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IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OREGON SCHOOL LAW

Made By the Last Legislature. Gives More Money to Districts.

There are a number of changes in the new state school law of Oregon which goes into effect May 25. These changes are of interest to all teachers and parents. The following are some extracts from the new law.

1. Only one second and one third grade certificate can be secured in the state.
2. Mental arithmetic has been dropped from all examinations for county papers.
3. After February 1, 1908, all applicants for first grade must be examined in literature and physical geography.
4. It shall be the duty of the state board of education to indicate at least one year before examination for certificate, the source or sources from which at least 60 per cent of the questions in theory and practice will be selected.

5. Teachers or the principal shall make monthly reports showing registration, attendance, tardiness and such other information as required on the blanks furnished by the superintendent of public instruction.

6. The school superintendent shall require teachers, before beginning to teach in any school district in his county, to register all diplomas and certificates not previously registered in his county and file a copy of the contract. Should any teacher fail to register diploma or certificate or file contract, said teacher shall forfeit the full amount of her salary for the time already taught. Should any school board fail to enforce such forfeiture the county superintendent shall deduct the said amount from the next apportionment of county school fund due said district.

7. The clerk shall refuse to draw an order for the teachers' wages for the last month until the teacher's register shall have been completely filled out, filed and approved by the clerk.

8. Eighty-five per cent of the county and state funds shall be paid to the teacher.

9. Then county court is compelled to levy \$7 per capita.

10. The annual census shall be taken the last week in November.

11. All school districts must secure a flag and keep it flying at or near the school house on all favorable days.

12. All districts must have at least four months school during the year.

13. Two or more school districts may be united for the purpose of establishing and carrying on high schools or grades above the eighth. Such schools are known as union high schools and will in no way affect the present organization of the district or the first eight grades.

14. School officers' convention or conventions may be held once a year. This convention may include the entire county or the county may be divided into districts. The chairman of the board is made the delegate, but in case he cannot attend, he must appoint some member of his board. Each delegate receives \$2 a day providing he attends the entire session of the convention.

15. Compulsory education law. All children between the ages of 9 and 14 years must attend school for the entire time school is in session in the district. All children between the ages of 14 and 16 must go to school

or be engaged in some occupation, according to the provisions of the child labor law. Exceptions to these requirements are children in private schools, pupils physically unable to attend, pupils of 10, living more than 1 1/2 miles from school, pupils of any age living more than three miles from school and pupils under private tutors at home.

The different steps in carrying out this law are: 1. Appointment of truant officers in and for each district by the district boundary board. One officer may be appointed for several districts. 2. First-class districts have power to call on regular police officers. 3. County superintendent furnish truant officers with a list of teachers of the district.

4. The clerk gives the teacher a list of the enumeration on the first day of each term, or immediately after the enumeration is taken. 5. The teacher compares registration with the census enumeration at the end of each month. 6. The teacher reports delinquents to secretary of the boundary board. 7. Secretary reports to truant officer. 8. The officer notifies parents or guardians that the children must be in school on the following Monday morning and reports to the teacher that the parents have been notified. 9. In case the children are not sent to school the officer makes complaint to the justice of peace. 10. Justice issues warrant and conducts trial. The punishment for truancy is a fine from \$5 to \$20 or imprisonment from two to 10 days. Any officers whose duty it is to help enforce the law, may be fined from \$5 to \$20 for failure to perform the duties incumbent upon them under this act. This includes the county court and school superintendent, who are members of the district boundary board, the teachers and school clerk.

Does the Agent Benefit You or Your Town?

Why buy of agents? Do they help build up the country? Do they help pay the taxes? Do they care if the goods you buy of them give satisfaction? Do they fulfill what they agree? Do you for one minute suppose that you can get something for nothing? The oily tongued agent is the only one who gets something for nothing. For what reason should he give you a big credit for no value received? Can't you see at a glance that there must be a catch somewhere and when a man tells you he can furnish you any piano made for less money than the man that handles it, remember he is misrepresenting things to you; he takes you for a sucker; he takes you for a simple minded man or woman and if the easily lead and easy suckers could but hear how the agents for the large city houses that float in and out and take you in, as they pass through, laugh and relate their experiences on their return to their lair of how they broke it off in the rubes, at they call the people that live in interior places, they would one and all learn to dismiss the agent at the door and buy all their needs of their merchants. Show me a man that buys everything he needs at home, patronize home entirely and I will show you a prosperous, bustling citizen and show me a man that buys of agents, send to Sears & Roebuck for his wares and awlays runs down his home merchants and I will show you a man that the community he lives in would be a great deal better off without as he is no good to them or himself. The motto is build up your own town, let the cities take care of themselves; stand by your home merchants; they will stand by you and always stand up for them and the town and country you live in, but if you are not satisfied with your surroundings, sell out and leave (if you have anything to sell) and say nothing. Don't try to discourage your neighbor.

H. M. COSS.

CITY VOTES AGAINST ROAD MACHINERY

Willing to Buy Machinery For Improvements But Unwilling to Pay For It.

The result of the special election held on Monday to decide the question of purchasing road machinery showed plainly the spirit which has characterized nearly every movement which has tended toward the betterment of the city or the improvement of its conditions. The vote in effect said: "Yes, we want road building machinery for bettering the condition of the city streets but we are not willing to pay for it."

Proposition No. 1, which was "Shall the city of Grants Pass purchase a rock crusher and roller" carried by three votes. Proposition No. 2, "Shall the common council purchase for said purpose a rock crusher and roller, horse power, to cost not exceeding \$4000" was lost by 37 votes. Proposition No. 3, "Shall the common council purchase for said purpose a rock crusher and roller, steam power, to cost not to exceed \$7000" was lost by 8 votes. More people favored the purchase of adequate equipment than voted for horse power machinery. One unusual circumstance is that in general the larger property holders voted in favor of the propositions while the smaller tax payers in general voted against it.

Ward No. 1 voted 32 to 16 in favor of proposition and 28 to 14 in favor of the steam power. Ward No. 2 tied on the purchase of machinery but stood 8 against horse power and 1 against steam power. Ward No. 3 favored rock crusher and roller by a majority of 5 and preferred horse power. Ward No. 4 stood nearly three to one against the purchase of machinery, nearly six to one against horse power and nearly four to one against steam power.

We will continue the old system of

street improvement and watch Central Point use rock crusher and steam roller, as they are doing this month.

Memorial Services

Program for Memorial services, May 26th and 30th, 1907: Sunday, May 26th, Union services at the Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock a. m., preaching by Evan P. Hughes. All are invited.

May 30th, all soldiers' graves in the several cemeteries will be properly decorated by committees appointed by General Logan Post No. 39, G. A. R., in the forenoon.

At 2 o'clock p. m. services will be held in the Opera House as follows: General Orders, read by Adjutant G. A. R.

General Orders read by secretary of W. R. C.

Address of welcome by Commander H. B. Alverson.

Song by the Choir.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Recitation by Inez Howard.

Recitation by Laura Evans.

Patriotic drill by nine girls.

Recitation by Louise Britton.

Song by the Choir.

Address by H. D. Norton.

Song by Choir and Congregation.

H. C. Kinney has consented to take charge of the vocal music.

Medford Carpenters Organize.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America organized a local union at Medford, April 27th, with a membership of 31 and elected the following officers:

D. C. White, president; R. Sherwood, vice-president; Thos. O'Brien, treasurer; F. E. Berdan, recording secretary; C. E. Leatherman, financial secretary; O. O. Hull, conductor; C. H. Pagel, warden.

They met in the old K. of P. hall every Saturday at 8 p. m. Cordial invitations are extended to all carpenters to join.

There will be no change made as to time or wages without due notice.—Medford Tribune.

Quartz blanks at the Courier office.

WILL RENDER ESTHER, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN

First-class Production, Under Direction of Prof. Robinson of Chicago.

A magnificent treat awaits the people of Grants Pass at the Opera House next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The famous and beautiful sacred opera "Queen Esther" will be presented under the direction of Prof. M. E. Robinson of Chicago, who will be assisted by 100 of the best singers in Grants Pass.

Prof. Robinson is able to give a first-class production of "Queen Esther." There will not be one dull moment during the opera. In two weeks time, the chorus work will be put in such a stage of perfection that no one in the audience will ever dream that he is listening to amateurs. Prof. Robinson knows every word, note, gesture and piece of action in the opera. Beautiful oriental costumes are furnished by Prof. Robinson, costing several thousand dollars. The production of "Queen Esther" will compare favorably with the best road shows given in Grants Pass this year.

That Prof. Robinson is able to give a most satisfactory production, is proven by the fact that he has given "Queen Esther" in all the large cities of Washington, Idaho and Oregon and has repeated his work in Portland, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and many of the largest towns in the Northwest. He had charge of the music at Chautauqua at Oregon City in 1904, giving "Queen Esther" and "Belshazzar" to audiences of 6000 people. He has been invited to take charge of the music this year at Oregon City and for the Chautauqua at Ashland. A splendid testimonial to Prof. Robinson's great ability as a director of choruses. The production of "Queen Esther" is not a mere presentation of the words and music sung by a large chorus, but the chorus will memorize the music and every word sung, will be given the advantage of gesture, action and costume. Grants Pass is very fortunate in securing the services of one of the best directors in this country. The singers are exceedingly fortunate in securing so much musical training of such a high order.

"Queen Esther" is always given to crowded houses, in fact, the interest is so great that the opera must always be repeated, while at Pendleton, Salem, Spokane, Portland, Astoria and many other cities, Prof. Robinson was urged to give Esther a third night.

The cast and chorus follows: Esther, The Queen..... Mrs. W. W. Walker Abascerna, The King..... A. E. Voorhies Haman, The King's Counselor..... H. L. Andrews Mordecai, The Jew..... H. C. Kinney Zeresh, Haman's Wife..... Mrs. Elbert Veatch Prophetess..... Augusta Parker

Chorus: Mordecai's Sister..... Mariam Clarke High Priest..... H. D. Norton Hegai..... J. M. Booth Median Princess..... Mrs. Nate Bates Persian Princess..... Mrs. H. N. Starr Scribe..... Elbert Veatch Beggar..... Hoxley Galbraith Captain King's Guards..... E. S. Van Dyke King's Pages—Ruth Fetzner, Leah Slover, Olive Courtney, Helen Meade, Iona Riebel, Ruth Williams. Queen's—Maids Emma Longbridge, Julia Galbraith, Theo Snyder, Genevieve Patillo. King's Guards—A. R. Burton, Royal Whitmore, Eugene Scovill, John Denison.

Value of Irrigation.

From a report recently compiled by an expert connected with the O. R. & N. Co., relative to the revenue derived from irrigated and non-irrigated lands in the Yakima valley, we gather the following information: Fifty thousand acres of non-irrigated land produced gross returns for freight shipped over the N. & P. R. R., the sum of \$90,000, or \$1.80 per acre, while 43,865 acres of irrigated land paid \$343,667, or \$7.83 per acre! We do not think it is necessary to comment on these facts. They are so patent that any reader can see that irrigation works wonders in any country.—The Dallas Optimist.

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G. P. H. S. News Notes

The Cantata of "Esther, the Beautiful Queen" is sure to be a success as the rehearsals, which take place every afternoon and evening show excellent progress. The cantata would have received much heartier co-operation on the part of the High School students if it had come at any other time of the school year, for many would gladly take part in it, who are now prevented from doing so, because they are at this time crowded almost to the limit with study and preparations for commencement. However, we are very thankful that those from the grades, as well as the musical talent of the city, who are not forced to spend their nights even to the wee small hours, pouring over books, are so kindly lending their aid in this effort. Mr. Robinson, who is doing the drilling understands his business thoroughly as he has had much experience in giving this cantata. And of the cantata, it must be said that it is one of the most beautiful ever produced. Those who have heard it the most times like it the best. "Queen Esther" will be given in the Opera House on the evenings of May 14th and 15th. It proceeded to the H. S. piano which was recently purchased.

The last month of school in some respects, is like the month before Christmas: There is an air of suspense and mystery and busy preparation which makes one busy of that season. When the Juniors have a class meeting and come from the secret session with mysterious looks on their faces, the Seniors pretend not to notice, but all the time they know that they are planning for the Junior reception. When you pass a group of Senior girls you can hear such vague hints as "tiny tucks on the side" or "some lace in the neck." When the Seniors have a class meeting the rest may know that such important matters as gilt-card programs or pictures are being discussed.

During the past few years the course of study in the High School has been greatly improved nor is the good work to come to an end for next year another addition will be made. This time typewriting in connection with second year stenography and very likely German. This addition will make the practical business course complete and give a student a selection of foreign language.

Good News—Miss Joudreau is coming back next year. This is very unexpected as Miss Joudreau had made known her intention of leaving. But it is certainly a pleasant surprise to her pupils especially so to her amateur stenographers, who expect to finish stenography with typewriting next year.

A reception was given last Thursday evening at Redmen Hall by the Juniors in honor of the Senior class. For several weeks past the Seniors had been thinking (aloud) about how much work they have to do and how soon they are going to leave Grants Pass High School. So the Juniors decided to give them an opportunity of forgetting their many and burdensome cares and of laying aside all their cumbersome dignity for one evening and the seniors appeared, forlornly willing. They played "Ruth and Jacob" and grand marched as though they had never heard the word "oration" and no visions of commencement interlarded with their enjoyment of ice cream and cake. Tiny diplomas fastened with gold ribbon were given as souvenirs so that they might not forget the significance of the event.

Tests are coming once more. But this time they are not anticipated with such misery as were the last. The Seniors know these will be their last and consequently anticipate the nice time coming, rather than the test. The rest, of course, will return next year, but three months look pretty good. The examination schedule is on the board and certainly appears gloomy, although it might be attributed to the fact that such appearing schedules have in years past worked their devastation without a thing to hinder them, even the teachers not making an effort and so this one might follow in their footsteps, in fact it is very likely too, but I am afraid that we cannot help it, unless by some unknown means we are able to work on the sympathies of our heartless teachers.

If You Lose a Chance of Taking a Chance, You Take a Chance of Losing It

We are pleased to advise the people of Grants Pass and Josephine county that our Wall Paper Factory's Agent will be in Grants Pass shortly. He will have with him an Art Display and will show illustrations of how to decorate a hall, bedroom, parlor, lodge room, etc., in the latest, up-to-date styles. To those desiring to see the latest effects in wall decorations from the best factories of Germany, France, England, Scotland, Japan and our own country, we extend a most cordial invitation. It will be very entertaining, and we urgently request that you will find time to look over the same. The exact date is not definitely known. To those who are desirous of seeing this display, phone or drop a card to that effect; I will see that you are informed of the exact date. This fine display is to be seen at my store. If interested, do not fail to send me your name.

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