

FOREST GROVE PRESS

PROGRESS IN OUR SCHOOLS

Library is Enlarged, Musical Instruments and Pictures are Added.

Four years ago, when Prof. Gardner came to our schools at Forest Grove, we had a school enrollment of about 360, with ten rooms and ten grades. We now have an enrollment of nearly 600 and an accredited high school from which two classes have graduated.

Last year we had twenty teachers, of which seventeen were regular and three were special.

Four years ago the school was all in one building, and now we have a new building which was completely filled this year.

In the way of improvements in apparatus, etc., the work has been phenomenal. From a school of no material, it has become one of a fair equipment.

Three clocks have been added to the buildings. Maps, of which there were none, have been added until both buildings are supplied and a set of relief maps is in continual use.

Not a single musical instrument was in the building then, while now there are two pianos and organs in many of the rooms. These instruments have been supplied almost entirely without help from the district.

By the efforts of the teachers and pupils there have been added \$200 worth of choice pictures so that every room has from one to three masterpiece reproductions of which the frames were made by the manual training boys.

As there was no place for assembly a partition was removed and folding doors were installed in the place so that two rooms were thrown together, and thanks to the Junior class of 1912, a portable stage has been built which can be placed or removed in ten minutes and which furnishes an excellent place for evening meetings, programs etc.

The library has grown from 320 volumes to a splendid, up to date working library of over 1,000 volumes.

Two encyclopedias have been added. The American at the Central and the International at the Lincoln buildings.

There was not a good dictionary in the school, now all the rooms that can use a large dictionary have the best and smaller ones are in the lower rooms. Two splendid sets of books have been donated by the two graduating classes.

The Domestic Science department has been added and had the record this year of being one of the best organized departments in this part of Oregon.

Those who know, from Corvallis and from the normal at Monmouth have pronounced the work here, one of the best in the state.

Drawing and music were added this year and the progress was wonderful as shown by the work done.

Miss Weist is surely a jewel and can make good in the drawing department of any school.

Another innovation this year, was the teachers' training class in which 8 pupils took the work and graduated receiving a state

certificate to teach school.

These young people have had good training and will make good in school work.

They have a vision of the work such as only few beginners have and will really try to teach and not simply get through the work of the text.

Our scientific department is entirely new and a very good laboratory has been purchased and placed in cabinets for physics, physiography, and chemistry. This apparatus is all new and of good quality and the experiments are complete in every way.

In addition to all this a new building has been built and furnished, 5 rooms of the old building have been re-seated, a large play shed has been built for the children in stormy weather, a modern, up-to-date toilet building has been added, all the rooms have been tinted and painted, besides all the incidental expenses have been kept up.

Several thousand dollars worth of warrants have been issued but are nearly all paid. The last bond on the Central building is to be paid this year and all material is now paid for.

With this financial condition before us and the school having the standing it now enjoys, we predict a lowering of taxes and a progressive movement in school work which will hold Forest Grove as one of the leading public school towns of the state, this together with the college privileges will make this the best educational town in Oregon.

One Side of the Question.

Josephine Daskam Bacon, noted novelist and short story writer, writing to the New York Times, recently said:

"To a person of any mental capacity whatever, it ought to be sufficiently clear by this time that there are two distinct points at issue, in the question of woman suffrage. 1—Whether woman has or has not been unfairly handicapped by man in the big evolution sweepstakes, and what might have happened if she hadn't been, and 2—whether or not the present system of Government in this country is going to be improved by the addition of Mary's confusion to John's.

Personally, no suffragist whom I have ever been able to hear long enough to keep my mind on the mixture of crudity, misinformation and hysteria presented for my attention, has been able to distinguish between these two points. The woman movement (which is immensely interesting and has much of my sympathy) is hopelessly confused with the suffrage movement (which is a local by issue and greatly overestimated by the majority of its supporters.)

I would like to ask the suffragists: if you could be assured that, in the carefully weighed opinion of a world congress of historians, politicians, biologists, psychologists and political economists, the best good of your native country would be secured without your vote, would you prefer that condition to running the chances of improving things and have your vote? In other words, do you want the end (which you so amusingly claim your vote will produce) or do you want the means (which you so amazingly claim you ought to have?)

If the suffragists forget themselves so far as to tell me that they are honestly seeking their country's best good, then candor compels me to state that, as a

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM OF P. U. CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Friday

1. Sonata, Op. 12 No. 1 (Rondo) for violin and piano *Beethoven*
Misses Margaret Lowell and Esther Spillman
2. "Lorelei" *Hans Seeling*
Vocal:
Miss Helen Wilcox
3. a The Little Gray Dove *Victor Saar*
b Come Down Laughing Streamlet *Spross*
Miss Esther Chalmers.
4. Air Varié No. 7 *De Beriot*
Charles Walker
5. Night Song *Schumann*
Miss Liola House
6. On the Road to Mandalay *Speaks*
Charles McNeil
7. Romance *Rubinstein*
Miss Margaret Lowell
8. The Nightingale *Alabieff-Liszt*
Miss Esther Spillman
9. a The Night Has a Thousand Eyes *Speaks*
b Irish Love Song *Lang*
Miss Helen Bishop
10. Valse; Brillante, Op. 17 No. 3 *Moskowsky*
Miss Helen Anderson
11. Hungarian March, 2 Pianos; *Kowalsky*
Misses Laura Famme, Janet Ingram,
Liola House, Laura Wiest

Saturday

1. Lustspiel overture (2 pianos) *Kela Bela*
Misses Helen Wilcox, Helen Anderson,
Lillian Elder, Elida Loynes
2. Sonata (appassionato) Op. 57 *Beethoven*
Perry Burton Arant
3. In Thy Dreams *Dudley Buck*
Vocal:
Miss Blanche Harbison
4. Two Larks *Leschetizky*
Miss Lillian Elder
5. Faust Fantaisie *Wieniawsky*
Violin:
Edson Dwinell Clapp
6. a Valse de Juliette *Guonod Raff*
b Fantaisie *Chopin*
Miss Ada Taylor
7. Morning Hymn. *Henschel*
Miss Goldie Peterson
8. Concerstueck *Von Weber*
Miss Agnes Johnson
9. Midsummer Night Dream (overture) 2 pianos *Mendelssohn*
Misses Ada Taylor, Agnes Johnson,
Liola House Esther Spillman

wage-earner, an employer, a professional woman, a self supporter, a wife, a mother and a housekeeper, I have never seen and cannot see, one circumstance or situation in my life where the possession of the ballot could demonstrably assist me or any of those dependent upon me in any capacity."

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting Friday, June 7th, at the residence of Mrs. Barber.

Mrs. Carlyle conducted a short devotional service, followed by an interesting talk by Mrs. Bernard on the work of the Flower Mission Department. Following this Miss Thatcher reported work done by the Union in that department during the past year.

The secretary gave her annual report, which showed progress during the past year.

The President reported that at her request the Forest Grove Press and the Washington Co. News-Times had kindly consented to give the W. C. T. U. a col-

umn of space weekly, to be filled with items concerning their work and general temperance news. Mrs. Katherine Kerr was elected press superintendent to have charge of this work.

After transacting other routine business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President, Mrs. Anna M. Boldrick.
- Vice President at large, Mrs. Emma Carlyle.
- Corresponding Secretary, Katherine Kerr.
- Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. G. Morgan.
- Treasurer, Miss Emma B. Penfield.
- Vice Presidents, Advent church Mrs. H. W. Volmer.
- Christian church, Mrs. Rilda Steigleicher.
- Congregational church, Mrs. J. S. Bishop.
- Methodist church, Mrs. J. E. Showers.

The following were appointed as a program committee.

- Miss Emma B. Penfield, chairman.
- Mrs. H. W. Volmer, Mrs. J. S. Bishop, Mrs. H. R. Ber-

nard and Mrs. H. Underhill. (signed) Mrs. Katherine Kerr. Present Superintendent.

It is now estimated that 800,000 women will vote for the next president and candidates and campaign managers are taking notice.

Four women from the enfranchised states will sit as delegates in the national Republican convention.

At the May election in Dayton, Wyoming, Mrs. Wessler triumphed over the saloon element and was elected mayor, a great victory over the saloon party and gambling houses and other evils. There promises to be a new era of reform in Dayton.

Play is as essential to childhood as bread, and if the mothers had a vote as to how tax money was to be spent, there would certainly be more play grounds in every city and town with good, competent persons to supervise and direct their play.

SCHOOL ELECTION, JUNE 17

Salem, Oregon, June 7, 1912.

We do not attach sufficient importance to our annual school meeting. This year our annual meeting occurs June 17. On this day one director and the clerk are to be elected in every school district in Oregon, a matter of much importance to each community. I should be very glad, indeed, to find that many of the Oregon school districts were making the day of the annual school meeting an important occasion, and at the same time taking advantage of being together to talk over the problems of the schools.

The voting for director and clerk will take place at the school house. It should be remembered that women already have the privilege of suffrage in school elections. If all the women of the community will pack their lunch baskets, and assemble at the school house on the morning of June 17, I am confident that the men will be there also when the sun reaches the meridian. Of course the members of the family under voting age will have to have dinner. So all will spread out their lunches under some pleasant shade, and enjoy dinner together.

After dinner all will be in the right frame of mind for selecting the officers, and discussing school affairs. The patrons will have this opportunity to investigate the conditions of the school house and grounds, and see what repairs are needed; if the school house is properly heated, lighted and ventilated, and what books and pictures are most needed. Let us make June 17 a red letter day for our district!

Yours for better schools,
L. R. Alderman.
Sup't. Public Instruction.

We have decided to discontinue handling the cylinder phonograph records and will close out our entire stock of indestructible records at less than cost. 2 minute records, regular 35c, at 24c. 4 minute records, regular 50c, at 36c. You will have to hurry and get your pick before they are all gone. Forest Grove Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—200x400 (2 acres) best of land, all clear, 15 minutes walk from Forest Grove post-office. \$500; \$100 and \$100 per year, 5 per cent. Land will more than pay for itself. Press office.

Brown Leghorn hens and pullets for sale, 75c each. Mixed chickens 60c. All laying. W. C. Graddy, Cornelius, Route 1.

JAILED MAN IS ANGRY.

Resident of Forest Grove Promises Trouble.

Hillsboro, Ore., June 9.—(Special.)—A. Kinney, a resident of Forest Grove, was released by County Judge Stevenson Friday evening upon habeas corpus proceedings and as a result of Kinney's incarceration for a few minutes only, the city of Forest Grove is threatened with a big damage suit for false imprisonment.

Kinney had connected water pipes to the main, contrary to the ordinance, and he was arrested and taken before M. R. Markham, City Recorder, who fined him \$10 and costs. Recorder Markham then gave P. W. Watkins, chief of police, a commitment, ordering him to keep Kinney in jail until the fine and costs were paid. Watkins brought the commitment which is said to be contrary to statute, and the prisoner to the county seat and Sheriff Hancock placed the defendant in jail. Shortly afterwards Kinney's attorneys sued out the writ, which was granted, and also gave judgment against Sheriff Hancock for \$5 and costs of the filing fee.

Kinney, as stated by one of his attorneys, will now sue for false imprisonment.

The ordinance in question provides that a person must have written authority before he can tap a water main, and the penalty, according to the quoted portion of the statute, provides that a violator can be fined or imprisoned, or both, but there is no provision to the effect that a man can be placed in jail "until his fine is paid." Kinney's attorney's say that the commitment, were it legal, would keep a man in jail during his natural life, provided he were unable to pay, or had no friends to liquidate the penalty.—Oregonian.

GALES CITY

We are enjoying a nice little shower at the present writing. It may have done some damage to the early hay, but the people are onto its tricks and have kept a weather eye on the clouds and perhaps very little damage has been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jacobson of Portland, and Mrs. D. S. Pierce and family of Forest Grove spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Churchill of this place.

Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Churchill are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCann are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Mrs. Clarence Miller is running the cook house at the Beirmohr saw mill.

The wood contract for school district number 30 was awarded to Charles Maitland and Norman Lilly.

Eugene Loving of Gales Creek spent Sunday in Forest Grove.

Mr. Hines and family of Hillsboro, was visiting with his father Cicero Hines of this place Sunday.

The Scenic Theatre has changed its name to the Star and is running at full blast in their new quarters, a fine fire proof building.