

NORMAL QUESTION.

Miss Woodruff Writes About Normals in General.

THE EAST OREGONIAN

Does Not Believe the School Properly Managed.

Miss Harriette C. Woodruff, county school superintendent, submits the following article, called forth by the recent publication of criticisms by the East Oregonian on the Weston normal school:

"As this seems to be the season for opinions on the merits and demerits of state schools, especially normal schools, and the attention of the public is directed for the time being to the discussion of these institutions I will, if it is not presuming too much and space will permit, add my quota to this already probably exhausted theme. The little I will say is the fruit of observation and not of theory.

"Public school teaching is not, as yet, and has not been a profession. That it would be better for the schools were it such, is an acknowledged fact. The best we can do is to work with that object in view, and for that reason, the normal school idea is being fostered. That all graduates of normal schools are true teachers, it would be folly to claim. Neither do we find all the graduates of the law schools to be compared with the ideal lawyers of their alma mater; nor always the individual who carries a diploma from a medical institution the true physician.

"If such were the case, on the one hand we would die from nothing less than old age; on the other, we would see no defeated clients; for would a wise man argue a case in which defeat was inevitable?"

"Since the acknowledged professions of years standing are no nearer perfection, we must not expect to much from the normal school plan, while it is yet in its infancy.

"While so many unprofessional motives call people into the teacher's ranks, a few of which are the mistaken idea that it is the direct road to wealth, social position, or a convenient and genteel stepping stone to the ministry, law or medicine; is it not better to turn these young people who wish to teach toward a normal school and let them enter the school room through that avenue; than to learn more than enough to barely flat them from day to day as they attempt to instruct the children of this country? There to study of child growth, there to test these theories in the training departments under the direction and criticism of experienced teachers; and to be commended where they are strong and strengthened by correction where they are weak?"

"It seems that the latter is the better plan—to broaden the education, receive this training; to have learned how to classify your school; how to assign lessons, to conduct recitations; to provide work for primary pupil; to introduce incidentally lessons in ethics, drawing, music, and many other things too numerous to mention, all of which give culture. Better to have all of the foregoing than to go into the school room minus all this knowledge, and to learn it only through the slow process of experience, and this to the irreparable loss to the children who miss this class of instruction because the teacher had not learned that it is part of correct teaching.

"Returning to the suggested thought of 'born teachers,' these there are, and no normal school graduate without this inborn talent can compare with this teacher's ability to teach. But the 'born teachers' are few, compared with the greater army of teachers. Few would dare say that popular education is not a good thing for the people. It does much to make men what they are. It is now a necessity and is demanded. Then, for trained teachers who have made a study of their adopted work along professional lines to go hand in hand with the 'born teacher,' is better for the country than for this 'born teacher' to struggle alone against the errors committed by the untrained teacher.

"Oregon has three young normal schools—one at Drain, in Southern Oregon; another at Monmouth, in Western Oregon; and the last established at Weston, for the eastern part of the state, all of which are doing a vast amount of professional work; all of which maintain training departments. Observation teaches that when one graduate from any of these schools makes a decided failure of teaching, the six will do very respectable work from the beginning, and these are ideal teachers. That Eastern Oregon people should enjoy the benefits of a school in this part of the state is but a fair proposition. Wallawa, Grant, Union, Malheur, Morrow,

Wasco, and Umatilla counties are represented by students in the Eastern Oregon state normal school at Weston. That it is perfect, no one claims. At the same time it is but fair to believe that perfection is its aim, and that it compares favorably with its older sisters at Drain and Monmouth, and they with those of older states, is acknowledged by those who are competent to judge. Our public schools are distinctly an American institution. When teachers are well equipped for their work, does it not mean the betterment of our future citizens? Let us have more and better education for the masses, and less ignorance and crime. HARRIETTE C. WOODRUFF."

Editor Jackson, of the East Oregonian, replies to Miss Woodruff as follows:

"The East Oregonian fully endorses Miss Woodruff's letter, with the exception of the last paragraph. Her argument in favor of normal schools is sound and, in view of obvious truths, it is timely. Teachers should be trained as carefully as members of the great professions. Their work, properly done, is of inestimable value. They are on ignorance, man's worst enemy. They cultivate intelligence, man's best furnishment. They develop talent, man's most valuable weapon. These are general truths which all intelligent men will accept. We need technically trained teachers. They are of far more importance than trained lawyers or trained physicians.

"The point at issue is not, are normal schools valuable? but, the question is, is the Weston normal school properly organized and conducted? Leaving out all other questions, this particular school comes before the people for judgment on its own merits, not on the merits of other normal schools or the normal school idea.

"In the first place, it is doubtful whether the establishment of the school at Weston, regardless of the rights of the taxpayers generally. It would be the same were the school located in Pendleton or La Grande or any other city. A normal school is supposed to take young people at an age when they are fit to be technically trained. They should have been advanced beyond elementary work, and a normal school should not be compelled to instruct primarily in any branches, excepting the science of teaching and its auxiliary branches. The student should have been grounded in the main subjects taught in our public school, and more than that, for the education of the teacher should not be limited to the scope of his school room. Consequently the introduction of elementary work in the English branches or in any department of the classics in a normal course, does violence to the normal school idea. This the Weston normal school does, as seen from its course of study and as stated by those who have attended the school. To the extent that the course includes any elementary work, it is not a normal school, but a high school or academy.

"No graduate of an eighth grade in Oregon is fitted for admission to a scientific school for the training of teachers. Therefore the Weston normal school does not require a standard for admission high enough, for eighth grade pupils enter and are graduated in three years. "Out of 138 pupils, enrolled in the school years of 1894-95, sixteen only were from outside of Umatilla county. The Weston public school has practically been merged into a training department for the normal school, thus saving that city the imposition of a school tax to operate the public schools during the time when the present plan is followed. This is doubtless a snap for Weston, but amounts to asking the taxpayers of Oregon to pay the expenses of the Weston public schools.

"Regarding the faculty employed, the majority never before taught in normal schools. Miss Stowell is an accomplished and experienced normal instructor, and Miss Cannon is acknowledged to be talented and trained in the work to which she has been called. Special training for the ministry or for teaching in the public schools, a lack of previous experience in normal school teaching, certainly do not prepare one for taking hold of the work of organizing and building up a normal school. With all due deference to the members of the faculty, this must be insisted on as an important question and warranting but one conclusion—that the taxpayers were not treated fairly in the selection of normal instructors at Weston, with the exceptions made in the cases of the two lady teachers.

"Lastly, the recent raise in salaries was unwarranted. All over Oregon school boards are reducing salaries and reducing expenses. Everyone is suffering from the effects of 'hard times.' The circumstances made it incumbent on the management of the Weston normal school to observe the same policy of economy, and, at least, await the return of a higher degree of prosperity before allowing higher salaries. Had the salaries of both lady

teachers been raised and the remaining teachers been left as before, greater justice would have been done, both to teachers and the people who are paying the bills.—EDITOR."

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Pendleton Secures the Meeting to Be Held in June.

The annual meeting of the officers and directors of the Eastern Oregon and Washington Firemen's Association was held in Pendleton Saturday evening.

The chief question of interest before the meeting was that of selecting a place for the second annual tournament, which was finally awarded to Pendleton. Two bids were presented, one of \$500 from La Grande, and one of \$600, from Pendleton, both conditional upon the setting of July 2, 3 and 4 as the days for holding the tournament in June, and the bids were, therefore, rejected. La Grande then withdrew from the race, and Pendleton presented a second bid of \$500 which was accepted.

The following is the list of contests and the value of trophies to be awarded:

- Speed race—\$90, first; \$40, second.
Championship—\$100, first; \$50 second.
Wet test—\$80, first; \$40, second.
Hook and ladder test—\$50 first; \$25, second.
Foot race, 200 yards—Prize to be worth \$20.

The tournament will begin on the first Tuesday in June.

President Wamsley was appointed a committee of one on transportation, and the board adjourned.

The Squirrel Situation.

From all sections come reports of hoards of squirrels that are swarming out of the ground in a manner that is positively appalling, says the Farm Record. Last year the squirrels did a great deal of damage, but there are said to be ten of the pests this year where there was one last. It is almost an assured fact that wheat will be of a far better price this year than it has for several years. If something is not done very speedily the county will lose many thousand dollars. Something must be done towards an organized resistance. Farmers are too poor to buy poison, and the county should take some immediate action towards helping them to get it. If one man puts out poison and all around him do not, very little good is done. If only the farming land is rid of the squirrels, the pasture lands and wastes will speedily supply enough to do a great deal of damage. What should be done is to supply the farmers with poison and see that all of the land is covered by it. Poison can be had by wholesale for about half what it costs at retail prices. If the county would establish a poison factory and furnish farmers with prepared poison at cost, to be paid for after harvest, many dollars would be saved this year. Do our county officials want to do something for the farmers? People will judge from the way and speed at which they go at this matter.

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REPRODUCTION IN MICROBES.

Two Million Individuals From a Single Specimen.

The old line of pseudo scientists, the superstitious, self-styled "scholars" of the early part of this and the latter part of the eighteenth century, believed that filth would breed microbes, but, as the absurd idea of "spontaneous generation" has long since been exploded, it will not be discussed in this "note," which is solely intended to explain the manner in which microbes multiply. There are several species of these minute creatures and they have various ways of reproducing their species, but the most common is what the investigators term "biproduction by division." If, with a strong microscope, we carefully watch a microbe for a short time we see a "constriction" appearing on each side in the center of the body. This soon shows itself in the shape of a line across, and then, all of a sudden, the microbe separates in the middle and behold, we have two in place of one! Each of these rapidly increases in size until they are as large as the original, when the miracle of the side spots and transverse line appears and in place of two microbes we have four. By this wonderful plan of reproduction one increases to two, two to four, four to eight and eight to sixteen until within the space of five hours, when he soon finds himself intensely laden by a large faction of the Carthaginians. Behind him was the honesty of the country, however, and, finding he could not be swerved from his purpose, the rogue in effect attempted to assassinate him. Finding that his death had been determined on Hannibal left Carthage, went to Tyre, and thence to the dominions of Antiochus, who had soon called in war with Rome. The war proved a failure, and Antiochus was ordered to surrender Hannibal, who got news of the demand and made his escape. Roman hatred followed him to Bithynia, and, finding himself on the point of being given up, he hid from poison. The story that he once had a meeting at Ephesus with his old enemy, Scipio Africanus, is told on fairly good authority.

THE DEATH OF HANNIBAL.

Hannibal was made an exile, not as commonly supposed, through Roman influence so much as from the personal animosity of his countrymen. After the defeat at Zimma he turned his attention to the political affairs of Carthage, and inaugurated a system of reform which he carried out so rigorously that he soon found himself intensely hated by a large faction of the Carthaginians. Behind him was the honesty of the country, however, and, finding he could not be swerved from his purpose, the rogue in effect attempted to assassinate him. Finding that his death had been determined on Hannibal left Carthage, went to Tyre, and thence to the dominions of Antiochus, who had soon called in war with Rome. The war proved a failure, and Antiochus was ordered to surrender Hannibal, who got news of the demand and made his escape. Roman hatred followed him to Bithynia, and, finding himself on the point of being given up, he hid from poison. The story that he once had a meeting at Ephesus with his old enemy, Scipio Africanus, is told on fairly good authority.

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Summons.

In the Justice's Court for Adams District, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon.

John Parky and Frank E. Parky, defendants, in the name of the State of Oregon: The above named defendants, John Parky and Frank E. Parky, are hereby summoned to appear before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said Adams District, in said county and state, on the 7th day of March, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the office of said Justice of the Peace in the said district, to answer to the complaint of William Hill, wherein he demands \$20.00, principal and interest and ten dollars as attorney's fees and costs and disbursements of this action for which sum judgment will be rendered against you if you fail to appear and answer said complaint.

This summons is published by order of the undersigned, Justice of the Peace of Adams District, for Umatilla county, state of Oregon. Said order was made this 15th day of January, 1898. E. DePeatt, J. H. Kirby, Atty for Plaintiff, Justice of the Peace.

Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Joe C. Depeatt deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present them duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his place of business in Athens, Umatilla county, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated this 18th day of November, 1895. W. L. HARDECK, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athens, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 15th day of Feb., 1898, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on lot 7 in block 5, of said city. W. L. HARDECK, Dated Jan. 24th, 1898. Applicant.

How's This. Any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALDING, KENNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c, per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

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F. & A. M. No. 80 MEETS THE First and Third Saturday Evenings of each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited to visit the lodge.

O. O. F. No. 73, MEETS EVERY Friday night. Visiting Odd Fellows in good standing always welcome.

O. U. W. No. 104, MEETS THE Second and Fourth Saturdays of month. Fred Rozenswarg, Recorder.

ATHENA CAMP, No. 171, Woodmen of the World, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Visiting Choppers always welcome. G. C. OSWALD, Cler.

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