them. They will become the sole property of Oregon and serve to perpetuate a race of noble animals that is rapidly becoming extinct.

In the northwestern part of the state there is a 2,500 acre pasture that has been set aside by the national government for testing the utility of a coyote proof fence. It is said to have proven effective for that purpose and the forestry service, according to Warden Finley, is willing to give this big park to the state as an elk reserve. The matter of location, however, has not been settled, as this is a question that will be left largely to the state at large, as it is distinctly a matter of public interest.

The Wyoming elk are magnificent specimens and it is believed that they will thrive in this state. Fortunately, the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture will meet part of the expenses of crating and transporting the antlered herd from Wyoming to this state. The food for the winter will have to be provided by the people of Oregon. It is expected they will be moved by February and some definite action as to location must be taken before that time.

Several other states have tried to secure these elk in the past, and Oregon ought to feel proud at having been successful in interesting the government in its decision to honor Oregon in this way. Our own elk will soon be extinct. With a starter of 15 animals, there ought soon to be quite a respectable herd. It is absolutely necessary that public sentiment be aroused in this behalf, as it is a matter that can only be brought about by this method. It is believed that the people will stand behind Warden Finley in this effort, as he has given his word that Oregon will find a place to house these animals if the government would give them.

### THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

The Times will be pleased to publish letters from its readers on all questions of public interest. Each letter must be signed by the writer and so far as possible be limited to 200 words. In publishing these letters it must be understood that The Times does not indorse the views expressed therein; it is simply affording a means for the voicing of different opinions on all questions affecting the public welfare.

### GEO. BARTON'S CASE.

North Bend, Or., Dec. 15, 1911. Editor Coos Bay Times:

There appeared in your issue of December 9, an article on "Prisoner Being Sought." There are some things in that article I wish to correct. George Barton was not indicted in Lewiston, Ida., for burglary, but was sent to jail for 90 days for being in possession of a coat that some hobo stole and sold to him; and he got in a mixup with them, and he (George Barton) got the worst of it. After he was sentenced to jail he was given his liberty and he went where he pleased during the day, and he just walked off. He never has tried to run away or hide. He was arrested the first day he landed in North Bend and Mr. Anderson, the city marshal, never locked him up, but he saw him most every day. He went and came where he pleased and there was no time that he could not have left. The fact that he broke jail is false. He was turned out and told to go by the jailer.

F. T. BARTON.

### ROSEBURG IS GROWING.

The census of the Roseburg school district totals 1554 persons between the ages of 4 and 20 years. This is an increase of 194 over last year's enumeration.—Roseburg Review.

### Miss Grace Wolf



(AN ADAPTED POEM)

You are my leading lady,  
You are my ingenue,  
Yes, and you've played  
In the part of the maid  
And the comedy lady, too;  
You are the lady villain,  
You are the boyish page,  
You play each part  
With a wonderful art

Where my heart is your cozy stage,  
You are the stage director,  
You are the call boy, yes  
The critic cold and the claque so bold  
And the author too, I guess,  
You are the "props" and music,  
You are the footlights' glow,  
In fact, it is clear  
That I love you, my dear,  
And you are the whole blame show!

### "THE ROAD-HOUSE OF CONTENT"

FOR GOOD ROADS.

We're longing for that place that's called "The Road-house of Content," where happiness and duties are in strangest fashion blent; We're searching for that place that lies somewhere in Land of Dreams, where clouds ne'er come and overcast the Sun's eternal beams;

That Road-house stands amid the trees, that line the purple hills, beyond the shadows of the Past, where silvery brooks and rills flow out into the Great Unknown that holds Fantastic Things, and calls us ever onward, while its fairy music rings;

We're planning, when we reach the Place, to cease our toil and quest, beside the great old roaring grate, that bids us Pause and Rest; We'll sit there in the soothing glow, and sip Life's rare, old Wine that Cheers but not Inebriates,—these Hopes are yours and mine.

—ROBERT O. GRAVES.

December 14, 1911.

After the show try a Turkish Bath  
Phone 214-J

### FOR GOOD ROADS.

Fully three-fourths of the road districts of Douglas County are voting special taxes of from 2 to 10 mills each for road improvement the coming year. The Review has been an active advocate of the good roads movement for a number of years past and is especially pleased at the widespread interest that has been developed therein. Our frequently repeated declaration that "the way to get good roads is to go to work and build them" has evidently been approved by about 50 of the road districts of Douglas County which are voting special taxes for that purpose for the coming year. Furthermore, building good roads will doubtless be the principal topic discussed at the sessions of the county judges and commissioners of Oregon in Portland this week.—Roseburg Review.

## HAND-IN-HAND



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### A RULING ON "DRY" CLUBS

Court Holds That Liquor Can't be Served in "Dry" Territory.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—Deciding the two ordinances passed by the city of Woodburn—an ordinance against the sale of intoxicating liquors and an ordinance prohibiting gambling—are valid, the supreme court modified the judgment of Judge Galloway in the case of the city of Woodburn against the Woodburn Bachelors' club and it was held that the club, so far as the sale of liquor is concerned, must go into existence.

The city had members of the club arrested last spring for violating the ordinance. Judge Galloway declared them invalid and issued an injunction restraining the city from further prosecution of the members under them. The supreme court now reverses this ruling and holds after the city will be free to prosecute the club. The ruling brings to a bitter fight between the wet and dry element in the city of Woodburn.

It further makes it impossible for any club, in any dry territory, to have liquor should the people in the district where it is located prosecute against it, and desire to invoke the law.

### BRIEFS OF BANDO.

News of City-by-the-Sea as Told by The Recorder.

Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rackleff, died last Monday evening after a short illness of scarlet fever at the family home north of the city. Other members of the family are ill of the same disease, but they are under strict quarantine and the greatest precautions are being taken to keep the disease from spreading. Rev. R. Rackleff, another child, died Friday. Mr. Rackleff, the representative of Coos county and the family lived in Bandon several years.

The Recorder was misinformed last Friday, and made an erroneous statement about several high school boys being called before the grand jury on matters not flattering to certain liquor houses. The fact is that it was not high school boys who were called before the grand jury and the boys that were called were sworn to secrecy and no one knows what they were called for.

The following officers were elected by the Bandon Camp, Sons of Veterans at their last meeting: E. F. Felter, Commander; H. E. Book, Vice C.; N. S. Dressler, Jr., V. C.; C. B. Zeek, J. L. Foster, F. C. Warrick, Camp Council; M. F. S. S. maker, Delegate and Div. Sec.; J. L. Lomas, Chaplain; Geo. P. Tupper, Sec.; Walter J. Sabin, treasurer.

### MAN 6 FEET 6 INCHES TALL WALKS ASHORE INSTEAD OF DROWNED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 14.—James Brennan, an employee of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company, who is six feet six inches tall, while unloading freight at the mill Saturday night into the river. Pretty soon other workmen saw his head floating on the surface. They decided he was walking on the bottom of the river and almost immediately evoked the idea that the river at that place was six feet six inches deep. Brennan kept on walking and soon walked ashore.

"I'm a poor swimmer," he said, "but I am a good walker, and if I hadn't been just the right height I'd have been drowned sure."

### ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of DeForest F. Barnard, administrator of the estate of Mrs. M. B. Barnard, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Coos County, State of Oregon, on the 15th day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and has been duly appointed by such Court for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof, which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and test the same.

DEFOREST F. BARNARD, Administrator of the Estate.