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NECESSITY OF NORMAL SCHOOL TRAINING

The State Normal School Proposition is now fairly well launched, and as it is of more than passing interest it should be discussed and its merits set forth. There are various reasons why we should be interested, as all who love education, those who are looking forward to the future greatness of the state, and those who have youths to be educated are alike interested, and it is only a floater on the Sea of Life that has no interest.

There was a time when it was said that "Lickin' an' Parnin' went together." Our school days bordered on that period, and while we escaped the birch quite well there were many whose education, received in that misty past consisted mostly of "lickin" minus the "larnin." We are now living in an other generation; the old log schoolhouses of those days have given place to others of better construction; the teachers, of fifty years ago, have been supplanted by those who have been educated under improved environment, and the old, misty past is receding never to appear again, while the light and brilliance of a better day has dawned, although the height attained does not disclose the fullness of the glory which lies beyond, for when we survey the intellectual field we find that its source is infinity, and we lose ourselves in the magnitude of its vastness.

There are those yet living whose school time was in that misty past, who, when they compare the advantages of the present system over that which fell to their lot, appreciate the change, and although they were deprived of such opportunity, yet they have pleasure in what has been achieved, and their desire is that the rising generation shall have the best and that the trend of excellence in educational matters shall still be onward and upward so that coming generations may reach grander heights of learning than their predecessors have attained.

Away back along the line of progression it was found that some instructors had better methods than others; they were more apt in imparting instruction and obtained better results from their pupils, hence, from these conditions evolved institutions for the special training of teachers. The normal school arose, in New York, out of the educational structure as early as 1853. The county institute came and in some states the township institute was introduced and attendance once each month made obligatory during the school term, in order that teachers impart their methods of instructing pupils to each other, the object

being to adopt the best methods and procure the very best service.

Out of the whole of it a magnificent educational structure has arisen and the question to be decided is this; shall we leave the upward course we have been pursuing and drift back toward the source from whence we started or shall we continue on in the highway of progress

Of all God's creations man is chief; he is the one designed to glorify and magnify his creator, and shall the creature formed not accomplish the purpose for which it was created? Surely it will. But, we are prone to forgetfulness, and we are apt to be more or less careless of the interests of our boys and girls while we will look after things of much less importance with zealous care; for instance, during our school career we have known men who had boys and girls in the school room and hogs in the pen, who would visit the pig-pen daily to see that the swine had proper care, but did not enter the schoolroom once in a term to see how their girls and boys were being cared for; their welfare was left entirely to the supervision of the teacher.

Now, this question of education confronts us; the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and there is nothing in which we can help them better to prepare to fill their places in the future than to give them the best education possible, and there is nothing to good for the rising generation.

Seeing this is true how can we better secure to them this inheritance than by continuing and improving our educational system. We leave their training largely in the hands of the teacher, and since this is true, let us reinstate our normal system so that teachers may be properly trained for the labor we expect at their hands.

For the benefit of our boys and girls and for the honor of the State of Oregon let us reinstate and maintain our normal instruction.

From our mention of the removal of the old sawmill, at Dallas in our issue of last week, the impression might go out that it was the only one Dallas had but such is not the case as her large mill was recently improved by installing several thousand dollar's worth of new machinery, and the plant is being operated to its full capacity and employs a large crew of men.

From various towns and cities come notices of "Clean-up-day" Monmouth might profit by such example. Cleanliness is a sign of care and thrift, and one that will attract the notice of passers-by more readily than aught else and certainly with favor. The character of our environment testifies of us so far as we have the making of our environment.

The article headed "A New Flying Machine," and printed on first page, last week, should have been credited to the Ashland Tiding.

Seed Wheat For Sale

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GATHERING OPIUM.

How the Petals and Juice of the Poppy Plant Are Procured.

Opium growing is a sort of garden cultivation, the poppy plants being grown in little squares or beds intersected by tiny water channels for irrigation wherever this is possible. The growth of the plants is carefully tended, and at length the time comes when they burst out into flower, and the fields look like a sheet of silver as the white petals of the flowers glisten in the morning dew.

These beautiful petals are the first produce of the crop, for the women and children of the cultivators' families come forth and pick them off one by one and carefully dry them, so that they may serve afterward as the covering of the manufactured cakes of opium. Then the poppies, with their bare capsule heads, remain standing in the open field until it is considered that they are ripe for lancing. The cultivators then come forth in the evening, and with an implement not unlike the knives of a cupping instrument they scarify the capsule on its sides with deep incisions, so that the juice may exude.

In the early morning the cultivators reappear with a scraping knife and their earthenware pots, and they scrape off the exuded juice and collect it in their pots. And this is crude opium.—Blackwood's Magazine.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

L. C. HOOVER, Pastor

Morning service at 11:00 o'clock
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

Morning Service at 11. a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.

Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.
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Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

W. C. T. U.

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