

Burns Modern Public School

The New School Building Is Well Under Way-- Will Be A Structure Of Modern Design and Beauty

A crew of five of The Times-Herald visited the grounds where the new public school building is being erected the other day and was struck with the excellent workmanship as well as the efficient and modern appearance of the entire plan. Messrs. Davies & McDonald, the architects, are putting up a building that is not only substantial but that will always be a credit to the city regardless of its growth. The buildings that they are erecting are of a modern type and the details and blue prints which give one an idea of the structure will be.

The main work on the ground is almost completed. This is built of pink native stone of particular beauty. The stones used are of a most substantial appearance that one cannot but appreciate. This stone will be pointed up with white mortar. The basement will contain a gymnasium, play room for boys and girls, domestic science room, lavatories, shower room, fuel room, furnace, and a deep pit has been excavated from the west to the center where the air chamber is built of brick which is a part of the plan for proper ventilation. The pipes are carried to the various floors above. Tanks are provided for the building and a drinking fountain is to be in the basement. The next two stories are to be of red brick and with the present efficient force

it will be only a matter of a short time until these walls are up. Big steel lintels and eyebeams are on the ground to go over the long openings where large windows are to give ample light for the room.

Mr. McDonald expects to have the entire structure completed and ready to turn over to the board by August 1 if no delay is caused in getting material. It will be in readiness for the school year at any rate.

Mr. McDonald is pleased to have the patrons of the school district visit and inspect the work as it progresses. He desires full inspection and candid expressions of opinion on the work so all may be pleased with it.

OIL WELL DRILL MACHINERY.

A shipment consisting of a large boiler, pipe and other material to be used in oil drilling arrived in the local yards the fore part of the week. It is consigned to the Central Oregon Oil & Gas Co., and will be hauled out to Harney county where that company is to drill for oil and gas. -Vale Enterprise.

This is the company originally organized by J. C. Turney. The stockholders have been trying for a long time to get work started and now it seems they are to get busy. Natural gas has been found near Malheur Lake and good prospects for oil. The people of this section have been anxious that some work be done in order to develop the prospects, many believing this an excellent field for gas and oil.

Even though oil is not found the gas is a valuable asset and properly controlled would be a great benefit to the country.

RIVAL RAILROAD IS AFTER HILL TIMBER HOLDINGS

Milwaukee Railroad Negotiating for Big Timber Tracts in Cascades Owned By Colonization Company.

A timber land deal in which there is more than passing significance is given publicity in a recent issue of the Portland Journal. L. W. Hill of the Great Northern, who is interested in large tracts of timber included in the deal, has hurried back from the east to Portland in an effort to stop it as it seems a rival railroad is getting control of it. Should the Milwaukee get this timber—and it looks like it may—this portion of the state may have another road heading this way. The Journal says:

Prospective purchase of 350,000 acres of fine timber land in Central Oregon, with the evident intention ultimately of connecting the property with the main line of the Milwaukee railroad system, is the probable cause for the approaching visit of a group of Eastern capitalists, including A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road; William Rockefeller, John D. Ryan and others.

A portion of the land is held by the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, controlled by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, and it is said that Hill, now that he has learned that the Rockefeller and the interests back of the Milwaukee system are about to acquire it, will make every effort possible to prevent the sale.

Mr. Hill is due to arrive in Portland early this week, and it is probable that he will try to arrange a conference with Mr. Ryan, Mr. Rockefeller and their associates.

The holdings of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company included in the proposed sale aggregate about 170,000 acres. This is a part of the original military wagon-road grant of 800,000 acres made by the Government and which later passed into the hands of a French syndicate, but which more recently has come under the control of Mr. Hill and D. P. Davidson, of St. Paul, who is associated with him in various enterprises.

Mr. Davidson arrived in Portland last night with the announced intention of meeting Mr. Hill in a few days. He does not expect to confer with the members of Mr. Earling's party.

The original wagon road grant included only every alternate section of land for a few miles on either side of the road from the Idaho line to the Willamette River. The eastern end of the grant consists of agricultural land, some of which has been sold to individual farmers. That portion that lies near and on the Cascade Mountains is heavily timbered. All the timbered sections not included in the wagon-road grant and consisting of an additional 175,000 acres long ago were acquired by private settlers, but since have passed into the hands of the Weyerhaeuser interests, the Mormon Church and a few local capitalists, including Fred A. Kribs. It is said that this property also is included in the sale.

Negotiation for this transaction have been conducted in New York. E. L. Marvin, of Portland, representing the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, as well as the other owners. Mr. Hill, it is understood, has been willing to dispose of his timber interests so that he might have more time to devote to the development of the agricultural sections on the eastern end of his property. However, it is believed that he did not know the Milwaukee crowd were going to get hold of it. Now he is coming to Portland again after having been here less than three weeks ago. It is reported also that the deal has progressed so far that Hill is powerless to prevent it from being consummated. He would be willing to sanction the sale, it is believed, were it to be made to interests more friendly to the Hill roads.

The visit of the Milwaukee group of financiers also has revived discussion of the proposed invasion of the East Side by the Milwaukee road. It is predicted that the Milwaukee soon will come into Portland on its own rails and build a freight and passenger terminal on the East Side.

Boost For Tonawama Band

Burns Will Benefit More From A Brass Band Than It Will From Any Organization Now Lacking

If a visitor from Mars or some other planet, were dropped into any American hamlet of from one to three thousand inhabitants where there happened to be no brass band he would certainly be entitled to a broad snicker. Looking around him he would find that the general store or some such place was the one "amusement" of the natives, and if the town happens to be a "wet" town, he would think that wetting the inner man, was the sole happiness in America—the country whose Constitution guarantees to every man the "inalienable right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

In the town without a band, how, can man, women or even children, pursue happiness? And what is real happiness—anyway? Aside from the state of felicity enjoyed by youthful swains, where more than two is a crowd, happiness consists—as nearly as can be ascertained and set down on paper—in goodly number of people enjoying and sharing the one source of pleasure.

If a man attended a concert given by a large symphony orchestra and he was the only person present aside from the players, his enjoyment would not be so great. If another man were set along side of him, he would show greater enjoyment and probably comment to his neighbor on the good points of the organization. His enjoyment would be doubled by putting the second man in the audience.

Add ten more to the audience and the original one would be very likely to exhibit enthusiastic enjoyment and applaud loudly at whatever he pleased. He would be conscious of thorough enjoyment himself, and he would be conscious that eleven other men were likewise enjoying themselves—and whether he knew it to be a scientific fact or not—his enjoyment would be equal to the sum total of the enjoyment of the whole twelve men!

We enjoy nothing that we keep to ourselves. And all that we give away we ourselves enjoy. Sounds funny, that's true, but it's a fact nevertheless.

The farmer who knows how to raise the greatest crop of corn must do it—or else he doesn't know how! The man who thinks he can win a horse race and doesn't—he can't. The miser who is rich and spends his time counting his dollars—he isn't rich. The only way to enjoy anything, be it wealth, talent, knowledge or what not—is to SHARE IT. And the greater the number sharing, the greater will be the enjoyment of each.

We live in a country of republican form. We are glad of it, because we know ninety millions of our fellow men enjoy it. If only ninety of us enjoyed the republican government we would not take the pride we do in our nation's welfare.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters" says the Bible. It does sound impracticable. But yet, in these six words there's a condensed philosophy that will outlive Christianity itself.

If you blow a horn you won't get much fun out of it in the woods by yourself. If ten friends are listening, you multiply your own enjoyment by ten. Will you dispute it? Can you dispute it? If you own a wheezy old phonograph you'll get more fun out of

it by inviting your friends and feeling conscious that they too, are enjoying it. "Cast thy bread upon the waters" for only what you—give away or share—will really give you pleasure.

As the school teacher instructs the pupil, the father learns the most. As the father instructs the child, the father learns most—he learns then the duty of the child towards its parents—only then he realizes the shortcomings of his own childhood. He learns by imparting knowledge to his child.

So much for what constitutes happiness. Now for the pursuit of happiness.

What sort of town meeting could possibly be held in the town that has no band? Just picture the slim crowd in the hall—bored almost to distraction by the humdrum of oratory; shifting one leg over the other to comfortably "sit it out." Women would hardly attend such a meeting.

Then, on the other hand, picture a town where there is a band. Every kid or kiddie and grow-up, with any life in him or her, will follow the band to the hall and jostle for a place in which to set down and listen—regardless of the topic of the speaker—for as music has its charm—so has the home band.

And now, picture the contrast of the two towns in the summer. The bandless town is a disjointed community. The Jones sit in their parlor and listen to Mary pound the piano; the Smiths down the street listen to Uncle "Billy" playing the organ, and so on, each in the family monotonously spending the hours wishing for some real enjoyment.

The banded town—look at it on a summer evening. What a contrast! There's to be concert at 8:00 o'clock in the band stand in the little park, or in the town hall, if the weather is stormy. The young folks "dress up" hours ahead, getting themselves in shape to meet the other young folks. The older folks deck themselves out in their best, so as not to be outdone by the Browns, Smiths, Greens or Jones. The whole town wakes up as a result. It is going on an inspection tour, and it is going to enjoy itself and it is sure every person will enjoy himself or herself. There is never any doubt about that!

From the man who beats the drum and slams the cymbals in the back of the band to the lively youngsters who play about the edges of the crowd, everyone experiences real happiness and pleasure.

The players probably have the keenest enjoyment, but the audience enjoys it in proportion to their numbers, and the town as a town, benefits from the enthusiasm and social intercourse which the band brings about.

Next to a school, a brass band is the one thing a town can't get along without. You can't have a real Washington's birthday, Decoration Day, or 4th of July, without the home band, and your National airs.

The dances, concerts, parades, picnics and county fairs, as well as countless other forms that a band brings to a town, can no more be dispensed with, than your old time fiddler, as a band is to us today, what he was to you then.

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GOVERNMENT AGREES TO COMPROMISE THE SUIT

David Eccles and Associates Will Ask To Have Indictments in Lumber Cases Against Them Dismissed

Having been conceded every point demanded, the government has agreed to compromise its civil suit against the Oregon Lumber Company, David Eccles, Grant Geddes, Joseph Barton, Frank M. Shurtliff, Frederick H. Atkinson, James R. Smurthwaite and William A. Green. The civil suit was started March 15, 1910, at the time indictments were returned for conspiracy to rob the Government of land in Eastern Oregon. The Oregon Lumber Company, through Eccles, has given the Government everything asked for in the civil suit and the next move will be for Eccles to apply to the Attorney-General to dismiss the indictments.

Involved in the civil case were 49 entries embracing 6772 acres. Under the compromise, the Government has been surrendered 40 entries, representing about 5800 acres, and the defendants retain nine claims, approximating 880 acres. In addition, the Government receives \$26,250 for the timber which has been cut and taken off some of the claims. The remuneration to the Government is at the rate of \$1.75 per thousand for 15,000,000 feet of timber.

When everything the Government demanded in the civil suit was agreed to by Eccles, United States District Attorney John McCourt dismissed the suit against the members of the lumber company. This arrangement saves the expense of a trial and so far as the Government is concerned, it is well satisfied. A stipulation has been filed in court, however by the terms of which the dismissal operates as a bar to the defendants in any civil proceeding. Furthermore, the stipulation is to the effect that the settlement in the civil case, which amounts practically to a confession, cannot be used in the criminal case should it come to trial, nor can mention be made of the compromise.

Having shown a disposition to concede everything to the Government, Eccles will seek to have the indictments for conspiracy dismissed. This is a matter which must be taken up directly with the United States Attorney-General and with which McCourt will not interfere one way or another notwithstanding the friendly attitude of Eccles in compromising the civil case.

A new angle developed today regarding the acreage involved in the suit. The lumber company has not paid taxes on the claims for the past two years. For this reason, a supplemental bill is being prepared by McCourt to make the officers of the counties in which the claims are situated as parties and asking them to be restrained as the taxes are not a lien against the United States.—Telegram.

Alfred R. Lee, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, while on a recent visit to the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, gave it as his opinion that within a short time the Pacific Northwest would be shipping out larger quantities of poultry products than are now being imported. He also stated that few states have natural advantages for successful poultry raising equal to those of Western Oregon.

Roy Bunyard has established a lumber yard in Harney and is prepared to fill orders there especially for rough lumber.

College Work Proves Merit

Agricultural School Work Develops Gratifying Results, and Further Appropriations May Result

Portland and Oregon business men who visited the campus of the Oregon Agricultural College with the "back to the soil" excursion Friday, returning to their homes frankly admitting they were astonished at the revelation given them of its possibilities for becoming one of the efficient factors in the soil development of Oregon, and each one was enthusiastic to help in the campaign that will be carried on by the Portland Commercial Club and other business organizations of the state to make it possible for the state college to extend its demonstration work into every community in the state, says the Oregonian.

The keynote of the whole trip has been this idea; extension of demonstration work which will bring the advantages of our great land school close to the soil of our state, which must be developed and settled if Oregon is to grow," said C. C. Chapman, manager of the excursion.

"Not only do we want to see a steady growth in the actual work done upon the campus, but we also want to see the demonstration farm work and the experiment station work, supported by sufficient state appropriations, extending throughout the state, until we have, indeed, realized the motive back of the excursion's slogan and have firmly established our 'Land School on the Soil.'"

A definite step in the campaign to secure the appropriation necessary to develop this phase of the Agricultural College work as the business men of the state hope to see it developed, was made in the passage of a resolution

at the banquet given the excursionists at Waldo Hall, Friday night, urging the passage of the lever extension bill, now pending in the National Congress.

This bill provides for an annual appropriation from the United States Government of \$10,000, to be increased by the amount of \$2000 a year for the State of Oregon for a period of 10 years, on condition that the state make an equal appropriation to the Agricultural College. This amount is to be used for the support of college extension work in agriculture and home economics, and to convey practical information direct to the farm and home by field demonstration, publication and other means.

The resolution was passed unanimously, and telegrams will be sent to the Oregon Representatives in Congress urging them to work for the passage of the bill. If it becomes a law, business men of the state then will turn their efforts toward a campaign to persuade the state Legislature to raise the appropriation from the state funds, upon which the Federal appropriation is contingent. H. B. Miller, ex-president of the Oregon Agricultural College, introduced the resolution.

The passage of this resolution came as an expression from the members of the business men's excursion of their approval of the work that they had seen going on in the big institution throughout the entire day, while they passed from building to building and watched the different classes at their work in laboratory or shop, and it was a token of their intention to lend their

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