

WHY PENDLETON SHOULD HAVE SOME SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND

(A paper by E. B. Aldrich, Editor of the East Oregonian read before a meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association of Pendleton.)

Should Pendleton provide public playgrounds for the children and operate them upon a supervised basis? The answer is that the city should do this very thing if it wishes to pursue a policy in accord with usage in the most advanced places, large and small throughout the United States. The development of supervised city playgrounds, has progressed wonderfully in recent years and the city that fails to assert itself upon the subject may justly be considered in the backward class.

In 1906 less than 20 cities in this country were credited with maintaining city playgrounds and on some of those the play was not supervised.

By 1913 a total of 642 American cities were credited with maintaining public playgrounds; three hundred and

forty of these cities employing regular paid supervisors while in the remainder of cases the work was directed by volunteer supervisors or caretakers.

It is safe to assume that the number of cities adopting the idea has increased materially since 1913. The benefits of such playgrounds will be obvious to most people and should require no detailed explanation. Supervised playgrounds mean wholesome recreation for children, therefore better and healthier children. It safeguards the little ones by keeping them from playing in the streets or other undesirable places; it lessens the anxiety of parents over an otherwise perplexing subject.

Local Need Apparent

Conditions in Pendleton are such as to make it particularly desirable that public playgrounds be established. The city is congested. There are almost no vacant lots suitable for playing upon, the tendency is to provide but

small lawn space about homes because of the maintenance expense and motor traffic on the streets is heavy due to the fact the local per capita ownership of automobiles is unusually large. Other features that should encourage efforts at the adoption of supervised playgrounds in Pendleton are that the city is prosperous, the civic tone is progressive and people are disposed to favor meritorious moves for the improvement of conditions. If such a move is taken up properly, sponsored by people who command confidence, and the general outline of the work intended is such as to make good results reasonably certain there should be no question about success. Once tried the plan would be sure of popularity because the benefits would be reflected in almost every home in the city. Supervised community playgrounds would be a justifying attraction and would further stimulate the tendency on the part of an increasing number of people to make Pendleton their home town. The system would be a business asset and this would offset the small expense that would have to be assumed.

Methods of financing community playground vary in different towns. In many places the expense is borne jointly by the school board and the city government. In other places the expense is met through subscriptions or by money otherwise raised through private efforts. In many ways the plan of meeting the cost from the school and city funds is preferable. It insures permanency and divides the expense equitably.

The writer is of the view that in Pendleton the executive work in connection with establishing and supervising playgrounds should be handled by the city school superintendent assisted perhaps by advisory committees made up of interested parents in the various sections of the city. The supervisory work should be conducted by a party or parties specially trained for the work and they should be chosen upon their professional merits. It has usually been found a mistake to employ local people who have not had the requisite training.

Necessarily playground facilities should be provided so as to handle the needs of all sections of the city. Many are of the belief that there should be a playground in the east end of the city, one in the west end and one on the north side. The school grounds might be used for the purpose but if inadequate they could be supplemented through securing other tracts. Level ground is generally advised for playground purposes so as to secure ample room for games. It is advised by professionals that such apparatus as is used be placed along the edges of the tract so as to leave the center of the playground for games. The expense for playgrounds in Pendleton would not be heavy nor would the supervisory work but it would be a blunder to attempt the establishment of playgrounds without providing for supervision.

In recent years the city of New York has expended 17 million dollars on playgrounds and Chicago has expended \$4,000,000 in the last ten years. The work is credited with wonderful results in those cities and in all other places where playgrounds have been provided. The benefits would be proportionate in Pendleton and the people will gladly bear the small expense that would be necessary. A logical line of procedure might be for this association to ask the school board to have a survey of the city made by the city superintendent or by some professional whom the superintendent might secure for the purpose. The report made by the investigator would provide a basis upon which to work.

(Since the meeting mentioned above was held steps towards securing a survey of conditions in Pendleton have been taken and the matter is now in the hands of a committee representing the Parent-Teachers Association, the Woman's Club and the City Interests committee of the Pendleton Commercial Association.)

SPORTS

BAKER COMES FROM BEHIND IN ROUGH GAME AND DEFEATS PENDLETON BY 33-30 SCORE

Baker high school came from behind in the second half and by a judicious mixture of football and basketball defeated Pendleton high, 33 to 30, in the local gymnasium last night. The game was fast, hard-fought and tumultuous throughout.

Until the visitors succeeded in rendering Charlie Cahill, Pendleton forward, hors du combat, they trailed the procession. His loss, together with that of Dick Lawrence, center, on the personal foul limit, made it possible for the visitors to come from behind and win out. The crowd was on its toes most of the game.

Blakely, center for Baker, starred with 20 of his team's points. Captain

Terjeson, who had hard luck with his baskets in the La Grande game, came through with 11 points. Harold Houser, the diminutive forward who went in for Cahill, got away for three baskets.

Marked improvement was shown in the game played by Pendleton and indications pointed to a victory on the home floor until the going became too rough for the boys. The contest last night wound up the basketball season for Pendleton.

The lineup: Baker—Palmer and Stoddard, forwards; Blakely, center; Bates and Ostrom, guards. Pendleton—Cahill and Terjeson, forwards; Lawrence, center; Straughn and Kirtley, guards. Willie O'Rourke refereed.

HUNTING LICENSE SALES THIRD HEAVIER THIS YEAR

Sale of hunting and angling licenses to date this year has exceeded by about 33 per cent that of any other season in Oregon, according to figures just prepared by State Game Warden Shoemaker. The records are not completely checked through, but present figures show 41,050 hunting licenses, 50,000 angling licenses and 733 combination licenses were issued. This brings the state about \$177,000 in revenue.

TEUTON ARMY SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CADETS

BERLIN, March 12.—The chief training school for cadets at Grosse-Lichterfelde, Prussia, through which most of the officers of the German army passed was closed this week in accordance with the terms of the peace treaty.

There was an imposing military demonstration, attended by many officers in gala uniform, including General Ludendorff.

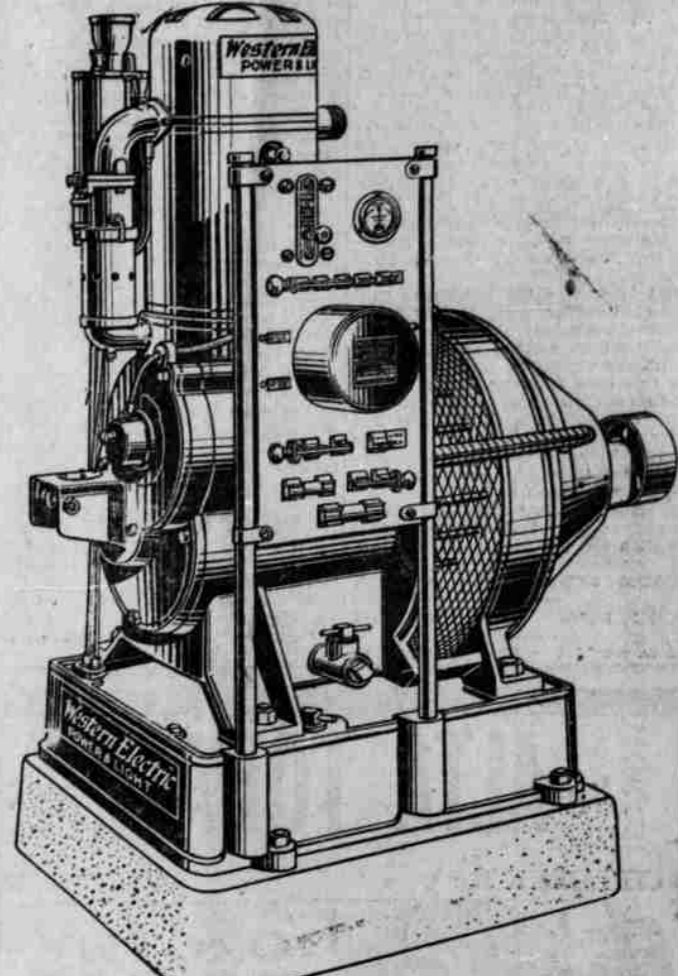
Field Marshal von Hindenburg telegraphed to the cadets that the services they had rendered the country would never be forgotten.

"GHOSTS" LEAVE HONEY IN GARRET OF HOUSE

GRANGEVILLE, Ill., March 12.—Bees played "haunts" to George F. Treudt here recently, but when he found they had produced several hundred pounds of honey during their spooky evening siestas. For more than a year Treudt and his family had been annoyed by a peculiar buzzing sound apparently coming from the roof of his house. For a time he blamed the noises on electric wires, but neighbors held to the belief that the house was haunted. Finally when Treudt made a search in the garret, he found the house had many, many more inhabitants than he had imagined. The bees had been at work for months.

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ISOLATED LANDS ARE SOLD AT LA GRANDE

LA GRANDE, March 12.—The local land office yesterday conducted a sale of isolated land, disposing of 565.66 acres of land at the aggregate price of \$219,200. Competition on several of the tracts was quite lively, \$14.50 being the price per acre received on one of the tracts. This price is the highest paid in the history of the La Grande office for land of the character of that sold as isolated tracts.

Those in attendance at the sale, from out of town were: Lucille H. Fisher, Albee; Katie E. Curran, Pilot Rock; Arthur J. Gill, Pilot Rock; Hans C. Nelson, Pilot Rock; Malcolm E. Stordivant, Ukiah; John L. Carter, Long Creek; Edward O. Neill, Pebot; Michael Dougherty, Pilot Rock; Charles L. Ely, Gardanne; Abraham C. Bidue, Fox; Charles McDonald, Albee; James M. Keeney, Pilot Rock; T. J. Green, La Grande.

The next sale of isolated land is advertised for April 14, 1920.

PERSHING MAY ATTEND SHRINE CONVENTION IN PORTLAND NEXT JUNE

PORTLAND, March 12.—If General Pershing can possibly arrange his business affairs he will come to Portland for the Shrine convention in June, he states in a letter received by Mayor Baker, Thursday. Mayor Baker recently wrote General Pershing reminding him the verbal invitation extended him during his recent visit, on behalf of the city, to come to Portland in June.

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