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There seems to be a feeling among a large number of people throughout the state that it costs too much to graduate teachers from the Normal schools. As to the other Normals we have no knowledge, but as to our own school we say that this is a mistaken idea. Here the teachers secure the advantage of the best training that can be had. They get the benefit of the knowledge gained by years of experience in the schools of other states, which is disseminated by those who teach here. They have the training department which is the only one of its kind in the state, in which the advanced theories of the school are put into actual practice. The work done by the graduates of this school speaks for itself. True not all who graduate here make successful teachers, for the same reason that all the graduates of a business college do not make successful business men. Teachers are born, not made and the greatest instructors in the world cannot make a teacher, nor improve very much on nature. However the great difference between a well trained teacher and one who has merely graduated from the eighth grade of the common schools, is too apparent to need comment. A normal school is an absolute necessity in all well regulated states and this state has gone back half a century through the action of the last legislature. We believe that the Board made a great mistake when it asked for an appropriation of \$100,000 for each of the schools when no such sum was needed, at least not by the Monmouth school. We have ample accommodations for 400 students without a dormitory and when the number reaches that point, or near it, there will be plenty more found for double that number if necessary. Take the actual cost of graduating teachers here and compare it with the number of farmers turned out at the Agricultural college and it will be seen that the farmers cost the state 100 times as much as the teachers and yet we have no fault to find with that school and it received a very large increase in its maintenance fund. Let us be reasonable in our demands and there is little doubt but we will be able to get the necessary appropriation through the next legislature and a sum sufficient for maintenance that will be perpetual.

Joe Simon received the votes of enough of the machine wing of the republican party to give him the nomination for Mayor of Portland. This is the second highest office, so far as honorary conditions go, of all those within the gift of the people of the state of Oregon. The Oregon-

ian no doubt feels highly gratified that its pet has been nominated. But there is the election to reckon with and it may be that another democrat will be mayor. At least it is to be hoped so under the present conditions. Harry Lane was elected as a rebuke to the grafters and it may be that another democrat will be elected as a rebuke to the machine, the reactionaries and the devil, as represented by his able lieutenant, the Oregonian. It may look to some that this paper is taking altogether too much interest in Portland politics, but not so, for the political conditions obtaining in that city have a much greater bearing on the state than most persons suppose. Go there and live for a few years and you will gain an insight into many things that are entirely unknown to you now. From there comes the sinews of war for the fight against the people on every move that is made in the interest of good government. The money to fight the temperance movement, which means greater prosperity to the common people, which the liquor dealers of that city are trying to stop before it takes hold of the city and destroys their business. The money to debauch the legislatures so that laws in the interest of the people may be repealed and burdensome ones enacted in their stead and we might continue this strain indefinitely and not exhaust the subject.

When you pinch a dog's tail it howls, likewise when you tread on a man's corns. The editor of this paper has been accused of writing a column editorial. Well he has the ability to do so without having to "tank up" at any illicit booze joint. This isn't personal, but if there is anyone in the county that feels that it fits his particular case, he is welcome to its use and no royalty will be charged.

The rain that began Sunday has been the making of many thousands of dollars for the farmers of this section of the Willamette valley, as the ground was becoming exceedingly dry and grave fears were had as to whether the hop crop was not seriously in danger. However this is all over and everything is growing nicely.

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