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PRESENT LAW GOOD ENOUGH

Defeat of Free Text Book Law No Loss To Oregon.

The danger of disease infection, the lack of any pressing necessity and the satisfactory terms of the present law are the basis upon which Professor E. D. Ressler, of the department of education at the Oregon Agricultural College, rests his conviction that the state has lost nothing vital through the defeat of the free text book law proposed in the legislature this year.

"We have had the free text book question under consideration in the past two or three Legislatures," said Professor Ressler in discussing the matter, "and there is now a provision in the statutes that school districts may vote free text books, in case the pupils are unable to provide them themselves; or the board may provide them, upon written recommendation of the clerk of the School Board, for indigent pupils."

"Personally I am not in favor of a compulsory free text-book law, so I do not mourn the demise of the one presented in the Legislature this year. I think the optional arrangement in the present law is sufficient to meet conditions in Oregon as they now exist. Our text books are not frequently changed. They are adopted for periods of six years at a time, and at the close of such periods there are not many changes. The old books being continued. Thus the matter of expense is not a great one."

"The sense of ownership in books and their care, is I think, an important matter for the child's development, and is not possible, of course, where there are free text-books."

"More important than this, however, is the very real danger of disease infection from books handed down by the school district from one generation of pupils to another. Through fumigation will, it is true, minimize such dangers; but that is not an easy task, and few school districts would be likely to attend to the matter as faithfully as necessary."

"The danger of infection is great; the need of free text-books is certainly not a pressing one, and the present law makes sufficient provision where there is necessity; these, it seems to me, are reasons for a fair degree of satisfaction with the present status of the free text-book question of Oregon."

TREASURER SCENTS GRAFT

No Chicken Money For Chinamen, Says Gene Simpson.

The poultry raisers of Benton County have in their treasury the sum of \$25—a surplus from their last year's operations. It is proposed that this money be donated to the Chinese relief fund around the ire of Gene Simpson, the well-known pheasant breeder, and treasurer of the poultry association, who thinks such a transfer would be about as inconsistent as the act of a governor of an Eastern state, who used the fund created from a state hunters' license to build a band stand in his home town.

"How many cents out of every dollar collected for the famine-stricken Chinese will ever reach the hands of those for whom it was intended?" asks Mr. Simpson. "During the first twelve months of the Spanish-American war, thousands of dollars were collected throughout the United States by the Red Cross and other organizations for the benefit of the volunteer soldiers in the Philippines and Cuba. As such a volunteer, sailing on the first transport that ever left the shores of the United States for foreign service, I can truthfully say that all I ever received over and above the regular pay and bean rations was a 'housewife' and a narrow strip of red flannel (called an abdominal, or 'abominable' bandage), a very useful article, however, for cleaning a gun, when well-soaked in coconut oil. The 'housewife' consisted of an odd assortment of buttons, a spool of thread and a few rusty needles. The officers' mess, thanks to a generous Red Cross, was provided with all the delicacies of the season. History will repeat itself."

Band For Monmouth.

The young men of Monmouth met in the Commercial Club rooms, Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a band to be known as the Monmouth Concert Band. Twenty of the boys signed up, and the organization was completed by the election of officers as given below: President, Ray Chute; vice-president, Harrison Grant; secretary, Ranie Burkhead; treasurer, Orval White; manager, Lewis Murdock. J. S. Prime was chosen director, with Ed Lorence assistant. The members of the band as signed up are: Dwight Quisenberry, Mr. Webster, Charles McCarthy, Ham Brown, Russell Quisenberry, J. S. Prime, Byron White, Irvin Stewart, Glen Walker, Gordon Bowman, Louis Murdock, Elmer Kohnke, Orval White, Earl White, Ed Lorence, Ray Chute, Ranie Burkhead, Artie Burkhead, Ernest Riddell and Howard Moran.

Condemn Land For Asylum Site

Attorney-General Crawford has been instructed by the State Board to commence condemnation proceedings against C. C. Hendricks for the purpose of obtaining for the state 15 acres of land required in the Eastern Oregon asylum site. The owner of the property has informed the state he will not sell the land for less than \$450 an acre, while the members of the board state that the ground is not worth more than \$50 an acre at the outside.

Memorial Day Observance.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman believes that the schools throughout the state should appropriately observe Memorial Day, and will send circulars to the schools, embodying his opinions on the subject and containing appropriate selections and addresses for the celebration of the day.—Salem Journal.

Dr. Lowe will be in Dallas, March 29 and 30; in Independence, March 31. Remember the dates.

PROGRESSIVE PATRONS

SCHOOL MEETING AT PEDEE IS WELL ATTENDED.

Schedule of Dates Arranged For Remainder of Polk County Series.

If the residents of every part of the county took as much interest in school affairs as the people of the Pedee section, Polk County would win fame far and wide as the center of progress in the state's rural educational system. Those who had planned the meeting to be held there last Saturday had a premonition as the date drew near, that it would be a failure, for the weather was superb and farm work was being rushed, and it was scarce expected that the plow and the drill could be stopped long enough to allow people to attend. All the way out Superintendent Seymour was bewailing his failure to take along a fishing outfit to while away the idle moments during a meeting that wouldn't meet, but when he drew up at the school house he was so astonished at the attendance that he had to rub his eyes to make sure that he was not seeing in multiples. Almost everybody in the whole five districts was there, and besides there was a good representation from Arlie and Ward, both of which belong to another section.

Plenty of Lunch. And the people not only came, but they brought with them many and divers lunch baskets filled to the brim with enticing examples of delicious and wholesome cookery, and there was no lack thereof. When Superintendent Seymour spoke in fond reminiscence of that time yesterday, all of his adjectives were in the superlative degree, and if there is anyone who is better qualified to pass judgment on that subject his name is not among the list of registered voters.

But the lunch, as good as it was, was not all, for they had a rousing meeting and many phases of school life came up for discussion, and there were so many who wanted to hear them that the pupils had to be dismissed in order to make room. J. W. Yost was chairman of the meeting, and speeches were made by Hon. G. W. Meyer, Superintendent Seymour and others.

Next Meeting at Antioch.

The next sectional meeting in the series will be held at Antioch, Saturday, March 25, at the usual hour of 10:30 a. m., when the following schools comprising the Mistletoe section, will be represented: Mistletoe, Antioch, Sunnyslope, Cochran and Elkina. L. Chamberlain has been selected to serve as chairman.

Owing to the demands of work during the busy spring season, it has been deemed best to hold the remainder of the meetings at night, so that as many as possible may be enabled to attend. Accordingly, in the following sections, the sessions will begin at 8 p. m., on the dates mentioned. State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. R. Alderman and County Superintendent Seymour will be in attendance at each of the meetings and will do all they can to make them a success.

Night Sessions.

Salt Creek section—Salt Creek, Upper Salt Creek, Concord, District No. 15, Pioneer, North Dallas—meeting to be held at Salt Creek, Monday night, March 27; O. E. Pocht, chairman.

Buell section—Buell, Harmony, Gooseneck, Pleasant View, Butler, Rogue River, Valley Junction—meeting at Buell, Tuesday night, March 28; C. A. Harold, chairman.

Ballston section—Ballston, Enterprise, Scroggins and Red Prairie—meeting at Ballston, Wednesday night, March 29; O. E. Pocht, chairman.

Bethel section—Bethel, McCoy, Perrydale—meeting at Perrydale, Thursday night, March 30; H. B. Flannery, chairman.

Rickreall section—Rickreall, Oak Grove, Etina, Greenwood, Oak Point, Smithfield and Polk Station—meeting at Rickreall, Friday night, March 31; R. L. Lucas, chairman.

The series will conclude with a day meeting, to be held at Eola, Saturday, April 8, beginning at 10:30 a. m., for the benefit of the Eola section, which is composed of the following districts: Eola, West Salem, Mountain View, Popcorn—meeting at Eola; B. I. Ferguson will be the chairman.

WILL HOLD CHURCH RALLY

Members of Perrydale Congregation Will Try to Raise \$700, Sunday.

Next Sunday, March 26, will be a big day in church circles in Perrydale, if the plans of some of its energetic citizens do not miscarry. The church of that place needs a new roof, and in order to provide more room an addition is desired. But it takes money to do even these things, so to secure the necessary amount the members of the church have decided to make next Sunday a big rally day for that purpose. The meeting will be held at 11 a. m., and special music will be provided.

It is estimated that \$700 will be required for the improvements contemplated, and the managers of the movement expect to raise the full amount by the time the meeting adjourns. All who have pledged assistance, and especially those who are requested and urged to be present with their money.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received by the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon, at his office in Dallas, for making cuts and fills, estimated amount of work, about 17,500 cubic yards, up to 10 o'clock, a. m., of April 1, 1911, and said bids will be opened by the County Clerk at the hour of 10 a. m., of said day. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Specifications will be on file on and after March 23, 1911, in the office of the County Clerk. Certified check for five per cent of the amount of each bid will be required.

By order of the Court, this 16th day of March, 1911. E. M. SMITH, County Clerk.

"MISS COLUMBIA" TO BE SEEN

Beautiful Military Tableau Will Be Presented by Company H.

No more acceptable entertainment could be provided for the delectation of the amusement loving portion of Dallas than the grand band concert to be given by the Dallas band at Woodman Hall, Wednesday evening, March 29. Of all the various forms of public entertainment which have claimed local attention this season, nothing like it has been presented. In general, it is modeled after the grand concerts that are so much in vogue in the large music centers, and will be a welcome innovation in this city. A program of extraordinary excellence has been prepared, with a view of catering to the most refined and varying taste. The full strength of the entire band of 30 pieces will render some of the most popular selections of the day, and in addition there will be numerous solos, duets, etc., by skillful instrumentalists and vocalists.

The eye, as well as the ear, will enjoy the pleasures of the performance, for the feature of the program will be a spectacular military tableau of surpassing beauty, in which "Miss Columbia" will be depicted amid rich and appropriate stage settings. This act will be put on by the members of Company H, O. N. G., of Dallas, and they are preparing for it with the irrepressible enthusiasm that marks all their public entertainments. At a time when the common topic of conversation is war, and when the least reference to patriotism arouses the pride and martial spirit of every true American, this scene will live long in the memory of every one who is fortunate enough to see it.

Reserved seats will be placed on sale at Starlin's drug store tomorrow morning, Wednesday, March 22, and judging from the inquiries that are being made, there will be a big demand for them. Notwithstanding the extra bill and superiority of the performance, the prices will remain as usual—25 and 50 cents.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER

Receipts and Sales at Portland Union Stock Yards.

PORTLAND, March 18.—The receipts for the week have been: Cattle, 2192, calves 211, hogs 1152, sheep 5827, goats 25, horses and mules 29. The cattle market was steady at last week's decline. There was not a great deal of tone to the market, but a clearance was effected of all the stock offered for sale.

Most of the hogs that came in were contract deliveries from the East. The market for local stuff went off 15 cents. The sheep market was fairly steady. Supply and prices took an upward turn. There was a recovery of 15c to 25c from the former week's line of values.

There was an active demand for heavy draft horses. The arrival of a carload of Idaho horses on Friday, and the coming of a carload of Eastern draft horses tonight will, in a measure, make up the lack of supply. There is also en route a shipment of mules from Missouri.

Arrivals for the first annual Pacific Northwest livestock show are coming into the yards, and indications point to a splendid exhibition.

The following sales are representative: Steers, \$5.75 to \$6.40; cows, \$4.75 to \$5.75; calves, \$5.75 to \$8; bulls, \$5.10; stags, \$5; lambs, \$5.25; wethers, \$4.40 to \$4.85; ewes, \$4; hogs, \$7.10 to \$8.75; one saddle horse \$125, \$165; one saddle horse \$125.

ADOPTS LECTURE SYSTEM

State Superintendent Alderman Plans New Educational Scheme for Oregon.

SALEM, Or., March 18.—For the purpose of establishing a statewide system of education in topics of current interest for the old as well as for the young and to widen the use of the public schools so that they will be beneficial to the entire community which they represent, Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman is planning to establish the Oregon Educational Lecture Course. This is intended for the benefit of every school district in the state.

He will carefully select a list of 100 or more prominent citizens and give them a topic for a lecture. Working through the county superintendents and the principals of the various schools, this idea will be carried out. Among the subjects that he has in mind are those dealing with the common house fly and its ravages, moral education, the care of the body, the big problem, the effect of the Panama Canal on Oregon, widening the use of the school plant and a century of Oregon.

He hopes to secure the co-operation of the Oregon Library Commission to furnish libraries for the lecturers. The lecturers are to be selected for their peculiar qualifications to speak on the particular subjects to be assigned to them.

In as many instances as possible these lectures will be illustrated with lantern slides. Superintendent Alderman believes that the plan will prove successful.

Oregon City Oil Well. OREGON CITY, March 19.—The Stone oil well, being put down near here, has reached a depth of 1021 feet with casing in the well to a depth of 975 feet. The well is bored by two shifts of drillers and Saturday the drill was set down 55 feet in 24 hours. The drilling now in blue shale, having passed over a considerable distance through a brown shale. This shale is considered oil and gas bearing, and small quantities of oil and gas have been found. Water, which has been causing considerable annoyance, has now been shut off by the casing. The well is to be drilled 1200 feet deep. If oil or gas is not found in paying quantities at that time a conference will be held to decide whether to dig further. The drillers are experts from the California field, and are optimistic concerning the enterprise.

NORMAL REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON WORK OF MONMOUTH SCHOOL.

New System Quite Different From That Formerly in Vogue in Oregon.

MONMOUTH, March 18.—President Ackerman reports that many inquiries are being made relative to the courses of study, standards of admission, cost of living and the advantages of the normal school here. For the information of those who are contemplating taking a normal course, he has a bulletin in press giving detailed information which may be had on application. The bulletin gives the following regarding entrance requirements and courses of study:

A. Standard Normal Course—(a) Entrance—Minimum requirements shall be the completion of the eighth grade or its equivalent.

(b) Graduation—The completion of the four years of the secondary school and two years of additional work, including a thorough review of the common branches, and training in the practice school and is practically a five years' course.

(c) Attendance—The total attendance in a secondary school and in the normal school shall be 216 weeks above the eighth grade, at least 38 of which shall be in the Oregon normal school—provided that the normal school may accept satisfactory credits covering 20 weeks above the eighth grade.

(d) Certification—The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall issue certificates to graduates from the standard normal course, as follows: First—One-year state certificates shall be issued, without examination, upon application, to graduates of standard normal school courses, authorizing them to teach in any grammar school, or in any one-year, two-year or three-year high school in Oregon.

Second—The holder of a one-year state certificate, issued in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1, shall, after six months' successful teaching experience in this state, and upon the recommendation of the County Superintendent of the county in which the applicant last taught, receive a five-year state certificate without examination, authorizing him or her to teach in any grammar school or in any one-year, two-year or three-year high school in Oregon.

State Papers. Third—The holder of a five-year state certificate, issued in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2, shall, after 30 months' successful teaching experience in this state, and upon the recommendation of the County Superintendent of the county in which the applicant last taught, receive a life state certificate authorizing him to teach in any grammar school or in any one-year, two-year or three-year high school in Oregon, provided, that he shall receive a life state certificate authorizing him to teach in any of the schools of this state upon the completion of two years of work in a standard college or university; provided, that, if at any time, the course of study of the Oregon normal school meets the requirements of standard college, then the graduate of the standard college course of the Oregon normal school shall receive a life state certificate entitling him to teach in any school in this state.

Fourth—The holder of a one-year state certificate, or a five-year state certificate, secured in accordance with the provisions of this section is hereby authorized to act as a city superintendent of schools of any city in this state.

Supervisors' Course New. B. Supervisors' Course—The work of supervision is more and more coming to be recognized as special work, and those who are to do it are expected to be specially fitted for it. The course is designed to meet the needs of such persons. It leads to the same certification as does the standard course and will require the same time and credits. The person taking this course may be excused from a part of the observation and practice work and take in lieu thereof the work in administration. Requirements and time limits the same as for the standard course.

C.—Elementary course. (a) General statement. This course practically parallels that provided by law for training classes in high schools with the distinguishing difference that much more work is required, both in observation and practice work than is required by law for high school classes.

(b) Entrance. Minimum requirement shall be the completion of the eighth grade or its equivalent.

(c) Graduation. The completion of the four years' work of the secondary school, and also the work required in education as the observation and practice work in the training school.

A one-year state certificate granted in consequence of such graduation may be renewed only once, when the holder thereof has presented satisfactory evidence of having taught successfully six school months during the life of such certificate.

D.—Rural school work. A professional course giving special training for work in rural schools. It has been but recently that normal schools have recognized the special needs of the rural schools.

Course comprises: (1) Review of common school subjects with methods of teaching the same; (2) Rural sociology; (3) Rural school management; (4) Rural science (elementary agriculture, school gardening and Nature study); and (5) the observation of a model rural school.

Certification—While this course does not lead to a teacher's certificate, without examination, the review of the common subjects will materially aid one to pass the state examination for a one-year certificate. The school will give to those who complete this course a special certificate setting forth the fact that the holder thereon has completed this course, which certificate, we hope, will be so valued by school directors as to aid materially in securing better positions and salaries.

Primary Course. E.—Primary course. A professional course, giving special training for primary work. (a) Length of course, two years. Certification—While this course does not lead to a teacher's certificate without examination, the instructions in methods will materially aid one to pass the state examination for a primary certificate. The school will give to those who complete this course a special certificate setting forth the fact that the holder thereof has completed this course, which certificate, it is hoped, will be so valued by school authorities as to aid materially in securing better positions and salaries.

Graduates of institutions of equal rank with Oregon State Normal School may be graduated after residence work of one-half year. Students who have completed work in other institution equal to the work required in the Oregon Normal School, but who are not graduates, are required to do one year's residence before graduation. Credentials from other states will be accepted on the same basis as those from Oregon.

What Advanced Standings Give. Persons who have done work beyond the eighth grade, but who are neither graduates of accredited high schools nor the equivalent, are classified in one course with which such advanced standing to which they may be entitled. Examinations for advanced standing are permitted in the case of work claimed to have been done elsewhere, but for which satisfactory credentials are not submitted.

The Normal school endeavors to give just credit for all scholarship which the applicant may possess. Applicants for advanced standing for work done in other schools must present an official statement of such work. This statement must cover the following points: (1) The exact length of time spent in the school, with the dates of entering and leaving.

(2) The number of subjects studied each term.

(3) The exact subjects studied.

(4) The number of weeks spent on each subject.

(5) The length of the recitation period.

(6) The record of the grade of work done in each subject.

Blanks prepared for this purpose may be obtained upon application. High school graduates must present a complete certified record of their high school course. This is filed in the office and kept as a part of the student's record.

The school reserves the right at any time to require a student who is notably deficient in subject matter to make up such deficiency before pursuing further his normal course.

Every person before being admitted to the school will be required to sign a statement that he or she intends to teach in the public schools of Oregon.

END OF LEAGUE DEBATES

FINAL CONTEST BETWEEN POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS.

Dallas and Bethel Tie For Lead—Contest Will Be Close One.

The final contests between the various teams comprising the Polk County High School Debating League will be held at the close of this week. All debates occurring outside of Dallas will take place Friday evening, March 24. On account of other attractions previously advertised for that date in this city, the local debate will be held Thursday evening, instead of Friday. The subject that has been chosen to form the bone of contention for the opposing teams is: "Resolved, that the state should provide free text books for the public schools." Both sides will have ample material for argument and the decisions will need to be the result of close discrimination. All of the schools that are represented in the league are looking forward to the struggle with especial anxiety, for the casting up of points at its close will determine their relative standing for this year.

Dallas and Bethel Tie. As it now stands, Dallas and Bethel are tied for first place, and the odds are in their favor. The winner of the championship for the year will be awarded the possession of the Seymour cup, the ownership of which remains with the League until it shall have been won twice in succession by the same school. As Falls City won it last season, the teams from that school are naturally going to do some strenuous work in order to capture it permanently. They are handicapped, however, for they tie for second place with Perrydale, and they will have to make a hard fight if they succeed in overcoming the lead of Bethel and Dallas.

The standing of the schools is now as follows, the possible number of points being eight: Schools. Points. Dallas 5 Bethel 5 Falls City 4 Perrydale 4 Monmouth 3 Independence 3

Neutral Judges Required. One of the requirements of the next debate is that all judges must be students of neutral ground and that they must be otherwise disinterested. Their selection devolves upon Superintendent Seymour, and he has been working overtime in an effort to select a sufficient number of qualified persons.

All visiting teams will have the negative side of the question, while the stay-at-home will defend the affirmative on behalf of the affirmative. The schedule of debates is as follows: At Dallas—Bethel, negative, against Dallas, affirmative, Thursday evening. At Perrydale—Dallas against Perrydale, Friday evening.

At Independence—Perrydale against Independence, Friday evening. At Monmouth—Bethel against Monmouth, Friday evening. At Falls City—Monmouth against Falls City, Friday evening. At Bethel—Falls City against Bethel, Friday evening.

TO OPEN BASEBALL SEASON Local High School Team Will Meet Bethel Here Saturday.

The members of the Dallas High School baseball team gave a very enjoyable basket social and entertainment at the College chapel Friday night, for the purpose of raising money to buy uniforms and other necessary articles for the coming season's games with the other high school teams of the county. The girls of the high school were loyal supporters of the movement, and they not only worked hard in preparing attractive baskets, but they attended and helped to make the occasion a social success. Financially, the results were not what they should have been, for the boys were not as loyal as their sister pupils, and but a small number of them were present. Despite the lack of support on their part, however, the receipts amounted to \$12.25. As that was not enough for their needs, Manager Roy Boydston started out yesterday with a subscription paper and before night had added \$30 more to the fund, and the suits, balls, etc., will now be forthcoming in short order.

The initial game of the season will be played on the Dallas College diamond next Saturday, March 25, between the Bethel High School team and the Dallas High School team, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Another game will be played at the same place Saturday, April 1, when the team from the Falls City High School will come down to test the skill of the local tossers.

WILL EXPLOIT DOUGLAS FIR

Northwest Lumbermen Start Annual Appropriation For Advertising.

EUGENE, March 19.—Consideration of an annual appropriation of \$20,000 for a national advertising campaign exploiting Douglas fir, occupied the greater part of the attention of the Oregon-Washington Lumber Manufacturers Association in their monthly session held here Saturday. The matter was brought before the lumbermen by a report of the committee on market extension and discussion of it occupied a greater part of the afternoon.

The report recommended that an annual appropriation of \$20,000 be set aside and the amount used to advertise Douglas fir in competition with Southern yellow pine, it being the opinion of the committee that the Western product could be sold on the basis of quality in the face of a much cheaper freight rate from the south. The southern cypress association, which spends yearly \$21,000 in advertising cypress lumber, was cited as an example. Five soliciting committees were appointed to secure funds, and quite a large amount was subscribed from the floor.

Monmouth's School Needs.

MONMOUTH, March 18.—A petition largely signed by the school patrons and taxpayers has been presented to the local school board asking for a new building with ample accommodation for both the grades and high school. The board has set April 8 to vote upon an issue of \$20,000 in bonds for funds with which to build. The district owns a half block between Warren and Powell streets, which will be used as the site for the new building, and they will consider the purchase of an additional half block adjoining. It is the purpose to erect a first-class, fire-proof building with modern equipment.

Increase Onion Acreage.

Oregon's onion acreage will be increased slightly during the coming season. A total of 526 acres compared with 507 acres a year ago is now expected. The planting of onions has already started here and weather conditions could not be better for the crop. While to date only a few acres have been planted, it is expected that the entire acreage will be completed within another week if weather conditions remain as favorable as at present. The planting is generally two weeks earlier than usual.—Portland Telegram.

A Book Worth Reading.

A little book showing the human appendix, and telling how Appendicitis is caused and how you can EARLY prevent it, is offered free for a short time by Conrad Stafrin, druggist, Dallas.

Drunken Row at Sheridan. A drunken row on the street late last Wednesday night, in which Dan Robinson, a drunken Indian, was made the target, resulted in the arrest of A. D. Daly, James Wood, J. Daly and V. DeLashmuth, on the charge of disorderly conduct. Each pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10 and costs, amounting to \$12.50 each. Warrants are out for the arrest of two others who were implicated in the trouble to an even greater extent, but the names were not recorded.—Sheridan Sun.