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COQUILLE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS GROW

It is Necessary that More Room Be Provided in Future. Greater Efficiency Good Policy.

Mr. S. D. Hockett, superintendent of our city schools, has made some suggestions to the board of education for broadening the scope of work, with a view of increasing the attendance in the high school, hoping thereby to meet the demand of our growing city and county for a greater number of practical business men and accountants.

This was suggested to Mr. Hockett on being told of the large number of students who were attracted to the commercial school conducted here last year, and by the fact that a great majority of those students had not completed the high school course and were, in a measure, taken out of the high school and put into this commercial school. If an entire stranger can come into our community and gather so great a number into a private institution at no little expense to the pupils and their parents for tuition, is it not an indication that there is a demand for such a school in this community, and would it not pay and is it not a duty incumbent upon the school district to establish an elective course of that kind in our high school?

It is safe to say that there are forty or fifty boys and girls in our town who ought to be in school—many of them attended Anderson's commercial school, but will not take a regular high school course. Would they attend our public school if offered an elective course including, say, book-keeping, typewriting, shorthand, English, commercial arithmetic, etc.?

To establish such a course in our school would necessarily mean some additional expense in the maintenance thereof, but shall dollars and cents be weighed in the balance with the welfare, present and future, of our boys and girls who are soon to be the men and women of our community.

The board has been considering this question seriously and if they felt sure of the public support in this matter, they would not hesitate to make the trial. In an interview with a representative of the *HEARLD* last week, one member of the board stated that it was the desire of the board as a whole that the questions be taken up and discussed by the public; that it will probably be placed to a vote of the taxpayers in the near future and every one should give the matter proper consideration and be prepared to vote intelligently when the question is presented.

There is great lack of room in the present building owned by the district, and it is the intention of the board to move the high school to the "Academy" building in the north end of town after the Thanksgiving holidays. By doing this, the grade school will all be in one building and the high school will be in a separate building to itself. This will be advantageous in several ways, the most important of which will be the additional room for the high school physical and chemical laboratory in the academy building, besides all necessary recitation rooms.

This will be a temporary arrangement, however, since the academy building is leased from year to year. The board will probably submit the question of a five year lease on this building to the voters at a meeting to be held in the near future, providing satisfactory terms can be made with the owners. Five years would give the people of the district an opportunity to decide upon and purchase a new location for another building and to have it ready for occupancy.

The board has some difficult questions to settle in these matters. They are striving hard for the best interests of the school as they see it, and yet are anxious not to exceed their authority but to carry out the wishes of the taxpayers.

Since the above was written, it is learned that the owners of the academy will not give a lease other than from year to year.

Dredge Oregon at Coos Bay.

The dredge Oregon and the barge with its paraphernalia were safely towed into Coos Bay yesterday afternoon about 4:30 and today are anchored near North Bend. The tug *Daring* had a fine trip down the coast from Grays Harbor and not the slightest damage was suffered in any way.

Today the Oregon is being closely inspected by Engineer Leefe and others to determine any small repairs or changes that may be necessary before she begins work in Coos Bay. It is expected that she will be ready to start operations within ten days or two weeks.

Peter Scott, Jr., is acting captain of the dredge Oregon. As he has not yet received his papers, he cannot be given the full command unless it is possible for him to secure a permit. He has been with her since she left Coos Bay a year ago.

The first work the dredge Oregon will do will be on the Lone Tree shoal off the mouth of North Slough.

The *Daring* with the barge will start soon for Grays Harbor.—Coos Bay Times.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Hall of Coquille Lodge, No. 53 I. O. O. F. Coquille, Oregon, Oct. 28th 1910.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Creator of the Universe to call to himself, the spirit of our Brother John Nasburg, P. G. That we extend to the sorrowing family our deepest sympathy in this hour of trial and sorrow, and commend our Brother's soul to our Creator Who doeth all things well.

RESOLVED, That the charter of the Lodge be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon records; That a copy under seal of the Lodge be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

Fraternally, Submitted
J. S. LAWRENCE,
Geo. T. MOULTON,
M. H. HERSEY,
Committee.

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SOUTHERN OREGON STATE NORMAL BILL

Proposed Measure for The Maintenance of The Institution

The proposed bill for support of the Southern Oregon State Normal School calls for a tax of one-twenty-fifth of a mill on the dollar, to be levied annually. This money to be used for payment of teachers and employes salaries, maintenance of buildings and grounds, construction of buildings, purchase of books, laboratory supplies and apparatus, and for necessary incidental expenses. If any portion of said fund is not used during the fiscal year, the balance remaining shall be carried over until the next year and added to the fund for that year. No claim or indebtedness incurred by the school prior to the passage of this act shall ever be paid out of the fund so created.

The school shall be controlled by a Board of Regents appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate, and with the authority conferred upon them pursuant of Chapter 189 of the General Laws of Oregon.

The said Board of Regents limit the subjects taught to those promoting efficiency in the art of teaching in the public schools of Oregon, and shall provide that the requirements of admission at the opening of the school year in 1911 be at least the equivalent of the completion of the tenth grade of the public school system.

This bill is practically the same as those proposed by the other two Normal Schools of the state, with the exception of the clause referring to the subjects taught and the admission requirements. This clause insures strictly Normal work and a high efficiency.

ONE STATE INSTITUTION

What Southern Oregon Needs and What She is Asking.

Every town in the Southern Oregon country has its high school; but there is not one college or university in all its vast territory.

The one Normal school is its only state institution—and without it the graduates of the high schools who desire to secure Normal training must go outside the state; perhaps into California to secure what should be maintained within our state.

This section of the state is well supplied with local high schools well equipped and with strong men at their head. The need of the hour is an institution equal in rank to the college with the special duty of training teachers.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FILLED WITH COLLEGES.

Professor J. B. Horner, of the O. A. C., in an address at the Albany High School dedication the other day, said:

"I have carefully studied the geography and history of the valleys of the Rhine and Rhone, the Seine and the Thames, as well as the densely populated districts of this country, and have come to the conclusion from the evidence before me that there are more colleges, universities, churches, organs and pianos in the Willamette Valley between Eugene and Portland than in any other district of like size in the world. In this narrow stretch of territory, 123 miles long by railway and covering less than 3000 sections of land, there are sixteen colleges and universities, and as many business colleges and academies. Every habitable foot of land is accessible to a good public school. Seventy-five of these public schools teach high school studies, and many of them already afford high school buildings.

"In this little tract of territory is one-thirtieth of all our colleges and universities in this country; and these institutions of learning train about 1-80 of the college and university men in the government. These figures are all the more remarkable for the reason that there are no colleges in Southern Oregon, and but one small one in Eastern Oregon.

"There were founded by the Oregon pioneers at least 16 other academies, colleges and universities, which have since been merged into high schools and supported by the state, the majority of which are located in this favored tract of garden homes."

CAN YOU AFFORD IT?

The Normal schools of the state will cost four cents on each one thousand dollars, valuation for each of the schools. This is a small amount, but is enough to run good schools. There is no argument against having Normal schools except the cost. If your property is assessed at a thousand dollars, can you afford to vote four cents—two postage stamps—to support a Normal school?

Judge John S. Coke.

The following letter from District Attorney George M. Brown is self explanatory:

Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 20, 1910.
Hon. A. F. Stearns, Oakland, Ore.:
My Dear Judge:—Referring to your inquiry concerning the laws creating three judgeships in the Second Judicial District and touching the ability and integrity of Hon. John S. Coke, I have this to say:

The Second Judicial District is the largest Judicial District in the State and comprises the counties of Benton, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry. The law provides for three Circuit Judges for this District.

The law further provides that the labors of these three judges may be divided as they may agree between themselves.

The law also provides that "One of said Judges shall reside south of the Umpqua River and west of the Coast range of mountains during his term of office;" this provision is equivalent to saying that during his term of office one of the Judges shall reside in Coos or Curry County, because these are the only two counties south of the Umpqua river and west of the Coast range of mountains.

While the law does not expressly state that one of the candidates shall be elected from Coos or Curry County yet it is fair to assume that the spirit of the law contemplates that one of the Judges elected shall, at the time of his election, be a resident of Coos or Curry County.

It is fair to the people of Coos and Curry County to elect one of their residents as Judge.

When the Legislature enacted the law creating the third judgeship of the Second Judicial District, the Governor of Oregon selected a resident of Coos county for the appointment. He appointed Hon. John S. Coke who had been a resident of Coos county for more than thirty years; a lawyer who had practised his profession within the bounds of Coos County for nearly twenty years. After Judge Coke had been tried out as Circuit Judge following his appointment in February, 1909, the people of Coos and Curry counties, by an overwhelming vote in the primary election, expressed a wish that Judge John S. Coke be elected as the Judge to reside in Coos and Curry county. The wishes of the Coast counties should be respected. Personally, I have known Judge Coke for seventeen years, and know him to be a man of integrity, ability, learning, and he will make one of the best Judges that ever presided in a Court of Justice within the State of Oregon.

The people who know him best admire him the most. You have a right to vote for two Judges at the coming November election and one of your votes should be cast for Coke. Yours very truly,
Geo. M. Brown.

Vote for number 76. W. E. Dungan, Independent candidate for Coroner. Bill has announced his candidacy and will make a strong run for Coroner. He has many friends and is well acquainted in the County having been "Knight of the Grip" for the past ten years. Bill will let the people know that he is on the ballot and when he is elected Coroner all the stiffs will be planted in the proper manner.
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