

# The Herald

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### The Passing of the Comet.

The long-looked-for and much heralded event—the passing of Halley's comet—is over and still the earth turns on its axis and the world moves on just the same. But, by the way, there seems to be considerable dissatisfaction over the poor appearance this sky-rover has made up to the present writing, however a better showing may yet take place.

On Monday evening there was a general scanning of the heavens and while the eclipse of the moon was a grand sight, the comet did not come up to expectations, as that part of the sky was too murky, there being thin clouds intervening to some extent.

So far as our observation goes Halley's comet has not more than equalled Comet A-1910 in splendor, and it has fallen far short of the one which appeared in 1882.

But there is one thing which the comet has demonstrated and that is that it has kept the scientific men guessing until they hardly know where they are at, while the ruler of the universe has shown his ability to care for the works of his hands.

The Condon Times remarks that passing through the tail of a comet isn't half so dangerous as is treading on the tail of an Irishman's coat.

Well, the comet has passed and the country is safe, but the scientific men have had a good deal of guessing as to what the sky-rover did with its tail in going by. They bent it and twisted it over and over again so there was danger that it might wrap round the earth and drag it away in its train.

### Three Normals Are Needed.

The following article is copied from one of our prominent exchanges, but having failed to mark it at the time of clipping, we cannot give it proper credit:

Capt. L. D. Mahone is editor of the Oregon Citizen, a readable magazine recently established at Portland. Capt. Mahone served in the lower house at the last legislative session, and was a strong friend of the Oregon Normals. He now favors but two schools, at Ashland and Weston, saying that the Willamette Valley is well enough served in an educational way by other institutions. In this we think he is mistaken. The Monmouth school is the oldest school, has the largest number of graduates, and its usefulness in creating trained teachers for the state would not be curtailed were there a score of other schools surrounding it. To support it will cost but four cents annually on every thousand dollars of taxable property. Twelve cents will support all three, giving each about \$27,000 annually, which is more than they have

ever received before. The citizen who pays taxes on a thousand dollars, or on ten thousand, cannot afford to permit his state to lag behind its sisters in normal school education, in order to save the mere pittance it would cost him annually. Central Oregon, (central from a standpoint of population) Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon should each have its normal school. Three are none too many for a state of Oregon's resources and population. We reprint below two excerpts from Capt. Mahone's article:

The Normal School question will be up at the coming election for the people to express their wishes as to their retention or abolition. In the last session of the legislature this question was one of the most serious and hotly contested of the many measures that were acted upon. The House was of the opinion that there should be three schools while the senate was for doing away with all of them and succeeded in doing so. A compromise was suggested, that the appropriation be made to carry them through their scholastic year, but even this was voted down by the Senate and the schools were compelled to close in the middle of the year.

The school at Weston draws from ten large counties and there is no other school of its nature in that part of the state. It should be maintained. If it closes the young men and women can cross the line to Moscow, Idaho, Cheney, Pullman, Walla Walla, Wash., and there enter the schools of those states and many of them would stay there and teach after they graduated. This is the only state institution in the eastern part of the state at present. A contingent appropriation is pending for the establishment of an insane asylum east of the mountains. If the people see fit to do away with a high grade school for the purpose of getting the asylum, they should have the latter, for most of them will need it.

## POLK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASE-BALL LEAGUE

### SCHEDULE OF GAMES.

April 23—Independence at Dallas; Falls City at Monmouth.  
April 30—Monmouth at Independence; Dallas at Falls City.  
May 7—Falls City at Independence; Monmouth at Dallas.  
May 14—Monmouth at Falls City; Dallas at Independence.  
May 21—Independence at Monmouth; Falls City at Dallas.  
May 28—Independence at Falls City; Dallas at Monmouth.

### Old English Fairs.

Fairs and feasts were formerly held in churchyards in honor of the saint to whom the church was dedicated. In consequence of these popular gatherings being much abused they had to be suppressed in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Edward III., as appears by the following extract quoted by Spelman: "And the Kyuge commandeth and forbiddeth that from henceforth neither fairs and markets shall be kept in churchyards for the honour of the Church. Given at Westminster, the VIII of Octobre, the XIII year of Kyuge Edward's reign."—London Queen.

### Very Suggestive.

Mrs. Towne—There was a spelling competition down at our institute the other night. The pastor gave out the words. Did you hear about it? Mrs. Browne—No. Was it interesting? Mrs. Towne—Rather. The first three words he gave out were "increase," "pastor," "salary."

Most of us are extremely wise when it comes to knowing what other people ought to do.

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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.  
" " 7:30 p. m.  
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