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A CIRCULAR LETTER

Concerning the Teachers' Annual Institute and Summer School.

The following circular letter has been issued and circulated among those interested in educational matters:

Students, Teachers, Parents and Friends of Progressive Education:

The teachers' annual institute and summer school will convene in Pendleton, June 13, and continue in session for three consecutive weeks.

It is the earnest desire of the county school superintendent and his co-workers that this shall be the most successful, educational gathering ever held in Eastern Oregon.

The object of the meeting is to create, stimulate and encourage greater activity and interest in educational matters, and to extend to students and teachers an opportunity whereby they may better qualify themselves for their chosen vocation.

A most excellent corps of teachers have been engaged. Among them are Katherine Ball, the talented drawing teacher of San Francisco, Professor Coffey, who has conducted 50 institutes in California, Professor Mathes, the popular representative of the Lewiston normal, Miss Anna Cary, of Idaho whose specialty is primary work, Professor M. G. Royal, president of our own Eastern Oregon normal school, and Professor D. V. S. Reid, of Athens, well known as a successful teacher and institute worker, besides much other local talent, and a number of popular lecturers.

It is expected that every teacher in Umatilla county will attend, and we look for many visitors from other counties and from Washington.

Board and lodging will be provided by the reception committee at a very low figure so that the expense of attending for the entire session will be light. The small sum of two dollars will be charged as an incidental fee to help defray expenses. Come, come, and assist in making this the grandest educational revival that has ever taken place in Eastern Oregon.

J. F. NEWLIN  
Chairman of the Summer School Executive Committee.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriate Services Will Take Place in Athena.

Memorial day will be observed in Athena this year, as usual.

An interesting program will be rendered, and has been perfected by the committee in charge. Those who have relatives and friends buried in the Athena cemetery, will prepare the graves for decoration.

Memorial services will be conducted at the M. E. church, Sunday, at 11 a. m., Rev. Miller will deliver the memorial sermon.

Monday, May 30, all are requested to meet at the M. E. church at 10 o'clock, a. m. From there the line of march will be taken to the cemetery.

The program, as arranged by the committee follows:

**AT THE CHURCH.**  
Band  
Music  
Prayer  
Song  
Form in line and march to cemetery.

**AT THE CEMETERY.**  
Song "Cover Them Over."  
Recitation "You put no Flowers on"  
Song "My Papa's Grave."  
Decorations of Graves.  
Form in line and march to the opera house.

**DINNER.**  
Band  
Music  
Prayer  
Song "The Fallen Brave."  
EXERCISE BY SCHOOL.

Recitation "The Blue and the Gray."  
Song "Waterloo," Florence Jones.  
Recitation "Blue and Gray."  
Recitation "To the Angels of Buena Vista."  
Song "Today This Hallowed Place We Seek."  
Oration Hon. Stephen A. Lowell.  
Song "Mrs. Hill's Class."  
Recitation "Memorial Day."  
Song "Annie Allen."  
Song "Our Soldier Heroes Sleeping."  
Recitation "The Challenge."  
Recitation "Linnie Coppock."  
Recitation "E Pluribus Unum."  
Recitation "Millie Gros."  
Recitation "Decoration Day."  
Song "Emma Green."

**Mr. Penland Replies.**  
Helix, Ore., May 23.—To the Editor.—I have had my attention called to the statement of an alleged correspondent from Helix, published in the Pendleton Tribune of May 21, wherein it is represented that I have given the citizens of the "East End" of this county assurance that I would work for a division of the county, if elected.

I take this means of answering my friends of all parties and all sections that the above statement is wholly devoid of truth, that I am unpledged and unbiased upon all local questions and hold myself bound to no policy except that defined in the platform adopted by the people's, democratic and silver republican parties at their last convention in Pendleton, and that I believe the publication of the article in the Tribune, referred to, was made solely for the purpose of injuring my candidacy before the people of Umatilla county, the success of which now seems to be an accomplished fact.

L. E. PENLAND.

MORE UNION MEETINGS.

Speakers for the Peoples-Democratic-Silver Republican Cause.

Senator W. R. King, the union party nominee for governor and Hon. J. E. Sovereign, ex-Grand Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, will address the voters of Pendleton and vicinity on Saturday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock, in the court house upon the political issues of the campaign. On Monday, May 30 at 1:30 p. m. Messrs. King and Sovereign will speak at Weston, and at 8 p. m. of the same day at Athena.

Hon. E. E. Barker, of Independence, is scheduled to appear at Pilot Rock on Friday, June 3, at Athena, Saturday, June 4 at 2 p. m. and Weston at 8 o'clock the same evening.

Hon. Robt. Bridges and Hon. Chas. E. Heifner, two state officials of Washington, where union of parties has been tried, will speak in Pendleton on Thursday evening, June 2.

Hon. John M. Gearin, a well known orator, will visit Pendleton on Tuesday, May 24, and at 8 p. m. a meeting will be held at the court house at which he will speak.

On Saturday evening, June 4, all of the candidates on the union county ticket will address the Pendleton citizens in the court house at 8 p. m.

Other dates for the county candidates in various parts of the county have been arranged as follows:

McKay—May 30, 8 p. m.  
Ebo—May 21, 1:30 p. m.  
Umatilla—May 21, 7:30 p. m.  
Adams—May 23.  
Athena—May 24.  
Weston—May 25.  
Mountain—May 26 and 27.  
Helix—May 28 at 10 a. m.  
Vansycle—May 28, 7:30 p. m.  
Valley precinct—May 31.  
Milton—June 3.

PENDLETON NEWS.

Found in the Columns of the East Oregonian.

Rees Hecock, proprietor of the Banquet saloon, has on exhibition a fine collection of Klondike nuggets which were brought to him by Messrs. Strahon and Bushes, who returned from Alaska this morning. Old miners that have viewed the nuggets say that they eclipse any that were found in California in the days of '48.

Sunday afternoon, while attempting to cross the county bridge near the St. Joseph school, a team of horses driven by James Pierce, became frightened and succeeded in slipping the carriage over which contained besides Mr. Pierce, his wife and two children. Mrs. Pierce sustained a severe sprain of the ankle and one of the children was nearly drowned in a deep mudhole near the center of the road. The carriage was completely demolished before the horses were stopped.

Francis S. Eignew, who has lived near Gardane postoffice in this county for the past five years, has enlisted in the United States navy for Portland, where he will proceed to Mare Island to go into active service. Mr. Eignew is a mechanical engineer by profession and his experience in this line guarantees him a profitable position in the navy. He has been in the United States 19 years, coming here when he was 13 years of age. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, but is now a citizen of this country having taken out his first papers in Colorado in 1889.

On Saturday evening a mass meeting was held at Helix to raise money for the building of a flour mill at that place. Mr. Walker, an experienced millman, who proposes to erect the mill, was present and explained to the interested ones the cost of the mill and machinery and the amount of support necessary to make the mill a success. Considerable discussion followed Mr. Walker's remarks after which an subscription blank was drawn up and signed by about 40 prominent farmers of that vicinity, pledging \$1000 to be paid as soon as the mill is built and the machinery upon the ground, with a guarantee of another thousand as soon as the mill is in running order.

At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the preliminary examination of the charge of murder against Sam Mahaffey was called in Justice Parks' court in the circuit court room. After the reading of the information, Frank Bowman, the principle witness for the prosecution, was called and testified substantially the same as at the coroner's inquest which was published in the East Oregonian several days ago. The direct and cross examination occupied the entire forenoon and when the court was called to order the afternoon the defendant through his attorney, J. B. Huntington, waived examination, asking that he be released upon bonds. Justice of the Peace Parks in considering the matter stated that he saw no reason why the defendant should not be allowed reasonable bonds for his appearance before the circuit court and

EDWARD BELLAMY DEAD.

Author of "Looking Backward" and Leader of Nationalist.

Edward Bellamy, the famous author of "Looking Backward" and leader of the Nationalist movement, died at his home in Chicopee Falls, Mass., Sunday morning.

A few years ago the name of Bellamy was heard on all sides. With the one exception of "Tribune" no other book has been so widely read as Bellamy's "Looking Backward." The most prominent feature of the Nationalist movement sprang from the idea so originally explained in this book. A few months ago Mr. Bellamy wrote "Equality" and since that time he has been in poor health. As an author he will ever be remembered as a man of original ideas and a terse, forcible writer.

He leaves a widow and two children, besides two brothers, Charles J. Bellamy, editor of the Springfield Daily News, and Fredrick Bellamy, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEATH OF BESSIE DAVIS.

The End Came in Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Bessie Davis, niece of Mr. E. E. Cox, of this city, died recently in a Detroit hospital, where she had went from her home in South Bend, Ind.

Miss Davis resided in Athens for several months, and being of an amiable disposition, she soon won many warm friends, who will be grieved to learn of her death. The following is taken from the Paris (Ill.) Gazette:

"The remains of the late Miss Bessie Davis arrived on the Saturday morning train from Detroit, Mich. She had gone to the Grace hospital of Detroit in February, with a hope of gaining relief from a hip joint disease. It was the fond hope that a recovery would ensue, but expectation was set at naught by the receipt of a telegram announcing her death.

"The family formerly resided in this county and left here about eight years ago. It was when Miss Bessie was 16 years of age that a barn door blew against her and bruised her hip, causing her to go on crutches. An operation was undergone, and she improved, being able to go without crutches, but the old trouble came back and she took treatment with success at the Grace hospital in Detroit. Suffering again, she returned to the hospital, but while the details of the case are not known, it is thought that blood poisoning set in.

"The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a most ardent worker being prominently identified with the Y. P. S. C. E. She was patient in her suffering, and of the most amiable disposition. She was a most beautiful and attractive young woman of sublime character. Her deeds shone for the good of all. Educated in the Paris schools and reared in this locality, she had many friends here. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from Edgier cemetery."

(Bessie M. Davis was born in Mason county, W. Va., May 22, 1880, and died May 6, 1898, age 37 years, 11 months and 16 days. When a child of three years she moved to Paris, Ill., where she resided until November, 1894, when she moved with her family to South Bend, Ind. When a young girl of 16, she became afflicted with a hip joint disease that was the ultimate cause of her death. For more than 20 years she was a great sufferer. For years she was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and died in the faith and triumph of the gospel, leaving a name and a memory that will be sacredly cherished by her family and friends till the great family reunion shall take place.)

A Big Suit Commenced.

The Hamilton & Rourke company have brought suit against Sibson & Kerr for an accounting and the appointment of a receiver pending the settlement of the East Oregonian.

On the 8th day of April, 1898, the Hamilton & Rourke company entered into an agreement with Sibson & Kerr by which the latter were to assume an indebtedness of the corporation in lieu of a mortgage upon the property of the mortgagor situated in several places in this state and Washington, and later, it is alleged that the defendants fraudulently charged to the plaintiffs numerous sums of money of large amount, hence the suit. In the circuit court E. P. Marshall was appointed receiver with bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties, fixed at the sum of \$58,000.

Over the Embankment.

Saturday afternoon, while Frank Baker was driving to Baker City with a load of iron castings, one of his horses slipped over the embankment at Beesaw hill, near there, dragging the other horses and wagon over the cliff. Fortunately for Mr. Baker, he was walking at the time, and to this fact he probably owes his life. One of the horses was killed and the other severely injured. The wagon and contents were only slightly damaged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Delegates From All Over the County Are in Attendance.

The annual county Sunday school convention is in session in Athena today. Delegates from all over the county are present and are taking an active part, much interest being manifested in the work.

Thursday, May 26—Afternoon Session.

Devotional Exercises—Led by L. E. Penland, Helix.

Greeting—Mrs. C. A. Barrett, Athena.

Response—Rev. F. L. Forbes, Pendleton, president of Umatilla County Sunday School Association.

Enrollment of Delegates.

Appointment of Committees.

Reports.

"The Ideal Sunday School"—Mrs. C. S. Jackson.

Discussion—Led by Mrs. E. W. Phelps.

"How Shall Temperance Be Taught in Our Sunday Schools?"—Mrs. Alice Kirkpatrick, Weston.

General Discussion.

Evening Session.

Address—Rev. L. Green, Athena.

Friday, May 27—Morning Session.

Devotional Exercises—Led by Rev. H. Gallaher, Weston.

Reports of committees.

Election of Officers.

"Should the Sunday School Take the Place of Church Service for the Children?"—Mrs. C. B. Wade, Pendleton.

Discussion—Led by Rev. C. A. Dotson, Pendleton.

"Mother and the Sunday School Lesson"—Rev. C. T. Whittlesey, Weston.

Discussion—Led by Mrs. Ida Fell, Pendleton.

"How Can the Kindergarten Methods of Teaching Be Used in the Sunday School?"—Miss Mabel Nelson, Weston.

General Discussion.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional Exercises—Led by Rev. Good, Milton.

"Trained Teachers for the Sunday School?"—Prof. M. G. Royal, Weston.

"The Ideal Sunday School Teacher?"—Rev. John O'Ren, Pendleton.

Discussion.

"Missions in Sunday School?"—Rev. W. E. Potwins, Pendleton.

Discussion.

Unfinished business.

Notes.

Resolutions.

All persons interested in Sunday school work, whether members of a Sunday school or not, are invited to be present.

Every school in the county is urged to send delegates—pastor, superintendent and one delegate for every 20 members, enrolled, or fraction thereof. Where there is no pastor each school shall have one additional delegate.

Money to carry on the county work is raised by pledges made at the annual convention. Members are requested to come prepared, not only to make pledges for the coming year, but to redeem last year's pledges.

On the pages of time records are made of the rise and fall of humanity; generations come and go while advancing civilization marks their passage.

Therefore, in paying this tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased comrade, W. T. Koontz, and in preparing these resolutions expressive of our sorrow, we, as members of Gettysburg Post, No. 33, department of Oregon, sustain a severe loss, and though we felt it as a natural effect which must come to us all. We, therefore, submit the following expressions of condolence:

Whosoever, material changes have taken place in our midst, and of our several members has passed into the beyond and has severed our fraternal bonds, and a home has lost a devoted husband and father. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we deplore the separation from our comrade, and the loss one noble order sustained by his death.

Resolved, That we tender our profound sympathy to his wife and relatives upon whom this affliction has fallen.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for the next 30 days in memory of our deceased comrade.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family; a copy be spread upon the records of this Post, and a copy be published in the ATHENA PRESS.

Fraternally Submitted,

Committee, J. D. CHARLES,  
J. G. W. RIGBY.

Spencer Died.

Curtis Spencer, the boy who was injured by the bursting of the cannon in Baker City last Thursday, died Friday morning. Ernest Worwick, whose leg was fractured by a flying piece of iron, is resting easily at the St. Elizabeth's hospital. J. H. Parker, the banner; John G. Foster, the groceryman, and Mrs. William Good and others who were more or less painfully bruised, are able to be up and about.

A Skipper.

Bill Hordtimes—"How yer livin' now, Joe?"

Joe Hardup—"I'm fine, Bill. Skipper every meal comin' my way."