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TWELVE MORE READY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

BANDON HAS MORE SUCCESSFUL EIGHTH GRADERS THAN OTHER SCHOOLS.

Leads County for January Examinations—State Superintendent Churchill Announces Some New Methods for Exams in May and June—Pupils May Refer to Text Books.

Twelve eighth graders of the Bandon schools successfully passed the state examination of January 13 and 14, two more than any other school in the county. Marshfield and North Bend each had ten, Prosper nine, Myrtle Point and Coquille each six, Lampa four, and others lesser numbers. Those passing successfully in the Coquille valley were:

Bandon—Spencer Baker Trowbridge, Henry A. Philpott, Albert Tucker, Ira W. Tucker, Ewell Plummer, Coyt Clark Allen, Beulah Bellmore, Joseph Breuer, Ross C. B. Thornton, Gertrude Bullis, Paloma Randleman, Randall D. Kay.

Prosper—Fred Neumann, Henry C. Shields, Esther F. Gibson, Beulah Fahy, Myrtle M. Smith, Mabel E. Neumann, Alma Anderson, Josie Storm, Lillie H. Carris.

Lampa—Martha Florence Perkins, Eula Moore, Lelah Gilkey, Lester Arthur Borgard.

Parkersburg—Earl F. Redding, Elizabeth Church.

Coquille—Earl Isensen, William Peart, Lillian Humbert, Katie Price, May Wilson, William J. Miller.

Myrtle Point—George Barton Lee, Clarice Lee, Marie Michael Inez Devault, Raleigh Greene, Guy Corbin.

Arago—Alice Schroeder; Powers—Valentine Adair, Rose Adair, Ralph Barton Willey; Pleasant View—Homer Sigsby; Johnson's Mill—Orval L. Newton; Catching Creek—Kathleen M. Masters; Hall's Creek—Rosa Fredenberg.

New Plan to Be Tried

In the May and June eighth grade examinations a new plan will be tried in testing the pupils in the subjects of U. S. History and Civil Government, according to a statement issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill. During the examination the pupils will be allowed to refer to their text books, but the questions will be so framed as to test the ability of the pupil in expressing what he has learned in clear, concise language. The advantages of such a plan are, that it will permit the teacher to emphasize the historical events which she considers most important; it gives the trained teacher greater freedom so that she can do a much higher quality of work than simply helping the pupils to "cram" for an examination. It frees the teacher and the pupils from so teaching and studying as to make the examination the end. It tends to give the pupils power of expression and eliminates the memorizing of unimportant dates and facts.

"There is always danger," said Superintendent Churchill, "of the examination system developing a question and answer method of teaching. Any plan whereby the examination becomes the end is unpedagogical, and the examination usually deteriorates into a memory test. With this new plan, if the teacher will adopt it for the pupil's monthly tests they will learn by the close of the year how to use their text books as merely a reference work in writing their final papers. The questions will be so worded that it will be impossible for the pupil to copy any amount from the text book, but he will find help by turning to it to refresh his memory on some point that has escaped him just for the moment. When writing an examination a pupil often finds that he can not recall the answer to a question. He is then liable to become so nervous and frightened that he will fall in the entire examination. This is really the common sense way to prepare a pupil for his work in the everyday world, for if a man has to write an article or prepare a paper on any subject he does not attempt to depend on his memory for the proof which he wishes to use from various sources to substantiate his statements; rather he has on his table a number of reference works dealing with the subject upon which he

TESTING ASSOCIATION HAS A RECORD YEAR

LOWER RIVER COUNTRY IS BECOMING KNOWN AS A DAIRYING SECTION.

Tester George Johnson Gives Valuable and Interesting Information as to Growth of the Cow Testing Association; Records of Cows; and Scope of the Industry.

Speaking of the growth of the dairying industry and the value of the cow testing association to the dairymen of that section, George Johnson, tester for the Lower Coquille River Cow Testing association, recently said:

"The Bandon and Lower Coquille River Cow Testing association has now been in operation a year and a half. The dairymen have found their herd books of great advantage in culling out their herds, and that culling is very uncertain without the aid of scales and a Babcock tester—and that often heretofore the best cows of their herds have been thrown out under the delusion or supposition that they were the poorest.

Records Made the Past Year

"The highest producing herd was found to be that belonging to Hull Bros. of Riverton," continued Mr. Johnson, "their 19 cows making an average yearly production of 314 pounds of butterfat per cow. J. P. Clausen's herd of 40 cows (near Riverton) was a close second, making an average of 308 pounds of butterfat per cow. J. F. Van Leuven's herd of 26 cows came in third with an average of 283 pounds per cow. I have found that the average number of pounds of butterfat per cow for the entire association was 238. The three lowest average in the association were: 138 pounds; 185 pounds; and 188 pounds of butterfat per cow. From these figures it will be seen that the difference in production between the highest and lowest herd is 179 pounds of butterfat, and this 179 pounds of butterfat at 30 cents per pound equals \$53.70—quite an argument in favor of the high-test dairy cow, is it not? For twenty cows in 5 years time at this rate the difference would amount to \$5370.00, enough to buy a farm.

"It is only by proper feeding, breeding, testing and culling can the higher standards be arrived at which make the great difference in production. Let all the dairymen work for a 300 pound butterfat average herd. Eleven and twelve hundred pounds of butterfat has been produced by single cows in a year, but this is not common. We don't have many such high producers in our Coos county, in fact the highest producer in the county is a pure bred Jersey belonging to J. F. Van Leuven of Bandon, which produced 565.6 pounds of butterfat, or 650.4 pounds of estimated butterfat in 330 days. This cow's 2 year old daughter produced in one year 368.4 pounds of butterfat or 423.7 pounds of estimated butterfat in 330 days. The value of these cows would never have been known had they not been tested, for they were not extra heavy milkers, but their test was high.

"Our association is a year and a half old now," Mr. Johnson, continued, "and hopes are that it will live many more years. We expect to reorganize and commence a new year with the closing of the old, February 1."

Elizabeth Left This Morning

The Elizabeth left this morning at 3 o'clock for San Francisco. She carried the following passengers: J. E. Walstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardy, J. M. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmons and child, Charles Cline.

is writing. The eighth grade examinations, to a very large extent, set the standard for teaching, and I am very confident that this new plan will strengthen the work in the eighth grade and give the pupil much more power and confidence than he gains from the memory tests. If his class standing has been high during the year and his English work what it should be, he will pass a good examination. If his class work has been below par, the open book will be of no help to him during the short hour of the examination.

YOUNG MAN RESCUED FROM DEATH IN RIVER

LEE BARROWS COMES TO AID OF PORTLAND LAD WHO CLINGS TO SNAG WHEN BOAT TURNS OVER AT THE MOORE MILL BOOM.

Clinging to the roots of an alder tree which had become fast between two piling in the river near the Geo. W. Moore mill, "Bill" Greene, an 18 year old youth, was saved from a watery grave about 8 o'clock Sunday evening by Lee Barrows, a resident of East Bandon.

Young Greene ran away from his parents' home at Portland two weeks ago and came to Bandon to get a job. He had just six dollars when he left home but that was gone long before he reached here. Being unable to get work, he saw an opportunity to establish in business for himself by gathering drift wood logs in the river and cutting them up into stove wood.

It was while floating two large logs down the stream that the accident occurred which nearly cost him his life. He had tied them together with a rope and fastened them to the small row boat borrowed for the occasion. It was quite dark and the current caused by the receding tide was exceptionally swift. Apparently he had successfully piloted his raft from one of the mud flats up the river until he reached a row of piling in front of the Moore mill. Here the boat and logs passed on opposite sides of the boom sticks. When the rope had stretched tight the force of the current caused the boat to tip and it filled with water and capsized. Young Greene, who is not a swimmer, grabbed for something to hold onto. Fortunately an alder snag had previously become entangled in the same row of piling and he caught it just in

time. Submerged in the icy water up to his neck, the lad hung on, yelling for help, until almost exhausted.

Mr. Barrows, enroute from his home to the Acme Planing mill to file a saw, heard the cries. He hurried to the dock of the mill, where he met Walter Windsor, watchman, who also had been aroused by the unusual cries from the direction of the river. They investigated the sound and were soon convinced someone was in the water, and with the aid of a row boat Mr. Barrows went to the rescue. So near death from cramps and exposure was the lad that it was necessary for Mr. Barrows to pry his hands loose from the alder roots. He had maintained a death grip, although almost unconscious.

Greene was taken by Mr. Barrows to a house on Eleventh street where he had been staying, and soon recovered, none the worse for his experience. He was very grateful to Mr. Barrows and offered him what little money and personal effects he had for having saved his life. Mr. Barrows thanked him kindly but refused to take anything; instead he advised the lad to keep what little money he had and go back to his parents. It didn't take the boy long to see the wisdom in the suggestion; for he immediately telegraphed home, and Monday morning started for Roseburg. His parents wired him money to Myrtle Point, and no doubt by this time he is again under the parental roof.

Mail Service Has Been Paralyzed For Weeks

\$80,000 Worth of Bandon City Bonds Held at Portland Docks Awaiting the Kilburn.

Mail service between Coos county and the outside world during the past two weeks has been extremely bad. On account of the snow and slides along the Roseburg-Myrtle Point road, only a portion of the mail, mainly letters, has come in via that route. The balance was held at Portland for shipment on the Kilburn. It is estimated that several carloads had been stacked up on the docks there before that boat sailed. The Kilburn was due into Coos Bay today and Friday Bandon should receive an extraordinary consignment of postal matter.

City Recorder Kanarud had been greatly concerned over the whereabouts of the \$80,000 bonds which were sent by registered mail from Portland, Saturday, January 15th. The bonding house had kept the wires hot wanting to know why the local city official didn't sign the bonds and return them, which was to have been done at once. The fact is the bonds were lying on the Portland docks awaiting the Kilburn. They were located there through a

Patron-Teachers Assn. Invites Bandon Public

Splendid Program Prepared for Wednesday Evening, February 9—Debate Main Feature.

The Patron-Teachers' association of Bandon will hold a session at the auditorium of the High school next Wednesday evening, February 9, to which the general public is invited. A debate on the motion picture question will be the feature attraction of the evening. The program follows:

Song — Public School Glee Club
Debate: Resolved that the average motion pictures interfere with the best development of the child. Affirmative—G. T. Treadgold and Miss Kate Chatburn; negative—F. J. Chatburn and Miss Wilhelmina Lof-tus.

Piano solo — Mrs. Geisendorfer
Judges' Decision.

Musie Selected.

tracer sent out from the Portland office. As soon as the bonds arrive they will be signed and returned, and the \$80,000 in cash (\$40,000 for the water department and \$40,000 to take up back warrants) should be forthcoming in a short time.

BANDON WOMAN FEARS BROTHER WAS KILLED BY MEXICANS

Believing that her brother, K. W. Stepp, was killed by revolutionists in Mexico during 1913, Mrs. S. C. Owens of Bandon, is making efforts to communicate with some of his former associates through El Paso, Texas, newspapers, in the hope of receiving more definite information.

Mrs. Owens bases her belief on the fact that the name of H. W. Stepp appeared in a list of Americans killed in Mexico since 1912, which list was recently published by the Marshfield Record. Stepp being a very uncommon name and there being only a slight difference in the initials of the two, the local woman is of the opinion that a mistake might have been made in transmitting the news. Not having heard from her brother

for eight years it may be a difficult matter to establish his whereabouts, but she has written a newspaper in El Paso, soliciting publicity in view of locating someone who knew him.

K. W. Stepp, according to his sister, when last heard from was a civil engineer in the employ of the Mexican Central Railway. He was also interested in mining operations, being associated in the latter with men from El Paso. He is about 35 years of age.

According to newspaper accounts, H. W. Stepp, was being held for ransom for the third time and being unable to pay the 500 pesos demanded, was executed. He had twice previously paid ransoms and escaped.

STATE RURAL CREDITS SYSTEM IS PROPOSED

COMMON SCHOOL FUND TO FORM BASIS OF LOAN FUND IN SYSTEM SUGGESTED.

Loans to Be Made to Farmers Upon Mortgages to 50 Per Cent of Appraised Valuation of Land—State Loan Commission Would Handle the Funds.

The following points on a rural credits system for Oregon have been proposed by Dr. Hector MacPherson, head of the U. S. and O. A. C. Bureau of Markets and Rural organization:

1. Name: There is hereby established the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credits association, which shall be a state institution with a branch in each county.

2. Purposes: The purposes of the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credits association shall be to raise funds and make loans, secured by farm mortgages, throughout the state of Oregon.

3. State Farm Loan commission: The Oregon Farm Mortgage Credits association shall be under the control of the State Farm Loan commission, which shall consist of the governor of the state, secretary of state, the state treasurer, and secretary of the state land board and five other members chosen to represent the Willamette valley, Southern Oregon, the Coast region, Northwestern Oregon, and Central Oregon, respectively. They shall be chosen for their ability to handle financial matters, and from their acquaintance with the rural credit needs of their various districts. The Farm Mortgage Credits commission shall appoint a general manager who shall be responsible to the commission for the general management of the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credits association. The manager upon the approval of the State Farm Loan commission, shall select his office force, appraisers and county representatives.

4. Membership: The members of the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credits association shall be farm land owners who have affiliated themselves with one of its branches who have complied with the Oregon state law and with the regulations of the association and secured a loan upon their land through this association.

5. Raising funds: The common school fund, under proper safeguards shall constitute a revolving fund which together with the accumulated net annual surplus, shall be the original capital of the association. Upon the basis of the farm mortgages already let by the state of Oregon as security for the common school fund, the farm mortgage credit commission shall issue bonds in series of \$100,000 or multiple thereof, the interest and principle of these bonds to be guaranteed by the state of Oregon.

6. Conditions of securing loans: Loans shall be made to farmers upon mortgages upon their land for an amount not to exceed 50 per cent of the appraised value of such land, exclusive of perishable improvements. A loan to any individual shall not exceed \$50 upon each acre of land owned, nor shall it exceed \$5,000 for each member. Each member shall make written application for a loan upon forms to be secured from the county branch of the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credit association, and in this application he shall submit in detail the purposes to which he intends to apply the loan, and no part thereof shall, under any circumstances, be applied to any other purpose.

Interest and principal of all loans shall be payable upon the amortization plan in quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments. At the end of three years, however, from the date of securing a loan, the borrower shall have the privilege of paying off in addition to his regular amortization installments, any additional portion of the loan he sees fit, and his future amortization installments shall include interest only upon that portion of the loan remaining unpaid.

Each farmer obtaining a loan shall submit to a survey of his farm and equipment according to the forms used by the division of Farm Management of the United States department of Agriculture. These forms

LOOKS LIKE COUNTY WILL BE THE LOSER

NORTH BEND PEOPLE ASK THE COURT TO COMPROMISE THE KINNEY ESTATE TAXES

Commissioner Armstrong Returns From Public Meeting Held Last Night—Court Offers to Knock Off Penalty for One Year and Half the Interest—Law Suit in Sight.

County Commissioner G. J. Armstrong returned this morning from Marshfield, where he attended a public meeting under the direction of the Commercial club of that city for the purpose of again considering the Kinney estate tax question. The meeting was well attended and brought forth much discussion, but Mr. Armstrong states that nothing definite was decided upon by the County court.

The total amount of taxes due by the Kinney estate is over \$64,000, and extends back to 1906. The case has peculiar circumstances which give opportunity for a legal controversy that may last many years, should the county attempt to enforce payment. Wishing to see the matter cleared up so that the land in question, nearly all of which lies within the city limits of North Bend, may be opened for development, the city and school district of North Bend is offering to rebate all the penalty and half the interest in order to get a settlement. They request the county to do the same.

Commissioner Armstrong states that the Court has offered to refund the penalty for one year and half the interest on the entire amount, but that doesn't seem satisfactory. They are not inclined to give more and may reconsider the offer already made. It is said, however, that the value of the property was so much overestimated that should it be sold for taxes the county would have to bid it in. In another year the county would be forced by law to sell it to the highest bidder. There is so much of it that it is hardly probable that anyone but the owners would bid on it at the final sale, in which event they would get it at their own price. In that case the county would lose.

Frank B. Waite, who holds a second mortgage on the estate, is attempting to secure the compromise on the taxes. The estate is valued at more than half a million.

SNOWBALLING ENJOYED BY THE MEN AND BOYS

All Kinds of Weather During Past Week—Yesterday Like a Holiday in Bandon.

Talk about weather, this section has had all kinds of it during the past week. Beginning with a wind storm Friday night, which for a while made things hum, it gradually changed to rain, hail and snow. Today there has been no precipitation, but a cold north wind is making the fireside the most comfortable place in the world.

The biggest surprise was the snow which fell Tuesday night and Wednesday. While it didn't get more than an inch in depth, it was unusual, and for the second time this season, and the first coming on New Year's eve. Yesterday the business section of the city appeared to be celebrating a holiday. The streets were lined with men and boys engaged in the juvenile sport of snowballing. It was great fun and every man who happened within the war zone was given a thorough initiation, which consisted of face washing, rolling in the snow and a general bombardment with icy spheres. All took it good naturedly, however, and no damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Simmons and child left on the Elizabeth for their former home in Oklahoma, where they own a farm. Mr. Simmons also owns land in Curry county. He had been employed at the Star ranch up to the first of the year.

are to be filled out before he obtains a loan, and at the end of each calendar year so long as he remains a debtor to the Oregon Farm Mortgage Credit association.