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The New Year edition of the Morning Oregonian was strictly up to par. It is filled with accurate information relative to Oregon and the great and growing Northwest and a copy of it will give an eastern friend more information than you will be able to furnish him by personal correspondence in a year. Try it on. You can't miss it.

The Oregon Teachers' Monthly has completed a "straw vote" among the teachers of the state for choice of candidates for state superintendent, which shows a large majority for L. R. Alderman, formerly of Yamhill county. Mr. Alderman is a good campaigner, as this early pace shows, and if he can keep up the clip on the home stretch he will land the prize. His Yamhill friends are wishing him well in the race.

G. A. Graves has sold the Enterprise to J. C. Gregory and tells his friends that he is intending to rig up his motor boat when spring comes, and spend the greater part of the season cruising the waters of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Mr. Gregory, the new proprietor, is well known to the people of Newberg, and although he is embarking in a field of endeavor that is new to him, he will no doubt make good. He will not take possession until the first of February.

PER CENT OF ILLITERACY.

The following article, which appeared as an editorial in a recent number of the Eugene Register, will make very good reading to send to your friends away from home who are inclined to look on Oregonians as people who are slow:

"It may not be generally known that Oregon, bordering on the confines of civilization, ranked, according to the 1900 federal census, as third among the states of the Union in lowest per cent of illiteracy among the people. The figures gave Nebraska, the home of W. J. Bryan, first place with only 3.4 illiterates to the 1000 of population; Iowa came next with 3.7 and Oregon 4.2. Oregon as compared to other coast states in this respect makes a most remarkable showing. For instance the state of Washington, our neighbor on the north, by the same census, showed that 7 out of every thousand of its inhabitants could neither read nor write, California 10.1 to the 1000, and Idaho, 2.3. The most illiterate state in the union was Louisiana, the number being 328.8 to the 1000, or about one-third of its inhabitants.

"These comparative figures are extremely interesting from several points of view. That Oregon should so far outrank Idaho, Washington and California at first seems remarkable, but when we stop to consider the spirit of the pioneers and the conditions under which they settled this state, the fact that our civilization is highly intelligent is easily understood. California was first peopled by a class who went there in the days of the gold excitement and the quest for the precious metal was paramount to building homes, raising families and educating children. Idaho likewise, is a mining state while Washington is given over to mining and other pursuits, some of which do not contribute as much to the home life as do conditions in Oregon.

"Among the coast states Oregon is given more to agriculture than any in the west. Our people are, largely, pastoral and the ambition of the old pioneers to

build homes and educate their children has gone down through the generations to follow until it is considered little less than a crime for an Oregon child to grow up without a knowledge of books or at least an elementary education.

"In the year 1900 the census report which put this state in third place as to the intelligence of its citizenship had behind this report an excellent public school system, but that was nine years ago. In the past nine years our school system has been built up and improved until we doubt if there is a state in the union that can surpass it in this respect so that it would occasion no surprise, if when the school census for 1910 is completed, Oregon will divide honors with Nebraska for first place among the states for the distinction of possessing the least number of illiterates according to population.

"It ought to be the ambition of every home to see to it that its children receive good educations and no child, no matter what its environments, should be allowed to grow up in Oregon without knowing how to read and write, the least that can be done for their intellectual advancement.

"But Oregon's record concerning the intelligence of its masses, only serves to confirm the Register's repeated contention that here on the Pacific coast, and more especially in Oregon, is to center the highest civilization known to the world and around this intellectuality will circle all that is best and greatest in science, art, literature and industry. With this intelligence will finally come commercial supremacy and, in time, the gateway to the orient would swing both ways in handling the traffic of the world.

"The man who has not implicit faith in the future of Oregon is a pessimist of the rankest sort.

"Destiny has planned Oregon's future on a grand and magnificent scale, and it only requires fulfillment as citizens of this goodly land for the plans of destiny to work out in their fullest fruition.

Dundas.

Scott Livengood has a residence in course of erection.

Miss Ethelyn Adams spent holiday week visiting with Mrs. D. K. Hatch.

Mrs. Duncan and son have been spending a few days with Mrs. William Allan.

Wm. Huckleberry was a guest at the home of Mr. William Bennett last week.

Mrs. Alford, who recently underwent a surgical operation, is convalescing.

Mrs. Gagleman, sister of Mrs. H. B. Powell, was married recently at her Illinois home.

Mrs. Richards and Frances and Carmen Wall were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keyes.

Reinhard Groth has begun the New Year by going to work at his trade in a Newberg blacksmith shop.

Mr. Barbour, who has leased the place owned by Miss R. S. Young, has completed a dwelling house and the family are now occupying it.

Friends of Will Meyer will be pleased to learn that he is meeting with gratifying success in disposing of his prunes which he took recently to Bloomington, Illinois.

L. J. Eddens, who recently purchased the property of David H. Turner, has moved his family into their new home. Mr. Eddens contemplates building an up-to-date prune drier this year.

Dundas has lost two of her most worthy young people—not by death, but by matrimony. Bernard Groth and Miss Blanche Imus were married on Christmas Day and will make their new home in Newberg where Mr. Groth has a position with the Yamhill Electric Co.

Chehalum Center.

A. J. Palmer went to Portland Monday.

J. C. Kirk, an uncle of Carrol Kirk, visited over Sunday in the vicinity.

Mrs. Ridgway and Mrs. Green attended meetings of their church in Portland last week.

Don McKenzie came out from Portland Sunday to look after the McKenzie property.

Carrol Kirk and wife and little son spent Christmas in Corvallis with R. W. Kirk and family.

School began after the week's vacation Mr. Chas. Hanson and Miss Ethel Barber resuming the school work.

Mrs. Cyrene Palmer went to Dundee Wednesday to visit friends and attend the revival meetings in progress there.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Johnson next Wednesday, January 12. Let there be a good attendance.

Mrs. J. C. and Miss Mildred Wills came home from Portland for Christmas holidays. Miss Mildred returned to Portland last Monday.

Miss Mabel Paulsen has been installed as Sunday School superintendent; Mr. Everest assistant; Myrtle Walton chorister; Edna Everest secretary; Mrs. Tangen, Mrs. Walton and Miss Elsie Tangen teachers.

High School Items.

(By Priora Press Committee.)

The senior class has elected Sylvan Strait as their class president since Bessie King's illness makes it impossible for her to attend school and fulfill her duties in that capacity.

Pres. Kelsey, P. C., gave a most interesting talk to the H. S. students in assembly Tuesday afternoon. His subject was that of "leadership" or of the two classes of people—those who lead and those who lean.

The High School carnival of last Monday and Tuesday nights was a great success. Although handicapped greatly by the shortness of time to prepare for it a most enjoyable time was had by all.

The first evening's most important events were the "tug of war" between the freshmen and juniors against the sophs and seniors; the latter were badly defeated. Latter an interesting basketball game was played between the juniors and the school, the latter winning.

The second evening was by far the most interesting. The clown basketball game and contest with the saw-dust sacks furnished much amusement and excitement. Later the Alumni High School basketball game loomed up as the best stunt of all, being a fast and exciting game all the way through, especially the second half, when our boys raised the score from 10 to 23 in favor of the alumni to 23 to 29 in their favor.

The first of the series of debates held under the auspices of the Oregon State Debating League to determine the championship of the state will be held in the Opera House, Friday evening, January 7. The question is: Resolved, That the single tax as advocated by Henry George should be adopted in Oregon. Newberg High School supports the affirmative and Woodburn High School the negative. Come to this Debate. It will be well worth your time and money.

Joint Installation of Officers.

On Wednesday a large number of old veterans and their wives gathered in Masonic hall to witness the installation of officers of the G. A. R. post and the W. R. C., when a splendid chicken dinner was served and a social good time was indulged in.

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W. R. C.

President, Mrs. C. Patterson; S. V. P., Mrs. N. Dixon; J. V. P., Mrs. S. Hollingsworth; Treas., Mrs. L. Eggers; Chap., Mrs. R. Allen; Con., Mrs. M. Byers; Guard, Mrs. E. Spaulding; Sec., Mrs. M. Scott; Musician, Mrs. Harger; Pat. Inst., Mrs. Colton; Pres. Cor., Mrs. Webber; Ass't Con., Mrs. Hughes; Ass't Guard, Mrs. Lane; Color Bearers, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Linville, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Wentz.

What Education Does.

"Doctor," said a woman, "as a medical man kin you tell me how it is that some folks is born dumb?"

"Certainly, madam," replied the doctor. "It is owing to the fact that they come into the world without the power of speech."

"La, me!" remarked the old lady. "Now just see what it is to have a physic education! I've axed my old man more nor a hundred times this 'ere same thing, and all that I could ever get out of him was, 'Cos they is.'"—London Answers.

So Inconvenient.

"What has become of the big man who used to beat the bass drum?" once asked a returning citizen of the leader of the band.

"He left us more than a year ago," was the answer.

"Good man, wasn't he?"

"Sure, an excellent man, but he got so fat that when he marched he couldn't hit the drum in the middle."—Exchange.

Fine Display of Heroism.

A neighbor of ours, a portly gentleman, has been guileless of any strenuous acts these many years. Recently his house caught fire. Volumes of smoke rolled in from the kitchen. Catching up his walking stick and clapping his hat firmly on his head, he started with firm steps for the front door. As he went through the hall he shouted lustily: "Girls! Girls! Fire! Save the piano!"—Woman's Home Companion.

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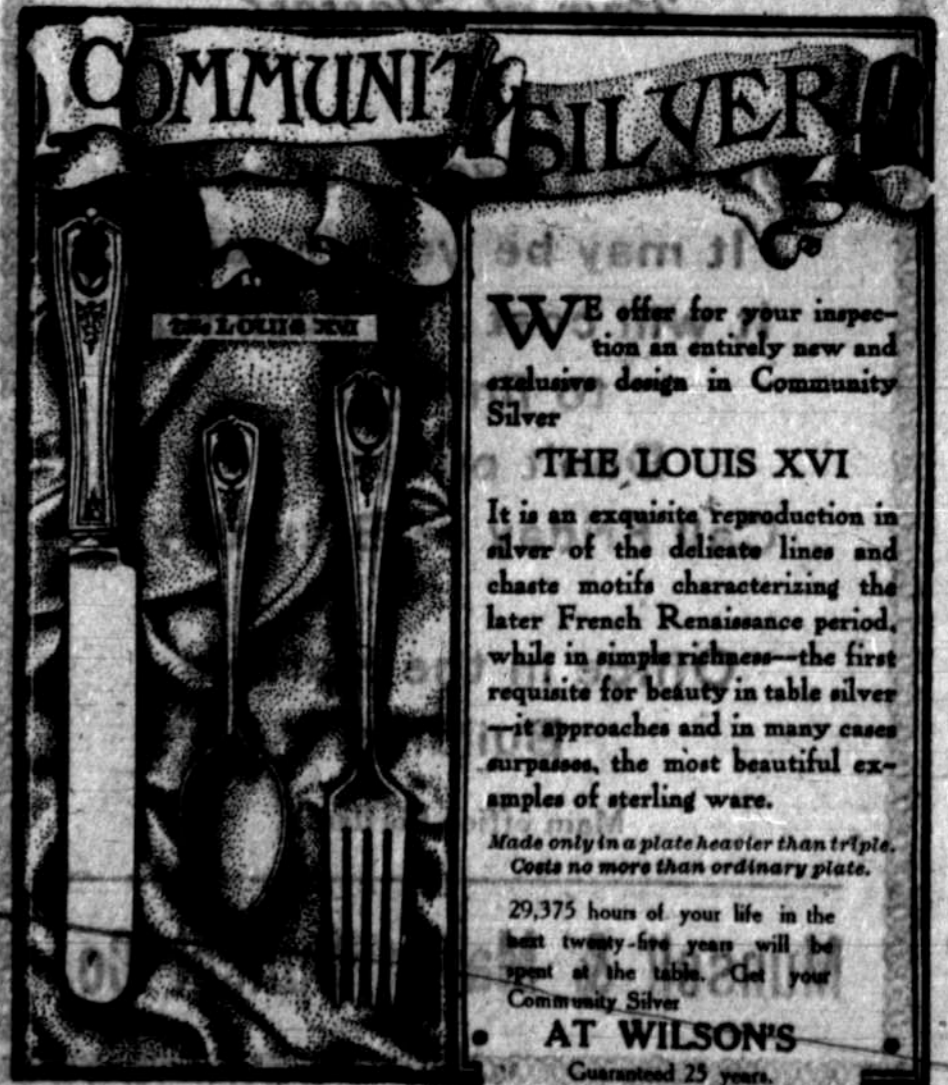
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