

IN PORTLAND'S SCHOOLS

LEARNING the essentials of household fixtures. Boys at Couch, one of the six schools already fitted with the new course in household mechanics, putting in plumbing facilities, door bells and electric lights. The course aims to acquaint the boys with the principles of plumbing and electricity installation and enable them to do their own repair work.



Mechanics for Household Use Taught to Boys

HOW to repair doorbells and do their own wiring or repair their leaky faucets without having to call the plumber, through familiarity with the main essentials of plumbing, electricity and house construction, is being taught eighth grade boys in several Portland schools through the new course in household mechanics introduced this fall.

The idea is Superintendent Groun's, and was one of those which he brought from Detroit where he visited in the early days of his administration and whence he brought so many innovations he hopes to introduce in Portland's schools.

F. M. Grohng, supervisor of manual training, worked out the details. On a single frame, which the boys themselves make and which are of standard form of house construction, are attached a doorbell, a lighting system and a plumbing system with the three kinds of standard faucets.

The boys are taught the proper methods of wiring and insulation so as to avoid fire hazards, the makeup of a battery and different connections. They are taught how to take a faucet apart when it leaks and screw up the rubber washer, and to make new washers out of old shoe leather. They are taught to discover what is wrong when the doorbell won't ring, and to repair it.

They are taught the making and functioning of locks and hinges, of screens and window weights. They are taught all the terms used in connection with electrical appliances, and how to thaw out a frozen pipe.

No attempt whatever is made to teach the boys the installation of a lighting system in a house, since this is considered a job only for skilled hands because of the hazard that would result from an improperly wired house.

At the present time, only six schools are giving the course, but it will be extended into other schools as rapidly as facilities can be procured. Couch, Hawthorne, Vernon, Central, Sellwood and Irvington are the schools now conducting the course.

The Junior Red Cross will give \$50 to the cooking department of Portland schools to finance the making of Christmas cakes by the girls in the cooking classes under the direction of Supervisor Edna Groves. The distribution among needy families by the public welfare bureau. The greater part of the work will be done by the Washington high school girls, who will not only make the cakes but also wrap them, leaving only the distribution for the welfare agency. The Junior Red Cross and the cooking classes have already cooperated in a similar fashion in the furnishing of jelly to the Louise home and to the nursery.

The girls' reserve at Glenoce school has been holding sessions since October 3, says Leta Kent, president of the eighth grade. There are three corps, says Leta, "those of Mrs. Harrison of the eighth grade, Miss Howe of the seventh and Miss Walker of the sixth grade. The eighth grade has made about 20 bibs, with the help of the seventh grade, for the Waverly baby home, and are now making little books out of cloth, with pictures in them for the babies of the Albertine Kerr baby home. They expect to take clothing and food out to a poor family just before Christmas and intend to do more service work in the future."

Falling was the first school in Portland to inaugurate a milk station for under-nourished children. It is now a regular institution, and each day, promptly at 10 a. m., about 150 children glide scotchy out of their classrooms to the station in the lower court, where Percy Lockitch and Sam Goldstein preside over the distribution. Five minutes later the children are back in their rooms.

Basketball teams at Creston school are now practicing for the coming interschool schedules and hope to carry in the honors as neatly as they did in the football games.

The Attic
The attic, the old dusty attic
The attic, the home of the bats,
But so full of treasure
That one can measure
The wonderful joys hidden there.

The guns and the trusty old broadsword,
The guns that are rusty and worn
An constant reminders
To all the young fighters
That somebody's hero lived there.
The dishes, the tumblers and the
The dishes so heavy and gray
The candles that hide there
And they live of that
That somebody once put away.

The spiders, the furry black spiders,
The spiders that work their each day;
There's a fat little field mouse
That makes this his play house
And then gallops away.

Portland Pupils to Study Oregon History and Facts to Be Taught

PORTLAND school kiddies, through the establishment of the "Oregon hour" this year, are given opportunity to learn many things about their state never before available. Heretofore, pupils have been taught all about China and her resources, the history of the Revolution, a bit of United States government and other information pertaining but indirectly to Oregon, but never before has concentration been placed upon an understanding of Oregon, its history, geography, government, resources, industries and literature.

Each week teachers are given a bibliography of suggested reading upon which to base class instruction, since no suitable text book of Oregon history has even been written, teachers must rely upon their own reading in class instruction. Tests are given periodically to all the eighth grade classes and to the history and civics classes in high schools, bearing upon Oregon topics.

Last Monday's test would have stumped many a parent of the kiddies to whom it was given. Among the questions asked were: "What delegate from Oregon nominated Coolidge for vice president in the Republican national convention last June?" "How many members are there in the state house of representatives?" "When will the next session of the legislature convene?"

Under the direction of Miss Irene Wuest and Miss Martha Stegamen, the Lincoln students are making Christmas cards. They design the cards themselves and then hand-paint them. Some of them are being made. Applicable work is put upon table covers, aprons, iron holders and many other things.

Students are also making chains, pendants, rings, bracelets, pins, trays, book ends, knives and everything imaginable in jewelry. Cuff links are made for father, pins and chains for mother, rings for sister and watch fobs for brother. The work is done mainly in silver and copper, although some gold is used. Elaborate designs are worked upon the metals and the finished product is well worth the labor spent in making it.

Luncheon sets are being made, linoleum is painted with beautiful designs, and candlesticks and parchment book ends are being made. Applicable work is put upon table covers, aprons, iron holders and many other things. Students are also making chains, pendants, rings, bracelets, pins, trays, book ends, knives and everything imaginable in jewelry. Cuff links are made for father, pins and chains for mother, rings for sister and watch fobs for brother. The work is done mainly in silver and copper, although some gold is used. Elaborate designs are worked upon the metals and the finished product is well worth the labor spent in making it.

NATIONAL GUARD

THE Army is being arranged to make it a social center for the members of the different military organizations meeting there. One of the new features is the ladies' room, which is to be provided with new furniture, an electric stove, tables, reading lights, and other conveniences as suggested by a committee of officers' wives called in by Adjutant Captain L. A. Miller.

The Army now has a comfortable and well lighted club room, which has been fitted up with pool and billiard tables and is free to members of the National Guard at all times. Adjacent to the club room is the Fifth Infantry exchange. Captain E. J. Ivers has both under his command. Color Sergeant C. P. Smith is in charge of the exchange, and will accommodate the boys who desire articles of personal pleasure usually carried by army exchanges.

The fitting up of the main hall of the Army for an athletic contest arena is going on rapidly by a detail of four men, the mill work being done outside. There will be seats for over 5000, and the first encounter is dated for December 27.

Company B, Fifth Oregon Infantry, is recruited up to 80 men, and Captain D. D. Haff, an overseas veteran, is proud of them. They drill every Wednesday and it is claimed that they deserve a prize for percentage of attendance.

The supply company under Captain Raymond Connors has a full organization. It meets every Monday night and the courses in accounting are of great value.

The engineers under Captain George E. Sandy are prospering and enjoying the Friday night and is entirely made up of young engineers, draftsmen, architects and electricians. It is planning a thorough course in engineering with instruc-

Commerce High Graduates Find Jobs Awaiting

STUDENTS at the High School of Commerce are preparing for a specific purpose—entry into the business world. How this entry is made and how closely the school works in cooperation with business is the story of Marie Sibley, one of the students, who says that most of the seniors are already at work without even waiting for their graduation in January.

"Commercial seniors may leave school and studies six weeks before the official close of a school term," says Miss Sibley, "providing the seniors are already at work, one of the seniors are already at work without even waiting for their graduation in January."

"The typewriter companies and the order of Gregg artists verify these several incidents for during the last week several students have obtained either an order of Gregg artists' certificates for superior work in shorthand, certificates of proficiency in typewriting, a card case for a work or merit in typewriting, or even a gold medal. One of the last was presented to one student for exceptionally good work on the typewriter."

"All these incidents play a big part in the life of the student who goes through Commerce, with a desire to make good, to rise above the common level of the business world."

"Room 4, the haven of all the past and present seniors of Commerce, is almost empty. The students have followed the custom of leaving school to accept employment offered by business men of Portland, and the desks are vacant, awaiting next term when another class of future business leaders will fill them."

Robert Gill, editor of the bulletin of the Local Legion and the Oregonian, gave a talk before the graduation class at Glenoce school, in which he emphasized the following points, according to Jennie Bell, one of the girls. "Clean and lose the satisfaction of winning."

"What good is a million dollars if you don't win it with your own head and hands."

"Be a strong link in the chain."

"Don't go over a bump, bore through it."

"The two big thoughts Mr. Gill wanted to leave with the class," said Jennie Bell, "were to relate yourself to the plan of civilization in force about you and to have an ambition with the right point of view."

"After Gill left, the Glenoce class debated over his talk and decided it would be a good thing if all the schools could have such a talk."

To provide a stimulus and a reward for excellence in scholastic standing four medals, two gold and two silver, known as the Hopkin-Jenkins scholarship medals, are awarded, each term, to the students of Jefferson high school having the highest standing in their work, by Hopkin Jenkins, principal of the school. A gold medal is awarded to the boy and the girl of the graduating class having the highest grades for the entire four years of work in the school. The two silver medals are given to the two members of the freshman class making the best record for the first year. These medals are awarded in the last assembly of each semester.

Mothers in Irvington district found the nut cakes made by their daughters in cooking class so good that recently when instructions were issued by the cooking teacher that any child wishing to keep the cake might do so by bringing by materials from home, they started their youngsters off with twice the amount of material necessary. "Mother said she wanted the cake that big," explained each girl in most of the schools. The products of the cooking classes are sold to patrons of the school, and the money put back into the department for the purchase of more materials. Every pupil wanting to take her own cooking home may do so by paying for the cost of the material.

Because of the paint, the game was lost, according to the explanation of Clyde Williams of the 8A grade, as to why the school lost the first basketball game. "Last year the assembly hall floor of Glenoce school was sandpapered and waxed," says Clyde Williams. "At the beginning of the basketball season the boys had to play without lines. The boys had to be on the floor for a month and it was completed about a month ago. We had a terrible time with the floor, as they painted over the wax and it took a month to get it off. They were postponed on account of this. As the boys had no practice for a month, they lost the first game."

Miss Fannie G. Porter, principal of Irvington school, has a unique method of preventing tardiness. She has appointed a boy in each room, whom she holds responsible for the promptness of every boy and girl in his room. This lad takes it upon himself to see that the few late comers who always lower the attendance moment of a room are awakened early enough in the morning to reach school on time. If they have no alarm clock, he goes about and raps on their doors.

The January graduation class of Lincoln high school presented its class play Friday and Saturday nights in the high school auditorium. "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" was the play selected, in which Florence Fowler and Malcolm Stole took the leading roles. The play was written by Madeline Coffey, Martha Shull, Katherine Cressman, Howard Coburn, Theodore Weiss, Harold Karo and Henry Holtman. Miss Christina MacConnell coached the play and Dr. Henrietta Moore and Alva Patton of the faculty assisted in its presentation.

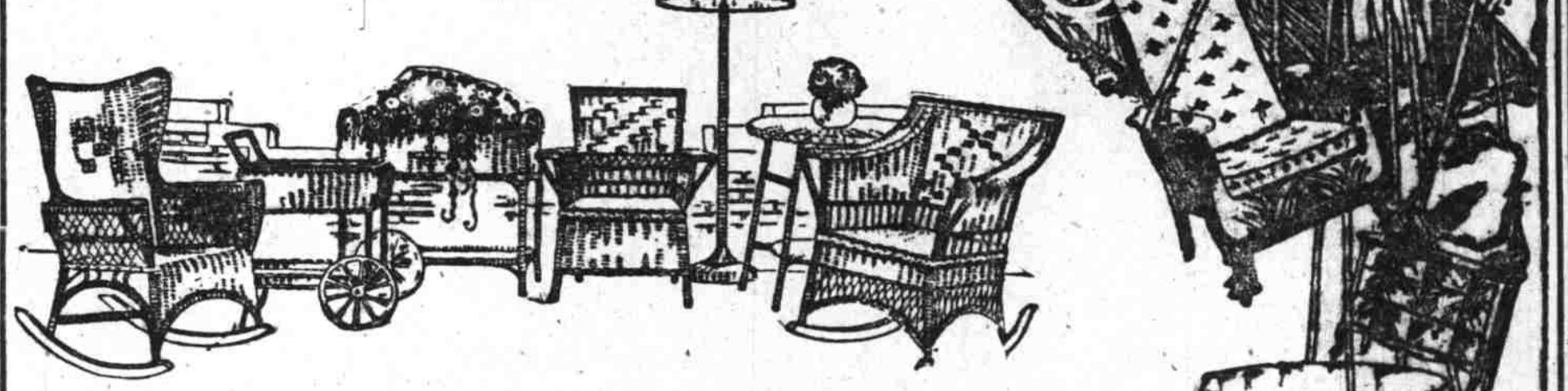
Boys of Hosford school are getting in shape for the basketball season. A practice game was played with Glenoce Monday night. The first boys had played, and the opening game was pulled off with Arieta, Friday night. Hosford players are: Mariani Pipes, Ray Ulrich, George Kitchener, Sylvester King, Harold Dixon, Gerold Irving, Harry Lichtgarn and Malvie Dixon.

Hosford school has just purchased a cart upon which to haul its phonograph from one room to another. The cart was purchased with surplus money raised above the quota assigned the school by the Red Cross during the paper drive. The school is now aiding the Red Cross in the sale of Christmas seals. Already \$15 has been gathered in the school.

The Parent-Teacher circle surprised the principals and teachers at Creston school at noon Tuesday with a chicken dinner which they served in the assembly hall. Hostesses were Mesdames Stambough, Jose, Richards, Glover, Sef-ton, Anderson and Sherman.

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