

22 Millions Are In U. S. Schools

In round numbers there were 22,000,000 persons enrolled in educational institutions in the United States in 1914, according to the annual report of the commissioner of education just issued. Of these over 19,000,000 were in elementary schools, 1,374,000 in secondary schools, both public and private, and 216,000 in colleges and universities. Close to another hundred thousand were in normal schools preparing to be teachers, 67,000 were in professional schools, and the remainder were scattered through other types of institutions. The teachers for this educational army numbered 700,000, of whom 566,000 were in public schools. In point of rapid growth the public high school still presents the most impressive figures; the enrollment for 1914 is greater by over 84,000 than for the year before.

The cost of education for the year, as estimated by the bureau, was \$750,000,000. "This three-quarters of a billion is a relatively small amount when compared with other items in the public expense," declares the report. "It is less by \$300,000,000 than the cost of running the federal government; it is less than one-third the nation's expenditure for alcoholic liquors; it is only a little over three times the estimated cost of admissions to moving picture theatres in the United States for the same year. Measured in terms of products of the soil, the United States spent somewhat more for education in 1914 than the value of its cotton crop, somewhat less than the value of its wheat crop, and less than half the value of the annual harvest of corn; while the nation's bill for education was less by nearly a hundred millions than the value of the exports from the harbor of New York in the calendar year just passed."

Very little increase is yet to be noted in the average term for public schools. Between 1910 and 1913 the increase was from 157.5 days a year to 158.1—a growth of only six-tenths of a day in three years. Attendance has improved, however. The average number of days attended by each person enrolled increased from 113 in 1910 to 115.6 in 1913.

Oregon Exhibit Needs Your Help

The following communication was received from the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The suggestions outlined should be followed by every grower who can spare some of his best product:

Portland, Ore., Aug. 16, 1915.
To all Commercial Clubs and Business Organizations of Oregon.

Greetings: Imperative need exists at the Oregon building in San Francisco for exhibits of fresh fruits, vegetables, grains and grasses.

Those in charge at the Panama-Pacific exposition must depend upon Oregon communities to supply them.

And there is yet a considerable time for the exposition to run, so it will not do for a "spurt" to be made for a time, followed by a slack period in sending exhibits.

They should be secured whenever opportunity presents, and immediately forwarded by express to the Oregon building.

May we not urge your organization to co-operate in this matter?

The exhibits need not be in large quantities. Send anything of a presentable nature.

The boxes should be sent "collect" and the Oregon commission will pay the express charges. Where it is necessary to pay express charges in advance, the bill should be sent to O. M. Clark, Portland, who will cause a remittance to be made.

Oregon is recognized as having one of the very best exhibits on the grounds, and it is necessary that it be kept up to standard by the addition of fresh exhibits. In this connection may we not urge that you not only begin sending exhibits now, but continue the effort right up to closing time?

Fruits which are received at the Oregon building in larger quantities than needed for exhibit purposes are given away to visitors, all of which is good advertising.

The Oregon prune is so much finer than that grown elsewhere on the coast that the prune men of Oregon can make a distinct hit just now.

Fruits and vegetables in season should be constantly going to San Francisco.

Attach name of grower, town, county and state, so that proper credit may be given.

Your active co-operation will be of tremendous value to the state and will be greatly appreciated.

PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

DEPOT DOINGS.

Res Weedon of this city has made his date on the road as a fireman.

Engineer C. W. Winne has been laying off during the past few days.

H. S. Carter, a fireman on the north end, is the proud father of a baby boy.

James W. Gilmore, Southern Pacific agent at Cottonwood, Cal., was killed in an auto accident last Wednesday.

Brakeman G. E. Dunlap is hobbling around with a cane as a result of dropping some freight on his foot at Gazelle.

Missouri Pacific private coach "St. Louis," occupied by Director Chatham and party, went north on No. 16 Wednesday.

Engineer E. A. Hunter is spending a vacation in Portland. Wesley Eastman is taking his run during Mr. Hunter's absence.

Fireman Tom Lafferty, who has been running on a helper out of Ashland for some time past, has gone into the freight pool.

After an extended confinement in the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco, J. M. Slack, car repairer, has returned to his home in this city.

S. L. Wining has bid in the night switch engine job here. Ed Dewes will hold down the Dunsuir job. Johnny Harrell will probably go to Weed.

R. C. Goodman, clerk in the trainmaster's office, is enjoying a trip to the exposition. He left last Friday, accompanied by his brother-in-law from The Dalles.

Engineer M. E. Davis was over from Weed for Sunday and returned in the evening. His wife went back as far as Hornbrook with him and will visit her sister at that city.

Verly Barnhouse officiated as "tallow pot" (fireman) on the switch goat Sunday. This was not his first offense, however, he having made his debut and date on the 16th of this month.

W. N. Ellis, wife and daughter Sybil and son Robley left Saturday for San Francisco, where they will visit the exposition. Mr. Ellis was to be relieved by a man from Dunsuir who could not make connections in the morning. Ellis was therefore called to go out on train 15. No. 16 brought in the extra man who was to take his place. The new man was ready for work, so Ellis made a record breaking sprint to his home on Beach avenue, changed from his working garb to traveling togs and got back down in time to catch the train his folks were on.

Benson Honored At Exposition

Simon Benson of Portland, named as Oregon's most distinguished citizen, was honored Tuesday at the Panama-Pacific exposition in a celebration that included a parade, addresses, receptions and the presentation to Mr. Benson of a commemorative bronze plaque by exposition officials.

Mr. Benson was the first of 48 men representing the states to be honored in this manner. He was chosen for such recognition because of his work in the furtherance of good road building in Oregon.

A congratulatory telegram was sent by the local Commercial Club to be read at the exercises. Mr. Benson was one of the state advisory board who visited Ashland recently.

For Miners And Magnates

All mining men and miners of Oregon will be interested in the fact that during the last of September a "miners' week" will draw thousands to the exposition. Some of the largest men connected with the mining industry are back of the idea and are co-operating with the officials in the effort to interest both the big and the little fellow in the states of Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and California. The details of the program will be forthcoming as soon as possible and it is already certain that the week will have very much of greatest interest to those connected in any way with taking from the earth the wonderful stores of riches with which nature has endowed the mountains and valleys of this great country.

Mrs. Effie Dinsmore and daughter, Miss Edna Burns of Klamath Falls, are visiting Mrs. Dinsmore's mother, Mrs. Burkman, of Iowa street, also Mrs. Espey of Allison street.

Mrs. Will Dana of Grants Pass spent several days last week visiting her mother, Mrs. Burkman, and her sister, Mrs. Dinsmore.

Forestry Work for Public Benefit

Figures just compiled by the Forest Service covering its work in Washington and Oregon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, show, among other things, that the service has built 90 miles of road, 426 miles of trail and 625 miles of telephone line, besides erecting 12 bridges and 30 lookout stations.

The detailed figures give the Oregon forests 85 miles of road, 266 miles of trail, 455 miles of telephone wire, 5 bridges and 27 lookouts; while to the Washington forests have been added 5 miles of road, 159 miles of trail, 170 miles of telephone, 7 bridges and 3 lookouts. The bridges represent only structures costing over \$100. Small bridges over culverts and the like are ranked as part of the road. For administrative purposes the service has also built in Oregon 24 cabins, 8 barns, 20 miles of pasture fence, and developed 10 springs; and in Washington it has erected 12 cabins and 1 barn, built 10 miles of pasture fence and developed 9 springs. The rangers have done a large part of the labor necessary in making these improvements.

It is the policy of the service to develop communication as rapidly as funds will permit, not only because roads and trails and telephones mean better protection for the forest wealth which the government is guarding, but because these means of communication also make the national forests more accessible to the general public. To date in Washington and Oregon over 4,000 miles each of trail and telephone have been built and 161 bridges and 55 lookouts have been erected. Of the bridges, 7 are of the suspension type.

Special Events Soon at Fair

Oregon Building, P. P. I. E.—All Oregon school people will be particularly interested in the fact that Madame Montesori, famed educator, was induced to give a number of her demonstrations in the Oregon building during the coming four months—an honor conferred on few other buildings. Saturday, August 7, she was at the Oregon building at 4:30 and for an hour gave class instruction that was watched by hundreds. She will continue her work at the building on September 1, 15, 19, October 13 and 27, and November 10 and 24.

How Would You Like To Have His Gifts?

How would you like to have the gifts which nature has bestowed on Carl Loveland? This young man, a friend of Manager Lawrence of the Lyric theatre, will visit him the last of the week and may be prevailed upon to appear at the theatre. This young San Franciscan is a wonderful clarinet soloist, has rare ability on the cello, plays the piano, sings and dances. He gives an all around entertainment which is sure to appeal.

Kennett Man Loses Autotruck by Fire

A Kennett man, whose name was not obtained, suffered the loss of a large autotruck and all of his possessions on Bailey hill, this side of Hornbrook, Friday afternoon. The truck tipped over and caught on fire. The man had but recently sold out a restaurant property in Kennett and had all of his worldly possessions loaded on the truck. His wife and daughter were with him, but none received serious injuries.

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Would Hold Up Light Engine Crew

A wanderer giving the name of Mike Dempsey spent a night in the Ashland jail last week. The why and wherefore occurred at Siskiyou when Dempsey endeavored to hold up the engine handled by Engineer E. H. Bush. Supposedly he wanted a ride and wanted it bad. At any rate he pulled a gun on the engine crew, who failed to fall in with his line of reasoning and went on by with increased speed. The local police were put on the watch and proceeded to grab Mr. Dempsey when that worthy descended from a comfortable resting place in a freight train which arrived later

in the evening. His gun was removed by the painless method and he was invited to look over the mural decorations in the city cooler. Mr. Bush did not wish to enter a complaint and the following day the Honorable Mr. Dempsey proceeded on his way with the knowledge that he had narrowly escaped a penitentiary sentence, which surely would have resulted had the matter been pressed.

H. G. Mashburn came over from his ranch near Little Shasta and spent the week-end looking after business interests in the city.

Woodburn will vote on \$40,000 high school bond issue.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Classified Advertisements (Continued from Page Three.)

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Eight-room house, one acre with fruit and berries, garden, chicken house and park. Phone 414-L. 26-tf

FOR SALE—Small team, cheap. Inquire of T. L. Powell. Phone 130. 26-4t*

FOR SALE—Tomatoes and peaches for canning. Phone 28-R-5 or write W. F. Cartwright, Medford. 26-2t*

FOR RENT—Ashland restaurant. See Mrs. Staples for terms at Ashland Hotel. 26-tf

Mrs. G. L. Chase of Yreka, who has been visiting Mrs. C. F. Shepherd, left Sunday for her Siskiyou county home.

Citizens Mass Meeting Tonight At The Chautauqua Building

To discuss the merits of the proposed Electric Light Contract
Questions and answers and general discussion
Every Taxpayer Should Attend
8 O'clock