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TRUE MISSION OF W. C. H. S.

The past year of the County High school has been very successful, the fine graduating class of young men and women furnish conclusive testimony on the question if any were needed.

The school has secured a splendid start, but it is high time that it should commence to fulfill its real mission—to be a finishing instead of a preparatory school.

The county high schools of Oregon were not established to furnish cheap, near-home school to prepare rich men's sons and daughters for college. Of course the foundation studies for a course in the liberal arts, are equally desirable for a practical course in science, engineering, chemistry, agriculture and horticulture. But the point is here—the county school is to give the boys and girls of this county a chance to learn something useful, that will be of practical, everyday value to them in earning their bread and butter; to enable them to acquire a dollar and cents knowledge here at a near home that they could not otherwise get except by going to Corvallis, Pullman or similar schools. Not one in 25 families can afford to send their boys and girls to distant, ex-

pensive colleges, but that isn't the fault of those boys and girls who are entitled by birthright to just a good education as the more fortunate born.

That is the reason for county high schools.

In other parts of the state, Crook county for example, the county school board is recognizing that fact and special, practical courses are being added.

Shall the Wallowa county board lag behind? It had better not if there won't be any school for them to legislate for. Last winter the people of the North End served notice thru the Flora Journal that unless the school gave some real reason for its existence it could not expect the support of the people out there. That means it must be something different and more than a mere town high school.

An encouraging step is the addition of a teacher of domestic science. There should be at least one more department added this coming year. Just what that should be there is a difference of opinion. Some favor a teachers training course, others agriculture. We should like to hear from the people of the county on the subject, and our columns are open to letters from patrons.

REASON FOR FAILURE.

An eighth grade pupil of Turner about to take the examination wrote to the Oregonian for information about a couple of easy questions. These questions formed the text for a long editorial in that paper about the insufficiency of education taught in the grades. A child's mind is stuffed with ill-assorted text book facts, and of course when the terrors of the examination is on memory fails and the pupil fails.

In some counties at the recent examination as high as two-thirds failed to pass. This, we are glad to say,

was not true in Wallowa, a very high per cent being successful. This speaks well for the schools of this county, comparatively.

However, while there's a lot of truth in the Oregonian editorial, in our opinion the writer failed to grasp the chief cause of faulty education, and that is the lack of trained teachers.

Education or ability to pass the teachers examination is by no means a sure test of fitness for teaching. Of 50 who may take a teachers training course, probably one-half of them prove incompetent for the practical work of teaching when the actual test comes, but under present conditions of scarcity of teachers the good, bad and indifferent all are employed.

What is the remedy? We don't know unless the county school board would add a teachers training course to the County High school, and thus have a bountiful supply of teachers from the best of whom we could supply the schools of our county.

We would like to see an amendment to the Monroe Doctrine like this: When citizens of this country or any European country speculate (gamble) in Latin American "investments," they must take their chance, and this government will not, nor will it permit any other government use its army and navy to turn the speculations into sure thing investments.

The movement to include two or more northeastern Oregon counties in a Development league should include Baker county by all means. A "let-county association well managed could work wonders in the way of making this part of Oregon better known. An organization of that size could even handle colonist projects, and that is not only needed but is necessary to bring in the desirable class of settlers.

The Wilson boom for president has advanced so far that his managers have "offered" the vice presidency to Harmon. The latter indignantly refused, and that shows Harmon up. When any man gets the swelled head so he thinks he's too big to be vice president of the United States, he is far too small to be president.

The old Union county fair grounds have been sold, it having been demonstrated there's "more money" in a street fair at La Grande. The Wallowa County fair is about the sole remaining stock and agricultural fair in this part of the state, and it will be bigger and better than ever this year.

La Grande came near abandoning its Chautauqua this year, but at the last minute decided to go on with it. Wallowa Lake is the ideal spot of all northeastern Oregon to hold a Chautauqua.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Wallowa County:
 James D. Halsey, Plaintiff,

vs
 W. F. Rankin, American Mortgage Company, of Scotland Lm., a corporation, First National Bank of Joseph Oregon, Idaho and Oregon Lumber Company, a partnership, and W. J. Funk & Company, a corporation, defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution judgment, order and decree duly issued out of and un-

der the seal of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause to me duly directed and dated the 24th day of May A. D. 1911, upon a judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 19th day of May A. D. 1911, in favor of James D. Halsey, plaintiff, and against defendant, W. F. Rankin for the sum of Twenty Five Hundred and no-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 24th day of June A. D. 1909, until paid, for the further sum of Two Hundred and Forty and no-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum until paid from the first day of Jan. 1911, and for the further sum of Two Hundred Dollars as plaintiff's attorney fees, and for the further sum of Eighteen and 30-100 Dollars as costs and disbursements, and also upon a judgment in favor of the First National Bank of Joseph, Oregon, against the defendant W. F. Rankin for the sum of Nine Hundred Eleven and 08-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent interest per annum from the 9th day of June A. D. 1910, until paid, for the further sum of One Hundred Dollars as attorney's fees, and for the further sum of Ten and 20-100 Dollars costs and disbursements and for the costs of and upon this writ, commanding me to make sale of the following described real property, to-wit:—

The south west quarter, and the east half of the north west one quarter of section thirty-six, and the south east quarter of the north west quarter, and the east half of the south west quarter of section twenty four, all in township two north of range forty-four east of Willamette Meridian in Wallowa County, Oregon, containing 360 acres.

Now, therefore, by virtue of said execution, judgment, order and decree, and in compliance with the demands of said writ, I will on Monday, the 26th day of June at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Enterprise, Wallowa County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and claim of the within named defendants, save and except the right, title, claim and interest of the American Mortgage Company of Scotland Lm., and subject to the right, title, claim and interest of said defendant The American Mortgage Company of Scotland Lm., had on the dates of the mortgages herein foreclosed, or since had or now may have in and to the above described real property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, judgment, order, and decree.

EDGAR MARVIN, Sheriff.
 By CHARLES CROW, Deputy.
 Daniel Boyd, Attorney for Plaintiff, James D. Halsey.
 A. M. Rannels, Attorney for Defendant, The First National Bank of Joseph, Oregon. 40c5

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and has qualified as administrator of the estate of Adelaide E. Bodmer, deceased, and all claims against said estate must be presented, properly itemized, and verified to the undersigned at his office in La Grande, Oregon, or at the office of F. S. Ivanhoe, in La Grande, Oregon, attorney for said estate, on or before six months from the date of this notice.

Dated May 17, 1911.
 H. A. BODMER,
 Administrator of the Estate of Adelaide E. Bodmer, deceased.
 F. S. IVANHOE, Attorney for said Estate. 39c5

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