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Under the date of Feb. 20th the Astoria chamber of commerce has draughted a memorial to congress intended as additional proof and substantiation of the one recently sent by the same body, relative to matters now pending regarding proposed appropriations for deepening the channels of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. The memorial insists that the figures contained in the circular letter of the chamber of commerce, already presented to the river and harbor committee, were furnished by pilots whose business necessitates constant and correct knowledge on these important findings; that the proposed "improvement" if carried into effect would impair the work at the mouth of the river by setting in motion silt, sediment and gravel that would create a bar which the government has recently and at great cost successfully removed; that the proposed channel is of purely local import, and should not obtain an appropriation which might occasion the cutting down of those necessary for anterior projects in course of construction, and that the proposed creation of the "port of Portland" is contrary to the immutable laws of nature and would result in detriment to the reparian interests of our sister state, by diverting the natural channel of the Columbia river to the southern shore. The memorialists claim to be actuated solely by public motives in maintaining that their former and present exhibit show most conclusively the injustice of an effort to induce governmental discrimination against the needful interests of the entire northwest, merely to aid a private and local project. They do not oppose the Portland project but protest against diverting needful appropriations for work on the river now in successful progress to apply to a new and impossible task. There can be no question that Astoria is correct in her position in this controversy. The figures furnished by the chamber of commerce are taken from recent surveys made by the pilots and not from data furnished by government engineers years ago. The depth of the channel in the lower Columbia is fully adequate to all the necessities of the present inland commerce. Till other works of infinitely more general importance to Oregon, Washington and Idaho have been attended to it will be time enough to talk about the doubtful project of deepening the channel from Portland to Astoria.

Under the new laws regulating the incomes of county officers in the state of Washington the cost to the taxpayers of maintaining these offices is about one-fourth what it was under the old fee system which was similar to that which prevails in Oregon. The sheriff of Walla Walla county, for example, gets a salary of \$1,800 a year. The sheriff of such a county in Oregon would get not less than \$10,000 and possibly \$15,000. There is no complaint of a dearth of candidates in our sister state and there is no proof that the county officers are not filled by thoroughly competent men. The same would be true of Oregon if the incomes of the county clerks and sheriffs were placed at reasonable fixed salaries instead of fees so enormously disproportionate to the average capacity of the incumbents that clerical ability in a candidate is infinitely less a qualification for office than is the ability to command votes.

There is truth enough to fill a whole library in the following exchange clipping: "If Patsy Egan wants to make friends with the London papers and the democratic papers of this country, he can do so by favoring free trade and voting the democratic ticket. The newspaper combination of England and this country, would then applaud him to the skies as a brilliant statesman and a diplomat of unrivaled ability."

Notice.
 The regular monthly business meeting of the D. B. B. will be held Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst. All members requested to be in attendance.
 2-22-21 S. D. FISHER, Sec.

The Dalles Brass Band Ball will positively take place at Wingate's hall on Monday evening, February 22d, inst., the anniversary of Washington's birth day.
 S. D. FISHER,
 2-19-21 Member of Committee.

Teachers' Institute.
 A number of teachers and their friends met at the school building in the enterprising town of Dufur for their local teachers' institute on the 19th. Promptly at 10 o'clock Supt. Shelley called the meeting to order, and announced that the first exercise would be a song of we come by the Dufur high school. Miss Kate Cronin was then elected secretary of the institute. Supt. Shelley's introductory address was earnest and forcible, showing the usefulness of teachers' institutes and advising teachers to attend them whenever they could. After this address an opportunity was given for all teachers to sign the roll. Twelve teachers from various parts of the country were thus enrolled. The subject of arithmetic was then presented by P. P. Underwood, who asked why we study arithmetic, and answered his own question by saying that it was for practical use in after life, and urged the teachers to seek for definite results. The things to be accomplished would require a thorough knowledge of the fundamental principles of arithmetic. Therefore, take time, and lay the foundation well; require neatness in the work of the child, thereby teaching other things than numbers. The morning session was closed by a song by the school, which Prof. Frazier said was for the old people. We enjoyed it. After the Underwood exercise in arithmetic, Mr. Hinman gave us an interesting talk on writing. Writing was an art not a science, illustrated and described muscular movement. Favored practice paper rather than copy books. At 1:30 the institute again took up the work and after two songs, sung by the school, which were well received by the audience, Supt. Shelley announced Prof. A. Frazier as the first speaker and his subject orthography. He had prepared an exercise on the board. The sounds of the vowels, had been classified into long and short sounds; and on this exercise he drilled the teachers. Showed how teachers could easily prepare such exercises for use in their own schools, urging them to drill on this work frequently. Miss Kate Cronin of The Dalles then gave the institute a very able paper, the subject of which was "Enthusiasm in the Work." She spoke first of the importance of enthusiasm in the teacher's work. If on entering the work you do not find yourself becoming enthused, it would be well to examine yourself; and see if there is not something lacking; and if still you find no enthusiasm in the work, it would be better to seek other lines, rather than to remain in this, which requires so much enthusiasm. All should be enthusiastic, school boards, superintendents, teachers, patrons of our schools, and the citizens of our country, for if we love our country we should be very much in earnest, in regard to the education of the coming citizen; for it is only when a people become ignorant and corrupt, that they become incapable of self government. We know that truth and right have the universe on our side. On the subject of physiology, Supt. Shelley said that teachers were now required to be examined on this subject. Man had a three-fold nature, the mental, the moral, the physical, and all should be developed, not one at the expense of the others. But this development should be delegated to the teacher. He condemned the process that graduated the child from the schools at too young an age. An essay by Miss Edith Peabody showed much study, and presented many useful thoughts. Mr. Underwood in his talk on reading favored word method and the alphabet combined. Believed in reading charts. Advanced classes should be taught to study the nature of the piece they were to read as to style, force and pitch. Dwelt on articulation and expression. A singing exercise closing the afternoon session. The evening session was opened with singing by a large choir of trained voices. The evening sessions were held in the M. E. Church. Mr. Shelley spoke on the thoroughness in the work. Its importance and lasting effect. An essay by Miss Vanderpool was instructive and interesting. A discussion of the subject, Shall the state furnish text books free of cost, was supported by Messrs. Hinman and Anderson, and was opposed by Miss Kate Cronin and Mr. Dufur. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. The evening session closed with a song by the choir. Friday February 20.—The morning session was opened by songs by the high school. The secretary then read a synopsis of the exercises of yesterday. Prof. A. Frazier talked on the subject of grammar, and illustrated his methods by having his class diagram sentences and parse words. Mr. Underwood's talk on mental arithmetic was helpful. How to keep the little ones quiet was the subject of an able paper by Miss Margaret Daley. She suggested various methods, which she called busy work. Language lessons was the subject of E. H. Merrill's talk. Train the little ones to distinguish name words, by drawing pictures, or presenting objects for them to look at, and then give the name of the picture or object. Miss Menefee's essay on methods of teaching geography was helpful. She advocated map drawing from memory without using the ruler. This closed the morning session.

Afternoon session, Feb. 20th.—Music by the school. Prof. Frazier on U. S. history. Teach few dates and those like beesongs around which facts could be clustered. "Who, when, what, how, and where." A paper by Mrs. Chamberlin "How to prevent whispering" was enjoyed by all. Don't forbid it; check it, when it hinders the school work. An essay by Miss Hessler, "Life of Pestalzzi," was well received. School government was well handled by Mr. Pitman. Moral instruction by P. P. Underwood. Necessity and importance of it. Temptations to evil in school life. Prof. Frazier reading extracts from a little book called duty. By request the school sang again the piece entitled "Bob White." Evening, the band played for an hour before the evening session. The choir sang appropriate songs at the opening. A free discussion of graded work for country schools called out advocates and opponents. Declarations by Park Bolton, Bessie Hastings and Ada Jackson. The choir sang a negro song in which a solo by Mr. E. C. Warren was appreciated, and solos by Mr. Shelley were very much enjoyed. A vote of thanks was given for the kind favors extended to the teachers at this institute in which the band, church trustees, and choir were remembered and all others who in any way contributed to its success. Another song by the choir and school, closed this delightful session. A. TEACHER.

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