

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

An item from an Eastern magazine contains a suggestion that may be of practical importance to the O. A. C. It states that the department of horticulture of the University of Missouri is unable to supply the demand for trained orchardists.

Our friends, the enemy, are doing a considerable amount of crowing about the great democratic victory in New York City. It is claimed that that victory makes McClellan the logical candidate of the democrats for president.

A discovery has recently been made in Berlin that will work a revolution in city lighting. Prof. Pickett of that city has succeeded in producing liquid oxygen in such a cheap form that it can be used for lighting purposes at the small cost of one-eighth of a cent an hour.

The school authorities of some other states are carrying out the ideas advocated by our state superintendent of public schools. Five thousand of the public school children of Missouri are being taught the rudiments of agriculture and it is expected that as soon as competent teachers can be secured agriculture will be taught in all the rural schools of that state.

To Stop Tax Dodging.

A movement is on foot regarding the subject of assessment and taxation that ought to meet the hearty support of every honest citizen. It claims to do more to equalize the burdens of taxation than any other plan.

That our tax-rolls show scarcely a tenth of the real value of our property, and as it is upon the amount of this low valuation of property, as shown on the assessment rolls that our tax rates are levied, our tax rates appear to be high and exorbitant to people coming to the Pacific coast; and as a consequence many are deterred from locating in our state.

to the roll which now escape taxation, many would not be compelled to pay as much taxes as they do now. Many frankly admit that they stretch their conscience somewhat in giving in a list of property to the assessor, and that they aim to omit from their list as much property as their neighbor, according to custom, will omit from his assessment.

Turn the sunlight of the facts upon public abuses and the people will force its perpetrators to desist. The people demand an honest administration of public and private affairs, and fraud and corruption cannot long exist when brought in view for public inspection.

We would, therefore, recommend complete publicity as a certain remedy against the practice of "tax-dodging." The assessment of each person liable to assessment in a county should be published as is done in several other states, before the county board of equalization meets, in the leading newspapers published in the county.

An effort is being made to have this amendment incorporated in the new tax law to be passed at the special session of the legislature. We hope it will succeed.

Companion as a Christmas Gift

The Youth's Companion is one of the few gifts that are always appropriate and yet within reach of the smallest purse. It brings to every member of the family something of interest, something of value—a story that cheers, an article that carries the reader into far-off countries or among men who govern, a sketch that amuses, a poem that puts a bit of truth in a new and convincing way, a page of pictures that holds the children spellbound.

If you desire to make a Christmas present of the Youth's Companion, send the publishers the name and address of the person to whom you wish to give The Companion, with \$1.75, the annual subscription price. They will send to the address named The Companion's Christmas Packet, all ready for Christmas morning, containing the Christmas number, The Companion calendar for 1904, lithographed in twelve colors and gold, and subscription certificate for the 52 issues of 1904.

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O. A. C. GLEANINGS

[BY BERT VATES]

The first term final examinations are to be held on Friday and Saturday, December 18th and 19th. This will give about sixteen days' vacation, somewhat longer than usual.

As so many of the students will depart for home earlier than usual this year, it has been decided to hold no Christmas ball. The next dance will be on Washington's Birthday and an extra ball sometime in March, to make up for the one missed Christmas.

During the late good weather the walls of the new power house were completed, and the workmen are now engaged putting on the roof.

What is reported to have been one of the most pleasant social gatherings held this year was a party given in Miss Snell's room, by the Amicitian Society Saturday evening, in honor of the Fernonians. Among the games was one in which each person was required to make drawings representing well known newspaper ads.

C F Smith and wife are visiting with their nephew, John Howard.

Among those returning yesterday from the Oregon-Idaho Y M C A convention at Forest Grove, were C L and R C Shepherd, J C Clark, C C and Grover Cate, M W Bartmess, Paul Childers, Guy weaver, Irving Miller, Cyril Brownell, E Rawson and M B Belden. Those from here who made addresses at the convention were C L Shepherd, J C Clark and Claud Cate. E T Colton also returned with the boys and will speak to the men of the College in the Chapel this morning.

Oak Grove Items.

I am still on deck—Geo. Price.

They haven't got me yet—Bill.

Grant Williamson is very busy hauling potatoes to Albany.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peacock, on Saturday, a son.

Charles Wood, of Mountain View, was down on business Saturday.

Several of our people witnessed the football game at Albany, Thursday.

Laurence Coughill one of Albany's crack shots was trying his luck among the feathered tribe on Benton county soil Friday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the musicale given by the orchestra at the Richmond school house Saturday night.

The Benton County School Journal made its appearance again this morning and in justice to Mr. Denman must say that it is a very welcome visitor, and meets a long felt want among the patrons and teachers and should be in the home of every family in the county.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, Oct. 9, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

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Business Locals

Overcoat sale at Kline's. Get your ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

Don't You Hear Chem Bells?

Them Xmas bells. They have been jingling with us for the past month, and now Santa Claus has given us permission to jingle them for you, and from now until January 1st, 1904 we shall make them jingle merrily.

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For further information apply to EDWIN STONE, H. H. CROSBIE, Agent, Corvallis. THOS. COCKRELL, Agent Albany.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the estate of L. Diller, deceased, notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate that said administrator has filed his final account in said estate and that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, in probate, has appointed Monday, the fourth day of January, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the County Court House in the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the final settlement thereof.

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