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## REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., April 2—An Oregon and Portland Business Men's Excursion to the Agricultural College at Corvallis will be run April 25-26. An open fare of one and one-third has been made and a special electric-lighted pullman train will carry the excursionists from Portland. Official stops will be made for luncheon on Thursday, April 25, at McMinnville, an afternoon meeting at Sheridan, and a banquet and evening meeting at Dallas. On Friday, the entire day will be spent observing the work of the college.

The excursion being held under the auspices of the Oregon Development League, and the Central Oregon Development League, Tri-County Development League and the Oregon State Bankers Association. William Hanley, of Burns, will be honorary chairman of the excursion and the special guests will be Governor West, P. L. Campbell, president of Oregon State University, and William J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural College. The excursion is to be participated in by delegates from all parts of the state and is to bring about co-operation between the business men and the college that will result in demonstration and extension work in every county of the state.

State Immigration Agent C. C. Chapman, of Portland, is sending a letter to the secretaries of the commercial clubs of the state, the mayors, or chief official of every incorporated town and to the boards of county commissioners asking for information to be used in the state booklet to be published under the auspices of the Oregon Immigration Commission and over the seal of the state. Each community will thus be made responsible for the information that goes out about itself. The question is asked for the nature of the agricultural opportunities and the many other advantages of the community. When compiled, the reports received will form a condensed encyclopedia of information which the inquirer about Oregon will want most to know. If further particulars are desired, he will be given directions where to write to get them. The booklet will be of 64 pages, without illustrations except some diagram maps of the state, and will have a circulation of 100,000. The space apportioned to each county will be on a joint basis of population and area, although Multnomah will not be given any more space than any other county.

On April 17, 18, and 19, an exposition of goods manufactured in Linn County will be held at Albany under the auspices of the Albany Commercial Club. It will be a part of the "Made-in-Oregon" campaign of the State Manufacturers' Association. Lebanon and Brownsville will participate and the products of two furniture factories, one tannery, one paper mill and one woolen mill will be displayed. The first day will be devoted to a rally of

the commercial clubs of the three towns. The second day the movement will be brought to the attention of the high school teachers and students and educational talks will be given. On the third day the ladies will have charge of the meetings and, in addition to the social features, an appeal will be made to them to use the various breakfast foods, baking powders, soaps and domestic articles exhibited.

## Must Have Children to Teach

Normal schools must have schools of children in which to train their students in actual teaching. The more nearly such a school approaches a representative public school the better for the students who are trained therein. Such training is favorable because it is given amid conditions similar to those in which such students will teach after graduation.

There are, however, some difficulties which arise in such a training school. No matter how good the critic teachers, how economical the organization, or how ample the equipment, the quality of the teaching is likely to fluctuate greatly. This is due to the frequent change of teachers, their immaturity and their lack of responsibility. Unless closely watched the result of this is not good for the pupils in so far as their intellectual pursuits are concerned. As a training in quick judgment of people and in adjusting rapidly to new conditions it furnishes the very best school to which one can send his children.

The Training Department in the Oregon Normal School is very fortunate in this regard. Parents who may have felt that their children were under inexperienced practice teachers will be agreeably surprised when they read the report which we make below. At the present writing there are twenty-six students who are teaching every day in the grades of the Training Department. The average age of these students is twenty-three years; the average teaching experience before coming to the Training School is nearly three years; and the average salary of these students was more than fifty-two dollars per month.

Any school system that could secure twenty-six teachers with the qualifications of the above would be glad to do so. Added to this, however, is an expert corps of critic teachers and a body of academic instructors who give their time and talents toward making of the Training Department the best possible place for the children of Monmouth.

## Fire at Falls City.

Falls City, April 2.—Fire which broke out in the dwelling of Editor Lee of the Falls City News yesterday afternoon practically destroyed the house and much of the contents. The fire department responded promptly and succeeded in subduing the flames but the water ruined much of the furnishings that escaped the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

## NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

On Monday afternoon President Ackerman visited Salem where he attended the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, leaving there in the evening for Portland, taking the train thence to Spokane where he was in attendance on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Inland Empire Teachers' Association. This Association is composed of Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Western Idaho and Montana. President Ackerman is president of the council, which body largely determines the policy of the association. It is expected that the presidents of all the Normal Schools in the various States will be present and a discussion looking toward union of work will be had.

On Friday of last week Mr. Evenden again visited a parents meeting in Marion County at the city of Cloverdale, which lies about three miles East of Turner. In company with Supt. Alderman and Supt. Smith Mr. Evenden made the trip from Salem and reports a very pleasant meeting and much interest manifested on behalf of the patrons of the school in the work being done by the Normal.

On Friday of last week Mr. Gentle and Mr. Butler were in Dallas acting as judges on the debate between Dallas and Independence. A very pleasant evening is reported. The Dallas high school entertained with a reception to the visiting team and visitors from the other schools. Mr. Gentle in company with Supt. Seymour visited the schools at Ballston on Saturday and reports a very pleasant days experience.

On Saturday evening, April 6, the faculty invite the student body and the citizens of the town to a reception in the assembly hall at eight o'clock. Preparations have been made for a pleasant evening and it is hoped that the citizens of the town will avail themselves of the courtesies extended to them by the faculty and be present. This is the second reception of a public nature which the faculty have tendered this year. It has been suggested that to properly execute the program as prepared by the committee on social events that each one coming should bring their scissors with them.

Miss Harlan, Miss Brenton, Miss West and Miss Shearer visited Portland on last Saturday and incidentally enjoyed the program as rendered by Madame Tetrassini. They all speak of richly enjoying the program, and Miss Harlan favored the student body on Tuesday at the assembly period with a clear descriptive talk of the prima donna and her wonderful musical attainments.

On Saturday evening last the classes of Miss Wilcox gave a public exhibition in relay races, potato races and drills. The spirit manifested in the contest was most excellent, and the ladies entered into the play with enthusiasm. The various drills were executed with precision



BEN W. OLCOTT.

Mr. Olcott is our present Secretary of State, and is also a candidate for renomination and election. He has made a good and efficient officer, and proved his loyalty to the interests of the state and is deserving of not only the nomination but election to the place he has so well filled since his appointment.

and many figures were executed. This was followed by a basket ball game between the Juniors and Freshmen in which the Juniors were victorious. There was much manifestation of the real class spirit and the teams played good, fast ball. Miss Wilcox deserves thanks for her untiring efforts in developing this work.

On Monday a practical joke was perpetrated by the students on the faculty, commemorating the appropriateness of the day. Following the usual custom the faculty proceeded to their respective station on the rostrum, only to find that the students had surreptitiously flown leaving vacant, staring chairs. The surprise was complete. However, the faculty proceeded with the usual assembly exercises, and in due time the students returned to their respective places, giving the usual greetings incident to the first day of April.

President Ackerman has added materially to the looks of the lawn in front of the Normal building by having it spaded, leveled and grassed. It now presents the appearance of a well prepared lawn, and as soon as the grass which has been sown has time to develop it will add very greatly to the general appearance of the grounds.

## Mothers' Meeting

The Mothers' Club was entertained by Mrs. S. C. Coates and Mrs. George Carmichael at the latter's home, Friday March 29. The roll was called and answered with appropriate quotations. A recitation by Mrs. William Riddell Jr., was very much enjoyed by the members. At the conclusion of a social hour, dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Mesdames Huber and daughter, Cole and daughter, Riddell and son, Prime and daughter, Johnson and son, Strain and daughter, Blum and son, Murdock and daughter, and Mason.

Buy a Clock now; Big REDUCTION IN PRICE.—Normal Variety Store.

## LARGE CONCRETE BUILDING

Another Store Building to be Built with Hall Overhead

Monmouth is forging ahead and when a city begins to take on new life and grow it begins to attract attention and the greater the attention which is drawn toward it, the more it grows, and we hope that Monmouth will prove no exception in this respect.

Cheif among the buildings planned for Monmouth, excepting the Normal dormitory, is a new store building which E. W. Strong will have built, this summer, upon his lot facing the Monmouth Hotel, on Main street. The new building is to be 120x60 feet and two stories high, the upper story being used for a hall. This structure will be built of concrete, and S. R. Walker, who has the contract expects to commence the structure in the early summer, having to complete some work at Salem prior to beginning the erection of this one.

The residence now standing upon this lot will be moved south on to the next lot to make room for the new structure.

## CHOICE PLAQUES

Handsome Floral Designs Go With Subscriptions.

We have purchased some choice plaques, real beauties, which we now offer at a very low figure in connection with the HERALD subscriptions. These plaques retail at \$1 to \$1.50, but in connection with the HERALD we offer them at the very low price of 35 cents, making the price of subscription, for a year, together with the plaque, \$1.35, and this applies to back subscriptions as well as to renewals or new ones.

The subscription price remains the same and the HERALD can be had with or without the plaques but the latter is not for sale except as an inducement to subscribe.

Come in and see these fancy plates and—yes we will be pleased to wrap one up for you.

## For Superintendent.

To the Republican voters, Polk County Oregon:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for the office of School Superintendent of Polk county, Oregon, for a Second Term, subject to the will of the Republican voters at the nominating primary, April 19, 1912.

I wish to say that when a candidate for my first term as School Superintendent. I promised that I would give my best work for the schools of the county. I have spent my entire time in working for the betterment of the schools and ask a nomination on the record I have made. If nominated and elected for a second term, I will follow the same policy as in the past and will give my best work for the schools of the county.

Respectfully,  
H. C. SEYMOUR.  
(Paid Advertisement.)