

NORMAL REGENTS MEET:

The annual meeting of the board of regents of the Southern Oregon State Normal School was held in Ashland on Friday afternoon. Prof. B. F. Mulkey of Polk county was elected president, to succeed Prof. W. M. Clayton, resigned.

After reading of the report of the president and of the executive committee for the past year, the election of a president for the ensuing year was considered. Though numerous applications were on file for the position, Hon. B. F. Mulkey, of Monmouth, Ore., was unanimously chosen. Mr. Mulkey is at present state senator from Polk County and well known all over the northern part of the state and a teacher in the state normal school at Monmouth for several years just past. Mr. Mulkey, we need not say, is already known as one of the ablest normal instructors in the state, and we think the board did well in securing his services for it will secure for the Ashland Normal a standing second to none in educational circles.

THE JURY LIST.

The following is the list of jurors drawn to serve at the regular July term of circuit court:

Grants Pass—L. Claus Schmidt, W. S. Barrie, Geo. Cronk, M. T. Utley, Oscar Partlow, T. F. Croxton, W. H. Huggins, John Hackett, J. M. Chiles, G. M. Savage, E. G. Holman, J. L. Scovill, J. Banfield, M. F. Hull, R. A. N. Reymer, W. H. Fallin, Wilbur Williams, T. B. Elliott, Scott Griffin.

Wilderville—J. B. Lindsey, Nick Thoss.

Murphy—Wm. Swinden, Thos. Leith, E. M. Cockerline.

Williams—Blake Baldwin, J. H. Miller, David Vinyard.

Holland—C. A. Trefethen.

Kerby—Homer White, Wm. Kerr.

MARRIED.

GOODNOW—MOWERS—At the A. O. U. W. hall in this city, Sunday evening, June 22, 1902, John O. Goodnow and Miss Cora May Mowers.

SHOGRÉN—SMITH—At Hood River, Ore. Wednesday, June 18, 1902, Oscar L. Shogren and Miss Hattie E. Smith of Grants Pass.

INSPECTION.

The regular quarterly inspection of Company H, O. N. G. will be held at the Armory on Monday, June 30.

PORTLAND'S BIG FIRE.

Shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday night fire broke out in the Wolff & Zwicker Iron Works and East Water and East Madison street, and before it was placed under control, burned

nearly six acres of territory and destroyed property roughly estimated at \$400,000 in value.

The fire next attacked the East Side Lumber Company's mill and yard. The inflammable material burst out as though saturated with oil and in half an hour the mill was nothing but ruins. Two spans of the Madison street bridge fell in, and the Portland City & Oregon Railway warehouse was destroyed. The entire absence of wind aided the firemen or the whole warehouse district on the East Side would have burned. Insurance is light as the rates in that vicinity are almost prohibitive.

MERLIN NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crow made Grants Pass a visit Saturday.

J. P. McConnell made a business trip to Grants Pass last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crow returned from Jacksonville Saturday evening.

Ray Colby is doing some work for Willis Kramer near the ferry on Rogue river.

The weather is quite warm at present. Some of the farmers think we will have some rain soon.

Mrs. Ethel Doane has returned to Washington after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. M. C. Bond.

Miss Victoria Mitchell has returned from Eugene where she has been attending school the past year.

W. A. Massie received a visit recently from W. T. Carle, one of his consins, whom he had not seen for 26 years.

Miss Josephine Crow has returned from Ashland where she has been attending the Normal the past year.

M. and Mrs. McConnell celebrated their second wedding anniversary at their home on the evening of June 17. The evenings entertainment consisted of music, both vocal and instrumental, and social conversation. A dainty lunch of fruit and cake was served. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colby, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Guild, Misses Mattie Guild, Mable and Mary Massie, Messrs. Lincoln Savage, Bert Massie and Lester Guild.

HUGO.

Hugo will celebrate the Fourth of July. Every body invited. Bring your baskets for Hugo has no hotel accommodations. Icecream, lemonade and confectionery stands on the ground. Open air platform for dancing, which will continue all night. Teams fed for 50 cents a span (Barley hay.)

Hugo school opened Monday the 23, Professor McConnell, teacher.

JOE THE TURK.

Adjutant Joseph Garahed, or "Joe the Turk," as he styles himself was in Grants Pass last week and held meetings for the Salvation Army.

From newspaper accounts of him, Joe must be a remarkable fellow. He was born in Turkey in 1860 and came to this country 20 years ago and became identified at once with the Salvation Army. He became naturalized and entered into the full privileges of American citizenship.

He is a unique specimen of the genus evangelist. He wears a brilliant Turkish costume, with a sufficiency of color, braid, tinsel and decorations for a pasha of high degree, and plays on various musical instruments, including a wonderful saxophone which in Joe's hands, emits a volume of sound resembling a duet of Scotch bagpipes and a steam calliope. He is a magnificent specimen of physical manhood, is intelligent and a fluent talker as well.

TROPICAL CURIOS.

In the show window of Cramer Bros. hardware establishment is a collection of interesting curios on exhibition. They were brought to this city from the Island of Sumatra by W. S. Dow, of Grants Pass, who recently returned from the tropics, where he had been a member of a mining engineering party.

Two of the curios are the heads, or beaks rather, of a male and female rhinoceros bird. There is also the saw of a saw fish and a Malay ax. The curios are quite interesting and well worth anybody's time to go and examine them.

PHOENIX COAL PROSPECT.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific Company, which has been making extensive exploration on a coal prospect near Phoenix, has abandoned the work as valueless. A tunnel was driven in on the ledge 460 feet. In the face of the tunnel, where work was stopped, there was a mixture of coal and slate of no particular value. As this formation had prevailed for some time further exploration was not deemed warranted, and the company decided to quit. The company will now do some development work on some coal prospects in Meadows country north of Gold Hill. Exploration will first be made by drilling.

Rev. Robert Leslie is expected home this week. He has been visiting in Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and other states during the past six weeks.

Wm. Caldwell, who formerly clerked at Welch's clothing store and later worked for the laundry, returned to his home at Dallas, Tuesday.