

### Thanksgiving Dance

The opening C. I. C. dance of the season will occur on Thanksgiving evening, November 30th, at the Estacada Pavilion.

The ladies expect to start the present season with an extra fine dance, with the promise of a gala decorated hall, the best of music and a regular Thanksgiving luncheon, with everyone invited.

### Parent-Teacher Halloween Fete

In order to raise funds for the purchasing of more needed playground equipment for the Estacada Schools, the Estacada Parent-Teacher Association will hold a fete, carnival or festival at the Estacada Pavilion, Friday evening, October 27th.

An exceptionally interesting and novel program is being arranged and all are asked to hold open that evening and be present.

### Spelling Bees Ended

County School Supt. Calavan of Oregon City has decided to abandon the practise of holding "spelling bees" in the county schools, claiming the nervous strain on the girls is too great. Hereafter the same ends being gained by written tests.

The News this week received several photographs of the exhibits at the fair and had hoped to use a view in this week's issue but owing to the pictures being interior views, the photographs were not distinct enough to warrant attempting to reproduce in a newspaper.

Bob Morton and A. Benson of Estacada returned Saturday after a few months absence at Salmon City, Idaho, where they have been identified with the government hatchery work.

## A RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP

### What Has Been Accomplished in the Postal Service During This Administration

#### BETTERMENTS AND PROGRESS IN ALL DIRECTIONS

All the great departments of the Government are naturally interested in having their administration of these important trusts approved by the people—the progress and notable achievements made by each brought to public notice. The Postal Service, from its very close relation to all classes, touching them at all points as a common carrier, as well as the watchful guardian of certain of their public interests and comfort, is peculiarly concerned that its efforts in the line of public service shall measure up to their fullest needs and merit their approving consent. No administration of public affairs, however, can hope to escape criticism, no matter how well conducted, for even the measures of wise and judicious economy may cause complaint when old-fashioned methods and customs are disturbed by the march of progressive reforms. Public administrators, however, look to the larger accomplishments possible, and it is the adherence to this principal which has enabled the Post Office Department to do so much for the general welfare during the past few years.

Take, for instance, the parcel post. The wider view of possible benefits has simplified mailing conditions, twice reduced the rates, increased the limits of size and weight several times, and extended express facilities not only to cities and towns on regular transportation lines, but to the people along a million miles of rural route. Practical aid has also been given in developing the idea so that producer and consumer are alike benefitted, waste measurably eliminated, and living conditions made better. A traffic reaching a billion parcels annually testifies the popular appreciation of this great public accommodation.

Postal savings. Unnecessary restrictions have been removed and the plan popularized and encouraged, thus bringing into circulation the hoarded savings of the poor by the assured security of Government control. That the public appreciates the advantage thus afforded is seen in the increased number of depositors from 310,000 to 616,000, and in the amount deposited from \$30,036,325 to \$92,000,000.

City delivery has been extended to 3,000,000 additional homes, thereby according this benefit to something like 6,000,000 people in all heretofore denied this service. That this enlargement of privilege and opportunity was a wise measure is shown by the per capita expenditure for postal accommodation, which has grown from \$2.58 in 1912 to nearly \$3 in 1916. Greater postal facilities mean not only more patrons, but more is spent in postage because of these afforded conveniences, and the public revenue thereby considerably increased.

Village delivery. The introduction of this new feature of public accommodation, supplying the need of people who were not included in either city or rural

delivery, marks a progressive step in postal improvements which has met with general satisfaction and will prove of great benefit to patrons who are now being given the service. Two hundred and seventeen small municipalities are already enjoying these free-delivery advantages, and the number will be rapidly increased.

Rural delivery. New routes have been established and extended in over ten-thousand localities, affording service to approximately 3,200,000 patrons previously without it. The number of families who now have this service amounts to 5,719,692, as shown by a recent tabulation made, of which over 658,000 were added between April, 1913 and April, 1916, an evidence of remarkable activity in the management of this branch of postal affairs, as gratifying to the Department as it must be to those who are its beneficiaries. Rural delivery now accommodates 26,307,685 patrons, and the delivery by automobile and other means of conveyance shows an increase of 17,494,408 parcels in the past three years.

The inclusion of books in parcel-post classification is another advanced step for public benefit, materially reducing postage on such matter, an item of considerable interest to a reading people.

The objectionable use to which window-delivery service may be subjected has led to an active and vigorous campaign by the Department to check the possibility of making this public accommodation a channel for unworthy purposes. This particular service offers such opportunity for misuse that especial supervision is necessary to prevent it, and this will be given.

One thousand new steel cars have been placed on the lines of the Railway Mail Service for the protection of postal clerks and a liability law enacted for the relief of employees engaged in this hazardous service. Mail transportation has also been increased on 6,248.09 miles of railway.

The question of the betterment of the road problem has been considered and taken up by cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and with the States and counties in the construction of post roads, which is expected to result in continued improvement, and facilitate to a great extent the work of the rural carrier in traveling these roads.

The large post offices of the country have been standardized, and new and up-to-date methods adopted by which better and more efficient service can be secured. The advantage of this is seen in the rapid accomplishment of the annual audit of the revenue and expense of the Department for the present fiscal year, the earliest report ever made in the history of the Post Office Department, which is entirely due to improved systems of accounting and the high standard of efficiency among postmasters.

Great economies in the purchase and manufacture of mail equipment have been carried out, whereby vast sums of money are annually saved to the Government—over \$6,000,000 annually by the reduction of weight in equipment for railway transportation.

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## Pendleton Normal School Proven Necessity

(Copied from Portland Oregonian.)

MONMOUTH, Ore., June 26.—The Oregon Normal school opened this week . . . students enrolled 785, largest on record for state Normal in Oregon . . . how to care for large student body a problem . . . 500 being crowded into auditorium with seating capacity of 550. Galleries filled with extra chairs in aisles. More than 150 students seated on platform. New boarding houses completed, additions to rooming houses built and tents used. One hundred girls sleep on upper floor of school.

The official school report gives 150 grade pupils in Monmouth, for teacher practice.

Read what those you have elected to handle the affairs of your state and who are thoroughly informed regarding school conditions in Oregon have to say concerning measure 308 on the ballot at the coming election:

By James Withycombe, Governor of Oregon:

"Oregon is unquestionably in need of more normal school work and Pendleton is the logical place for a school of this class in Eastern Oregon."

By J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

"I trust that the voters of the State will assist in raising the standard of our schools by establishing a State Normal School at Pendleton."

By F. L. Campbell, President of the University of Oregon:

"At least one additional Normal School is urgently needed in Oregon."

By W. J. Kerr, President of the Oregon Agricultural College:

"Since the people of Pendleton are initiating a measure for the establishment of a Normal School at that place, it will give me pleasure to support this measure."

By J. H. Ackerman, President Oregon Normal School, at Monmouth:

"A careful analysis of the situation will convince any one that Oregon needs a Normal School in Eastern Oregon and Pendleton fills all the government requirements."

By the County School Superintendents of Oregon:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the County School Superintendents of the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, that the best interests of the schools of the State demand increased facilities for the training of teachers, and that we, therefore, endorse the initiative measure to establish a Normal School at Pendleton."

By Mrs. Charles H. Castner, President of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs:

"I most heartily endorse the location of said Normal School at Pendleton."

Prof. Robert C. French, Former President of the Normal School Located at Weston:

"An immediate establishment of such a school at some central point such as Pendleton would prove a great asset to the State of Oregon."

B. F. Mulkey, Ex-President Southern Oregon Normal School:

"I shall support the location of an Eastern Oregon Normal School at Pendleton."

State Board of Regents of Oregon Normal School declares that "the necessity for additional Normal school facilities in Oregon is apparent."

Portland Chamber of Commerce endorses measure 308 and says Pendleton most logical location for Normal school in Eastern Oregon.

### 308 X YES IS A VOTE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Eastern Oregon State Normal School Committee.  
By J. H. Gwinn, Secy., Pendleton, Ore.

(Paid Adv.)