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The Educational Survey in Oregon

THE initial step planned by the state board of education which now has charge of all the institutions of higher learning in the state, is to have a survey made by the U.S. Bureau of Education of the several institutions of Oregon. Such a survey would deal with disputed questions (other than athletics) between the colleges and the university and between these two and the normal schools. It would probably review the systems of accounting and administration, the salary schedules, the physical plants and make such recommendations as would seem justified.

This is not a new undertaking for the U.S. Bureau. It has undertaken similar tasks in some fourteen states. Among the more recent were those in Kansas, Utah, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Texas. The practice of the bureau is to secure noted educators or specialists in educational administration to serve as the survey staff, supplying members of its own bureau staff to handle the statistical work and consider the work of analysis of data obtained.

The legislature probably was wise in ordering the survey and the state board will doubtless proceed with its functions with more assurance after such a survey is made. Perhaps when it is done the people of the state and especially the partisans of each institution will regard what issues there are as settled. Peace, even at the price of an expensive survey, may in this case be desirable.

Observation of the survey in Washington state in 1915 and a study of the more recent surveys in Kansas and Utah, convinces us that neither the university nor the state college has much to fear from the survey. Our conclusion rests on the fact that in the past the survey committees have seldom made recommendations of drastic changes; and on the further fact that the functions of the university and the state college conform rather closely to the division outlined by past surveys, notably Kansas. In fact one could almost take the Kansas report, study it carefully in the light of the Oregon situation and adapt whole sections of the report almost verbatim.

Take the state college courses in music and industrial journalism which are debated, the Kansas survey refused to recommend abolishing the four-year degree course in music which the agricultural college there offered, while in this state the agricultural college grants no degree in music. It likewise approved courses in industrial journalism at the state college; and courses in home economics at the university both for general cultural purposes and for training teachers for high schools. So we say, that when the Oregon survey is completed and the graphs and charts and tables published each institution will be permitted to carry on with scarcely any changes. The survey will be made by educators who start from the premise that the great need is for more education rather than less.

The Utah report has this to say about duplication; and the Oregon report will doubtless contain a similar statement: "It is the fashion in Utah, as in other states, to designate as duplications the evidences of lack of co-operation between the work of the university and the agricultural college and between these institutions and other elements in the educational system. In every state where the difficulty exists conflict of interest expresses itself most frequently in contests for appropriations before the legislature. Frequently the difficulties are not difficulties of actual duplication but of competitive exploitation. Thus it is often the case that the work of a state institution, wholly legitimate and proper and within the scope intended for its activity, is distorted by competitive presentation until it appears to be an encroachment upon the field of a sister institution. In other cases duplication that actually exists is only in a small degree harmful or wasteful duplication."

We relate this not to belittle the efforts of those who will carry on the survey, nor to justify present divisions of functions between the two state institutions; but to emphasize the fact that the ground to go over has been pretty thoroughly cultivated and the old board of higher curricula in this state went just about as far as it could in limiting the work of the university and the state college in line with the law, with prevailing practice, and with the findings of these surveys in other states.

The need for a thorough-going survey of the public school situation in Oregon (pronounced Oregon) is far more acute. The base of school support is inadequate, the tax system is outworn. While the public schools are functioning very well, there is vast room for improvement. The state for instance does not employ a single high school inspector. There is a woeful lack of leadership in the public school affairs of the state. While eminent men head the highest institutions there are few men of commanding strength in the public school field. Here in the Willamette valley where good roads have changed conditions radically, and were consolidated schools are now most practical, barely a beginning has been made in that direction. The legislators passed a freak transportation law at the last session, but that does not solve the educational problem of the valley, nor of the state. Teacher's salaries are low; it is surprising that professional standards are as high as they are.

The trouble is that the university-state college feud has absorbed public attention in this state for many years, the normal schools and the elementary and high schools have suffered. The state has been content with "hand-outs" in common school education and the public school leaders haven't had courage enough to drive ahead for proper recognition of the claims of the public schools.

If the survey of the higher institutions will settle the fuss and let the higher institutions quit absorbing the stage in Oregon it will be well worth while even if it turns out as we predict it will. Because then the common schools will have their turn either for a survey or for the public interest which will lead to improvement.

A Faithful Servant

IOWANS and ex-Iowans respect the memory of James W. Good, who died Monday night after a brief service as secretary of war. For it was from Iowa that Mr. Good's major public service was rendered. His home was in Cedar Rapids and he was one of the distinguished members of the bar of that county—Linn. He was elected to congress where he served several terms with distinction. He retired voluntarily from office and removed to Chicago to enter the practice of law. It was his feeling that Herbert Hoover was the man for president, which induced him to enter the political arena early on behalf of Mr. Hoover. He was a powerful factor in

Something to Look Forward To



gaining for Mr. Hoover support in the mid-west, especially following the Kansas City convention.

His appointment as secretary of war came not merely as a reward for services rendered, but as recognition of the genuine ability which he had demonstrated in public and private life. His death is untimely, for he was only in his sixties, with apparently many years of usefulness ahead of him.

Cedar Rapids, where he was born and educated, where he lived so many years, will be his burial place. And there in his home city and state the sorrow will be genuine and universal.

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Continuing. C. B. Moores said:

"There was a time, during the 40's, when it was an open question as to whether Oregon City or Salem was the American metropolis of the western half of the North American continent. We are told that in 1848 Portland had only two white houses and one brick and three wood colored houses and a few cabins. Her population in 1852 was estimated at 300 . . . In March, 1860, a census of Salem showed a population of 1068, and as late as 1864 Marion was the most populous county in the state. In the early 50's, while struggling to retain the capital, Salem came losing her name. In 1846, when the town was formally 'laid out' Rev. J. L. Parrish, after which your junior high school was recently named, insisted upon the retention of the name 'Chemeketa,' by which it had previously been known. This was opposed by Dr. W. H. Willson, who successfully urged the name of Salem. Several times thereafter the legislature seriously discussed a change in the name, and the following names were considered: Corvallis, Woron, Chemeketa, Multnomah, Valena, Bronson, Thurston, Pike, Victoria, Cheama, Willamette and Williamette. When we consider what might have happened we may well exclaim: 'How wise are the dispensations of Providence!'

The plat of the original town of Salem as it is known now was not filed by Dr. W. H. Willson till March 22, 1850, and that of North Salem was platted more than a month before, on February 15, 1850, and another Salem, which was the real town of that day, was laid out and its plat filed January 8, 1851, by J. B. McClane, being of the land on "Boon's Island," which Mr. McClane claimed as the original Salem, therefore entitled to the name. This was the part of Salem bordering on both sides of Broadway for a few hundred feet, after it leaves Liberty at the North Mill creek bridge, and becomes Broadway where Liberty leaves off. So Salem was not then named so that many people knew what it was going to be. The Bits man believes Mrs. Francis Fuller Victor, who wrote for Bancroft's history, was right when she said the name was given by Rev. David Leslie, though the name of North Salem was applied by Rev. L. H. Judson in his platting, and of Salem by W. H. Willson in his, and again Salem was claimed by J. B. McClane in his. There is dispute as to who named Salem, but the Bits man still holds to Rev. David Leslie. He also believes it should have been left at Chemeketa, the original Indian name, meaning something concerning to home or camp of peace making.)

Resuming the story of M. R. Moores: "While the early argonauts were thus shaping the preliminary history of Oregon the leaves of unrest was working in the east and constantly attracting a growing immigration. That of 1852 was the heaviest known. In that year my father, John H. Moores, leaving Danville, Ill., in the month of March, in a caravan commanded by his father, Col.

"My boyhood companions were of the usual type and we had the usual experiences of boys everywhere. The old university swimming hole was located on what was called the second creek, just south of the present Southern Pacific depot. When the railroad ran its right of way through it, it shared the same fate as the 'ole swimmin' hole' of James Whitcomb Riley. We used to play the English game of cricket and the Indian game of 'echo' or 'shinny,' on the grounds where the capitol and supreme court buildings are now situated. In winter days we ran foot races and played 'keepie,' 'mumblepeg' and 'hop scotch' in the long covered bridge on South Commercial street where the paper mills now stand. We hunted wild ducks on the 'Mill creek bottom' east and south of town. Football was played with 40 or 50 men on a side. During the days of the Civil war a custom greatly appreciated was the dragging out of the old brass six-

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SILVERTON LEGION AND AUXILIARY BUSY

Christmas Party, Play and Smoker Among Activities Planned

SILVERTON, Nov. 20.—The Delbert Reeves Post of the American Legion is planning, in conjunction with the Auxiliary, a very novel Christmas party to be held at the armory on the evening of December 16. Plans were discussed at the Legion meeting held Monday night. All members of both organizations will bring gifts to the party. Following the evening's entertainment these gifts will be distributed to charitable organizations to be given to homeless children or children who may not otherwise receive toys.

Reports were also given at the Monday night meeting on the Armistice Day dance which netted \$50, and on the Sunday Turkey shoot which needed approximately \$199. Another turkey shoot will be held the week before Christmas.

The tentative date or the first smoker has been advanced from November 27 to Dec. 11, it was reported at the meeting. The Legion plans to have a smoker once a month.

The membership is coming along fine, according to the membership committee. Twenty-five new members were made Monday evening.

Following the business meeting a social evening was enjoyed with the auxiliary.

Plans for the Legion auxiliary play to be given December 5 and 6 were discussed at the auxiliary regular semi-monthly meeting which was held Monday night at the Armory. The play will be given at the Eugene Field auditorium and it is entitled, "Hello There." From advance notices it would seem that the play will be highly amusing and many are anticipating its presentation. It is rumored that 40 men have been secured to act the part of college "flappers" and that 20 high school girls will also take parts besides the many members which have been selected from the auxiliary.

Mrs. Del Barber is in charge of the arrangements for the play. Following the business meeting of the auxiliary Monday night a social meeting was enjoyed with the Legion members. A program was given consisting of a demonstration by the Boy Scouts, a reading by Mrs. Jonas Byberg, a guitar and piano number by H. Thompson and Esther Borrek, a vocal solo by Frances Nelson accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Alf O. Nelson.

Supper was served following the program.

"Flu" Is Serious At Hubbard

HUBBARD, November 19.—Jim and Ben Krumling have been suffering from an attack of the flu, and grave fears were felt for their recovery. Miss Anna Vogel of the Anna hospital, is assisting in the care of the brothers at their home north of Hubbard. Last reports are that the brothers are improving but still not entirely out of danger.

Clarence Krupp and family of Needy have gone to Falfurio, Texas, for the winter.

Rev. E. S. Butler, former pastor of the Congregational church, was a recent caller at Hubbard.

Mayor and Mrs. George L. Baker of Portland left Saturday for

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

November 21, 1904

Task of selecting the jury for the famous land fraud cases of the United States against Emma L. Watson, Marie Ware, S. A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley, D. W. Tarpley, Harry C. Barr, Frank H. Wolgamott and others was not difficult, as had been predicted. It required but two and a half hours to select the 12 men. A. E. Austin of Woodburn is the only Marion county member of the jury. The largest crowd known in recent years at the U. S. court in Portland, where the case is being tried, witnessed the beginning of the contest.

Grand Master J. A. Mills of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon was a guest in his own house last night, having driven over to Independence from Salem last night to attend a reception of the Independence Lodge, of which he is a member.

Fred T. Merrill, the well known bicyclist and theatrical man of Portland, has purchased the Edison theatre in Salem and proposes to give local people a strictly high class vaudeville show. The house will continue to run under the management of F. N. Wilson.

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Seaside after a week's rest at the Hubbard Mineral springs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knox left for their home at Graham Saturday after a visit of two days at the home of their daughter, Dr. Ethel Riley.

Mrs. Tommy Luke, wife of the Portland florist, is spending the week at the Hubbard Mineral springs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pool of Coquille and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Russell of Portland were Sunday guests at the home of R. C. Painter and Bob Brown.

Miss Nadene Mace and Miss Lillian, Room of St. Helens and Austin Millsbaugh were weekend guests of Mrs. Neva McKenzie. Millsbaugh is a brother of Mrs. McKenzie.

Mrs. John Goebel and her mother Mrs. Pilger and Mrs. Gertrude Kenyon of Salem were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nellie Cornell and her mother, Mrs. Mattie Crocker. Mrs. Kenyon and Mrs. Crocker are sisters.

Supt. and Mrs. J. H. Bidgood and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carl.

Charley Moore of Moore's confectionery, has returned after an absence of several months at Cochran where he has been employed.

NORTH HOWELL SCHOOL BUSY

Student Body Officers Elected and Honor Roll is Announced

NORTH HOWELL, Nov. 20.—Officers elected by the student body of the North Howell school to serve for the second quarter are: president, Wayne Wiesner; vice president, Jay Rutherford; secretary, Celia Jefferson; treasurer, Myrtle Karre.

The ten pupils having the highest average in the examinations for the first quarter in the principal rooms are, Wayne Wiesner, Dale Fuller, Anton Woelke, Robert Drake, Lois Coomer, Caroline Bump, Lois Tornley, Ellen Vinton, Raymond Jefferson, Evelyn Coomer.

VALSETZ MILL GOES ON EIGHT HOUR DAY

VALSETZ, November 20.—The Cobbs, Mitchell Co. saw mill which has been working ten hours a day for several weeks, returned to the eight hour day November 16. The hours are 8 a. m. to 12 noon 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. The planing mill and logging department are working the same hours now.

Sunday morning Cleo Wells sustained a very painful injury to his right hand while preparing to do some welding at the mill. The crank of the welding machine kicked back, striking his wrist and hand. An x-ray examination showed no fractured bones.

A birthday party was given Mary Jo Raymond Thursday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raymond. The little guests enjoying the evening were Marjorie Jean Thomas, Doris Massie, Francis Neise, Evelyn Stoltzenberg, Wayne Barnett, Allen Boyd, Bobbie Bartrom, Allen Harris, Billie Ferguson and Jackie Raymond. Several games were played. Marjory Jean, Allen Boyd and Allen Harris received the different prizes. A lovely birthday cake with eight candles decorated the center of the table on which a dainty luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brooks are the proud parents of a baby girl who arrived at the Salem General hospital November 13. The mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Bert Thomas returned Sunday from Eugene where he had gone to attend the annual football game between the University of Oregon and Oregon State College.

Miss Verla Massie, who is attending high school at Independence, was home for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massie. On account of the teachers of Polk county attending institute there was no school last week.

Wayne Powell, who is attending Salem high school, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powell.

Silverton Lady Observes Birthday

SILVERTON, Nov. 20.—Mrs. Christine Hansen was hostess Sunday afternoon to a group of friends who called. The occasion was Mrs. Hansen's 76th birthday. Mrs. Hansen has been a resident of Silverton for almost thirty years.

Among those who called during the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Underdahl, Mrs. G. L. Benson, Mrs. O. S. Hoge, George Hoge, Mrs. G. J. Moe and Mrs. Ann K. Jensen.



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