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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Oregonian of Jan. 28th contained some very pertinent and suggestive queries as to why Oregon should give at least a recognition of our State Normal School. To a student of human affairs, whose observations have been as varied as have, doubtless, been those of the propounder of such queries; the reasons are certainly manifold why the State should extend this meager encouragement towards the young men and women who are to-day devoting from one to three years to special training in order that they may meet the growing demands society is making upon their profession. When we say growing demands, we use the term with more than ordinary intent, for society is awaking from day to day, to a realization of the fact that the common school is really the only barrier preventing mankind from lapsing into at least semi-barbarism. The causes which produced our civilization, are practically dead or dying; chivalry, which as a passing breeze, vibrated the tenderest chord in man's breast, has almost ceased to be a subject for historic study; war, which developed the iron firmness which results in mental vigor, is a lost art; and religion, whose mystic alternations of hope and fear held the masses in easy rapture for so long, is fast becoming as a tale that is told to the popular mind. If we maintain what these elements combined have produced, we must call into active effectiveness the only remaining factor that can be brought into universal action upon the masses. All men of ordinary perception admit that this great motor of popular influence should be entrusted to individuals of highest possible mental and moral development; such development is not necessarily a natural ability—it is largely the result of proper training. The State owes it to itself, first, to protect itself against teachers who lack such requirements. The State Normal School as it exists at Monmouth to-day, is in shape to become the nucleus of such a training system. Its location, organization and present patronage, makes it essentially the institution which the State should use to meet the immediate demands for more proficient teachers. The legislature can here find in successful operation a complete Normal school which no reasonable effort could re-produce from the beginning in less than four or five years. It will find in Monmouth an ideal school town, combining the quiet essential to study, with the advantages of the social surroundings. The investigator can readily see that at its present location, the Normal school requires fifty per cent. less government than is exercised in any other school of its size on the coast; also the expenses necessary to be met here reduced fully one-third from what would be required, was the school located in a large town. Geographically, it is properly placed; it is centrally located in the Willamette valley where now is, and probably, always will remain the highest social development of the State; at this point is now offered the State free grounds and buildings worth not less than \$20,000. The school may or may not be self-supporting as future demands are made upon it, but even should the State in time be asked to add to the present buildings, it can feel that for every brick used in Normal school buildings, the future will save ten from penal institutions. Every argument of safety, economy and fair dealing with teachers, dictates that the action asked be had. The present needs it; the future demands it, and the present legislature will be held to have been recalcitrant to its trust if it allows local selfishness to delay or deter action. If any trading is to be done, do it in a legitimate line, where no evil effects die with the action. In this matter we beg all to remember that this legislation is for the entire State and for all time.

Tuesday the scribe put on his best airs in a new hat and took in the affairs at the State House. The first thing noted was the sportive gambols of the gray-haired solons through the corridors at noon. We were glad to have our anxiety relieved, somehow we began to fear that to close application to business

might ruin their health, but we are glad to find this is all a mistake. In the senate a great amount of business is being done in an expeditious and harmonious manner. What ever else his opponents may say of Senator Simon, they are compelled to admit he is an excellent presiding officer, and the state is indebted to him for much of the expedition in business. In the House Speaker Smith directed its larger membership in a masterly manner and avoided as much as possible needless delay. The sharpest set-toe of the session was had on the resolution urging that U. S. Senator be elected by the direct popular vote. This resolution though lost, brought to the front the best speakers in the house. The lobby and galleries were highly entertained by Harrington of Multnomah, when he delivered his brilliant eulogium upon the wisdom of our governmental founders. In his enthusiasm to maintain intact their every idea he approached very close to the dead body of "state rights," but did not undertake to set it on its legs. Miller of Jackson, maintained that the popular will was the safest and final guide in all matters and insisted that a century had so developed the subject of liberal government that it would be no insult to the dead to rectify some of their mistakes. From this discussion widened out and dragged in the "Mill's bill," the June election and other irrelevant topics. Both our representatives followed out what they believed to be the will of their constituents and voted for the resolution.

"OWEN BROWN."

This name may at first strike our readers as does the half forgotten notes of a childhood memory; but when we explain that we refer to a son of old John Brown, every person whose experience carries them back to the days of slavery agitation, will recall with more than passing interest the heroic tragedies in which this man so nobly supported his martyr father. Amongst the uncrowned heroes who raise the human race above the sordid facts of mere existence, no name stands more pre-eminent than that of Owen Brown, to those who knew him; no name can be more suggestive of honesty, virtue and heroic devotion to right than his. When a young man with all of life's possibilities and ambitions bright before him, he entered what seemed a hopeless fight against almost less odds. In Kansas he supported the cause of freedom at every risk of life and honor; at Harpers Ferry he was one of the twenty-three who risked the crime of treason to uphold the cause of right; chance allowed him to be one of the five who escaped death by enduring perils beyond the power of pen to portray. In after life when others, fired by his enthusiasm, took up the cause of the negro in active strife, he passed from before the public eye, yet, was none the less an active hero. His soul was great enough to be magnanimous, and he even forgave his enemies the killing of father and brothers. The writer recalls two pleasing incidents of this almost more than mortal ability to forgive his enemies and do good to them. Just before the great Charlestown earthquake he, in connection with a brother and sister, were made the recipients of a pleasing testimonial in the way of financial aid, which was secured through the efforts of Mark Twain and other literary men who admired his greatness and sympathized with his poverty. When Charlestown called for aid he and his brother Jason insisted that the money raised to relieve their pressing needs, be entirely devoted to the relief of Charlestown's unfortunates. Again, when a shrewd negro held a musical entertainment at Pasadena, Cal., and by promising to apply the proceeds to the benefit of the John Brown children, drew a large house and when decamped with the entire proceeds. After indignant sympathizers caused the arrest of the negro, Owen Brown offered to go the scamps bail, and tried by every possible means to aid the ungrateful rascal at his trial, even sitting beside him in the court room; this extreme instance but truthfully portrays the child-like depth and sincerity of his nature. We notice by exchanges from Los Angeles that this man's life ended less than a month ago, and that a well deserved tribute of respect was paid to his remains. He lies buried in a lonely spur of the Sierra Madre mountains at a place called Las Casitas, which he spent the last years of his life trying to make habitable. There survive him as honored co-heirs of a noble father's memory, a brother and sister. If the negro race in America contains a man of sufficient ability, he owes it to his race to give in brief form a life sketch of the hero of Osawatimic, and of his devoted sons.

Mr. Whitman of Nestucca, has purchased 25 acres of bottom land, west of the bridge on the Salem road, from H. Hagood paying \$50 per acre. Ten acres of the ground will be occupied at once by large and well assorted nursery trees and plants; he will also plant part of the ground in garden stuff, with which he will supply the wants of Dallas during the coming season. The enterprise is one much needed and will give Mr. Whitman handsome returns for labor and capital employed and result in a great benefit and convenience to our town and county. It may be proper to mention this is all the nursery in Polk County and is a step in the advance.

Representative Herman appeared before the house committee on military affairs Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, and argued the case of the state of Oregon for claims of \$12,398 for ordinance and ordinance stores, which were borrowed during the Nez Perces Indian war of 1877-78, and which were lost and largely destroyed, and for that reason could not be returned by the state to the territory of Washington, and which have since been charged by the general government against the state of Oregon. The committee agreed to report the bill favorably, and instructed Col. Marsh, of Pennsylvania, to report the bill back to the house, which was done.

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M. D. HUBBARD, Administrator.
WARREN TRUITT, Attorney.
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