

TO TRAIN YOUTH HIS LIFE WORK

Noble Educator Retires After a Life of the Toil That Tells.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Salem, Or., May 22.—A. Peebles, principal of Grant school in Salem, after more than 35 years almost continuous work as a teacher has resigned his position, to which he was recently re-elected for the coming school year. The reason impelling him to resign is that he may take a needed rest. Professor Peebles has been prominent in almost every line of educational work in the common school system during the ex-



Professor George A. Peebles of Salem.

tended period he has labored as an educator and teacher. He retires from his life-long work to engage in other lines of business after a brief period of rest. As a principal, as a city superintendent of schools, as a county superintendent of schools, as a professor in a normal school, as a worker in and conductor of teacher's institutes, Professor Peebles has held a high place among the educators of the state throughout his career in school work.

A Busy Life's Record. His biography, in brief, is as follows: Native son, born March 2, 1854; boyhood spent in and near Salem; educated in Salem public schools and at Willamette university; graduated from Willamette university, class of 1877; studied law and was admitted to the bar of this state in 1881, though he never sought the active practice of the law, preferring to devote the best years of his life to educational work; taught for 10 years as a principal in the Salem public schools, and for 7 years, at different periods, served as city superintendent of the Salem schools, all of this work being between the years 1878 and 1908; served from 1899 to 1906 as a member of the faculty in the eastern Oregon state normal school, four of these years being vice-president of the normal school; was principal from 1889 to 1892 of the public schools at McMinnville, Oregon; in his earlier career he taught in the towns of Silverton and Woodburn, 1877-78 and 1878-79, respectively, one year in each town; entered the Salem schools the first time in 1873, serving for eight years; again in Salem schools 1882 to 1889, and for the third time, 1906 to 1908, making 17 years in all that Professor Peebles labored in Salem's schools.

A Missionary of the Bell. Before entering college, Professor Peebles taught rural schools, 1871 to 1875, in the celebrated Waldo hills section of Marion county and in the vicinity of the town of Tule. Professor Peebles retires from the teaching profession bearing with him the confidence and esteem of many hundreds of friends among the leading educators of the state, many leading citizens who at one time or another were pupils of one of a large circle of associate teachers and of other school officials. By all of these Professor Peebles has been and is recognized as one of the most capable instructors and educators in the state.

Professor Peebles has taken interest in other lines of work aside from educational matters. He was for many years connected with the Oregon state Agricultural society, which formerly held the state fairs now held under the management of the state board of agriculture. He was secretary of the society, 1882 to 1885 and was influential in getting the legislature to create the present state board of agriculture. Professor Peebles spent a part of his youth on his father's farm in the Waldo hills. He has always manifested an interest in agricultural pursuits and has always encouraged boys to stay on the farm, and in his school work has striven to arouse in his pupils an interest in and a love for horticulture.

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sired at the house on that melancholy occasion. The defendant's excuse for killing Casteel, as shown by testimony, was not on account of any immediate fear or danger, but to use his own language, he had to kill him or lose his dogs and leave, and he chose to kill.

For the pardon of this murderer H. M. Cakes repeatedly petitioned, with others, both Governor Geer and Governor Chamberlain. The latest petition was presented to Governor Chamberlain March 1, 1907. It was in response to a request from the governor, in connection with this petition, that Attorney George Brown of Roseburg, presented the facts of the murder of Jasper Casteel as related above, and which facts are on file in the exacting office at Salem.

Mr. Brown further relates that he believed Oberman was tried fairly. That he had competent counsel is evidenced by the following named men who appeared in behalf of Oberman before the Douglas county circuit court: Dexter Rice of Roseburg, O. P. Coshov, and A. M. Crawford, now attorney-general. Oberman also asserted that Oberman was intelligent and able to tell right from wrong as well as any man.

Cakes and Brother Petition. Despite these facts H. M. Cakes and his brother petitioned for Oberman's pardon. Governor Geer commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. Following is a copy of a letter written to Governor Geer by H. M. Cakes in reference to the matter, which is also on file in the governor's office at Salem.

"Dear Sir: As one of the counsel for Mr. Oberman, whose sentence was commuted by you, I desire to express my gratification at your course in the matter. I prepared the brief and tried the case in the lower court Oberman would not have been convicted of murder if not for the high prerogative accorded your judgment of the court of law and the execution, the conflict between private inclination and the subservience of the public weal, but I believe that in this case you may rest assured that you have taken the right course. There should be no doubt of my intent to commit the crime of murder before the infliction of the death penalty. "If the doubt had been properly resolved in a court of law then, unless there were extenuating circumstances that could not be reached or considered by the jury, your duty would have plainly been not to have interfered, but this doubt was not resolved in a court of law. Oberman was not properly tried and had been sent him to the gallows with this doubt as to his guilt remaining. It seems to me would have been contrary to the spirit of both human and divine law. "Again thanking you for your act of mercy and justice in commuting Oberman's sentence, I remain, yours very sincerely, H. M. CAKES." Not only did H. M. Cakes approve very highly of the action of Governor Geer in commuting the sentence of this desperate criminal from death to life imprisonment, but W. M. Cakes, chairman of the state Republican committee that is managing H. M. Cakes's campaign, also in high terms congratulated Governor Geer as follows:

Another Letter. "Multnomah County Court, State of Oregon, W. M. Cakes, Judge, Portland, Oregon, May 18, 1908.—Hon. W. M. Geer, Salem, Oregon. My Dear Governor—I have been so busy that up to the present time it was impossible for me to acknowledge the commutation of sentence of J. M. Oberman from death penalty to life imprisonment. I feel very deeply upon this subject and assure you that my appreciation of your very just act is not capable of expression in words, but feel as if you had done the right thing, and hope that your further acts in the very high place which you occupy will always be gov-

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However, the Cakes, not satisfied with this commutation of sentence obtained from Governor Geer, drew up another petition on March 1, 1907, which recites again the good conduct of the prisoner before the murder, and asks his full pardon of Governor Chamberlain. Following is the latest petition:

Latest Petition. "To His Excellency, Governor of the State of Oregon—The undersigned herewith respectfully petition your excellency and request as follows: "That heretofore on the 30th day of March, 1898, J. M. Oberman was convicted of the crime of murder in the first degree, and thereafter on the 10th day of April, 1898, was sentenced to be hanged.

"That thereafter, his excellency, the then governor of the state of Oregon, commuted the sentence of said J. M. Oberman to life imprisonment, and upon the 29th day of April, 1898, the said J. M. Oberman was transported to the penitentiary of the state of Oregon for the period of his natural life, and has been and now is confined in the said penitentiary and commutation thereof.

"That at the time of the presentation of the petition for the commutation of sentence as heretofore referred to and made to the governor of the state of Oregon, T. T. Geer, a large number of petitions and recommendations were filed with the said governor, and all of which represented and showed the character and habits of the said J. M. Oberman prior to his arrest for the crime aforesaid, and reference is hereby made to all of said statements, petitions and writings aforesaid for a full statement and in detail of the character and habits of said J. M. Oberman prior to his arrest.

"That your petitioners beg to relate that said J. M. Oberman, since his commutation by the penitentiary, has been faithful to and observant of the rules and regulations governing said institution; that he has been industrious and careful in the observation of the laws of the institution, for evidence of which your petitioners present herewith and under part hereof the records of the penitentiary, accompanied by the statement of the superintendent thereof.

"Good Character." "That your petitioners present as reasons considerations and facts upon which to base this application for pardon the aforesaid good character of said J. M. Oberman prior to his arrest, his subsequent good conduct following his commitment to the penitentiary, and the fact that he has been industrious and careful in the observation of the laws of the institution, for evidence of which your petitioners present herewith and under part hereof the records of the penitentiary, accompanied by the statement of the superintendent thereof.

"Your petitioners represent that said J. M. Oberman is not now or was ever, as shown by the records in this record, one who has not the safety of the public at heart, but that he was in fear of life, and correctly so, when the petition was signed by W. M. Cakes and half a dozen other residents of Portland.

The petition was not signed by any prosecuting officer, any judge or juror, as is so usual in cases where pardon is asked, and men in such cases those cases where Governor Chamberlain has pardoned men, restored them to citizenship or commuted their fine or imprisonment. It is needless to say Oberman is still in the penitentiary. From Myrtle Creek. The following communication is from an old resident of Myrtle Creek: Myrtle Creek, Or., May 20, 1908. The Editor of the Journal—I notice by this morning's Journal what one of the editors had to say in regard to Governor Chamberlain freeing so many criminals. I thought it might be of some interest to the readers of Oregon to know the action Mr. Cakes took a few years

ago by personally circulating a petition for the reprieve of Mack Oberman, who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Jasper Casteel of this place. He secured the reprieve and later was the instigator of a petition for a full pardon for the prisoner, but in this he failed for the prisoner still languishes behind prison bars. The crime for which the self-confessed murderer was convicted was the cold-blooded murder of Jasper Casteel, who was an old man, and at the time was very sick and was asleep on his couch. Oberman, who was sleeping upstairs, crept silently down the stairs the second time to make sure before he fired the fatal shot through Casteel's head. This incident is still fresh in the minds of the citizens of Douglas county. H. M. OATMAN."

SPENDS COIN (Continued from Page One.) would simply ravish the soul of his dear friend, and then the friend would pay untold coin for said books, which would make everybody happy. And the signing of the note was merely a matter of form, anyway. The games of the book agent in Portland and Chicago were exactly the same. And many people in Portland sigh and wish to see Fred A. Briggs, high roller and good spender of other people's money.

Briggs sold books to nearly every prominent family in Portland and collected the money, which he never turned under said sentence and commutation thereof.

COLUMBIA TO MEET THE MACS TOMORROW (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMinnville College, Or., May 22.—Columbia university will come down tomorrow to compete with McMinnville college in a track meet. This meet was to have been held last Saturday but was called off on account of the rainy weather. The local team is in excellent condition and a good meet should be pulled off.

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