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SUGGESTION FROM SWITZERLAND.

THE United States bureau of education sent one of the supervisors of rural schools of South Carolina to Switzerland for a three month's investigation of rural school conditions, declares an exchange. He has returned and reported to a conference of educators some facts which are worth notice by educators and rural school patrons in this country.

In Switzerland \$500 is considered a good salary for a teacher. After a lifetime of service he may go as high as \$800. Living is cheaper there than here, however, and in addition to his salary he is furnished a dwelling, a certain amount of garden land and wood for fuel. His dwelling is generally in the same building with the school. His position is of considerable local importance. Aside from his duties in the schoolroom he is often secretary of the local creamery association, leader of the church, and general intellectual guide of the community. When a teacher is engaged for a position it is for life or a long term of years. He settles down with the people whose children he teaches, and generally expects to make that particular job his life work. And he stays. Changes are rare. Twelve new teachers in one year in a system of 240 was considered very unusual.

In the Swiss cantons school is in session from 8 to 4 in winter time, with an intermission of two hours at noon (three hours for the younger children). In summer the children have to be at school at 7:00 a. m. Failure to be "promoted" is rare. After the four years of elementary training in the primary school, the children proceed into schools that are carefully differentiated for the various types of children. Some of the children enter upon a technical training; others are sent through the gymnasium and ultimately to the university and still others are prepared for business life or any other suitable career, according to the ability and aptitude of the individual boy or girl.

The Swiss idea seems to be that the teacher should be part of the community with a stake and interest in its good and advancement. He seems to occupy somewhat the position of the country pastor. And in this connection it is reasonable to ask: If an excellent and useful man may be retained year after year by a country church at a very small salary why should not the community be able to secure and retain the services of an able teacher in the same fashion? It is surely worth consideration.

FRUIT CROP SETS RECORD.

Although the prices for some kinds of fruit, notably apples, were below those of former years, the crop of 1912 was the most valuable recorded in Oregon. The yield of nearly all kinds of fruits was large and the market active. The value of Oregon's fruit crop for a number of years is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Value. 1889: \$1,455,190; 1894: 2,412,509; 1903: 3,256,000; 1910: 6,662,500; 1911: 4,654,000; 1912: 7,197,000

POSTOFFICE BILL.

House Rejects Amendment Annulling Taffy's Order.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Cullum amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill annulling the executive order which placed assistant postmasters and clerks of the first and second class offices and postmasters of fourth class under civil service was rejected by the House today by a vote of 141 to 100.

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STOLE POISON TO END LIFE

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and also took a small box of strychnine pills while visiting Dr. F. J. Hayes Saturday morning. According to the indications, he simply used the cyanide, the most deadly of poisons. Dr. Hayes testified last evening that he first met Stoner on the Breakwater coming to Coos Bay about December 1. After they arrived here, Stoner would occasionally drop into Hayes' office and visit with him. On day when he was up there, Dr. Hayes was using the cyanide to clean gold and remarked how deadly a poison it was. Stoner appeared to be only casually interested and remarked that he had used it around mines. The matter was passed over. Last Saturday morning, Stoner visited a little while. Dr. Hayes had to step out and left Stoner alone in the office. It must have been then that he dipped the small vial full out of the large bottle of cyanide and also took the small box of strychnine pills. Dr. Hayes didn't miss them until Coroner Wilson called his attention to it yesterday.

J. Lee Brown, who made a chemical analysis of the small amount of poison left in the vial, pronounced it to be cyanide of potassium and also pronounced the pills to be strychnine pills. Dr. Houseworth, who performed the autopsy, said that there were indications of death being caused by cyanide poisoning, but that this could not be definitely determined without an analysis of the contents of the stomach. Besides this, he said that Stoner had been suffering from pneumonia and both lungs were in such a condition that death might have been caused by the disease.

Tom Bennett testified about going through Stoner's effects with Coroner Wilson. Mr. Bennett tried to get in communication with Mrs. Stoner in Seattle to ascertain if Stoner was a member of the Knights of Pythias in good standing. The finding of a fine K P charm in his effects indicated that he had at least once belonged to the order.

Officer W. F. Shoupe and W. B. Holdman also testified about Stoner and told what he had told them about himself when he was arrested for the attack on Mrs. Blanchfield. In Stoner's effects were found a complete outfit of barber tools, indicating he had been a barber. A number of "power of attorney" blanks filled out to permit entry on mining claims were found and also a number of letters of introduction to various people at various places.

The coroner's jury deliberated quite a while before returning a verdict. Some of the jurors refused to bring in a verdict that he had committed suicide by taking cyanide as they said this could not be definitely established without an analysis of the stomach being made. Finally they agreed to insert the word "apparently" in the verdict making it read that they had found that "A. Stoner had come to his death by suicide, 'apparently' having taken cyanide of potassium."

The coroner's jury consisted of G. LeRoy Hall, Chas. Rehfeld, Ferd Painter, O. W. Briggs, A. H. Stutsman and George Dindinger.

Coroner Wilson stated that Mrs. Stoner had first told him to have the body buried at the county's expense but had later promised to wire \$80 to defray the cost of burial. She had not sent this amount last night.

RAILROAD REVENUE DECREASE

Earnings in Oregon Show Falling Off in Year Just Past.

SALEM, Jan. 14.—While the taxes on the railroad lines in Oregon increased approximately 30 per cent last year, the freight traffic in Oregon showed a material decrease and net operating revenues were more than a million dollars less than during the preceding year, according to the annual report of the state railroad commission, which has just been completed.

The report shows that there are 3949.01 miles of railroad in operation in the state, from which the total operating revenues for the year were \$26,347,646.74, and the operating expenses were \$16,886,376.26, leaving a net operating revenue of \$9,961,270.48. The net operating revenue for the preceding year was \$11,421,715.03.

The ten miles decrease in the freight traffic showed a decrease for the year of 43,000,000 tons.

The 1912 taxes paid by the railroads in Oregon amounted to \$2,014,682.91, as against \$1,697,498.27 paid in 1911.

TO TAKE CARE OF DISEASES

City Council Plans Precautionary Move Against Contagions.

The Marshfield City Council last evening after listening to the reading of the annual report of City Physician Mingus instructed the Health Committee to take up the matter of providing a place of detention for contagious diseases. The report was printed in the Times yesterday.

The recommendation of a boathouse for the purpose met with favor. Harry Winkler said that he thought that a place of detention was absolutely necessary and that in addition to protecting the health of the community, it would be a saving for the city in case a serious contagious disease should be discovered here. He stated that only three or four weeks ago, a man suffering from smallpox walked into a local physician's office for treatment. The stranger did not know what he was afflicted with, and the physician didn't know what to do with him. Finally the patient said that he could go back to his boat and did so. Mr. Winkler said that something should be done at once to provide means for coping with the danger.

Messrs. Albrecht and Coppel expressed similar views and so did Mayor Straw. The latter stated that he thought the county would pay part of the expense because if the city did not take care of these contagious diseases, the county would have to.

Finally the matter was referred to the health committee to take it up with Dr. Mingus. The only objection to the boathouse plan expressed was the likelihood of it being damaged and robbed if left idle for awhile or unattended.

Routine Proceedings. Bids on the printing of city notices for the ensuing year were opened and read and referred to the finance committee.

Chairman Ferguson of the finance committee announced that F. A. Golden had been engaged to audit the books of the city recorder and city treasurer.

Upon motion by Carl Albrecht, Street Commissioner Lawhorne was instructed to have Third and Fourth streets cleaned regularly, also Market avenue.

Councilman Albrecht was instructed to go ahead and improve the Ferndale wharf by having piling driven.

Protests about the dumping of tin cans and other garbage near Second and Elrod were made. The street cleaning department was instructed to dump the refuse there to protect the embankment, but the other garbage men have been dumping all kinds of junk. They will be notified to stop and will be prosecuted if they do not.

Mayor Straw instructed Marshal Carter to see that all the licenses are paid in. Recorder Butler reported that Willey & Schroeder and the Coos Bay Wiring Company had overlooked the fact that their old licenses had expired.

The council adjourned to meet January 27.

ARE SENT TO JAIL.

Wireless Telegraph Fraud Lands Three in Prison.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Three wireless telegraph promoters were sentenced by Federal Judge Hunt. Cameron Spear, one of the promoters of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, was given five years in prison and fined \$2000. Archie Collins and Charles Vaughn were given three and two and a half years respectively. The trio were convicted of using the mails to defraud.

TALLEST WOMAN DIES.

QUINCY, Ill., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Ella Ewing, 8 feet 4 inches in height, is dead. Known as the tallest woman in the world, she traveled with a circus years ago, finally retiring to a magnificent country home with all the furniture built according to her size.

OREGON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the public schools in Oregon has shown considerable gain every year. In 1909 there were 89,405 pupils registered, while in the past year there were 130,265.

SPECIAL MID-WEEK TAFFY SALE AT LEWIS' WEDNESDAY.

We are running our MID-WEEK SPECIAL TAFFY SALE TOMORROW at LEWIS' CONFECTIONERY. TAFFY 15 CENTS POUND.

STREET WORK IS OUTLINED

Plans Made for South Tenth Street and Johnson Avenue; Other Projects.

Further plans for street improvements were taken up by the Marshfield City Council last evening, two new projects being prepared by City Engineer Gidley. The new projects provide for South Tenth street from Ingersoll to near the C. J. Reigard home, from where the Reynolds Development Company will continue it through their property to the county road. The other is for Johnson Avenue, from Second street to Eleventh street.

City Engineer Gidley stated that the maximum grade on Tenth street was 15 per cent with a ten per cent grade south of Johnson. The bridge required would be twenty-seven feet high at its highest point and the deepest cut would be only ten feet. He said that the grade was practical as the location was such that loaded rigs could get in on an easy grade on Ingersoll and then come down hill on Tenth street.

A. Y. Myers of the Reynolds Development Company said they were ready to continue the improvement as soon as the rest of it was done.

On Johnson avenue, the maximum grade is six per cent until near Eleventh, where it is twelve per cent for a short distance.

The assessment for the replanking of Hall avenue from Fourth street to Front street was made last night. Owing to the plans calling for a sidewalk being built on the north side of the street, the property owners on that side will have to pay a higher assessment. The assessment, exclusive of intersection is \$1,665 per foot front on the south side of the street and \$2,225 per foot front on the north side of the street.

Councilman Coppel said that he would like to see Hall avenue hard surfaced to connect up the hard surface paving. Engineer Gidley said that there was no dirt near which to make the fill and that it could not be done reasonably now.

Declaration of intention to rebuild the South Seventh street bridge was made. The estimated cost is \$1850. This was started some time ago, but an advance in the price of lumber made it more costly and the council had to start all over again.

ROB FIFTH OFFICE.

Jackson County Postoffice Looted by Robbers Recently.

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 14.—The fifth postoffice robbery in the past two weeks occurred at Rogue River, when thieves entered the postoffice by means of skeleton keys and secured several dollars in pennies. They also broke into the Southern Pacific depot, securing four dollars from the cash till. Entering Murray's jewelry store they stole four gold watches, a gold chain and stickpin. Forcing an entrance into the city recorder's office, they opened the desk, but secured nothing. They ransacked McClain's hardware store, but apparently took nothing. Breaking into the railroad shed they stole a "speeder" and made a get-away, as they did two nights before at Gold Hill.

Postoffices at Medford, Eagle Point, Talent, Gold Hill and Rogue River have now been robbed of stamps and pennies and these threaten a shortage of pennies in the valley. Both at Gold Hill and Rogue River large quantities of stamps were handled by the robbers, but left untouched. The men were seen at Rogue River and a good description secured. There are two of them, one 5 feet 9 inches, smooth shaven, thin, long face, sallow complexion, like a dope fiend, walks with a slight limp. The other is five feet, six inches, thick set, weighs 160 pounds, prominent upper lip.

The men work with false keys, chisels and glass cutters. They make no noise, and do not blow safes. They have railroad switch keys.

CUT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

W. H. Chapman of Winnebago, Neb., tells how he did it. "My two children had a very bad cough and the doctor's medicines did them no good. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and before it was all used the children were free and cured of their cough. I saved a doctor's bill for one 25c bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound." No opiates. Sold by Lockhart & Parsons, the Busy Corner.

BOND SALE IS DELAYED AGAIN

Port of Coos Bay Defers Auction of \$300,000 in Securities Until Tonight.

The Port of Coos Bay Commission this morning after a brief session, adjourned until 7:30 tonight when they will auction off the \$300,000 issue of 25-year five per cent bonds to the bond buyers now here. Action was deferred this morning on account of Mr. Fitzgerald of the First National Bank of Cleveland being unable to get a response to his telegram for new instructions.

This morning the Port Commission decided to reject all bids and ask new ones at once from the bond buyers but when the delay was necessitated by Mr. Fitzgerald's telegram being delayed in transit, he was required to enter his bid and certified check for \$15,000. The other checks were returned.

About the only difference between the two high bids, those of the First National Bank of Cleveland and the Spitzer, Rorick Company of Toledo, was one per cent on the delayed payment of about \$135,000, the First National offering four per cent and the latter three per cent.

With the new bids at the auction, it would not be surprising to see the price of the bonds advanced a little bit, making them 5 1-2 per cent securities instead of about 5 3-8 per cent as the bids of yesterday made them stand.

One buyer at Roseburg, who was expected to come in yesterday, last night telephoned, and when he found out the bids that had been made said he would not come as he could not bid that high.

Allen Frake, who is here representing C. W. McNear and Company of Chicago was on the Bay a few years ago when his firm, then Woodin, McNear & Moore, bought the \$54,000 issue of the Marshfield municipal bonds.

The First National Bank informed the Port of Coos Bay Commission that it would probably be able to pay three or four per cent interest on any considerable balance that the Port Commission may carry here, after the sale of the bonds until the money is expended. It will be some little time after the bonds are sold before the money is all paid out and the commission wanted to know about getting interest on it as they will be paying interest on the bonds that raised the amount. Rorick Spitzer and Company wanted to carry the balance in their bank in Toledo, but they did not offer any interest on it and the Port Commission decided they would rather have it in the home institutions.

SOME MOTION PICTURES.

United States Exported 11,000 Miles of Reels Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Eleven thousand miles of motion picture film, \$30,000,000 worth of automobiles, \$1,000,000 worth of telephones and more than \$100,000 worth of aeroplanes were among the exports from the United States in the year just ended. The United States is the world's largest producer of motion picture film, and the quantity exported during the year aggregates more than 60,000,000 feet, approximately 11,000 miles, or enough to stretch from New York to Manila.

To Bar Banquet.—C. F. McKnight, Arthur Peck and Tom Bennett were among the Coos Bay men leaving this afternoon to attend the annual banquet of the Coos County Bar Association at Myrtle Point, tonight.

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ANSWER MADE ABOUT WATER

Coos Bay Water Co. Claims Its Service Is "Reasonably Adequate."

Acting City Attorney Kendall been notified that the Coos Bay Water Company through its attorneys have filed an answer to a complaint that the City of Marshfield has made to the Oregon Road Commission about the field and inadequate water service in Bay. The answer denies charges of the city. It is filed by several lawyers retained by the water company, the names of Minor and Winfree and Wm. Culloch of Portland and J. W. Nett appearing on it.

In the answer it is stated the company did not put in forty hydrants ordered by council because the city did specify the amount to be paid the service and also because extensions and mains were ordered where there were few residences the income would be small. It further stated that the water supply in Marshfield is "reasonably adequate, sufficient and safe."

It is expected that the Oregon Road Commission will order hearing very soon. Whether it will hold the hearing in Marshfield or at Salem has not been announced, but if they follow precedent of the Wisconsin commission they will come to Marshfield.

EXPECTED MANY ALIENS WILL COME TO THE COAST

Opening of the Panama Canal Expected to See Big Influx of Europeans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The great army of underpaid, uneducated and largely unskilled migrants from the south of Europe and the Pacific Coast of the United States immediately following the opening of the Panama Canal has not made any special investigation of the question although the officials of the bureau state that the standard of living of workers in California, Oregon and Washington is threatened by the rival of these people in any numbers.

Analysis of figures from the recent report of the bureau, however, shows that for the year ending June 30, 1912, the immigration into this country from Austria was 854, from Hungary 93,028, from Italy, including Sicily and Sardinia, 157,134, from the Russian empire and Finland, 162,395, from Greece 29,449, from Bulgaria, Rumania and Montenegro 4447, from Roumania 1997, from Turkey Europe 14,481, Turkey in Asia 788, from Spain 6327, and from Portugal, 10,230. In contrast with this total of 572,130 coming to the countries where the wages and living standards are low, the import of only 27,788 from the German empire, 8628 from France, 8675 from Norway and 83,027 from the United Kingdom. The total European immigration for the year was 718,857, and the grand total from all continents 838,172.

Skilled laborers admitted to the United States during the year numbered 127,016, while there were also landed 184,154 farm laborers, 135,726 common laborers, 116,325 servants and 231,070, including men and children, who had no special occupation.

New York state was the destination of 239,275 of these people while Pennsylvania received 116,625 and Massachusetts 70,171. California got 28,905, Oregon 11,882 and Washington 11,882. Many of those coming to the Pacific Coast were Asiatics.

When steamer tickets to San Francisco, Portland and Seattle are sold in the Mediterranean and Balkan countries for \$6 more than the present rate to New York, immigration officials here believe that the Pacific Coast will draw much of the immigrant tide now flowing to New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Tickets for use on steamers to run through the canal are said to be now on sale on the installment plan in Greece, Italy and Austria.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

All owners of dogs within the city of Marshfield, Coos County, Oregon, are hereby notified that the annual license on dogs must be paid to the City Recorder on or before January 31, 1913. If not paid before that date penalty will be attached.

J. W. CARTER, City Marshal