

Weston Normal School
(From The Portland Daily Journal)

Weston Ore., March 2—To the Editor of The Journal—The prospects of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school in its initiative campaign may well be regarded as encouraging. Representative men in this part of the state, appointed on committee, have come willingly to the school's aid, and the plan formulated in its behalf is the fruit of wisdom and experience.

While many friends of the normals favored a three-school bill, such a measure became difficult after Monmouth led off with an independent bill, and in consequence the committee adopted an independent bill for the Weston school. In the writer's view this was the part of wisdom. It will determine positively whether or not a normal school is wanted in this part of the state. It will also afford the voters the freedom of choice that should be theirs—the privilege of voting for one, two, or three schools, or none. It disposes of the time-worn argument of a "normal school combine," which has had but little foundation in fact, but has been singularly effective in theory.

The community of Weston feels well disposed toward the other two normals, and will support them by its votes. Yet the Weston school needs must take its chance with the voters of the stath on an independent platform. It looks to Multnomah county for strong support. That county gave a big majority four years ago to the general appropriation bill, from which it directly profited but little. It virtually saved the appropriation of the University of Oregon, held up two years later through a similarly mistaken referendom movement. It will be equally broad-minded toward the Eastern Oregon State Normal school, realizing that the grand empire east of the Cascades is entitled to one such institution.

Oregon really needs the three normals. They are widely separated, and each has its distinct geographical field. They were doing good work, and each had graduated a host of trained teachers. Now the young people of the state are going to Washington for the pedagogical training denied them at home. It will cost just 12 cents annually on each one thousand dollars of taxable property to support the three. We believe that the voters will be willing to pay this small amount rather than let Oregon continue to suffer in reputation as an anti-normal state at a time when normal schools are a recognized factor throughout the nation in public school education.

The Eastern Oregon State Normal asks for a tax of one twenty-fifth of a mill, or just 4 cents on each \$1000. If this be denied it, well and good. It will submit cheerfully, realizing that it has had a square deal—a fair field and no favor. It must now appeal to the people because it was denied a square deal—or anything but utter and final extinction by the Oregon senate. It is equipped with a plant worth \$75,000 that is now a loss to the state. It has not been a local school, but a state school. During the biennial period 1907-1908, out of 275 students enrolled, only 19 per cent were from Umatilla county. The remainder represented 17 Oregon counties. It has cost much less than Washington schools of similar standing. It asks for much less than they received, in its modest bill.

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Farmers have been plowing some this week on high and soddy land, and if the weather continues favorable there will be a rush to get their crops in.

Social Hour Club

The Social Hour Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Irene Dal ons at their last regular meeting. The hostesses being Dalton, Riggs, Butler and Burt.

A guessing contest was indulged in and Mrs. Remington received first prize while Mrs. Stine succeeded in capturing the bocby prize.

Light refreshments were served and all enjoyed the hour very pleasantly.

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School Report

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending Feb. 25, 1910:

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time.....	59
Schools failing to report on time—Districts.....	
Lewisville, Montgomery, Greenwood, Oakdale, Lone Star, Cherry Grove.....	
Number of pupils remaining at last report.....	2347
Number of pupils registered new during month.....	31
Number of pupils registered secondary during month.....	19
Number of pupils readmitted during month.....	344
Total number pupils on register during month.....	2741
Number of pupils dropped during month.....	469
Number of pupils remaining at time of report.....	2281
Number of days taught during month.....	18
Whole number of days attendance.....	40705
Whole number of days absence.....	2763
Whole number of times late.....	434
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy.....	1170
Average number of pupils belonging.....	2415
Average daily attendance.....	2261
Per cent of attendance.....	93.2
Number of visits by parents.....	94
Number of visits by members of the school board.....	33

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Eola, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Ballston, Scroggins, Gooseneck, Rickreall, Spring Valley, Harmony-99 per cent; Sunyslope, Teals-100 per cent; Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer-99 per cent; Mountain View, Rock Creek and Mistletoe.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies during the month:—Zena, Red Prairie, Parker, Valley View, Scroggins, Bethel, Polk Station, Fair View, Spring Valley, Harmony, Etna, Concord, Teals, Black Rock, Pioneer, Rock Creek, Highland and Mistletoe.

The attendance this month was some better than last month but still we are not up to the required 95 per cent which we are working for this year, there was not nearly so many tardies this month as last, this speaks well for parents, pupils and teachers.

We are receiving reports from schools every few days in regard to the drinking cups and window boards; if your school does not have these, something is wrong; better look into the matter and see what can be done to secure these individual drinking cups and window boards and secure them at once; keep up with the other schools.

Yours respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Supt., Polk Co., Ore.

Her Dime.

Somebody had given the east side woman a bad dime. It was composed largely of lead. She tried to pass it at several places, but they are wary for some reason or other on the east side. They invariably ring a dime on the counter once or twice and bite it besides. When she got home with the dime it had several holes in it from the pressure of east side teeth. "It is more impossible than ever," she said. The impecunious man called that evening. He had a dollar with him which was wholly intact—that is to say, it had not been broken. "I am afraid they'll give me bad money for it," he said upon taking his departure, "over here in these east side cars. Will you change it for me?" "I shall be delighted," said she. He called a week later with a grinch. "You can't seem to get away from the bad money over here on your old east side," he complained. "Somebody or other stung me with an old lead dime that was full of holes."—New York Press.

Some Odd Spelling.

Americans, says the London News, employ the word "Britisher," which they invented, in a contemptuous sense. It was a certain Philadelphia wit who is said to have asked his friends what a "Britisher" would mean to convey by the written word "ghoughphthelght-teau." He had to explain to them that, according to the genius of the English language, it meant "potato." Thus: Gh—p, as in "hicough;" ough—o, as in "dough;" phth—t, as in "phthisis;" elgh—a, as in "neighbor;" tte—t, as in "gazette," and eau—o, as in "beau." This was at least as puzzling as the livery stable keeper's bill which contained the two lines—
Aosafada
Ataionimomgin.

Nobody who does not "know the answer" has ever yet arrived at the solution, which is, in the vernacular of the creditor himself, "A 'oss 'alf a day" and "A-takin' on 'im 'ome ag'in."

Unappreciated Efforts.

Unselfish goodness is seldom appreciated in this world of ours. There was that man in the electric car, for instance. Having rung up three fares in his efforts to stop the car for the lady that sat on the opposite side, he tossed after her the umbrella that belonged to the little gray whiskered man on his right. Neither the gray whiskered man nor the conductor liked the thoughtful Samaritan for his altruistic efforts.—Boston Transcript.

There Are Better Seats.

"He is now, they say, on the very pinnacle of fame, and yet he isn't exactly in comfortable circumstances." "That's not surprising. Did you ever sit on a pinnacle of any sort?"—Brooklyn Citizen.

The Better Way.

"A wfully rude of him to throw a kiss at me." "Yes, my dear; those are things which always ought to be delivered in person."—Illustrated Bits.

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