

Normal Regents Plan A Visit To Weston

(From the Weston Leader)

The special committee sent by Weston Commercial association to Salem to present Weston's plea for the Eastern Oregon State Normal School accomplished its mission, and the board of regents will consider and visit Weston among the twelve towns on its itinerary.

According to the latest schedule the board will lunch in Weston on Wednesday, December 15. Time will be taken to inspect the site or sites available and to hear the arguments put forth by Weston representatives of the community's cause.

The trip of inspection will start at Baker on December 13. On December 14 the party will go to La Grande and Elgin; December 15 to Milton, Weston and Pendleton; December 16, Arlington, The Dalles; December 17, Redmond and Bend; December 18, Hood River and Prineville.

Present indications are that the entire board will make the eastern Oregon trip. It consists of Governor Pierce, chairman; S. A. Kozar, secretary of state; R. R. Turner, state superintendent; C. L. Starr of Portland, F. J. Miller of Albany, J. H. Fuller of Ashland, W. C. Bryant of Moro, George A. Hartman of Pendleton and E. E. Bragg of La Grande.

The committee making the recent trip to Salem in Weston's behalf included Mayor Nelson H. Jones, chairman; C. W. Avery, Frank Price and Charles L. Pinkerton. They report cordial treatment and a full bearing from Governor Pierce and other regents resident at the capitol.

The committee left Weston Friday morning in the mayor's car but ran into a snow storm upon nearing The Dalles and spent the night there. As the highway next morning was covered with a heavy blanket of snow they went on to Salem by train, returning in the same manner and picking up the car again at The Dalles.

Supplementing the application published in last week's Leader, the committee submitted the following argument in answer to the questionnaire:

"Weston is located on the Spokane branch of the O. W. R. and N. railroad, twenty-four miles from Pendleton. Passenger and freight trains are operated between Pendleton and Walla Walla through Weston. The town is also on the Oregon-Washington hard-surfaced highway, which traverses its principal street for a distance of one mile. Modern motor stages are now making five round trips daily between Pendleton and Walla Walla through Weston. Motor trucks hauling freight and express are now operated through Weston on daily schedules.

"Living quarters are now available at Weston for an additional population of three hundred and other facilities for taking care of teachers and students will be developed in the community as they are required.

"In addition to the grade and high schools of Weston and immediate vicinity as enumerated in the accompanying petition, there is the Adams school—both grade and high schools—but six miles distant from Weston, and the Milton schools, nine miles distant and both on the Oregon-Washington paved highway.

"The number of pupils in the Weston grade school averages around one hundred twenty-five under present conditions.

"Weston has an abundant supply of sterilized mountain water distributed through steel mains with a pressure at the taps and fire hydrants

of sixty-five to eighty-five pounds. "Weston offers as a site for the Eastern Oregon State Normal School twenty acres, and more if required, with a frontage on the Oregon-Washington highway, a slight elevation above the general level of the town, a gentle slope to the west as to a portion and level as to a portion, less than one-half mile from the railroad depot, and well adapted large buildings and landscape gardening.

"The former site of the Eastern State Normal School at Weston, with necessary additions thereto, is also available. A modern school building costing around \$80,000.00 is under construction on this site, and the sentiment of the people interested is favorable to turning this site and building over to the Board as a plant for the Normal School. It is not impossible to alter the plans for the building to conform to the requirements of a normal school. Other buildings on this site are a dormitory and a gymnasium."

PROPOSED CHANGES IN HUNTING LAWS OF STATE

Sentiment that revision of the Oregon game law is necessary has grown over the state and Warden Averill has prepared a questionnaire made up of every recommendation sent in by different sportsmen's groups, and will mail out a copy to each association at once, asking for a vote on the measures contained therein.

From the findings of his survey, Averill will present to the game commission a tentative legislative program to be augmented and approved for reference to the 1927 legislative assembly.

Some of the provisions recommended and to be submitted to sportsmen for a "yes" or "no" vote are:

Deer—Limit one buck with horns; one buck with forked horns; two bucks with forked horns. Present limit, two bucks with horns.) Open season on deer, September 20 to October 21; September 10 to October 21, or November 1 to December 13.

Three kinds of deer are now extant in Oregon. The Columbia black tail deer or small coast deer, and the mule deer or Eastern Oregon species, are increasing through natural propagation. The other species, the Virginia white tail deer, a native of the Willamette valley is very nearly extinct. One remaining herd, near Roseburg, has been protected through declaration of a game refuge on the grounds where the creatures have established their home.

The 1927 legislature will be asked to put the white tail deer on the permanent protection list. Discontinuance of hill hunters of deer with running dogs has resulted in a large increase of mule deer and black deer, and observance of the laws against night hunting and killing of female deer has resulted favorably. Prey animals have been killed recently moving a natural obstacle to the increase of deer.

A vote will be asked on grouse laws—Open season only in deer country; open season only during deer season; open season September 1 to October 31, and open season August 15 to October 31.

Only one change has been recommended for duck hunting—bag limit, 15 in one day or 20 in one week. Some would have an open season for sage hens in Lake county July 1 to July 15, while others would guarantee complete protection throughout the state the full year.

Three changes have been suggested on Chinese Pheasant laws—open season November 1 to November 15. Open season October 15 to November 15, with shooting Wednesdays and Sundays, and the bag limit of four birds in one day, not more than one female.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC ROUND TRIP EXCURSION FARES

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These fares will apply from all Northern Pacific points in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, and from all stations on Camas Prairie railroad and the Red Collar Steamboat company, according to announcement.

Dates of sale in Idaho, Oregon and Washington will be January 17-20; in Montana January 17-21. Final return limit January 31.

BUYS MILTON HOME

Will Steen, prominent Dry Creek farmer, has purchased the Frank Cockburn residence at Milton. A year ago the Steen farm home on Dry Creek, was destroyed by fire, since which time the family have resided in a rented house at Milton. Frank Cockburn has left Milton, and is developing an auto camping park at Seattle.

PLENTY OF RAIN

There has been plenty of rain fall this week, with the result that the soil is storing up large quantities of much needed moisture. It is reported that considerable snow fell in the mountain sections during the week.

Clark County Prune Checks Mailed.

Vancouver, Wash.—Checks in final payment of the 1925 Clark county prune crop, sold through the Washington Growers' Packing corporation, have been mailed to members. The total was \$22,000, making a net total of \$369,554 paid association members for the 1925 crop. Prices received ranged from 4.9 cents per pound for 60-70s to 15 cents for 20-30s.

Lower Apple Rate Will Be Sought.

Olympia, Wash.—Heads of Washington and Oregon apple shipping organizations met Monday with Eric J. Barnes, director of agriculture, to determine means to obtain a rate of \$1 on apple shipments to eastern markets. Rail rates at present are \$1.50 per hundred pounds to points east of the Mississippi river.

Professional Pride

"Le' me down, Spike!" Second-story Pete whispered excitedly to his pal, who had given him a "leg up" to the window. "We can't kick into dis joint."

"Smatter?" was the nervous question. "Did youse tumble de alarm?" "Naw, but de're havin' some kinda swell reception, an—"

Only Half Tried

"Mother," said Bobby, "did you tell father that I wanted a radio set?" "Yes, dear, but he said he couldn't afford it."

"I knew he'd say that. What did you do then?" "I told him how much you desired it and argued in favor of it, but 'twas no use."

"Argued! Oh, mother, if it'd been something you wanted yourself you'd gone into 'sterics and then you'd got it!"—Boston Transcript.

English Art Dealers Have Own Tribunal

One of the strangest tribunals in England sits at regular intervals in an upper room at the corner of King street and St. James' street, west, in the center of the great art world of London.

It is the antique dealers' "High Court of Justice," to which any of the 550 members of the British Antique Dealers' association has the right to appeal. Its judges, who sometimes number as many as 20, include some of the world's greatest experts on precious stones, old china, tapestries, pictures and antique furniture.

Disputes arising out of the sale of an antique of more than ordinary importance are often referred to the court for arbitration, and if they think fit, the judges have the right to call in independent art experts.

It is to protect the interests of antique dealers and safeguard the honor of their industry that this tribunal has been established.

Deficit of \$931,255 Confronts Oregon.

Salem, Or.—The state of Oregon on December 31, 1926, which marks the close of the current biennium, will face a deficit of approximately \$931,255 to meet its general fund obligations, according to a financial statement completed here by the secretary of state.

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