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## SLANDER NORMALS

Senator Smith vs. Senator Cole in Statistical Showing of Normal School Status.

Senator Cole—"Costs about \$18 a year to provide for the instruction of a high school student."

Senator Smith—"In Pendleton high school the annual cost is \$40."

Senator Cole—"The Normal schools of Oregon have been spending an average of \$1000 for each pupil a year."

Senator Smith—"Considering roughly the matter of salaries and equipment the expense for normal school students amounts to about \$90 per year."

Senator Cole—"The average normal school graduate would not take a position to teach in the country schools where teachers are so badly needed."

Pendleton Tribune—"There were 22 graduates from Weston normal last year, and of this class, 20 are now teaching school."

Such, in part, is the argument used by Senator Cole for his basis of opposition to the normal schools, as given in the Pendleton Tribune in an interview. The refutations above given are excerpted from the following interview given the East Oregonian by Senator Smith:

"I consider that the action of the legislature in killing the normal schools was the most serious blow our system of education has ever received," declares Senator C. J. Smith, who reached home last evening.

"The normal schools have been grossly slandered. It has been charged that they were a graft and were unduly expensive. It has been claimed that it cost \$1000 per year to educate a normal student. But there are 800 normal school students in the state and all three schools combined asked but \$156,000 for maintenance for two years. They finally agreed to \$120,000. Computing this you will see that it means an expense of but \$75 per annum per student.

"In debate upon the floor of the senate, I showed that the per capita expense of educating normal school students is less than that for university students. Considering roughly the matter of salaries and equipment, the expense for normal school students amounts to about \$90 per year, while at the university the cost is about \$150. When I presented these facts upon the floor of the senate they were not disputed. In the Pendleton high school the annual cost per student is \$40.

"By action of the legislature this state has done away with normal school education. We will now have to have our teachers educated in other states. This is not practicable because of the greater expense and because when students enter at normal schools in other states they are forced to give pledges that they will teach in that state for a number of years.

"Limited normal instruction may be given in our high schools. But the high schools can never take the place of normal schools.

"Not only did the legislature stop the normal education within the state, but it took the means of education away from a class that is not reached by either the university or the agricultural college. Owing to the expense of travel and the distance from homes many were unable to attend those large schools, but they were able to attend the normal schools which were conveniently located.

"The opposition to the normal schools grew largely out of the pessimistic attitude taken by the Oregonian. But we would have saved the eastern Oregon normal had the eastern Oregon delegation stood together. We won out on every issue where the eastern Oregon men were united. The fact that the delegation from this county was divided hurt our chances." In the fight for the normal school

and also in other matters, Senator Smith and Representative Barrett worked together during the session. Much credit is given Mr. Barrett because of the active part he took in working for the interests of this county and of eastern Oregon. Representative Barrett was the author of the portage road extension bill.

Weston Students Loyal. Weston, Feb. 23, 1909.—Since the Oregon state legislature has not appropriated a sum for maintenance during the next two years, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the student body of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school stand loyally by our school and its faculty, and do appeal to the people of the state of Oregon for their assistance, until the legislature shall appropriate funds for our further maintenance. Be it furthermore

Resolved, That we of the student body, ask the alumni and friends of the school to do all in their power to influence public opinion for legislation in favor of the normal schools. Be it furthermore.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to all papers whose counties are represented in the student body of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school, as follows:

Baker, Clackamas, Gilliam, Harney, Marion, Polk, Sherman, Umatilla, Wallowa, Crook, Douglas, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Tillamook, Union, Wasco.

Signed: GLENN LESLIE, CECILE BOYD, ROYAL F. NILES, Z. MAY MEIGHEN, IRA STAGGS, ADA ELY, FRED M. HUFFMAN. Committee.

## Will Complete Year.

Musmouth and Ashland have made arrangements to keep the schools open by popular subscriptions. This evening a mass meeting will be held at Weston to determine whether the school can be run until the close of the school year on money raised by private subscriptions. Senator Smith, Representative Barrett, Col. Newport of Hermiston, and other influential men of the county will be present to lead aid and influence toward continuing the Normal until the close of the school year.

## AFTER A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Pendleton Man Wanted One Manufactured in Portland.

Any person in the business of supplying ready-to-wear marriage certificates will find a customer in H. R. Grosz of Pendleton, and no commission for this confidential information is expected, says the Portland Journal. In fact Mr. Grosz judging from a letter signed in his name, is eagerly seeking such a dealer. He is ready to pay for it, and he promises to keep his lips sealed for ever and ever.

Mr. Grosz's letter fell into the hands of Justice Bell, and from Justice Bell's waste paper basket it was rescued late yesterday afternoon, for Justice Bell had declined the offer. The letter reads as follows:

"Pendleton, Or., Feb. 18, 1909.—To a Justice of the Peace, Portland—Dear sir: I want to get a marriage certificate filled out and acknowledged. Can I send it to you and have it fixed up? I want it to carry with me only. I will never mention anything about it. Let me know if you will fix it for me and how much the charges will be. Yours respectfully, H. R. Grosz, box 418, Pendleton, Or. Answer at once."

Whether Mr. Grosz believes that a transplanted "moral squad" is about to shake up Pendleton, or whether he plans a trip to the wicked Portland he had read so much about is not known.

Justice Bell strongly intimated that he did not obey and "answer at once."

## Walters Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Walters returned from California last Thursday evening, and the Sand Hollow Tin Can Orchestra gave them a serenade. After listening to the sweet strains of music awhile, the band was invited in, and refreshments were served by the ladies and an enjoyable evening was spent. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hansell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Groes, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmitt Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kisior, Miss Georgia Hansell, Mr. Marion Hansell, Mr. Emery Achilles, Master Ray and Blain Hansell

## Infant Daughter Dies.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Heasley who formerly lived here and practiced osteopathy, were shocked last week to hear of the death of their little daughter, Beryl, from diphtheria, in that city Monday. The little one, who was an unusually bright and beautiful child was sick only a few hours with the dread disease, and was buried the same day of her death. Mrs. Heasley was also stricken with diphtheria, and her condition at present is not known here. Their Athena friends will sympathize with them in their sad loss.

## NO SESSION NOW

Excepting Normal School, Eastern Oregon Fared Well at Hands of Legislature.

Representative Barrett returned from Salem Tuesday evening, and with the exception of treatment accorded the Normal schools is of the opinion that Eastern Oregon fared well at the hands of the legislature.

Mr. Barrett is the author of the portage road extension bill, which with the coyote bounty, branch insane asylum bill and others is classed Eastern Oregon legislation. He does not look for an extra session to take place in the near future, and said there is a bare possibility of correction of errors being made without necessity for holding an extra session to rectify mistakes which were made by the senate and committees, and not through fault of the house, as has been stated.

As reported, the need of a special session arose from the failure of Representatives Bonebrake and Farrell to report to the house the finding of a conference committee appointed Friday last to fix up a controversy between the two houses over the item of fire protection for the main insane asylum building amounting to \$10,000. This failure resulted in the senate passing the bill and the house another, neither of which is now effective. President Bowerman has refused to sign the enrolled bill because of the discrepancy, and unless the legislature meets for a few minutes and corrects the error the state institutions will be out \$350,964 for betterments.

## ANDREW PICARD USED KNIFE

Little Harness Maker and Hugh Taylor Fined in Recorder's Court.

As the result of a fight in Grant's near beer joint, located in the "Corner" saloon building, Tuesday night, Andrew Picard, employed by W. C. Miller, was fined \$20 and Hugh Taylor was fined \$10.

Four witnesses, Mose Taylor, Grant, the owner of the joint, a man named Petit and D. C. McIntyre, gave testimony in addition to that of the two men arrested.

The evidence corroborated the testimony given by Picard, and Hugh Taylor, which was to the effect that Picard and Gerald Kilgore were indulging in a wrestling bout. Picard was thrown and was lifted to his feet by Mose Taylor, who in doing so, tore Picard's pants. Picard became enraged at this, and Taylor was warned that he had a knife. Taylor then called to his son Hugh, to take the knife away from Picard.

In the melee, Mose Taylor's pants were out and Hugh was given a slash, the blade cutting through the clothing and making a slight wound in the right side. The cut clothing and the wound was shown the court.

Moses Taylor produced the knife with which the cutting was alleged to have been done, and Picard identified it as being his. Picard wore a discolored optic and Grant's testimony was that he had been struck by Hugh Taylor, who, when the harness maker was down, proceeded to "walk on him," and after he (Grant) had lifted Picard from the floor, helpless, young Taylor kicked him on the chin.

To a question directed by Marshal Ghoslon, Grant admitted that this was the second fight that had transpired in his joint since he opened up. Moses Taylor paid his son's fine and D. C. McIntyre came to Picard's rescue.

## Base Ball at Pendleton.

There has been little doing in base ball in Athena for the coming season, but no doubt a nifty team will be ready to meet all comers. Pendleton is starting in early and has a game scheduled with Echo for a week from next Sunday. The Pendleton team has all kinds of pitchers, Jerry King, Strand, Clark Nelson, Dickson and perhaps Fred Hartman. Tracy Baker and Henry Collins will hold down the position of catcher and first base. Roy Alexander is slated for second base, Hartman third base, and Carl Leonard short stop. The out field will be played in turn by Nelson, Strand, Dickson, King and Potter of the high school.

## La Grande Man Shot.

John Campbell, 25 years of age, a conductor on the Grand Ronde Lumber company logging train up Rock creek from Bigard, was accidentally shot into Saturday. He carried a revolver in his coat pocket, and as he stooped the gun was discharged, the bullet entering his groin. He was taken to La Grande. Surgeons regard his condition as critical.

## Buyer Goes East.

The Davis Kaser Co., of Walla Walla have recently sent Mr. J. C. Underwood, Manager of their China Department to visit the big factories of the East in quest of the big things in the China and Glassware market. Mr. Underwood will be absent about four or five weeks as he intends to visit

Chicago, New York and all the big centers of the East.

This is the first time the Davis Kaser Co. have sent a buyer in these lines East but their China and Glassware business has increased so rapidly the last few seasons that they are now in a position to make enormous buys that it places them on the same basis as the biggest buyers on the Coast.

Davis-Kaser have already one of the finest departments in the northwest, but now when the new goods begin to arrive it promises to be even better than ever before.

Through the editor of this paper every one in this vicinity has been invited to visit their store and their principal maxim is "Always Welcome"

## Walla Walla Pioneer Dead.

W. S. Gilliam, prominently identified with the early history of the northwest and a pioneer of Walla Walla, died at his home there Monday morning, from a complication of diseases, after an illness extending over a period of several weeks. Mr. Gilliam was probably the best known pioneer in Walla Walla. He was a member of the territorial legislature of Washington in 1861-1862, was the first law and order sheriff elected in Walla Walla, in 1863, the foreman of the first grand jury in Walla Walla County, in 1860, and was one of a committee to secure the publication of the first Republican newspaper there.

## Says Dayton Peaches Are Killed.

That peach trees in southeastern Washington were killed by the cold weather of January is the assertion of Dayton fruit men. One man says his trees were all killed and that the peach crop of the Touchet valley will be a complete failure. Prospects for a bumper apple crop were never better and with favorable conditions the Touchet will produce 15,000 boxes of first grade apples.

## Summerville Men Arrested.

Eighteen arrests were made at Summerville Saturday, mostly on gambling charges. The arrests are part of the fruit of the session of the recent grand jury, which returned a total of 59 indictments a week ago. It is said that several have left the state during the interim on finding that indictments and service warrants were issued.

## MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT

Athena Business Houses Dressing Up—Signs Replaced.

The spirit of improvement has struck main street property owners. The good work started last week, when painters brightened up the frontage of the Post building.

The contagion spread and ladders were hoisted in front of the Barnett building, occupied by Mrs. Lillie Miller, millinery. Then the painters moved next door to the Barrett buildings, and the Barrett hardware store and the Taggart grocery were speedily repainted, and the front of Dell Bros.' store is being touched up, also that of the Moogrove Mercantile company.

Next to fall in line is Miller's harness shop, further up the street. With this building re-painted, the entire block on the south side of the street presents a spick, span appearance, for the other buildings were newly painted last season.

But the painting of the building fronts is by no means the only improvement made. Henry Barrett took the initiatory in the removal of signs spanning from buildings to sidewalk overhead, the result being that every sign in the block is now where it should be—attached to the front of the buildings.

The infection spread across the street struck Henry Keen, and he employed the Kidder painters to polish up the front of his barber-shop building.

## Church-Hotel.

A massive concrete church, either six or eight stories high, to cost from \$150,000 to \$200,000 to be a combination church and high class apartment hotel is being planned by leaders of the First Baptist church for the property which the church owns on Lincoln street and Second avenue, Spokane. It is the first instance of metropolitan plan of combining a church and business block in eastern Washington.

## Juniper Horses Affected.

Last week trouble was reported among the horses in the vicinity of Juniper and a veterinarian was summoned from this city. Yesterday another outbreak was reported on the William Mill's ranch near Juniper. Fourteen horses are dead and two others are seriously ill. Dr. H. C. Pinkerton has been called to treat the animals.—Pendleton Tribune.

## Revolts at Cold Steel

Your only hope, said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich. suffering from rectal trouble, lies in an operation." "Then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills, she writes, till wholly cured. They prevent Appendicitis, cure constipation, Headache, 25c. at Palace Drug Co's.

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