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THE NORMAL GROUCH

There is an old adage which says, "Misery likes company," and this seems equally true of the man with the grouch especially when he can find another grouch with an inclination in his direction

The Oregonian has a grouch on normal schools, but no doubt there is method in its grouchiness, as it favors one such school only and perhaps thinks that, with the influence it wields, it can land that one within the precincts of Portland.

Now the Grants Pass Observer has a touch of the same disease and while it, perhaps, has no hope of securing a normal institution within the confines of that city, yet it advocates one such school and speaks in very uncomplimentary terms of the three which Oregon supported prior to the election of a grouchy legislature.

The Observer in its argument against the normal school proposition, among other of its morbid vaporings, breathes out the following as good reasons for its position, and the Oregonian with the yemon of the genuine gossip hastens to spread its spume. Following is the extract:

"These schools were of no particular benefit to the state. They were only squanders of public money. There are very few teachers in Oregon who were trained by these imbecile institutions. Oregon for years has been getting teachers from the east. There is a whole band of eastern teachers in the Grants Pass schools, and they were employed because home teachers could not be had."

"These schools were of no particular benefit to the state," is the first charge made and it is an appeal to the grouchy taxpayer to withhold his support, as the second sentence clearly proves. Then follows the declaration that, "There are very few teachers in Oregon who were trained in these institutions. Oregon for years has been getting teachers from the East." Then the extract closes with the information that "There is a whole band of Eastern teachers in Grants Pass schools, and they were employed because home teachers could not be had."

That these schools were no particular benefit to the state might just as readily be said, and even more so, of the State University and the Agricultural college, and yet the considerate person finds that such is not true of these institutions, for while the student who seeks instruction in these schools is only looking after his, or her, individual interests, yet the state is gainer because of the better educated citizenship and usefulness of its population, and especially is this true of the agricultural student who carries his training into ef-

fect as a prosperous agriculturist and who cheerfully pays his proportion of state taxes to keep up state institutions. The cost soon comes back.

But the state certainly receives a more rapid and valuable asset from the normal school training as the return comes sooner and the influence is more wide-spread in its touch. The education of the boys and girls, of the state, must be kept up or its citizenship will be lowered because of decline in knowledge, hence, there must be instructors and instructors must be trained or else how can we hope for success and advancement? Who would wish to return to the conditions of a half century ago? No one.

The world is advancing and intelligence is increasing. That Grants Pass has to seek teachers from the East but argues for the reinstatement of the normal school system, while the manner in which the Observer inserted that "because" in its reason for employing the Eastern article would indicate that the Oregon teacher is preferred.

The objection to more than one school is rather far-fetched also, as the interest of the state is to be conserved and convenience of reaching the school and the cost to those who desire to prepare for teaching should have proper consideration. There is quite an army of teachers in Oregon and the demand is still increasing. If Oregon trains her teachers the rural schools will receive benefit from such training as the influence of the normals will reach out to the remotest parts of the state. We cannot look too favorably to the East for our supply of teachers. It would be just as appropriate to look there for our increase in population.

The Valley Record says: "The cost of living in Medford has gone up. The saloons have all combined and sent the price of beer from 5 to 10 cents." We have pondered over the problem but we give it up; two propositions confront us while a third one looms up in the back-ground. We cannot decide whether beer is the chief article of diet of the Medford citizen, or whether it is absolutely necessary to drink beer in order to live in that city. We have known ever since we could reason that the alcohol habit raised the cost of living by creating conditions where drinkers failed to pay their obligations for the necessities of life and other persons had to bear the loss, also that increased taxes resulted because of crimes induced by drunkenness, but the Medford proposition is too much for us to solve; we give it up.

Rev. E. F. Zimmerman of Portland gave a stereopticon lecture here, Tuesday evening to an attentive audience in behalf of prohibition, that was well received. M. Z. is an earnest advocate of temperance, a clear reasoner, and has a way of stating his propositions that must necessarily carry conviction with it and even the drinker, although bound hand and foot by his appetite and wedded to drink, could not but accede his points, however much he might try to justify his own waywardness.

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Editor Clark of the Gervais Star wants to be state printer. He is seeking nomination on the Republican ticket.

Postmaster W. A. Wolverton is off on a vacation and will visit King Albert's domain. He will go into Canada before returning.

Church Directory.

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.

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