

TEACHERS WANT MORE SHORT COURSE

Youthful Graduates of Portland High School Transmogrified Into Pedagogues After Short Service as Pupil Teachers.

Records Show That Over Half the Instructors Have Graduated Only From the High School and Seventy-Seven Had Less Training.

Portland's public school system had a total enrollment of 807 teachers at the close of school year in June, 1907. It will require a much larger number to teach the children of Portland during the coming school year. Of the June total, 46 are men and 461 are women, all of varying years of age and experience in their work, ranging from those who are first entering to teach to those grown gray in the service.

Out of the total number also, some 77 have registered with the school board as graduates of colleges or universities. In this list of college graduates, there are two Yale men, one from Harvard, one from Cornell and two from the Cornell Normal department, several from Stanford, the University of California, the University of Oregon and various other state universities.

Turning to those who have graduated from normal schools, it is found that 215 out of the list are such graduates, according to their registrations, although City Superintendent Rigger states that many of those registered as high school graduates have taken the normal school course since beginning their work.

More than half of the Portland teachers are graduates of high schools, academies, private seminaries and similar institutions. The total number of high school graduates is 470, or for number 176 are graduates from the Portland high school. Out of this number about one-fifth, according to Superintendent Rigger, are graduates of the pupil teacher class, maintained by the city school system for the training of high school graduates who wish to become themselves for teachers in public school work.

Shows High Quality. According to Superintendent Rigger this record points to the high quality of the Portland teachers and not to the reverse. He points out the case of one teacher in the list of those who have not graduated from any school or college showing that she is one of the best equipped instructors in the whole service.

Turning to the list of high school graduates Mr. Rigger states that perhaps one-fifth have taken the pupil teacher's course under the direction and instruction of old and experienced teachers, which work, he contends, has fully qualified them for positions in the city schools. Yet remaining on the list of high school graduates, Mr. Rigger says, are a large number who have taken subsequent courses in normal schools, thus being in reality normal school graduates though appearing upon the records as in the high school list.

"Perhaps one fifth of the number graduated from high schools have taken the pupil teachers' course of two years after graduation, which in my opinion qualifies them to be ranked with the normal graduates," said Superintendent Rigger in discussing the question this morning. "During these two years," he continued, "the students have the benefit of the experience of the best and most experienced teachers in the Portland schools and gain by their own experience how to conduct their work."

Many Have Had Normal Course. "It is also true," Mr. Rigger further explained, "that a large number of those who are registered as high school graduates are also normal school graduates. It requires one year in the normal school for the graduation of a high school graduate, especially of graduates of the Portland high school, where the general work is higher than that of the normal school, and the only instruction required of such graduates is in the professional work."

Among the rank and file of the teachers, however, a different view is taken of the pupil teachers' course. It is contended by the teachers, many of whom are themselves former pupil teachers, that the presence of the beginners from the high school distracts the attention of the pupils and scatters their interest in their studies.

Little Experience Is Gained. "It is also argued that the only practical experience gained by the members of the pupil teachers' class is during the temporary absence or illness of the permanent instructors which gives but little chance for real training or application.

The training of the pupil teachers consists mainly in observing the work of the older teachers. Occasionally, in case of the absence of the regular teacher the pupil takes charge of the classes. She is supposed to "help" on all occasions, but to most of the teachers their large classes, and the fact that more of a hindrance than a help, put an added task on over-burdened shoulders. These pupil teachers attend lectures in pedagogy delivered by the city superintendent.

Teachers in the Portland public schools are a very changing and drifting mass for the most part, according to public school officials. The great majority of them are women, many of them young, who fill in between their commencement day and their marriage day by a short service.

Soon They Marry. "I do not believe," said Superintendent Rigger, "speaking generally and not taking into consideration the exceptions which prove the rule, that any young woman enters the public schools as a teacher with the intention of making that her life work. All of them expect to get married sooner or later and practically all of them do."

The average service of a young woman in the public schools is from seven to eight years, continued Mr. Rigger. "They begin work at 18 or 20 years of age and leave between 25 and 30. This is not true of all, but it represents what I have found to be the average calculated from the basis of Portland teachers' records."

The record of service shows that the length of service runs from 29 years in one case down to the minimum of one year.

APPEALS TO DEPOSITORS

President Moore Announces He Has Plan of Reorganization by Which Every Dollar Will be Paid When Bank Opens.

"To the depositors of the Oregon Trust and Savings Bank—I would like to receive a card from every depositor of \$500 or over, giving me your full name and present address if you are interested in helping me in a plan that will assure you all your money. You may not hear from this for some days as it will be a big job to write so many people. Signed, W. H. Moore, room 7, Lafayette building."

With this request and appeal, W. H. Moore, president of the defunct Oregon Trust and Savings Bank, has commenced his public efforts to reopen the bank upon a plan which will give it the strength necessary to withstand the strain of such an opening and enable it to take its place among the large and solid financial institutions of the city.

Mr. Moore will not discuss the plans he has for the reorganization of the bank further than to state he hopes to be able to formulate a plan which, with the assistance of all concerned will enable the wrecked institution to gather itself together and pay its creditors dollar for dollar. Neither will he state who are interested with him in the work he has undertaken though common report has it that many heavy financial interests will back the venture once the depositors show their willingness to assist as he requested.

According to the general plan which has been outlined by some men supposed to be conversant with the proposition under consideration, it is desired that depositors in the suspended bank, who have deposits of \$500 or more, agree to take Home telephone bonds for their deposits until the \$500,000 worth of bonds are taken up, thus relieving the bank of that amount of indebtedness.

It is further desired that other depositors convert their deposits into stock in the reorganized bank until in this way at least \$250,000 in stock would be subscribed.

World Pay Dollar for Dollars. It is believed by those who are conversant with the bank's affairs that should the \$500,000 bond burden be taken off the shoulders of the institution and the \$250,000 in stock be subscribed, the bank could open without fear of any strain which might be put upon it and all the depositors would be paid dollar for dollar their claims against the old institution.

Promoters of the new plan of reorganization believe that they would be able to get the court to release the institution from the reign of the receiver, have the suit dismissed asking for the appointment of that official and be permitted to reopen under a new plan, if the plan outlined is possible or consummation. It is believed that this plan may be worked out by November and that the reorganized bank can be opened by that time.

According to the plan the officials of the bank, from the president through the board of directors, would be chosen by the stockholders of the institution. It is stated by Mr. Moore that the men working with him in the attempt to reorganize the bank are not any who were connected with the institution prior to or at the time of its suspension. He is not at liberty to disclose their identity at this time.

Heavy Grist of Work to be Ground Out During This Fall.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FIRST

Motions and Arguments in Coal Cases Will Occupy Judge Wolverton's Attention the Entire First Week of the Term.

After two weeks' idleness the federal courts will convene tomorrow to prepare for the heavy grist of work to be ground out this fall. Judge Charles E. Wolverton has returned from his vacation and will probably issue a call for a trial jury to meet in October to try cases.

The meeting of the interstate commerce commission, with Franklin K. Lane presiding, will take up the time of the court tomorrow, and will probably prevent the hearing of cases in the federal courts unless Judge Wolverton decides to hear them in his private chambers.

Among the matters coming up before Commissioner Lane will be the hearing of the O. R. & N. Co. against the Chicago & Alton railroad. Another hearing will be presented by the Oregon railroad commission, regarding the rate on denatured alcohol shipped from eastern points.

Judge Wolverton will have many motions and arguments to deal with, which will probably be gotten rid of before the actual opening of the court. We will have remaining criminal cases brought by the government against culprits now awaiting trial in the county jail and out on bond.

These will come up in October, and Assistant United States Attorney James Cole stated they would probably take up a month of the court's time. Following these criminal cases the federal court will be occupied with the land fraud cases, which will commence about November 1.

Chief among the cases to be tried by Mr. Cole will be the counterfeiting case, including men treated in eastern Oregon for conspiring to manufacture spurious coins. Another case will be the trial of Charles Anderson, one of the robbers implicated in the robbery of the postoffice at Sellwood and St. Johns last winter.

Compensation. "I don't see how you can bear to live on this street," Mrs. Kanner. "Why?" "So many funeral processions pass along here."

"That's why the automobiles avoid it."

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Miss Carrie Myers Dashed to Death in Sight of Vast Concourse of People at the Olean Fair Race Track While Making an Ascension.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Olean, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Like a little black speck dropped earthward with appalling suddenness in the vision of 10,000 persons congregated at the Olean Fair Racing association's grounds, Miss Carrie Myers, the daring aeronaut today met instant death.

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