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An effort is being made by various sectarian schools throughout the state to make capital of the misfortunes of the State Normal schools and are advertising normal departments in their schools. In the first place they are not equipped for teaching normal methods as well as a school that is equipped for that purpose alone and in the second place they have no training departments. This is the main feature of a normal school and without which there can be no good results. The Monmouth Normal is the best equipped in this respect of any in the state and has devoted more time to the practical training of teachers than all the schools in the state combined. The Training Department is kept up at the expense of the school district, by a special tax. The Normal school has been kept running without state aid for the past two years and it is expected to run for the next two years on the same terms. Returning to the sectarian schools, we will say that it is our firm belief that all sectarian schools should be prohibited from operating a Normal department, or in any way using their influence to mould the thoughts of the teachers of the common schools of this, or any other state. No church should be allowed to influence matters of state and this is what would happen if the sectarian schools had their way. We have no objections to sectarian schools teaching teachers in their own peculiar beliefs, provided these teachers are intended for their own schools, but we do object to them teaching public school teachers. No public school teacher has a right to teach any peculiar form of religion in the common schools. That is a right that belongs alone to the family circle and to the church and Sunday school. It would be unfair and unjust for a teacher in one of the smaller districts to teach Methodist doctrines to Baptist children, or Presbyterian doctrines to Adventist children. It should be unlawful for state or county authorities to grant certificates to any one on the diploma of a sectarian school.

It has been asserted that this town would never vote bonds for a good water and light system for the reason that it would make taxes so much higher. In the last number of the Herald we tried to tell why there would be no more taxes to pay with a good water and light system than now, with an inferior service of both. Our little dinky incandescent street lights are nothing more or less than a farce, but with the system as outlined last week, we could have not less than a dozen large arc lights, as good

as any town on the coast. Investigation will convince anyone that such a system would be the best investment the town could make. Surely our people would be patriotic enough to take as much light from a municipal plant as they do from a foreign corporation.

In its Sunday issue the Oregonian takes up the cudgel in defense of Willamette University as against Principal Smith of the Brownsville High School. After unloading a lot of mush wash it says: "The simple truth is that there is not today a respectable training school for teachers in Oregon and never has been one. Nor is there likely to be one for some time." This is just another of the Oregonians' gross misstatements, unworthy of notice except for the fact that many people coming to the state will see it and not knowing the true state of affairs it will do harm to the educational interests of this country. People coming from the east inquire after educational facilities among the very first things and if they believe what the Oregonian says they will undoubtedly go to some state that does have respectably trained teachers. Without going into details we will say that the Normal school at this place is as good a training school as there is anywhere and its respectability is entirely too high to be measured by Harvey Scott's standard.

Get all the enterprises we can to locate here. The flouring mill is only a beginning and will be followed by a number of others. It would be a good thing to get a planer and box factory located here and by so doing we could combine those two with an electric light plant and a water system, thus cheapening the expense of operating.

#### Crowley.

Mrs. Ora Crowley and children are training hops for Mr. Yocum.

Misses Alice Riggs and Edna Morrison, of this place, attended a base ball game in Monmouth last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crowley, of Falls City, visited relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fawk and daughter, Grace, of Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Crowley, of Oak Grove.

Mr. A. J. Harris and family left last Friday for southern California. Mr. Harris has been in very bad health the past few months.

Warren Allen sold several fine dairy cows last Friday. Mr. Allen is one of the most successful dairymen in the county.

J. W. Allen is having a roller made. He intends sowing 25 acres of clover this spring.

C. J. Pewtherer is cutting wood for S. L. Fawk.

Webb Lewis sowed 45 acres of clover last week.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whalley died at their home in Rickreall last Wednesday evening with pneumonia fever. The child had been sick for two weeks. The remains were laid to rest in the Etna Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Whalley have the sympathy of their many friends.

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