

Threshing Halted by Rains; Baling Done

Threshing was halted by the light rains of the last few days. Nearly all of the grain raised in the district is in stacks. Some who had grain

threshed are busy baling the straw. Families of this district who vacationed at Nelscott the first of the week include Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols and Jean Hain, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Nichols, Coralee, Luella, Ronald and Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lauderback and Junior and Dean.

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Veal Roast 10c

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Tomatoes 10c
Red, Ripe 3 pounds
Lettuce 10c
Large, Solid Heads 3 for
Carrots 10c
Crisp—Large Bunches 5 bunches
Cauliflower 10c
White, Firm, Nice Size each
Celery 5c
Crisp, Real Good bunch
Rajah Coffee 18c
Delicious! pound

Tillman's Quality COFFEE
2 lb. can 57c 1 lb. can 31c

- Durkee's Mayonnaise 25c
Fountain Sifted Peas 10c
Baking Powder 25c
Crescent 1 lb. tins
Matches 18c
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- Elmer Orcutt's Fine TEA 25c
Tomato or Mustard Oval Sardines 3 for 25c
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Noo 10 Bags each

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WACONDA HOPMEN DON'T FEAR RAINS

Only Nominal Mildew Pest Reported in Yards in That District

WACONDA, Aug. 11.—The recent rains have slowed up threshing which was at its peak in this community. The late grain will be greatly benefited according to farmers here, as will the gardens. With hoppers in some yards only two weeks away the rain will make the hops grow and "set on" better. Where flies have accumulated in "patches" mould will be heightened by the cloudy, wet weather. However, hop growers in this section are optimistic and say the rain is "great" for them as there are no yards in the immediate vicinity that have mildew or spider to any harmful extent. Mrs. E. M. Massey of Portland is the house guest of her daughter here, Mrs. Arthur Goffin. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Walker and children returned to their home in Portland Wednesday, after a few days' visit with Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Walter Gosney at St. Paul and with Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Nusom here. Mrs. Tom Shively went to Hood River this week to spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Hallie Gudgeon.

HAIGHT TAKES JOB AT FINANCE OFFICE

SILVERTON, Aug. 11.—E. A. Haight, president of the First National bank at Silverton, which closed its doors in July, has accepted a position with the Finance Reconstruction corporation at Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Haight will leave for the city within a short while to make their home. They have been at Silverton for a little over a year, coming from Flagstaff, Ariz. Lee Ayers and his Acadians are back from a five weeks engagement at coast resorts. They will leave next week again for a trip through southern Oregon. Three of the Acadians, Maurice Winter, Leonard Pennell and Rollie Hendricks, are from Silverton. The Socialist local of Silverton has made its permanent organization, with I. O. Hadley as chairman and J. E. Hosmer as secretary. Attorney Hosmer was also elected delegate to the state convention to be held at Portland Saturday.

Final Half Summer Session Nears End

MONMOUTH, Aug. 11.—The final half of the summer session at Oregon Normal school will close August 25. Graduation exercises will be held at that time for a number of seniors receiving certification. There are 278 students enrolled for this half-term. Several instructors who taught the first half are now taking a vacation.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

Gentlegrass Farm, Monmouth, Ore.

To the Editor: The condition of higher education in Oregon is deplorable. It has been for the past three years. Other states are doubtless interested in our problem, but our educational antics are providing them much amusement. In a rather spasmodic attempt to adjust certain causes of friction between our legislative bodies and the higher institutions, the machinery, which the state had set up for avoiding duplication of work and costs in the latter, was cast aside and a new organization for assuring entire control of higher education was set up and ordered to proceed under full steam and banners flying. It was given over to a group of earnest, willing, but very busy men and women, to tear down the system which had grown up slowly, keeping pace with the state's development in agriculture, industry, economy and culture, and anticipating larger future needs, and to build in the former's stead a new system of higher education. The task assigned was monumental, gigantic, but rather for the moment, the sacrifice of time and service thus exacted from this body of laymen was far too great. The job was not one for laymen, even when furnished with national surveys and expert advice to the point of embarrassment; but rather for the highest trained and experienced educators in the land. Capable Head First Need The board's first work should have been the selection of the most capable head for the projected system, a president, a chancellor or what not, to be found in the country. Instead of this the board has not yet, after three years time, met this all-important need of any institution or organization. So long has this task been delayed, and so sensitive and suspicious has the public mind grown in the matter that without doubt the time is now past when a leader from without the state can take hold of the dilemma and set things to functioning as quickly as needs to be done for the public good. Indeed it would be somewhat of a reflection upon any foreign candidate now who would allow himself to be considered. Few educators, of the rank which this job merits and already holding a responsible position elsewhere, will be likely to abandon their present security for the uncertainties of the Oregon situation. The feelings of the people of the state are now easily ruffled educationally. They are "touchy" in the extreme. This renders the task of the board very difficult. Many people realize that it will require several years for an out-of-state man to grasp our needs and build up an organization for meeting the same. Agriculture and industry both languish bit-

terly in our state. The rehabilitation of agriculture and revival of industry, both basic and fundamental to any extended improvement in our economic condition, require someone right now to head our institutions who already knows these needs and can set all the forces of both college and university to work with a mighty vigor to bring about the change. The nation cannot solve Oregon's problem. Oregon must work out her own salvation. To this end she must use the forces within herself; but these must not longer be kept back by much waiting for leadership and political dickering. Action must come now. The breaking point is just around the corner. We are impatient with the procrastination to which we have been subjected. The notorious initiative bill is a natural outbreak of this impatience. Public Mind Sensitive The sensitiveness of the public mind as regards higher education in Oregon has become, if a very natural manner, in the first place, from the very beginning of its existence, there has been a strong suspicion that the membership of the board of higher education is not wholly in conformity with the intention of the legislature which provided the former organization, that is, non-political in every way. It will be recalled by many that the first act of a former governor, after the law creating the board was passed, was to place a recognized politician in the membership. This was done too in the face of the fact that one of the prime motives of the law was to take the schools out of politics. A very disgraceful scene took place in Salem over the attempt to elect a politician to the membership to confirm the appointment. Only after a threat to veto their bills did the members fall in line. Chairman Gives up Job Very soon thereafter the political member secured the chair-

manship of the board. This seemed very unwise to people who knew that there were board members whose breadth of vision was greater and whose egotism was far less. The political tendencies of the chairman showed themselves later when he evinced a disinclination to let the press know the deliberations of the board. It required some pressure to persuade the chairman that he was serving a democracy and that there is rarely any educational deliberation that the taxpayer is incompetent to know. In fact executive sessions in educational affairs very readily arouse unhealthy suspicions, especially when it is known that a politician participates therein. The writer has lived for 21 years in the state and in that time he does not recall many occasions when the judgment of the Oregon press in the matter of what to give out to the public was in questionable taste. In the second place, the deliberations of the board itself, after a long period of initial inactivity, have not been such as to inspire much public confidence in its wisdom. Their record is too fraught with inexcusable blunders, vacillations and backtracking. For a time there was a willingness to excuse these lapses on the ground that the board was plowing in a virgin field where hitherto no furrow had been cast up. But gradually suspicions began to arise that political methods were being employed in some of the deliberations. The employment of an educational expert as secretary of the board and the set up of an expensive office in Salem seemed to suggest constructive measures from that source; but such as have emanated therefrom cannot be justified their cost. Equally as efficient service could have been rendered from either of the business offices, in Eugene or Corvallis and with little added cost.

Secretary's Job Questioned Indeed there have been those who have called at the office of the board in Salem for information who have some way feeling that there must be some great secret about higher education and that it is presumptuous for a more layman to question the secretary. Later still there has been some doubt as to whether the secretary confines his labors to purely educational matters. There are those who wonder if he is the secretary of the chairman of the board, or of the board itself. Confidence was again weakened in the board when it showed only a casual interest in the investigation of the Monmouth normal a year ago. The result of the same was a whitewash for that institution. In view of the disclosures at the hearings and evidence submitted otherwise, the outcome was a great surprise; but in view of the fact that the institution of the Monmouth normal has been controlled by the chairman of the board for the past five years, the results of the investigation are not at all difficult to understand. All of these things, together with others which could be cited, have created a condition of the public mind which demands two major steps in Oregon higher educational affairs to be taken without delay. One of these is the appointment of a chancellor at once. This should be someone who knows the problem now and can go to work immediately. We must not risk an outsider at this critical period. Our University which up to the time of its upset, had rightly and properly dedicated all its forces to the search for truth regardless of its use here or elsewhere, cannot be hurt so much by an outside leader for its functions in the state are more general, but none the less fundamental to the prosperity of the state. Our people must have a healthy phil-

osophy, also they perish. The university gives this great factor. Our college, whose material contributions to the state, up to the time of its impairment, cannot be disputed, must continue to study Oregon agricultural and industrial needs, as it has done in the past. Kerr's Appointment Urged Just one of the scores of projects which this school has fathered in the past seven years will bring more wealth to just the Williams valley alone than it has cost the state to operate the college for the past five years, that is, the growing of alfalfa in this valley. It must not be forgotten that Oregon is uniquely an agricultural and industrial area. We must look at the big trend in our state now and also direct our vision toward the stupendous possibilities of the future. One man in Oregon has done this difficult thing and has given us the proof of his success. Let us put down any sectional and personal matters if such exist and take advantage of the proven ability, the comprehensive vision and the unquestionable leadership of this man, Dr. William Jasper Kerr of Corvallis. His appointment will ally half of the public unrest at the big election in Oregon today and it will win thousands of votes against the initiative measure now on the ballot. The other step which should be taken is the removal of the chairman of the board of higher education from that body by Governor Meier. This act will take care of the other half of the dissatisfaction in the public mind. These two things having been done with promptness and finality Oregon may see her educational problem move toward a solution with full confidence in its chosen leader and with its suspicions of political dickering among its administrative officials allayed. THOS. H. GENTLE

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