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THE "OREGON SPIRIT."

The growth of the normal school idea in Oregon has been so slow that its yeast has not even leavened normal school counties. In its place is a pronounced selfishness. This indisposition Pendleton will have to overcome without the saving grace of itself having shown an unselfish spirit. It would kill a normal school in nominal existence at Weston in order that Pendleton may obtain one. We are even inclined to think that Pendleton gave a majority adverse to the Southern Oregon Normal at Ashland. If we are wrong in this we would be glad to have the esteemed East Oregonian enlighten us by printing the figures.

Polk county, containing Oregon's one lone normal school in actual operation, evidently believes that the normal school idea is good for Polk county but not for the remainder of Oregon. It has twice voted heavily against normal schools at Ashland and Weston. Umatilla county in 1914 expressed its notion that a state normal school is a fine thing for Eastern Oregon but to place one in Southern Oregon for the training of its teachers would be like "casting pearls before swine." It gave the Weston school about 1600 majority, but went against the Ashland school by about 200—a miserable exhibition of simon pure, downright, cussed selfishness. Weston's own skirts, however, are clear of this ignominy. It gave the Ashland school nearly as large a vote as it did its own, as follows:

Weston Normal—Yes 386, No 9.
Ashland Normal—Yes 229, No 30.

It will be seen that with Weston's vote eliminated the majority against Ashland in Umatilla county would have been practically 500—a showing that should preclude Pendleton, Weston or any other Umatilla county town from asking for normal school support until this county itself has undergone educational regeneration.

Benton county, the home of the agricultural college, presumably considers the expenditure of state money for higher education a laudable proposition if confined to Benton county, having given the normal schools but feeble support when it should have been for them wholeheartedly. The home of the state university, Lane alone of all the valley counties seems to have absorbed the spirit of Horace Mann, having voted strongly for both the Ashland and Weston normals. It gave the Weston school a majority of 2431, or more than 800 greater than Umatilla's.

Eastern Oregon as a whole has not been and is not begging the state for a normal school. The Weston Normal carried no county in 1914 but Umatilla in this section of the state. An Eastern Oregon county is prone to regard a normal school in any other county as a "local graft." Having beaten La Grande and Baker to an Eastern Oregon hospital, Pendleton is likely to encounter a bit of "tough sledding" in trying to convince these rival cities that it is also entitled to a normal school.

Weston lost the state by 13,325. Ashland, with fully as much to recommend it, lost by 22,331, receiving some nine thousand fewer votes than did Weston. Assuring itself that a big and bustling town like Pendleton can go out and get what Weston can not, because of an ostensible prejudice against this little burg throughout the state, Pendleton is welcome to what cold comfort it may derive from these figures. We are wondering how Pendleton is going to explain away the much greater "prejudice" against Ashland—a beautiful home town, suitable in every way as a normal school location and situated in the only section of the state that has been consistently loyal to the normal school idea. In 1914 Jackson county gave the Eastern Oregon Normal the remarkable vote of 5196 for to 1911 against, supplying with Lane county the only two rifts in the normal school cloud and putting Umatilla county to shame.

Every Willamette valley county except Lane, Multnomah and Benton overwhelmed the normals beneath an avalanche of ballots. The adverse vote in Marion county was nearly three to one. In Clackamas, Linn, Polk, Washington and Yamhill it was two or more to one. Multnomah and Benton gave the schools such small majorities as to be almost negligible.

The crux of the matter is that Pendleton is up against the "Oregon spirit," which has declared unmistakably that it wants no more normals. It has the hardhood to ask for a new school plant within two years after the state has voted against the utilization of two existing plants. It may win by trying up with Corvallis, Eugene and Ashland by means of its validating clause, but need try to befool no one but itself with the notion that there is any crying, insistent demand for an Eastern Oregon Normal at Pendleton, Weston or elsewhere. The task of creating such a demand is a colossal one for even a town of Pendleton's boundless confidence—a confidence which will be regarded in some quarters, perhaps, as an egregious conceit.

"PENDLETON AND WESTON."

Pendleton initiated its normal school bill without consulting Weston, although well aware that Weston has been and is the time-honored home of the Eastern Oregon Normal.

Pendleton's plea is that Weston did not set, and that La Grande would have gone after the school if Pendleton hadn't.

This excuse is disingenuous. Weston would have been foolish, presumptuous, headstrong to initiate a bill of its own within two years after the maintenance millage bill initiated by the legislature in its behalf had been decisively turned down by the people. Weston had no thought of so soon showing another normal school bill under the voters' noses, and was content to wait ten years if need be for the inevitable reaction in Oregon sentiment.

And while La Grande may have done some wistful talking and speculating, we'll warrant that it had no real idea of making a move at this time. It could not have summoned the exalted nerve displayed by Pendleton in such arrogant abuse of the initiative. And had La Grande been given the Eastern Oregon hospital it would never even have thought of a normal school in addition. Its breed is not Berkshire.

Pendleton has dangled this La Grande bogey before. About ten years ago it was made the excuse for the introduction of a bill in the legislature to move the school from Weston to Pendleton. "La Grande will get it if you don't let us have it," was the cry then as now. The scheme failed; it will fail again.

Another of Pendleton's glib assurances is that leading educators insist it shall take over the school. It points to a certain resolution passed by an Eastern Oregon institute favoring a normal for Pendleton. Again is Pendleton disingenuous. It should tell all the facts. We know of one teacher who says that no such a resolution was ever read from the platform; of another who says that it favored an Eastern Oregon normal but did not mention Pendleton; of a third who declares that only ten percent of the teachers present voted for it and that most of these misunderstood it. This "resolution" is hopelessly beclouded, but is made to serve as a flimsy pretext.

It is true that Pendleton and the East Oregonian have at times "supported" the Weston Normal. Why should they not, if they would make good Pendleton's boasted interest in the welfare of every section of the county? But it is also true that the Weston Normal, when the largest normal in the state, was abandoned by the state senate in 1909 at the behest of a joval political boss of Pendleton, and that one of his creatures, a Pendleton state senator, helped to beat the school. Pendleton's regard has been rather more sinister than otherwise.

The people of Oregon have declared quite positively that they do not want more than one normal school. When they change their minds they will find that the logical place for an Eastern Oregon Normal is Weston, which has beautiful surroundings, a healthful climate and an established plant. Pendleton's insolent effort to confuse and thwart them is so ill timed as to suggest the thought that it could well go to the "foolish house" in its own environs for a greater show of wisdom.

"WESTONIAN" ADVOCATES RETALIATORY ATTITUDE

Weston, Or., June 28.—(To the Editor)—We are gravely told by the East Oregonian that the idea of locating the normal school at Pendleton emanated from the teachers' convention. Now isn't that rich? As every resident of this county well knows, the commercial club of the county seat hatched out that scheme, which consisted of getting the normal school here out of the way, so that the branch asylum could be established in Pendleton. This being accomplished and the appetite for state pork well anchored, they are now out for more pork in the shape of validating normal schools at Ashland, Monmouth and last, but not least, Pendleton, for all time to come—notwithstanding the fact that a fine plant owned by the state is ready for school purposes here. We are told that \$2900 has been subscribed to initiate the bill and thereby fasten the mudhooks of Pendleton on the state treasury for keeps. Well, what about it? Are we going to sit supinely and bear this kind of treatment without resentment, or are we going to fight the devil with fire? Why not fight Pendleton where she lives—in her greed? If our people would quit trading in Pendleton stores, if they would consign to the stove all catalogues from Pendleton merchants and not spend a single nickel there, if we would withdraw our subscriptions from any newspaper advocating this dirty scheme—it might make a difference. Nanich? WESTONIAN.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Or.,
June 9th, 1916.
Notice is hereby given that Charles Hollet March, of Weston, Oregon, who, on February 18, 1913, made Homestead Entry No. 011568, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 37 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank Saling, clerk of the Circuit Court of Umatilla county, at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 29th day of July, 1916.
Claimant names as witnesses: Selmer O. Thompson, Thomas C. Getting, Alice Kling, and Herbert March, all of Weston, Oregon.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of D. N. Van Skiver, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of D. N. Van Skiver, deceased, by the above entitled court, and has qualified as such.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same with proper vouchers thereto attached to the undersigned at her home in Weston, Oregon, or to Homer I. Watts, her attorney, at his office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 25th day of June, 1916.
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