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We want to go on record as being diametrically opposed to allowing graduates of sectarian schools to teach in the public schools of this state. In the first place they are, as a rule, prejudiced in favor of their particular religious denomination and narrow in their ideas, in the second place they are not trained teachers, but are educated with the end in view of proselyting for the denomination that has graduated them. But above and beyond all is the danger of uniting church and state if a large number of any particular denomination should be allowed to hold positions in the public schools. True it would take time and the hold gained would be scarcely perceptible, yet by degrees it would be felt and in time laws would be enacted inimical to the interests of other denominations and it would be but a question of time until they would be rooted out. Let the denominational schools educate their own teachers, but keep them out of the public schools. A law should be enacted prohibiting the issuance of a certificate to any graduate of any denominational school and let the state educate its teachers in purely non-sectarian Normal schools and provide that teachers should serve a term of years after graduating them.

Much has been said pro and con on the Normal school question, much more can be said, but the most potent reason why this state should have a good Normal is the fact that there is not enough money appropriated for the use of the country schools. For this reason the amount that is appropriated should be conserved as much as possible. The best way to do this is to get teachers that will do the most work in the shortest time. In order for teachers to do this they should have the best training possible. Where can they get this training? Can they get it at a private Normal? Do they get it anywhere but Monmouth? During the first few school years of a child's life, his mind is in its most receptive condition. Ideas gained then will stay with him through life. Is it not essential then, that his training should be of the best? At that age his mind is plastic and easily moulded along right lines, therefore he should have teachers that will start him on the right road. A misstep at this age will do much harm, so will poor methods in school room bring bad results in after life. The welfare of this nation depends largely on the trained teacher.

The Oregon Teachers Monthly is the latest addition to the

Editors desk. It is chock full of good things for the teacher and if we had the natural ability to be one, it would be almost an inducement to take up the profession of teacher for the sake of having such a splendid journal as the official organ of the fraternity. Aside from its usefulness to the teacher there are other things that are very interesting to the layman, especially J. Quin Thornton's account of the trip across the plains in 1846. We would advise all teachers in the state and all who intend teaching, to add this journal to their list of necessities.

Five hundred dollars collected from three men for fines from direct selling of liquor contrary to law, or its natural accessories, is the record of the Circuit Court as published in the Itemizer. Wonder if that paper will make any mention of that fact, other than the mere notice in the court proceedings? Further than that it is rumored that there were fines imposed for illegal selling of liquor that did not appear in either of the Dallas papers. This matter will be investigated and if true the reason will be inquired into. In the past the temperance people have had no way of getting before the people of this county except through the columns of some prohibitionist paper, but that time has gone by. We want it distinctly understood that the Herald is NOT a prohibitionist paper, but is fighting for a clean, moral community, which can never be had so long as the liquor forces hold the balance of power.

Was Oldest Member.

J. C. Hayter, secretary of the Masonic order in this city, informs us that the late W. C. Brown was not a charter member of Jennings Lodge No. 9, but says that for many years prior to his death Mr. Brown enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest member. The lodge was organized June 15, 1854, and Mr. Brown was initiated into the mysteries of the order a year later, his final degree being given him on August 11, 1855. The charter members of Jennings Lodge were Jessie D. Walling, Frederick Waymire, Isaac Zumwalt, Robert Gilliam, John H. Lewis, John M. Zumwalt, W. S. Gilliam, Elisha McDaniel and John Angel. The lodge's oldest member since the death of Mr. Brown is Cornelius Hughes, who was made a Mason on the 9th day of December, 1870.—Dallas Observer.

Warning.

A notice placed in postoffice lobby with the above heading, states that the postal authorities have complained of the noisy conduct of some of the young people during the distribution of the mails. It would seem that such a notice should be unnecessary in any well behaved town and especially so in one where teachers are being trained for the public schools. We do not believe that the noisy conditions are the result of viciousness, but arise simply from an over supply of youthful spirits, like an overcharged tank in a chemical engine, but for the sake of the reputation of the town and the good name of the young people, we hope that this condition will cease to be and that the notice may soon be taken down.

A Mothers Question.

Fathers and Mothers of Polk

Announcement

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County: Shall we continue to give our support to towns which refuse to enforce the laws for morality and virtue, or shall we turn our support somewhere else? This is a question that should receive the careful consideration of every father and mother in Polk county. It is a question that is being considered by many of our best citizens at the present time.
A Mother.

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AT

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