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DRAIN HOPES TO GET LINE

Appearance of Party of Surveyors Revives Rumors of Road to Coos Bay.

DRAIN, Ore., June 7.—A party of railroad surveyors passed through here this week. From the best information obtainable they were Oregon Electric men. They looked over South Drain carefully, evidently looking for room for yards for a terminal. They have a man here now contracting for a lot of supplies for the party and evidently they expect to be around here some time.

A well-known local capitalist has been talking electric railroad from Drain to Marshfield. He claims to have sold some stock and negotiated for some right of way with farmers along the proposed route. He says there is a man ready to take the matter up when the proper time comes and furnish all the money necessary to complete the project. Whether this has any connection with the survey party remains to be proven, but it is the general impression here that it has.

Drain may yet be the first point to have railroad connection with Coos Bay, whether the Southern Pacific builds or not.

BEN CHANDLER CAPTAIN

Heads Oregon University Baseball Team for Next Year.

The Eugene Register says: "Ben Chandler won the baseball captaincy of the Oregon Varsity team, for next year in an election yesterday. Chandler was running against Mount Oregon's center fielder, Chandler has played a good game in the outfield for Oregon for the past three years and wholly deserves the honor that has been bestowed upon him. He is also a member of the varsity football team, the veteran and innumerable gridiron struggles. He is a brother to the famous "Weary" Chandler of Oregon football fame."

"Next year Chandler will have a large number of the old men again on the squad and the outlook at present is bright. Chandler is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and is registered in the University from Marshfield."

PLUMMER IS DEMENTED

Traveling Man From Coos Bay Acts Peculiar in Roseburg.

The Roseburg Review says: "Deluded with the idea that he is wanted by authorities for a real or imaginary crime, J. W. Plummer, a drummer for a Portland coffee house, is under surveillance of the Sheriff's office in Roseburg, following his arrival here from Coos Bay last Monday. Inquiry developed that he has a little daughter residing with her grandmother in Ashland and that Plummer's wife left there several weeks ago and that her present whereabouts are unknown. Further investigation into the case is being made. Plummer is believed to have experienced domestic trouble that may have unbalanced his mind. He will be given a medical examination this afternoon."

VISITS AT ROSEBURG.

Mrs. S. W. Van Zile, of North Bend, Ore., is visiting here with friends and attending to business matters. She is probably the only surviving woman who was a charter member of Roseburg Rebekah lodge who still holds her membership therein. She visited the lodge Tuesday evening, as did also Mrs. M. D. Thompson, of Scottsburg.—Roseburg News.

The WAH-TU-WASO will leave the Commercial street DOCK at 7:45 SATURDAY NIGHT for the BIG DANCE at EMPIRE, JUNE 8. Don't forget the date.

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TEXAS TOMMY bought his Piano at GOING & HARVEY'S.

SAYS SOCIETY RUINS HOMES

Oregon Educator Declares Women Wreck Home Happiness by Futile Efforts.

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 7.—"I do not our profession of home-making as important as that of the lawyers? Why should we not have equally good preparation?" asked Prof. A. B. Milam, of the home economic department of the Oregon Agricultural College, in a recent extension lecture at Pendleton. Miss Milam is thoroughly in earnest in her efforts to secure a more thorough and widespread preparation of the girls of Oregon for their future duties as heads of households or teachers of the future wives and mothers. She made a series of talks at various Eastern Oregon cities with this in view, including Baker, Hood River, and The Dalles.

"I think one reason we have so few homes nowadays is that society, which protects its members and makes it possible for us to dwell together in unity, is the oppressor of individual life," said Miss Milam. "It exacts of every man and woman the performance of certain social duties, which, taken in the larger sense, means everything which has for its expressed intention the good of others, but which has for its ulterior object only the individual's pleasure and profit. How few homes are furnished for the simple pleasure of the owner. How much more often are they arranged for effect so that those with whom we mingle socially may be influenced to criticize favorably."

"Few women realize the tyranny that so-called society exercises over them. They arrange their homes for society, they dress for society, they bring their children up for society; their one endeavor is to live according to the mandate of society. Society is constantly making drafts upon them which they pay at the expense of home, pocketbook, and mental quiet; and for what? That their women friends may envy the glamour of their surroundings, the beauty of their clothes and their social prestige, and they go to their graves well pleased if this constant dress parade has been kept up to the end."

"Society is not friendly to the development of those impulses and emotions upon which our happiness as individuals depends. We close our longings and aspirations in trying to conform to outside conditions. Let us strive for greater simplicity in our homes. The simplification of our life and the lightening of our cares would give greater leisure for the enjoyment of the duties of nature, the sky, the trees and the flowers, and would also increase the beauty of the human body. Simplification of dress and furniture would give greater opportunity for the beautifying of what remained."

BOUY NOT ADRIFT.

Beacon in Same Position It Was Placed Near Fox Rock.

The Portland Telegram says: Robert Warrack, superintendent of the lighthouse district, received a telegram from the keeper of the Cape Blanco station this morning, stating that the big gas and whistling buoy recently established off Orford Reef, near Fox Rock, had not gone adrift as was reported in a wireless message from the tank steamer W. F. Horn yesterday. The keeper of the Blanco station declares that it is in precisely the same position as it was placed by the tender Maunzetta ten days ago. It is inferred that the captain of the Herrin fancied that it was adrift from the fact that the buoy was not established at the exact point as had been advertised. Originally it had been the intention to anchor the buoy to the west of Orford Reef, but the mooring grounds there not being inviting it was decided at the last moment to place it further to the southward.

It's a PICNIC to get a PIANO on the EASY TERMS that GOING & HARVEY make.

Don't forget the Turkish Baths. PHONE 2143.

SOME DEFECTS IN THE OREGON SCHOOL LAW

Any one familiar with school law in various states who becomes newly acquainted with school law in Oregon cannot but be impressed with the mixed points of superiority and inferiority which that legal lore contains. The good features of Oregon school law are too numerous to mention here and the bad features are so palpably bad that we believe that it would be only necessary to point them out to law makers in order to have them corrected.

For instance the great leeway permitted by the state to the county and to the school district in nearly everything, all except in the matter of text-books, is so apparent that the reader of the school law has his interest aroused at once to the point of questioning how this discrepancy works out. If the county and the district are sufficiently able to run school affairs in all other matters, why are they not equally able to have something to say at least as to what text-books shall be used by their children?

Next year we will see installed in our schools a new regime of text-books without any question as to whether we as parents, as teachers, as superintendents, or as other school officers, want this change or not. We have no choice in the matter, but must comply with the law.

Some text-books being discarded may in the estimation of every educator in Coos county be superior to the text-book on the same subject which is to be used henceforth for a term of four years, but we must accept the new book, buy it, and put it into the hands of our children and ask no questions.

Our state law, paragraph 4211, reads: "The Governor shall appoint (every four years) from different sections of the state, a state board of text-book commissioners, who shall hold their offices until their successors be elected and qualified."

And again in paragraph 4214, we read: "The state board of text-book commissioners shall adopt text-books for use in the schools of this state for six years. The adoption shall include text-books for all branches of study specified in the state course of study for schools of all grades, and no others."

This paragraph leaves no room whatever for the choice of books that might be adaptable to certain localities. Oregon is a state as diverse in its educational needs as it is great in its possibilities. Can any one be so lacking in judgment as to think a lot of text-books suitable to the needs of children living in Portland would be equally suitable to the needs of children living in Coos county? And yet this is just what the school law provides for us! Nay more—the law even makes it a misdemeanor for any superintendent or teacher, no matter what his good sense or pedagogical training tells him is best for the needs of his school, to select any other book than that laid down by the text-book commission. The state school law makes it criminal for superintendent, or teacher or board, to replace any text-book selected by the commission, no matter how superior any other text-book may be.

A part of section 4221 reads: "No text-book shall be adopted as herein provided that shall be used indirectly or directly as a substitute for any text-book adopted by the state board of text-book commissioners."

RAISE BIG TREES

Government Plans to Perpetuate Growth of Giant Sequoias.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—The Forest Service is raising several acres of Bigtree seedlings on the Tahoe National Forest in California, at a more northerly point than any natural Bigtree grove. While the giant sequoias are found in the forests of the Sierras at various points throughout a total range of some 250 miles, in the northern two-thirds of this range there is practically no natural reproduction. It has consequently been a question whether the species would not practically disappear from this region when the present mature trees die.

The most northern existing grove of Bigtrees is on the Tahoe Forest, but about 34 miles southeast of the site selected for planting. This site

is on a moist flat not far from Nevada City, and is about 2700 feet above sea level. The first seedling was done in the fall of 1910, with very successful results, and last fall an additional area was seeded.

The method used in planting the seed was that known to foresters as "the seed spot method." Spots about six feet apart each way were prepared by pulverizing the earth with a garden hoe. Seeds were then dropped on these spots and lightly pressed in the soil with the foot. The flourishing condition of the young seedlings gives good reason to expect a future growth of Bigtrees at this point. With protection of forests from fire there seems to be no reason why the Bigtrees should disappear, even though scientists regard them as survivors from a past age, botanically speaking.

And again in paragraph 4224: "The text-books that may be adopted under the provisions of this act, and no others shall be used by the public schools of this state hereafter, and it shall be the duty of school officers and teachers to comply with the provisions concerning the same. If any teacher shall willfully violate any of the said provisions, he shall be deemed to have violated the terms of his contract with the district."

That the text-books of the state should be uniform is an assertion open to grave discussion. It is true that parents may move from one district to another; even from one section of the state to another; that is, some parents may do so, do, and will continue to do so, but are we to have our schools run under the presumption that we as a whole are a nomadic people?

The state text-book commission has been a hindrance to education in Coos county, and in all probability Coos county is not the only county in the state so affected. If the state cannot help local education through its laws, can it not at least not hinder the work of our schools by crowding upon them text-books that they do not want, and cannot use?

The present text-book commission is, I understand, made up of five business men, one of whom is President Campbell of the State University. With all due respect to President Campbell's ability as an educator, which is beyond question, every one acquainted with the running of the affairs of a great university recognizes that its president must be first a business man and second an educator. It is impossible for any person, no matter what his ability, placed in the position of Mr. Campbell, to perform his duty to the university in the able manner Mr. Campbell performs his duty and leave him time and opportunity to acquaint himself in detail with the needs of our primary and elementary schools.

Is it not an indignity to the teaching profession of the state, an outrage to the moral and pedagogical worth of the men and women whom we intrust with the education of our children that no superintendent, no teacher, has a place on the commission? Does any one know of such a precedent of injustice in educational law? Is any one so short-sighted as to think that the common schools of Oregon are represented on the commission while the president of the State University is put on the commission? What time and what interest has Mr. Campbell that he should acquaint himself with the needs of primary and elementary education? Seventy-five per cent of our children never pass beyond the elementary grades. What representation have these children on the present text-book commission?

If we are to have a text-book commission, and the law says we must have such a commission, let us have on it men and women who know the common schools, men and women who devote their time and their ability and make their ideals in and of the common schools.

Cannot we this fall send someone to the state legislature who will have in mind the needs of the Coos county schools, some one who will call the attention of the legislators to the grave injustice done our teachers and our superintendents by forcing upon them text-books selected by a board of commissioners on which they have no representation?

MRS. HERBERT ARMSTRONG.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Wilhelmina arrived in here today from Bandon.

The Elizabeth and Bandon sailed yesterday from Bandon for San Francisco.

The Breakwater is due in early tomorrow from Portland and will sail from here again Sunday at 1 o'clock. She had a rather rough trip the last time, heavy seas and headwinds delaying her considerably.

The tug Daring from San Francisco sailed from here yesterday for Grays Harbor after having taken on fuel here. She encountered rough weather coming up the coast which reduced her fuel supply.

According to newspaper reports, Supt. Bolger, of San Francisco, has issued an order prohibiting vessels carrying deck loads from carrying passengers. This order if rigidly enforced will seriously affect steamers plying between Coos County ports and San Francisco. All of the Bandon steamers will be hit by it and so will be the Redondo, according to the understanding here. The details of the order have not been received.

AMONG THE SICK

T. F. Brown, who has been quite ill at his home in North Bend, is reported improving.

Miss Roxie Hall, daughter of Judge and Mrs. John F. Hall who was recently injured in a bicycle accident, continues to improve and is now able to sit up part of the time. It is expected that she will be able to be up and around Sunday.

Mrs. F. E. Hague has been quite sick the past week. During her illness she and Mr. Hague have been stopping at The Chandler.

Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, who has been quite sick at their home on Commercial avenue, is reported improving.

Joe Noble came in from Ten Mile yesterday to secure surgical aid for an injury to his arm sustained while handling a fractious horse about a month ago.

The penny swallowed by a Southern man fifty years ago has caused his death. It's not wise to hang on to your money too long.

COAST LEAGUE BALL SCORES

Los Angeles, Oakland and Vernon Victors in Yesterday's Games.

STANDING OF TEAMS

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Oakland	37	23	.617
Vernon	35	24	.593
Los Angeles	33	28	.541
Sacramento	24	33	.421
San Francisco	24	35	.407
Portland	21	32	.396

PORTLAND, Ore., June 7.—Portland was defeated again yesterday by Los Angeles by a score of 13 to 5. The Coast League games were as follows:

At	R.	H.	E.
Portland	5	12	4
Los Angeles	13	19	3

At	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	8	10	4
Vernon	13	15	3
San Francisco	7	9	1

ALBANY WINS OUT

High School Debaters Who Defeated North Bend Win Championship.

ALBANY, Ore., June 7.—By a unanimous decision of the judges, Charles P. Ohling and Irvine Acheson, the silver-tongued orators of Albany high school, won the interscholastic championship of Oregon, when they defeated the duo from The Dalles high school in Eugene.

The local team had the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That the System of Government in Oregon Would Be Improved by the Adoption of the National Cabinet Plan, Allowing the Governor and Members of the Cabinet to Introduce and Debate Measures in the Legislature."

The victory at Eugene gives Albany the beautiful silver cup offered by the regents of the University of Oregon.

The Dalles debaters were Howard McDonald and Miss Erma Bennett.

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