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SCHOOL NOTES

COMPARISON GIVEN ON RESULTS ACHIEVEMENT TEST

The office of the county school Superintendent recently released the data covering the county wide Stanford achievement tests.

These tests have been prepared by authorities to determine the achievement of grade school students in the fundamental subjects.

It is possible to tell by the scores received whether a student, grade or high school is above or below what it should be for each of the subjects. The test was given and scored under the same conditions and by the same method through out the county.

The information as given in the following chart indicates that with the exception of one grade the Gold Hill Grade School ranks at the top of the Jackson County schools.

Since our school board has placed this particular grade in the hands of one teacher a degree of progress should be noticeable by next year. Av. Co. grade Gold Hill Normal Gr'd school of 4, 5. Score Should

6,7,8 teachers made	be
86.5	90.0
80.7	82.4
75.3	69.0
62.2	63.0
48.9	49.0

Senes-Harry Achievement Test

A small study of the scores made by students on the Senes-Harry achievement test indicates that the Gold Hill School ranks at the top of the list in comparison with other Oregon schools, the same size.

Dr. C. L. Huffaker, director of the Bureau of Educational Research University of Oregon, has been collecting information to help in determining the kind of teaching and the results obtained in the high school.

The results of the Gold Hill test were turned over to this department to be used in this study. The Bureau stated in their reply that they were sending the scores of several typical small schools that would compare as to size with the Gold Hill High school. A few facts may be noted by studying the scores as given in the chart.

The Gold Hill High school ranks second according to the average scores for all subjects; second in Language and Literature; seventh in Mathematics; second in Natural Science and second in the Social Sciences.

City	Lit. & lang.	Nat. So.	Sci.	Av. E
Bonanza	55.8	72.5	61.2	63.0
Gold Hill	52.4	56.1	68.8	61.7
Florence	46.2	53.5	72.3	61.2
Crew	50.2	56.7	63.1	56.7
Blachley	46.1	59.3	64.1	56.6
Oakridge	50.2	56.9	64.8	55.5
Henley	48.4	58.1	58.7	51.4
Santa Clara	43.6	66.3	57.9	51.0

The above scores indicate the percentile ranking of each school. This means, for illustration, that for all the students who have taken this test the Gold Hill high school students made higher scores in natural science than 68.8 per cent.

GRADE NEWS

Bobby Johnson has returned to the 1st grade after an absence of several days.

Paul McOuat has returned to his classes after an absence.

The fifth grade made booklets on Washington.

Ruth Johnson and Clarence Stone are absent from the 5th grade this week.

Martha Maloney and Dorothy Shoemaker of the 6th grade have the mumps.

The first lamb tongue of the season was brought to school by Delores Drennen.

June More of the 8th grade has returned to school after a month's absence.

The six weeks examination of the 4th six weeks period, will be given Thursday and Friday.

Much to our regret, new cases of mumps are still appearing. Bill Conner, Clarence Kell and Arthur Duzenberry are the most recent victims.

Next Friday the Banking contest will come to an end. Thus far the Freshmen and Juniors are ahead.

The percentage for last week is: Seniors and Sophomores, 75 per cent. Freshmen and Juniors, 100

World Mourns Her Death



Dame Nellie Melba, considered by many to have been the greatest soprano in the world, died last week at the age of sixty-four, at Melbourne, Australia, the city of her birth, from which she took her opera name. Dame Melba for a time resided with her family at Klamath Falls, her real name being Helen Porter Mitchell.

BUSINESS BLOCK BEING ERECTED ON HIGHWAY

A one-story business building is being erected on the site just east of the Carter blacksmith shop on the highway. The building is the property of Bud Snyder who intends to open up a business at that site as soon as the building is completed. Mr. Snyder has for many years travelled over the world as a vaudeville actor and in all his travels he says there has never been another spot that suited him as the vicinity of Gold Hill. He was very much impressed with the Rogue River fishing and for the past two years he has spent most of his time here during which time he has done considerable fishing in the river. He has acquainted himself with the habits of the local game fish and knows their haunts and when he sets his newly established business going here he expects to do guide work for sportsmen who come to the vicinity to enjoy the fishing. He will cater to the sportsmen by stocking the kind of sporting goods he knows will catch the fish. He will also conduct a confectionery and lunch stand.

The new building will be of clay tile with a concrete front veneered with ornamental brick. He will have large plate glass show windows. The building will be 25x75 feet. B. E. Adams has the contract. Mr. Snyder's building will be another asset to Gold Hill's business district.

PROWLERS BREAK INTO GARAGE, STEAL TIRES

Sometime Sunday night burglars entered the Gold Hill garage in this city and stole six automobile tires of several sizes. They also looted the stage money which was left in the garage. Other articles may have been taken that Mr. Kell could not check up on.

The job is believed to have been done by local talent as the jimmy used to gain admittance appears to be the same as the one which has been used on several other burglaries committed in this vicinity during the past several years.

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Meisinger entertained a number of friends at a progressive bridge party at their home in this city, Saturday evening.

There were six tables of bridge to provide entertainment for the guests after which refreshments were served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Earl Moore, Geo. Hammersley, M. B. Merriman, Win Ferguson, Paul Thompson, H. D. Force, Frank Carter, Paul Angstead, C. J. Shorb, Aurele Meunier, Geo. Meisinger Mrs. Floyd Lance and Miss Hankey.

Mrs. Angstead won high and Mrs. Carter consolation prizes.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Jackson Co. Health Unit will be held Monday March 2, at 2:00 p. m. at the Delta. It is hoped to have a good attendance as important business is to be transacted.

Medford is going to bury old man D. Presson at a public funeral next week. Gold Hill might donate a concrete tomb stone.

Public Utilities Bills Voted Favorably by State Solons

Other Items Of Interest Gleaned From the Halls of The Legislature for our Readers Information

House bill 77 for the regulation of public utilities, was passed by the House by a vote of 50 to 10. This is another major administration measure and provides for the abolition of the present Public Service Commission and the creation of a one-man commission appointed by the Governor.

Recalling no doubt that this measure reflected the major sentiment of their constituency few representatives opposed it on final consideration.

Leaders of the opposition were Hamilton, Taylor, and Thornburg. Hamilton declared himself opposed to the abolition of the present commission; and to home rule, which is embodied in the bill. He scouted also the idea of a "mandate of the people."

Taylor informed the House that his constituency were not in favor of the bill. He did not explain his conclusion in the face of the fact that his county of Clackamas gave to Governor Meier the highest majority given by any county in the state.

Thornburg declared that a three-man commission is superior to a one-man commission.

Among those extolling the merits of the bill were representatives Lawrence, Thompson and Gill.

The final vote was:—Aye—Allen, Anderson, Andrews, Angell, Bronaugh, Bynon, Chindgren Chinnock, Day Deuel, Eckley, Fisher, Gill, Glass, Gordon, Gouley, Hellberg, Janssen, Johnson, Keasey, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, MacPherson, Manning, McAllister, McCourt, McCraw, McPhillips, Mott, Nichols, Oxman, Peters, Proctor, Schaupp, Scott of Umatilla, Scott of Morrow, Smith of Hood River, Smith of Marion, Snell, Stewart, Stockdale, Swift, Temple, Tompkins, Wells, Winslow, Yates, Lonergan.

No—Delap, Hamilton, Hill, Howard, Knapp, McCormack, Nash, Taylor, Thornburg, Weatherford.

Utility Act Repealed

The first of the administration public and power measures to pass both branches of the legislature was the repeal of the "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Act," which passed the House February 17.

Speaking for the measure were Lawrence, Lewis, Gill, Tompkins, Manning, Macpherson and Glass. In opposition were Hamilton, Lee, Norton, Peters, Norton, Nash, Taylor. Mrs. Lee explained her vote for the measure by saying that she was conforming to the mandate of the people.

Here is the vote:—Aye—Allen, Anderson, Angell, Bronaugh, Bynon Chindren, Chinnock, Day Deuel, Eckley, Fisher, Gill Glass, Gordon, Gouley, Hellberg, Janssen, Johnson, Keasey, Knapp, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, MacPherson, Manning, McAllister, McGraw, McPhillips, Mott, Nichols, Oxman, Proctor, Scott of Morrow, Smith of Hood River, Smith of Marion, Snell, Stewart, Stockdale, Swift Temple, Thornburg, Tompkins, Wells, Winslow, Yates, Lonergan.

No—Andrews, Hamilton, Hill, Howard, McCormack, McCourt, Peters, Nash, Norton, Schaupp, Scott of Umatilla, Taylor, Weatherford, Delap.

Agricultural Bill Reported

Senate Bill 87, sponsored by the Senate Agricultural committee and providing for a State Department of Agriculture, has been reported out of the Ways and Means committee where it was sent for an appropriation, without recommendation.

Friends and foes of this bill seem to be about equal from reports received from over the state.

Would Raise Salary

If House Bill 209 by Representatives Andrews, Gill, Anderson, and Senators Moser and Miller shall pass, the Labor Commissioner's salary will be increased from \$3600 to \$4800. So far the Ways and Means

committee has turned down salary increases.

Department of Agriculture Voted

After repeated delays and amendments in committee, Senate Bill 87, provided for creation of a state department of agriculture, was considered on the fortieth day of the session.

Senator Miller explained the provisions of the proposition and declared its operation would stimulate agricultural progress in Oregon.

Bennett favored it as a measure tending toward economy. Dunn, of Multnomah, declared that this law would make an effective system of cooperative marketing possible.

Woodward called attention to the myriads of boards and commissions in Oregon and held that this bill should be enacted into law in the interest of consolidation.

Eddy expressed the belief that the proposal was a step in the direction of coordination.

Wheeler waxed eloquent in stating his belief that this act would result in better service for agriculture in the state.

Eberhard regretted the controversy apparent over the state in regard to this matter.

Dunn of Jackson was fearful that it would result in a powerful political machine and declared he was voting for it against his best judgment.

Upton declared his opposition to it in seceding the Grange for having opposed the bill providing for "Cabinet government" at the last election.

Strayer characterized the author as a dreamer; the act as an encouragement of still more office holders and a "pipe dream."

Brown declared the Governor favors the measure; that it will centralize responsibility now resting in various boards and commissions; and that it will stimulate the progress and prosperity of agriculture. Senator Kiddle added his recommendation.

Water Power Bill Wins

Having run the gauntlet of a flood of lobbyists whose ability to condemn and to offer amendments to it Senate Bill 62, introduced by Brown and sponsored by the administration, passed the Upper House by a 29 to 1, Senator Carsner being absent.

This bill provides for the creation of a Hydro-Electric Commission, including the State Engineer and two other persons, appointed by the Governor.

It provides also for the use and development of water and water power by citizens, associations of citizens and private corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, and prescribes the manner in which and conditions upon which the right to the use of water may be secured and enjoyed.

The chief purpose of this measure is to preserve the water power resources of the state of Oregon for all the citizens thereof.

It marks the beginning of a new

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kenaston went to Grants Pass, Saturday evening. Mrs. Kenaston and her brother R. A. Pierce left Sunday morning for Roseburg to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost and children who have been living in one of Mr. Swan's houses on 4th avenue have moved out on the Sams Valley road.

Mrs. R. L. Kenaston accompanied relatives to Myrtle Creek Sunday to attend the funeral of Kitt Ackert for many years a resident jeweler of that city.

Mrs. Eber Davis has been ill the past week, at her home on 4th avenue.

Escapes Court Martial



General Smedley D. Butler, Commandant of Quantico Marine barracks who was recently reprimanded by Secretary of the Navy Adams on account of an address, in which Butler is said to have offended the Italian nation. He was at first ordered before a general court martial, but the order was changed.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Edith Ackert and daughter Carol were guests at the Kenaston home Monday evening. Mrs. Ackert is the wife of the late Kitt Ackert and is at present serving Douglas county as county superintendent of schools.

The dance given Tuesday night by the Montana club in Central Point was a grand success. Good music and a good crowd featured the evening. The club will hold another function next month.

The irrigation ditch is being cleaned out and expanded in places in preparation for the spring and summer run of water. The fish wheel formerly located at the Galls creek flume has been moved to the head of the ditch.

Robt. E. Cook and Fate Rowe are busy at their mine property on Foots Creek where they have erected cabins and have been doing some work on their mill. They expect to do considerable development work on this property this spring.

Alan Cameron and Clarence Shaver returned last week end from Toledo, Washington. They were accompanied on their return to the city by Mrs. Hattie Hedges and daughter, Gladys. They will make a short visit in this city with the Shaver family. Mrs. Hedges is a sister of T. J. Shaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews who have been operating a mine and stamp mill near Gold Hill have moved to Butte Falls for the summer where Mr. Andrews has accepted a position. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews' many friends wish them success in their new home. Mr. Andrews stamp mill will be looked after by Mr. Frost who with his family have moved out to the mill.

Our Public Library looks much better after some long needed improvements, the floor has been oiled, the windows have been cleaned and new curtains hung. Everyone is invited to come and make use of the library as it is for the public. No charges are made for the use of books and magazines unless they are kept out overtime, then the small fee of two cents for each library day they are overdue. Every effort is being made to please and if we haven't the book you wish to read we will try and get it for you.

LADIES AID MEETS

The Ladies Aid held their last meeting February 19 at the church, it being an all day session. A basket dinner was served at noon to ten members and seven visitors.

The Ladies passed the time by quilting a quilt for Mrs. Belknap. At 2:00 they held their regular business meeting which was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lucy Mee. A song "Who Soever Meaneth Me," was sung and Mrs. Parker led in prayer. The ladies will soon start to have the church re-shingled and repapered. Our next meeting will be held at the Church March 5.

Free Books For Schools Get Approval

One of the most controversial and far reaching measures of the session of the Oregon Legislature is the one providing for the free use of text books, House Bill 34.

At a public hearing, when this bill was in the House, crowds of persons representing teachers, parent-teachers' associations, and others, appeared in its behalf, while representatives of private and parochial schools as discriminating against such schools.

Attention was called to the fact that the present system is wasteful, thousands of dollars being invested in books which are used but a short time and then discarded, while under the proposed law text books will be used until worn out.

Another argument in favor of the proposed measure was that it will save much time for the schools at the beginning of each term, when so many children are without books.

That the district should furnish books for the same reason that they furnish buildings, blackboards, seats, and many other articles of equipment and that as the law forces children to attend school it should furnish them the tools for their education, was also asserted.

Senator Bailey led the pleas for the measure, calling attention to the fact that 44 states have either permissive or mandatory laws for free use of textbooks. "Every candidate for Governor endorsed free text books," he declared.

Senators Staples led opposition condemning the bill as paternalistic, and asserting that it would ruin the state economically. Eddy expressed fear that it would allow evasion of personal responsibility for the education of children. Crawford expressed approval as did Upton, Eberhard, Hall, Wheeler, Woodward, and Moser.

Fisher attacked the bill on the grounds that it may be found unconstitutional and that it does not furnish free text books to children attending private schools.

Senators Bennett and Schulmerich scored the measure as sure to increase the dependence of parents upon the state for the education of their children and that it will increase taxes upon real property.

The vote in the Senate stood as follows: Aye—Bailey, Booth, Carsner, Crawford, Dunne, Eberhard, Franciscovich, Hall, Jones, Kiddle, Kuck, Miller, Moser, Spaulding, Upton, Wheeler, Woodward. No—Bennett, Billingsley, Brown, Burke, Dunn of Jackson, Eddy, Fisher, Johnson, Mann, Schulmerich, Staples, Strayer, Marks.

RECORDS SET MAKING SCENES FOR "WIDOW FROM CHICAGO"

"The Widow from Chicago," First National's new comedy-drama which comes to the Holly Tuesday for a three day run, was in its making a record breaker.

New marks for undisturbed and errorless recording were established by Neil Hamilton and Edward G. Robinson. The very first sequence filmed went nine minutes without a mental lapse or need of technical adjustments, expending practically the capacity load of a film magazine, 1000 feet. Several subsequent scenes attained nearly the same length. Most talking picture episodes average little better than two minutes between cuts.

Alice White, in addition to extended scenes, also set a mark for a number of long "talks" in the production. Her sustained dialogue is dramatic scenes, from six to eight minutes each, brought her average to about twice that of the usual talkie or slightly better than four minutes per scene.

"The Widow from Chicago" was directed by Edward G. Cline.

Also on the stage the Holly is presenting an added stage attraction, evenings only "The Sleepy Town Express," staged by Dixie Ambler Harvey.