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PAY LESS FOR SACKS

Members of Inland Grain Grower's Association Have Already Signed for 135,000.

C. A. Barrett returned from Pendleton Saturday evening, where he presided at a special meeting of the Inland Grain Grower's Association, which was held in the rooms of the Pendleton Commercial Association.

The meeting was well attended and before adjournment, members had signed for 135,000 grain sacks, which this year by purchasing through the association, can be had for at least 2 cents below the price paid last season. It is stated that grain bags can be constructed at the present time for 8 cents, but it is possible that the association will be able to do even better than that. No contracts have been made, the members merely signing up individually for the number of sacks they will require for next harvest.

The question of the reduction of existing freight rates on grain, was discussed at considerable length. The consensus of opinion arrived at was that the present rate of \$3.15 per ton was too high. The association favored a \$2.50 per ton rate from points in this county to Portland. The matter was finally referred to a committee which was instructed to report at the regular annual meeting of the association, to be held in March.

The Association also took up the question of transferring O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific cars at Pendleton and Athena, and decided to co-operate with the state railway commission in securing inter-change of car service to facilitate freight traffic on the two roads at the points named.

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REPORT ON NORMALS

Secretary of the Normal Board Shows Flattering Progress of Eastern Oregon School.

C. S. Starr, secretary of the board of normal school regents, has completed his report for the fourth month of the first semester of the school year, says the Salem Statesman. The report gives a comprehensive idea of the work of the normal schools of the state and is withal a very interesting document. It will be remembered that in 1907 an appropriation was made that was designed to carry the normal schools through until 1909. Recently a change was made in the manner of attending to the work of supervision of the schools, the details now being in the hands of the board of regents exclusively.

That the change will be beneficial is evident, as the board is now getting matters in such shape that it will know at any and all times just the financial and professional standing of all normals. It is thought that this new system of close supervision will enable the schools to get through the year 1908 without any deficit. The schools at Drain and Monmouth are conducted on donations, tuition and other receipts of the schools and the records of the board indicate that there will be no difficulty in securing sufficient funds to operate the schools to the close of the year.

The report just completed by Mr. Starr and which has been submitted to the board, of which the governor is the ex officio head, gives the following figures regarding each school: Southern Oregon State Normal at Ashland—Total enrollment to January 1, 140; average number students belonging, 133; per cent of attendance, 95; tuition fees collected, \$776.50; balance on hand January 1, \$25,488. This sum will be very materially reduced by the payment of a number of bills that had not been received up to January 1.

Central Oregon State Normal School, Drain—Total enrollment to date, 78; average number students belonging, 70; average daily attendance, 68; per cent of attendance, 99; total tuition fees collected, \$482; balance on hand January 1, \$1500.

Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth—Total enrollment to date, 136; average number of students belonging, 123; average daily attendance, 116; per cent of attendance, 94; balance on hand January 1, \$3,000. Total tuition fees, \$2027.50.

Eastern Oregon State Normal School at Weston—Total enrollment to date, 182; average number of students belonging, 176; average daily attendance, 170; per cent of attendance, 96. Total tuition fees collected, \$1159.44. Balance on hand \$19,500. This amount will be greatly reduced by several outstanding claims. The Weston school has spent several hundred dollars for repairs and a large amount for two year's supply of wood, and will need nothing more in these lines until 1909.

The secretary's report has been considerably delayed owing to the fact that data from the Ashland school has been slow in arriving.

Petty Thieves at Weston. Weston has been annoyed of late, says the Leader, by a visitation of petty thievery, and it is thought that the thieves are not mere temporary visitors, but "abide with us always," and may continue to do so until they finally overreach themselves. Cookerline's drug store was broken into a few nights ago and about \$8 worth of small change, chiefly nickles, taken from the till. During the holidays a gold-linked bracelet was lifted from a counter at the same store. Recently Mrs. W. B. Bolton lost a gold watch, highly prized by her, which was taken from her room. It was ornamented with a harp design in emeralds and diamonds, and was inscribed with her monogram. She has offered a liberal reward for its return. As has heretofore been reported, Culley's grocery was burglarized through a cellar window, all the thefts having occurred within a month. Clews are conspicuous by their scarcity.

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INTER-CHANGE CARS

Commission and District Attorney Phelps Will Compel O. R. & N. and N. P. to use switch.

O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific freight cars will be transferred from one track to the other in Pendleton and at Athena, if there is any force in the laws now on the statute books, says the Tribune. In speaking of the matter, District Attorney Phelps said he felt sure the roads would voluntarily make the necessary arrangements when the matter was presented to them, but if they did not do it voluntarily then they must be compelled to do it involuntarily.

The matter was first taken up with the railroad commission by H. J. Taylor, the well known Fulton farmer who was speaking for himself, and his neighbors. His complaint was immediately referred to the district attorney with the request that some action be taken in regard to it as the point is fully covered by the commission act.

This occurred several days ago but as Phelps has had his hands full with the circuit court for the past two weeks he had taken no action. Saturday the matter was again brought up by members of the Inland Grain Growers' association, who attended the called meeting.

A resolution bearing on the subject was presented and signed by about 40 farmers and will be forwarded to the railroad commission, though it would seem the matter is now up to the district attorney.

In this resolution it is pointed out that the two roads are connected at Pendleton by means of the Byers switch and could make the transfer of the loaded cars from one track to the other just as well as not, if they only would. It was also pointed out that the refusal of the railroads to interchange worked a great hardship on the farmers living along the line of the Northern Pacific in this county in that they are compelled to get their fuel in the mountains along the line of the O. R. & N., and after having it shipped down to the nearest point on that line are compelled to haul it the remainder of the way. In many instances this means a haul of many miles whereas if the cars were transferred to the Northern Pacific they could be delivered at convenient stations.

REGISTERING ATHENA VOTERS

Registrations Here Saturday Equalled One-sixth of County's Total.

Registration of voters in Athena is progressing extremely well, considering the length of time that the registration books have been opened.

Justice Richards, before whom registrations in this city are being made, sent in one hundred blanks to the county clerk, properly filled out and signed by voters. The total number filed with the clerk at that time was 600, thus Athena furnished one-sixth of the number.

The total number of voters registering at Justice Richards' office up to the time of going to press was 130.

Brotherton Not the Only One.

Evidently Charley Brotherton believes that he is about to lose the run-away championship. Charley was in the Press office Monday and was greatly distressed over the success which trailed in the wake of John Froome's runaway team. In the past Charley has enjoyed a monopoly in thrilling runaway experiences, but the extent damages involved usual amounted to a few battered milk cans. Unlike Froome, his responsibility as owner of the team never extended to the proportions of having to reconstruct a telephone line. In this Froome outshines him.

Stove Exploded.

Mrs. Charles Linderman, of Walla Walla, was painfully injured Saturday afternoon by the explosion of a stove, in which she was just starting a fire, says the Bulletin. Mrs. Linderman had placed some kindling in the stove, and had put on a small quantity of kerosene. When she touched a match to the kindling the explosion followed, burning the hair from the front of her head and also burning her right hand and arm. The grate in the stove was broken, and the stove pipe in the next room telescoped.

Farmers Warehouse.

A large gathering of farmers from the Downing Station neighborhood met at Weston, Saturday afternoon to discuss the project of erecting their own warehouse at Downing. The O. R. & N. company has adopted an open policy and the farmers may lease ground at Weston or anywhere in this vicinity. The nominal charge of \$1 a year for the warehouse site will be levied.

Farms Near Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swaggart will reside on a farm on Birch Creek, four miles southwest of Pendleton. They are moving their household effects to the farm this week.

FARM HOUSE BURNS

Explosion of Kerosene Lamp Causes Destructive Conflagration on the Barrett Ranch.

The explosion of a kerosene oil lamp Friday evening, caused a conflagration which entirely destroyed the farm house on the Barrett Pine Creek ranch, north of Athena.

When the lamp exploded Doo Stammer and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stammer, employes on the ranch, were seated about the room. Fortunately, the burning oil was not thrown on them, and they at once turned their attention to fighting the fire. The two men and the woman battled faithfully and hard to smother the flames but their efforts were unavailing.

They only gave up after the house was in flames and Mrs. Stammer had barely time to lift her baby from the bed and escape with only what clothing she had on. The house with its entire contents was destroyed in a short time. Nothing of any consequence was saved from the burning building, for the reason that the Stammers lost the time in fighting the fire, which they could have employed in rescuing clothing and household goods from the flames. They spent the night at the Hammer home.

The house destroyed contained five rooms. The occupants were given no warning whatever. They were startled by the sudden explosion of the lamp and instantly the room was ablaze. The flames soon spread to adjoining rooms, and in a few minutes were beyond control.

STUDENT COMMITS SUICIDE

Miss Bernice Coe of Milton Drinks Deadly Draught of Acid.

With the words, "I am going to Heaven," Miss Bernice Coe, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Coe of Milton, aged 15 years, swallowed the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid in her home there about 8 o'clock Sunday night, dying from the effects of the caustic draught a few minutes after 11 o'clock. The case is one of the saddest ever witnessed in that city, the unfortunate young lady being an exceptionally bright student in Columbia college, and a very popular member of Milton society.

The only cause which her parents can give for the act is that of temporary insanity caused by over study for the final examinations, which she was to have taken Monday morning, and for which she had studied for several weeks.

The parents of the girl were at church and she was alone at home with her younger brother, Cecil, aged 9 years, and was apparently much absorbed with her studies, when her brother noticed her get up, seize a small bottle, and standing in the center of the room, swallow its contents. He asked her what she was doing and, lying on the couch, she replied she was going to Heaven. The young boy soon saw his sister was sick and hurriedly aroused the people in the neighboring house. The news was quickly carried to her parents in the Methodist church. They summoned Dr. C. W. Thomas who hurried to the home in advance of the parents. He soon saw the case was critical and summoned Dr. E. E. Dotson to assist in administering a strong antidote, but from the first little hope was entertained for her recovery. She died at 11:15 o'clock, with her parents and relatives at the bedside, having spoken no word after the brief but pregnant sentence: "I am going to Heaven."

Fair in 1909.

Owing to a slight rumor that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is going to be postponed caused by the recent financial flurry, the executive committee of the 1909 fair has passed the following resolution: "It is the unanimous sense of the members of the executive committee that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition be held at the place and time planned—Seattle, U. S. A., from June 1 to October 15, 1909."

Fire in Baptist Church.

Following fervent services at the First Baptist church at North Yakima fire broke out in the basement of the edifice under the baptistry, immediately after the sixth baptism had occurred. A panic ensued in the large congregation. The fire was extinguished by the fire department. No one was seriously injured in the crush to escape. Property loss was slight.

The "Monday Magnet."

Pendleton has a new paper—the Monday Magnet, Jake Huston, editor. "We're here because we're here," says Mr. Huston, "and speaking the almighty truth that is as logical a reason as any paper can give for its birth or existence, all the assertions of filling a long-felt want to the contrary notwithstanding."

Lost—a lady's chateleine breastpin. Finder will please leave at this office.