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TODAY is dedication day for Lents' new school house. From the two room school of eight years ago it has grown to a magnificent structure with all the conveniences suggested by modern art and science. Fine, airy rooms, wide hallways, full basement, latest improved heating and ventilation, a commodious assembly hall, offices, and teachers' lunch room are features that will engage the attention and admiration of every patron that attends the opening. More than this, the children will come in for representation. Specimens of their written work, art productions, and manual training creations will be on exhibit. Everyone in the district is now proud of the new school and today will increase their estimate of its merits.

Nor is this all. The old building is gone, the grounds are being put into shape and it is only a question of a few days when everything outward will be as neat as the rooms and halls within.

The district can now be proud of two buildings—the one at Woodmere called the Weston school is also done at a cost of $22,500, containing four rooms, assembly hall, with basement, making within the limits of the old district twentyfour rooms—besides the portion now claimed by Arleta.

WATER rates in Lents district are on the raise. Just why this should be is not explained satisfactorily. In reply to inquiries it is answered that Lents has no city tax to pay and as a consequence they feel that we can stand higher water rates. That practically means that the Portland Water Board has taken in hand the regulation of taxes in the Lents district.

Portland can well afford to sell water to Lents at Portland rates or even lower. It gets more water now than it can use. All that it collects as water rent from this section is practically so much clear gain. It is making no extensions of mains and all new branches are being put in at the user's expense. One or two employes boss the job and collect the coin. Such usurpation of rights and imposition will not prepare this section of the city for annexation. On the other hand it will invite other concerns to try an independent system and place the people in poor mood for a closer relationship.

THE saddest happenings of the past week from the standpoint of public morality, is the paroting of bank looter Myers. The proprietor of the Herlad lost no money by the failure of the bank but if he had, he would prefer that it stay lost rather than see such well deserved punishment escaped. We presume, however, that there are a lot of people to whom ten or fifteen per-cent of $3500 will look better than Mr. Myers would look in the State boarding house. Neither judge, nor the attorney for the depositors, have bettered themselves in our opinion by consenting to this concession in Myers' favor.

THE action of the State Superintendent in trying to organize the young people of the state into a producing contest is in line with similar contests elsewhere, contests that are making wonderful changes in the interest taken in corn, wheat, or vegetable growing or the production of livestock. In less than ten years the South should be producing its own corn and wheat supplies at the present rate of development, and this has grown out of producing contests instalated by the department of Agriculture.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The senate has confirmed the nomination of Postmaster Hines at Forest Grove.

Fred P. Cronemiller has been appointed receiver of the Lakeview land office.

Marshfield is asking $200,000 from congress as a starter for jetty work at Coos Bay.

Gene Graham, a native of Weston, was electrocuted in that city by coming in contact with a live wire.

Aleck McKay, a well known young man of Marshfield, cut his throat with a razor and may die. Despondency was the cause.

Electric power will soon be running the machinery at all the mines in the Mormon Basin, one of the principal districts in eastern Oregon.

The irrigation of 30,000 acres of land northwest of Vale is now assured by the financing of the Bully Creek project at a cost of $500,000.

A Chinese tong war, said to be far reaching in its effects and involving practically all the big cities of the Pacific coast, is brewing in Portland.

Ground was broken Friday for the first building of the $3,000,000 Reed Institute at Portland, Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett turning the first spadeful of earth.

Charles Wilcox was shot and instantly killed at Coquille by W. R. Foote, a retired rancher, who declared that Wilcox had ruined his young daughter.

The assessed valuation of property in Clatsop county was fixed by the assessor at $9,629,361, but the state board has increased it to more than $21,000,000.

After an investigation Roseburg officers have reached the conclusion that the body of the man found near Oakland two weeks ago is that of William Permann, a former Roseburg business man.

Oregon state taxes to be collected in 1912 total $3,063,815, an increase of $263,815 over the entire amount collected in the three years of 1906, 1907, and 1908, and $149,799 more than was collected in the two years of 1910 and 1911.

Under the new presidential preference law enacted by the last Oregon legislature all national convention delegates are entitled to $200 as expense money, provided their party cast five per cent of the vote at the last preceding election.

Taxation of fire insurance companies doing business in La Grande may lead to warfare between the council and the companies, for stubborn resistance against the new ordinance taxing fire insurance companies $25 annually has already been evinced.

A co-operative wool warehouse at Portland for the purpose of storing wool until it can be shipped east by water through the Panama canal, in order to save freight, was the chief matter taken up by the executive committee of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, in session at Baker.

Congressman Hawley has introduced a bill validating bona fide transfers of Siletz claims. He has also introduced a bill appropriating $250,000 for the construction of a road over the Cascades near Mount Hood. Another bill by Hawley would appropriate $13,500 for the completion of a road across a portion of the Crater Lake National forest.

Roosevelt Can Withdraw.

Lincoln, Neb.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Colonel W. J. Bryan will not be compelled to stand as presidential candidates on the Nebraska primary ballot if they insist on withdrawing. This is the modified ruling made by Secretary of State Waite, who heretofore has contended that a name must remain on the ballot unless the 25 men who filed the petition withdraw it.

Eastern Brewers Will Raise Hops.

Salem, Or.—Large Eastern brewers, feeling the necessity of securing a foothold in Pacific coast hopyards, have pooled interests to gain control of heavy acreage in Oregon and California for their own benefit. It is planned by the brewers to plant 1300 acres of hops this year.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Train Hits Snow, Killing Laborer.

The Dalles.—As the result of a worktrain on the Deschutes railroad hitting a large snowbank, Mike Zaklan, a laborer, is dead and Lem Glevovanovitch is not expected to live. The two men, who were employed as snow shovelers, were standing on the forward platform of the caboose when the train ran into a huge snowdrift. The impact caused the cars to telescope. Zaklan was so seriously crushed that he died almost instantly.

Land Values Rise in Harney

Burns.—The beginning of railroad construction is having its effect in stimulating real estate values here. Most of the landowners who hold valuable water rights along Silvies river, Malheur lake and even small creeks, who a few years ago would have been glad to have parted with their land for $20 to $30 per acre, expect it to be worth $50 to $100 per acre as soon as the railroad reaches this valley.

TESTING PLAN SUPPORTED

Mining Towns Indorse Idea of Having Scientific Stations Established

Baker.—Every mining town in eastern Oregon is making strenuous efforts to further legislation in congress to authorize ore testing plants for Oregon, from the $100,000 appropriation recommended by Secretary of the Interior Fisher. The mining organizations of Baker, Sumpter and Prairie City, as well are the commercial clubs have passed resolutions endorsing and promising financial support to the movement that has been inaugurated by the Oregon Mining Congress. The plan of the Oregon Mining Congress is to have a plant in Baker and Grants Pass. The testing plants hold the same relation to the mining industry as does the experiment stations to agriculture. Judge Thomas C. Burke, of this city, president of the Oregon congress, and L. D. Mahone of Portland, secretary of the organization, have completed a tour of the entire district and the plan was approved and support promised in every camp.

La Grande Party on Long Tour.

La Grande.—A party of 30 or 40 La Grande business men left early Sunday morning on the first lap of a junket that is destined to take them to the southernmost parts of Oregon on a 1400 mile sightseeing and "get acquainted" tour. They stopped in Portland and Salem, and will stop at all the principal towns down to the most southern point.

Japan Buys Berry Plants.

Canby.—The Canby branch of the R. M. Kellogg company, of Three Rivers, Mich., has shipped 2000 strawberry plants to Japan by mail. It is claimed that the orient will soon be large purchasers of Oregon plants. They can be sent by mail, parcels post, in 11 pound packages to Japan, cheaper than they can to Portland.

LANE SEEKS ROADBUILRER

County Desires Expert Engineering Advice in Highway Construction.

Eugene.—Employment of an expert roadbuilder, to have direct charge of all road construction in Lane county, was decided upon by the county court, and the court is now seeking a suitable man for the place. A practical man, capable of directing the work, and of giving the county expert engineering advice, is what is wanted. The court expects to keep for itself the planning of road work and the final say as to what roads are to be improved and how, but they want an expert who will advise them as to the best forms of construction to use in the different sections of the county, and to give accurate estimates of all the different elements of cost of any proposed improvement. The present road supervisors will not be displaced, but will rather be aided by the expert.

There are over 1500 miles of road in Lane county, little over half of which have any sort of improved surface.

Philomath Banker Gets Long Term.

Corvallis.—James Evars, whose real name is Charles James Evans, was given an indeterminate sentence of from two to 20 years in the state penitentiary, having been found guilty of forgery, in connection with his management of the First State bank of Philomath while cashier of that institution.

Pendleton Requests $35,000 Additional

Pendleton.—In response to a telegraphic suggestion of Senator Bourne, the Pendleton Commercial club has voted to ask congress for $35,000 additional appropriation for a federal building in this city.

DANGER FROM NITRO POWDER

The French commission which was appointed to examine into the recent blowing up of the battleship Liberte, in Toulon harbor, reports that it was due to spontaneous combustion of what is called in France "B" powder—a special kind of nitro-cellulose powder. Such powder, unless very carefully made and kept cool, may undergo changes in time that will make it dangerous, and the French government is now to destroy all "B" powder that is over four years old, by dropping it into the sea. None of these modern "slow-burning" nitro powders explode in the same sense as the old black powder. A man can carry a piece of such powder in his pocket as a curio and light it with a match for the edification of his friends, and it will merely burn like so much paraffine; it is only when confined and denonated or touched off with a proper cap that it explodes. A nitro cartridge may even explode without exploding those next to it—which would never happen with black powder. In France the making of all powder, etc. is a government monopoly, and the government has been lax about seeing that the powder was up to standard. Attention had often been called to the dangerous character of the "B" powder, but the warning was poohpoohed and it took the loss of a battleship and many lives to force the lesson home.

The nitro powder in use in our navy is believed to be entirely safe, and it retains its virtues for 12 to 15 years. Even then it can be worked over again at little cost, by grinding it up in water and drying it out again. All the nitro or smokeles powders used by the various governments are more or less of the same nature, though the formulas and process of manufacture differ somewhat and the shape of the pieces of powder also varies to suit different ideas or uses. As a rule the larger the ordnance the powder is intended for, the larger the pieces will be made. Sometimes these pieces are in the form of thin flat strips, as in the French "B" powder; sometimes they are in rods like the English cordite, sometimes in clyinders, like the German and sometimes in sticks pierced with lengthwise holes, like that used in our army and navy. These sticks in some cases look very much like so many sticks of old fashioned molasses or lemon candy. In a general way the powder is made by dissolving ordinary cotton in nitric acid, thus producing gun-cotten, treating this so as to give it a jelly-like consistency, then pressing this material into desired form, and finally letting the pieces dry.

Nitro powder hae various superiorities over the old black powder. It is almost smokeless and thus a gun when firing does not reveal itself to the enemy nor does the smoke obscure the aim. As almost all the powder, when it explodes, takes the form of gas, and very little residue or ash is left, it does not clog up the guns like the old powder. But its chief advantage is that it is slower burning (though this does not mean very slow). The old black powder would explode all at once, thus causing a terriffic and sudden pressure at the butt end of the gun, but not keeping it up. The nitro powder, on the other hand, explodes more slowly so that the initial pressure is not so dangerously high and yet the pressure is kept up until the projectile has left the muzzle of the gun. Thus, while a much higher muzzle velocity is secured by using nitro powder the gun itself does not have to be so heavy in proportion. Nitro powder does not explode all at once but burns at the surface. That is why the pieces are pierced with holes of different sizes. This increases the exposed surface, and the size of the pieces and holes is calculated mathematically so that the powder will last until the projectile has reached the muzzle of the gun, but still there will be none left unburned at that instant. Thus we see that the shapes of these modern powders are not altogether a haphazard matter, but that they are the result of scientific figuring.

At any rate the clam knows enough to shut up.

Things are not always what they seem. When Johnny is met at the door with the injunction to "wipe his feet," what really is meant is that he must clean his shoes.

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