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LET US TAKE LEAVE OF HASTE. Let us take leave of haste awhile. And loiter, well content, with little pleasure to beguile, and small habitation—

TOO MUCH IS PLENTY

IN seeming despair over efforts to solve the normal school problem the Portland Journal suggests that normal courses be established at O. A. C. and at the state university at Eugene.

Though doubtless made from good motives the suggestion is absurd because it calls for disregarding the most important of the established rules governing the location of normal schools.

The United States bureau of education specifies first of all that a normal school should be located in a large town situated so as to most effectively serve the territory involved and lays down the principle that no normal school can serve a territory from which it is geographically remote.

Every educator knows that these principles are sound. All educators know that the present trouble arises from the fact the Monmouth normal school serves only the Willamette valley and does virtually nothing for eastern Oregon or for southern Oregon.

The Journal's suggestion therefore is that the portion of the state already well supplied on the score of normal instruction be given two additional schools, making three institutions within a radius of a few miles, while eastern Oregon and southern Oregon remain out in the cold.

PROSPERITY HALTS RECRUITING

IN times of general prosperity it is inevitable that recruiting for the army and navy should lag.

fore the House Naval Committee. High wages in civil life proved a serious check to enlistments. When any able-bodied man can find work to his taste at good pay, the pictures and glowing pleas displayed on the recruiting posters lose the power of appeal.

In any plans to increase the strength of the army or navy it is bound to be a serious problem to secure men for the service in sufficient number. If congress last spring had provided for an increase of the regular army to 500,000 men, or had adopted the Garrison scheme in all its details, it would have made little difference. On paper there would be a new system of army reorganization, but the shortage in enlistments, as it is today, would have to be faced.

It must be recognized as an obvious fact that military service as an opportunity for a career appeals only to a limited number of young men in this country. In ordinary times of peace they naturally drift into other employments. The flow of recruits will vary with industrial conditions. When labor is in great demand and highly paid, recruiting will shrink; if unemployment increases, it will expand and quicken.

It is a situation that is to be viewed with grave apprehension, particularly with respect to the navy. Secretary Daniels' report is an inspiring testimonial to the creation of the new navy; but of what value are dreadnoughts and 16-inch guns without trained men to handle them?—New York World.

WORK OF FARM AGENTS

FIELDS farmed as demonstrations in agriculture under the supervision of county agents of the Office of Extension Work, South, returned in 1915 as a rule yields 100 per cent in excess of the average for the section, according to the annual report of the States Relations Service issued by the department. The demonstration work, it is stated, resulted in the widespread adoption of better methods, particularly in the preparation of land, selection of seed, and cultivation of crops.

During the year 1915, 731 regular county agents, 407 women county agents, and 26 special boys' club agents were engaged in the southern extension work. They carried on work with 110,000 adult farmers, approximately 63,000 boys, nearly 7,000 women and about 33,000 girls. In 1916 these figures have been increased to 110,000 farmers, 63,000 boys, 48,000 girls, and 30,000 women.

Germany's proposal for peace is based on conditions the allies cannot accept without awarding the war's victory to the kaiser. Nor is it probable at all that the allies will consent to peace on any such basis. However, there is hope in the fact peace is even being discussed and this is increased by the possibility Germany may not hold out for the conditions first suggested.

Some of our newspapers are railing for fear Francis J. Heney may be named as secretary of the interior and they cite his Oregon land fraud prosecutions against him; what is there wrong about prosecuting men for land frauds?

It takes both sides to make peace.

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Dec. 13, 1888.)

The question of securing a town clock to be placed on the court house tower should be agitated and a subscription raised for the purpose. No place can be well regulated or completely without a town clock.

Tom Laceyfield has unearthed portions of the mammoth skeleton of some extinct animal while excavating a dugout on his ranch near Pendleton.

James Miles an Idaho man, refused to chip in even a nickel to bury a fellow townsman and a bolt of lightning struck and killed 12 horses for the day of the funeral.

Johnny Hughes, J. H. McCoy and Will Stinson of Pilot Rock are visiting in Pendleton today. They report everything quiet in the Rock neighborhood.

The report that Miss Sophie Preston has been murdered by natives in

China was caused from a telegram announcing her serious illness from brain fever. Jimmy Turner was almost fully recovered from his attack of sickness and has made his appearance on the streets.

HERMISTON CLUB PLANS FOR PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION COLLECTING FUNDS TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT TRACT.

Western Land and Irrigation Company Makes Changes in Personnel—Other News and Social Notes of Interest.

(East Oregonian Special.) HERMISTON, Ore., Dec. 13.—A committee from the Neighborhood Club of the Columbia district has been busy the last few days securing subscriptions from local people for funds and labor for the improvement of the five acre tract of land which the government has set aside for civic center purposes for the people of the Umatilla project. This land lies just across the road, south, from the Columbia school house, and has been turned over to the Neighborhood Club for improvement by the Umatilla Water Users' Association. They plan to have the land leveled right away so that it will be in shape for the setting out of trees and shrubbery in the spring. This tract is located in the heart of the richest producing area of the project and if present plans are carried out, it will be one of the most beautiful parks in the state.

S. C. Roettinger, prominent attorney and treasurer of the Central Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Cincinnati, left Sunday for his home after a few weeks' stay in this city in the interests of the Western Land & Irrigation Co. During Mr. Roettinger's visit several changes were made in the affairs of the Western Land & Irrigation Co., among which, J. D. Watson, assistant treasurer of the company, was made secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. E. Cleaver of Prairie City, Ore. Mr. Watson was also appointed one of the directors of the company. B. F. Strohm was awarded the contract to move the Orchard Camp buildings from their present location to Westland, a small station on the O.W. cut-off. This is right in the heart of the Western Land & Irrigation Co.'s project, and the actual part of the work can be handled much better from this point than at the present location. If present plans mature, a large acreage of the company's holdings will be needed to alfalfa in the spring.

S. E. Oldaker and F. C. McKenzies were Pendleton visitors Friday. Mrs. Laura L. Waller spent Saturday with friends in Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sapper and little daughter, Margaret, were Pendleton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. O. Wainwright is confined to her home with a severe attack of the grip.

F. B. Swayze is spending a few days in Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Newell, and little son, Herbert, Jr., Miss Kate Barton and Miss Bessie McPherson composed a party that motored to Irrigon Sunday.

F. A. Phelps spent the day in Pendleton yesterday.

LA GRANDE ELECTION IS CLOSE AFFAIR

H. S. Brownton Is Elected Commissioner by Small Margin—Very Light Vote Is Cast.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 12.—H. S. Brownton, dentist, was elected city commissioner to succeed S. R. Hawthorn in Monday's triangular race for that office. None of the candidates received a majority of all votes cast, although Mr. Brownton had four votes more than Mr. Rosch, his nearest competitor, on the first choice. No majority prevailing, it is necessary to count second choices and on that basis Mr. Brownton is elected.

Vote Unusually Light. In spite of the keen interest displayed prior to the election, the vote was about one-third of what it should have been. The trifling slash kept many women voters at home, and many men too, for the wards are too large for convenience. The need of splitting them up was very emphatically impressed.

OLD MAN TAKES BACK PILLS, FINDS SON CARED FOR.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Fearing that the government did not provide sufficient medical attention for his son who is serving in the United States Marine Corps, a little weakened old man approached Sergeant Joseph L. Wedge, of the local marine recruiting station, with the request that he forward a little box of brown pills to his son, who the visitor said, was "aillin'" at the Port Royal recruit depot.

"Them pills aillin' put Boh on his feet," said the stranger. "It's an old family remedy that I know is reliable."

When Wedge assured him that he had no doubt of the efficacy of the pills, but that Uncle Sam was bountifully equipped with medical supplies and aided by a large medical staff to look after his men, the stranger's eyes opened wide with wonder.

"I reckon he don't need these," then, said the visitor, as he pocketed the pills with a mumbled apology and quietly withdrew.

ALL SCHOOLS OF CITY VISIT COUNTY LIBRARY

Different Grades Alternate Spending An Hour a Week Receiving Instruction in Library Methods.

The Washington and Hawthorne schools from the fourth to eighth grades inclusive are each spending an hour this week at the county library receiving instruction in library methods. Miss Smith, assistant librarian, is conducting the classes and the library period is proving a very worth while addition to school work as well as popular with the children.

A. E. White, principal of the Washington school and the teachers of the fourth to eighth grades come with the pupils for the eleven o'clock period throughout this week and E. E. Gelas, principal of the Hawthorne school has arranged for the nine o'clock period.

This finishes a one hour library period this semester for each pupil in the public schools from fourth grade through high school senior year, as Miss Rugh, principal of the Lincoln school and Miss Slater and Miss Graves, teachers of high school English, completed the work in November.

Similar arrangements have been made for the pupils of St. Joseph's academy at the nine o'clock period throughout next week. Grades one, two and three are too young to get full value for this work but are encouraged to use the library as far as they are able. Picture books and easy readers are supplied for them and parents are invited to accompany the smaller children in their quest for books to read. Every child who can write his own name and address legibly may have his own individual library card even though he may be in first, second or third grades.

P. H. S. BOYS MEET ATHENA DECEMBER 22

The high school boys' first basketball game will be played on Friday, December 22, when they will meet the girls' team in that city. The girls' team will play the Athena girls the same evening, making the game a double header.

Up to this time the boys' practice has been rather of a sorting out nature, but Coach Fendall has now picked his first and second teams and the regular teamwork is being practiced.

From the Athena game on a heavy schedule will be played by the boys, the Waitsburg game coming the 26th, less than a week from the Athena contest. Much will depend upon the Waitsburg as to the final standing of the team.

NAUGHTY REBECCA

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER ATTENDS FUNERAL OF ARCHBOLD



FUNERAL OF J. D. ARCHBOLD. TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The body of John D. Archbold, the Standard Oil millionaire, lies in the magnificent Archbold mausoleum in Sleepy Hollow cemetery today, guarded day and night by four men. The funeral services were simple. The large Archbold home, however, could scarcely accommodate the crowds. Men from all walks of life, great financiers and heads of vast industries, down to the barber who shaved Mr. Archbold, attended. Among the first attendants were Mr. and Mrs. William Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

THE HUB 745 MAIN ST. Give Good Gifts and Buy Them For Less. Pay Cash and Get More at This Big Sample Store for Men, Women and Children. Boys' Mackinaw Coats \$2.98 to \$5.95. Ladies' Felt Slippers, all colors 95c. Men's Caps 49c and \$2.00. Pocket Knives, guaranteed, 50c to \$1.75. Silk Lined Dress Gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.35. Men's Wool Gloves 25c, 35c and 45c. Men's Fancy Ties 25c and 45c. Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c. Stick Pins and Cuff Button Sets 25c to \$1.00. Wool Shirts \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.45. Hockey Caps 25c, 49c, 65c and 85c. DRUMMER SAMPLE SHOES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

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