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Philomath Will Have Electricity.

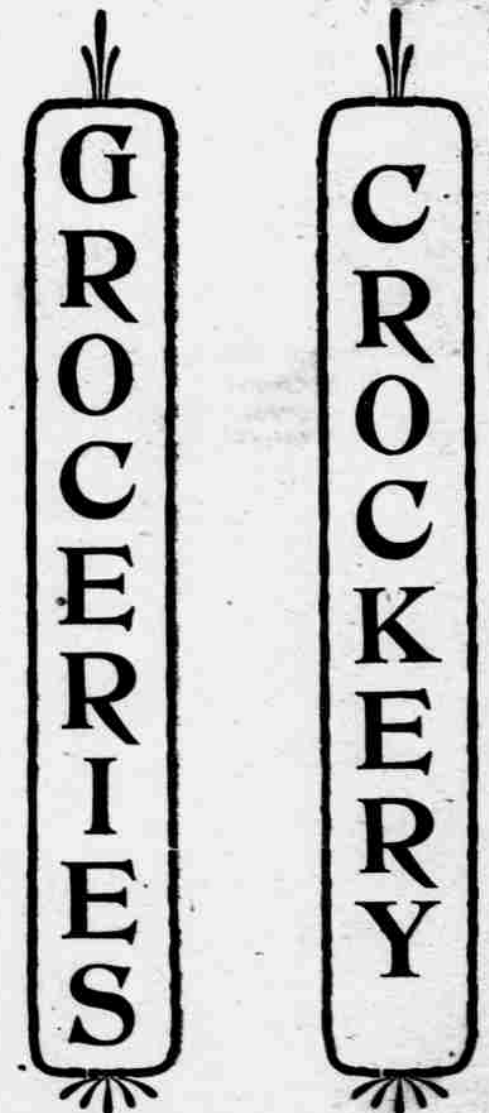
A plant will be put in at Philomath this fall and the city supplied with electric lights. There are a sufficient number of residences and business houses to justify the project and beside the two colleges will both use electricity in addition. Electricity has been talked of in Philomath for a long time but nothing ever came of it because the only feasible project was wiring it from Corvallis but the cost made it prohibitive.

Philomath has a first-class water power of her own and Arch Horning, who owns the Philomath mill, is putting in a fine new wheel for that purpose now and a new dynamo will be installed this fall. The fall of water at his mill is about thirty feet, more than sufficient to run the machinery of the required strength. When the mill race is full it is possible to develop as high as 30-horse power. Citizens of Philomath will readily subscribe to have the lights put into their homes because in addition to the cleanliness electricity is so satisfactory that where once used the oil lamp is discarded. Insurance rates are reduced 25 per cent where electricity is used. The cost will be very moderate, \$1 per month for the first light, 75 cents for the second, 50 cents for the third, 25 cents for the fourth and all additional lights.

Philomath possesses natural advantages that are the envy of all practical business men who see the place after they have settled elsewhere. It is possible at very small cost to have one of the best water systems in the state. The water that flows from Mary's Peak within a mile of the town is cool and clear the year round. It is only a matter of time until the location becomes more favorably known that it will be a thriving and very busy place.

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Oregon Agricultural College.

Board of Regents Met Wednesday Afternoon--Reports Show Great Prosperity--Several Resignations Presented.

The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College met in semi-annual session Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. in the president's office. Governor Chamberlain and Mr. Cotton not being present. The meeting was harmonious throughout. No radical changes were made and all reports showed that the college is unusually prosperous and better equipped than ever to meet the needs of the state in the maintenance of the institution. The report of J. K. Weatherford, president of the board showed that the Oregon Agricultural College was not only on a par with like institutions in other states, but was doing better work along special lines.

The report of President Gatch showed an enrollment of 530, 11 less than last year, but this was accounted for on the ground of the high wages that now prevail calling young men into other lines of work. The attendance during the last term has been the largest for the history of the college. Attention was called to several resignations and the employment of suitable instructors to fill vacancies by same.

Several recommendations were made by Pres. Gatch referring to the library, chemical department, museum, etc., and which are treated in sub-heads following. The recommendations were all passed upon and accepted by the board. Pres. Gatch was complimented upon his fine showing, heartily endorsing his policy as the head of the institution.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

One of the most important changes that took place was in regard to the future management of the affairs of the station. The station committee heretofore headed by the president of the institution, has transacted such business with final authority resting in the latter. As it now rests this final authority is merely nominal. An executive committee consisting of Dr. Withycombe, Prof. Lake and Prof. Pernot will now have charge of all matters relating to station work with the president as ex-officio member. The reason for this was said to be the demand for definite work along experimental lines, and that more time should be devoted to certain lines of work. Reflection is in no way cast upon President Gatch by this action. It simply relieves him from responsibility in this regard and will considerably lighten his burden.

KEEP ON THE WALKS.

Prof. Geo. Coote was given full authority to solve the problem of keeping pedestrians on the college walks. It is well known, and is purely an act of carelessness that both college students and citizens of Corvallis walk wherever they please within the college campus. Full authority is now given to Prof. Coote to deal summarily with all offenders. College students and professors will be held responsible to the station committee for violations of the act and those of the city who trespass upon the grass or flower beds will be excluded from the college grounds.

NEW CANNON FOR THE COLLEGE.

President Gatch strongly recommended the exchange of the old and obsolete muzzle-loading cannon which is now on exhibition at the college for a modern breech-loading ordnance. Mr. Aperson strongly endorsed the resolution and spoke of the necessity of having up-to-date fire-arms, that it was impossible for the young men to gain an adequate idea of modern warfare and be properly trained to take part

therein with the old-fashioned cannon now on hands at the college. Years ago the state of Washington received some of these modern guns while the out-of-date ones were sent here. It is recommended that modern, up-to-date two-inch steel breech-loading cannon be sent here and that the boys be trained to use them. It was pointed out that Japan gives her sons better military training than we do.

IN REGARD TO THE BAND.

Ruthyn Turney resigned his position as director of the college band. A petition signed by a number of students requested that Edward Wetmore be appointed to that position. The petition was simply referred to, and the whole matter was left in the hands of the president as to who shall be Mr. Turney's successor. The monthly salary of \$12 which the band master has been receiving has been discontinued.

DRESSMAKER NOT NAMED.

The resignation of Mrs. Avery from the sewing department was accepted but no successor was appointed to fill the position. There were a large number of applications with abundant recommendations which the Board were unable to go through. There were two applications also for the wood-working department and these together with the applications for the former position were referred to the executive committee for final disposition.

HORNADY GETS NOTHING.

A communication was read at the Board meeting from W. S. McFadden, acting as attorney for E. S. Hornady asking for damages to the extent of \$200 for injuries received by a little girl of Mr. Hornady, while playing on the college grounds. It appears that a stone seat was erected upon the campus by a former graduating class and proper precautions were not taken to fasten the heavy stones together and while Mr. Hornady's little girl was playing on the seat the back fell off upon her leg breaking it. Mr. Hornady has gone to considerable expense in one way and another in regard to this matter and the sum asked for as damages was considered very reasonable by several members of the board. The majority of the members expressed sympathy with the father but as there was no fund set aside for that purpose or from which they in their judgment deemed the amount could be drawn without being personally responsible therefor, the committee took no decided action to pay, although all thought something should be done. It was decided, however, that the college authorities could not be held liable in a suit for the amount. A sentiment in favor of compromising for a reasonable sum prevailed, however, it is likely that in course of time Mr. Hornady will get something. The whole matter was left in the hands of the president of the board, Mr. Weatherford, who is empowered to effect a settlement. He is to consult with the attorney-general of the state and see what course to pursue.

OTHER MATTERS.

The instructor in art, Miss Williams, has resigned and a lady from a prominent Eastern university will be employed.

Miss Chamberlain, who sent in her resignation as lady dean, is relieved, and Mrs. Schmidt, of Albany, is talked of as her successor, also Mrs. Callahan.

Employees of the institution elected for a definite period are made subject to the authority of

of the college and said tenure of office shall not interfere with their discharge if it becomes necessary.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The music department under the management of Prof. Goodnough, Mrs. Florence McDowell Green and Prof. Turney has been raised to a high standard of efficiency. Prof. Goodnough resigned to accept a permanent position in Portland. Mrs. Green and Prof. Turney are retained and Prof. Taillander, who has studied music under renowned musical instructors in Germany and who holds recommendations of the highest order, comes to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Goodnough.

Prof. Turney was relieved from his own position as band master but retains his position as instructor in violin and guitar.

TO SUCCEED MAJOR HARDIN.

Letters were read by President Gatch from the war department, relative to the removal of Major Hardin from Corvallis to the Philippine Islands. The letters stated that it was necessary to make such transfer for the army's welfare. The department recommended first lieutenant of the 9th cavalry, Dennis P. Quinlan, now in Hollywood, California, on sick leave, leaving it optional to the committee as to his suitability for the position. The Board passed resolutions commending in glowing terms the past two years services of Major Hardin.

CAN'T PLAY PROFESSIONALS.

The board moved that the College athletic teams be prohibited from playing in match games with other than scholastic institutions. The motion referred primarily to the Multnomah club of Portland, the members of which are all professionals and spend their whole time in athletics for pay. Such contests it was argued were not a fair test of strength and were to be avoided. It will be perfectly right and proper to engage with any other college, academy or educational institution. A resolution was also passed recommending that the clerk who handles the funds of the athletic association be required to give bond as the trustee of such funds.

TO MAKE THEM WORK.

John Daly offered a resolution making the work of the College continuous throughout the year with proper vacation periods to be taken by the professors at stipulated times. Mr. Daly supported the resolution by the argument that nearly one-third of the whole year is wasted in vacations and the work of beginning and ending. He stated that the state and government had expended \$300,000 to build and equip the institution and appropriated \$75,000 per year for maintenance, and that such expenditure was not justified by the returns. Pres. Gatch stated that a mistaken idea prevailed in regard to the amount of work done during the year, that June and September are the busiest months of the year. The resolution was adopted but will probably never be carried out as it is impossible to get the best results under such an arrangement. It has been practically demonstrated that vacations are absolutely necessary for both teacher and student, the teacher especially, and many get the idea that are especially for the students, when in fact the teachers who carry the greatest load of necessary mental vigor will become fatigued the first.

TWO COMMITTEES.

Recommendations were read from President Gatch to make some needed improvements in the chemical department, to make a few slight changes in the library also to fit up a room and equip a museum. The first recommendation asks for the expenditure of

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