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NORMAL SCHOOLS AGAIN

There seems to be quite an awakening of citizens in various parts of the state as to the importance of the Normal School and its usefulness to rural districts. Below we give a clipping from the Oregonian, showing the attitude of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman on this important question with some added comments.

Declaring that laws must be placed on the statute books of the state requiring every teacher in every district school to have a thorough training before she starts her work in the school, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, before the county school officers' convention in session here today, came out flatly in favor of normal schools. "You must get together and go before the Legislature and demand that normal schools be established or let the Legislators know the reason why," was one of his statements.

"We have normals now, but the training is given for the city children at the expense of the children of the county. Every district school is a normal school. You send the inexperienced young girl out into the country and when she secures training she goes to the city. The child of the city is given his education with the bill footed by the child of the rural district."

Over 100 school officers from all over Marion county were in attendance. Among the speakers were C. L. Starr, who spoke on the history of school officers' conventions, being founder of the plan, and Professor E. D. Ressler, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who spoke on "Industrial Education;" J. M. Poorman, of Woodburn, who spoke on "The Responsibilities of the School Director."

The position taken by Superintendent Ackerman and so heartily endorsed by the chairmen of the several boards of directors of Marion county, at a meeting at Salem, November 27, speaks volumes for the Normal schools of the state. After his long years of close study of the various school questions, and all his manifest interest in the welfare of the public school system of our state; his indefatigable labors to strengthen and broaden the work of the public, and especially, the rural schools and his efforts to stimulate the development, and increase the efficiency of the high schools; after all the careful legislation that has been done effecting the public schools, and in which he is or was most largely instrumental, it would seem that none can doubt the advisability of the course he so strongly recommends.

As so plainly set forth there, the Normal school lies, or ought to lie closest to the heart of the friends of the public and rural schools. Having the money and the inducement incident to city life, the cities will secure good teachers, and always at the expense of the rural schools; and it is only by use of the Normal school that the rural school can

get the best trained teachers.

The experience of all the states have proved this beyond any peradventure for they all, save and except Oregon, maintain Normal training, and we believe that Oregon, with her vast possibilities, will soon again give aid to her Normal schools. A simple statement of the case is this: She must have teachers; the better trained they are, the better service will they render; some one must train them; either the State, the Protestants or the Catholics. Superintendent Ackerman sees clearly the situation, let us follow his wise counsel. x.

In the article we published last week from the Valley Record, there is no reflection of character nor purpose so far as we can see, upon Prof. E. D. Ressler, who was formerly at the head of the Normal school here, neither was any intended upon the part of the Herald, nor do we attach blame to the O. A. C. as the management of that institution is looking after interests of their school and town, and likewise Prof. Ressler must be loyal to those whom he serves, besides there is no intimation that he wishes to see the Normal school leave its old location, but the purpose of the Herald is to inform citizens of this section that they may be alive to their own interests. Other sections look after their interests, and if we wish to profit we must be alive and active as to ours.

"Saul hath slain his thousands, but David his ten thousands." The above was an utterance of joy by the Israelite songsters when they went to meet the returning victors, but there is a contrast, today in American amusements that reminds us of the above quotation. The season's football victims, according to a late report, numbers 39 killed, 22 fatally injured, and some 216 injured in various degrees, so that we can now say: "The prize fighting ring has its victims, but football kills its scores."

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