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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet of Liberty."

## Results of Eighth Grade Examinations

The mid-year eighth grade examination was held February 6 and 7. The schools having applicants were Moro, Wasco, Kent, Biggs and Harmony. The Board of eighth grade examiners consisting of W. A. Terrall, from Wasco; F. E. Fagan, from Moro; L. E. Webb, from Grass Valley; May B. Lynch, from Kent, and the County Superintendent met in the court house February 8th and graded the manuscripts.

There were 22 applicants for eighth grade diplomas and 15 applicants for grades in geography or physiology only. The following pupils were awarded eighth grade diplomas: Maitland B. Shepard, Corwin H. Barnett, Delbert LeRoy Surratt, Gertrude M. Huck, Bernice Smith, Chester Medler, Marion E. McKee, Revella Calbreath and Gwendoline Reese. Eight other applicants for eighth grade diplomas are to write on one or two subjects in the May examination.

The highest general average made was 86.5 by Marion E. Mc-

Kee and the second highest was 86 by Maitland B. Shepard. The highest grade in arithmetic was 97 by Corwin Barnett, the highest in civics was 95 by Florence Armsworth, the highest in history was 97 by Darwin Van Gilder, the highest in physiology was 90 by Katherine Hennagin, the highest in geography was 94 by Iva Bowen from Biggs, the highest in spelling was 100 by Gertrude Huck, the highest in agriculture was 92 by Lois Schadewitz from Kent. All the grades in agriculture except one were below 87. No one received a higher grade in grammar than 89. Out of 22 grades in agriculture 11 were in the 80s. Out of 22 grades in grammar 8 were in the 80s.

Only those pupils who had completed the work of the first eight grades and spent at least seven school months in each of the seventh and eighth grades were permitted to take the February examination. Pupils are permitted to write on geography in the seventh grade and physiology in the sixth grade after they have finished a year's work in these subjects.

The number of pupils enrolled in the eighth grade this year in rural schools is 33, and in town schools 60, making a total of 93. The Wasco school has 25 enrolled in the eighth grade, Moro 17, Grass Valley 9 and Kent 9. Judging from the total enrollment in the eighth grade and from the number who secured diplomas as a result of the recent examination, there will be about 80 to take the examinations in May.

As a result of the snow and rain since the first of the month, roads east of Moro leading into the Monklard section are softer than usual because of early winter work on them. They will be all the better after weather conditions settles.

## Oregon State Chamber of Commerce

A membership drive has been launched for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce having as its aim to secure individual memberships from the representative citizens of every town, community and rural district in Oregon, and organization memberships from every local commercial or development club in the state.

L. Barnum, chairman of the state committee on good roads, has been appointed chairman of the membership committee for Sherman county and has been advised that the plan will be more fully introduced to residents of this county by means of a personal excursion conducted with the assistance of the directing committee from Portland.

Every citizen who has anything at stake in the State of Oregon, or who has an interest in the progress and development of his own section, or of the state as a whole, will be interested in the new organization.

The state chamber of commerce is laid out on the broadest lines. Its organization plan is so safeguarded that no one section of Oregon, not even the metropolis, can control it. Portland has a representation of only two members on the board of 15 directors, the other 13 members of the board residing out in the state.

Eastern Oregon is represented by six directors residing in different sections of this great region, the development of which contributes so heavily to the taxable wealth and commercial prosperity of the state. Seven directors reside in different parts of Western Oregon, including representatives from the coast counties, as well as the northern and southern ends of the Willamette Valley.

Such a representation precludes the possibility of the state organization being used selfishly to promote the interests of any one section as against the interests of any other section of the state as a whole.

Industrially, the diversified interests of the state are also represented. Livestock, agriculture, fruit, timber, manufacturing, merchandising and foreign commerce are all represented on the board.

Such an organization can be made a gigantic power for the material progress of Oregon. Its work is needed. The success of its mission depends primarily upon the character, number and geographical distribution of its members.

There are three classes of memberships: First, "Commercial,"

comprising local chambers of commerce and commercial clubs; second, "Association," being associations organized for promoting any industrial, agricultural or other industries and not organized for private purposes; and finally the "Individual" memberships. The annual fee for the "Commercial" membership is \$10 for each 100 members and \$10 additional for each additional major fraction thereof. The fee for "Association" memberships is \$20 per year. An annual minimum fee of \$5 is to be paid by the "Individual" members.

It is difficult to see how individuals, state wide organizations or commercial bodies having any public spirit or any interest in local or state development can remain outside the State Chamber once they know the kind and character of organization they are given the opportunity of identifying themselves with.

## Permanent Home for Stock Show

Leading dairymen and livestock breeders of Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Montana have reorganized and now compose the directorate of the Pacific international livestock exposition. The next exhibition and sales will be held November 15-22 in a modern and spacious exposition building to cost \$250,000. During the week beginning February 24 stockmen of the northwest and others interested in the livestock industry will raise through stock subscriptions \$150,000 and this amount will be matched in Portland with a subscription for a like amount.

The site for the building will require 15 acres of ground, half to be covered by the building to be erected. This has been promised as a donation to the association, only the funds for the building being required.

A. H. Barnum is the director for Sherman county and county chairman for the drive for funds. He informs us that the quotas are distributed over the various counties based on the assessed livestock values of each county and that the quota for Sherman county is only \$2000.

The livestock interests of the state represent an assessed valuation of \$40,643,939. An industry well worth assisting and one that will have a substantial foundation for growth when the exposition building is completion.

## An Opportunity.

The people of the United States have been asked for \$30,000,000 to sustain the lives of 3,950,000 Christians and Jews of the Near East through the winter. 400,000 of these are orphans and are absolutely destitute.

The estimated expense of giving them food is 17 cents per person per day. You can't invite these suffering little ones in to partake of the food of your table, but you can send that which will prevent their starving. Five dollars will keep one child nearly a month.

America entered the war to defend the rights of small nations, and are we going to stop now that they have gained political and religious freedom and let them die by the untold thousands for the lack of the bread that it takes to keep body and soul together?

They are asking Sherman county for \$2240. Dividing this up over the county as has been customary in the past, the quota of Wasco section is 40% or \$496; Moro section will raise 30%, or \$372. The remaining 30% is divided between Grass Valley and Kent, Grass Valley raising 20%, or \$248, and Kent 10%, or \$124.

Those in charge of the drive in the county are E. D. McKee, Wasco; R. J. Ginn, Moro; L. W. Baker, Grass Valley, and J. K. Irby, Kent. The drive starts Feb. 24 and lasts one week.

You will probably never know what your contribution means in terms of lives saved but may the appalling need and cry from the East, "Give or We Perish," prompt us to do not only our bit but our best.

C. C. Calkins, County Chairman.

Mrs. J. C. Freeman, Miss Greta Freeman and Mrs. Perkins are visitors in Portland this week. Mrs. Perkins is buying a spring stock of millinery.

Mrs. Lola Harris has returned from Monmouth, where she has been attending the State Normal school.

## Kent Items

J. K. Irby left for Portland Wednesday on business.

The Kent school gave a program on the 12th in honor of Lincoln.

Sergeant Viggo Haufelt arrived in Kent Wednesday from overseas.

Guy Hoskinson came home Wednesday evening from Portland.

Miss Anna Moore is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Max K. Pluemke.

Miss Hazel Phillips gave a party Wednesday evening for her friends. Everyone had a fine time.

Principal Mae B. Lynch gave a valentine party last Friday, February 14, for her high school pupils.

Fred Brown bought the A. M. Thompson residence, and Mr. Thompson and family have moved to the northern part of the county.

The Lodge has announced that they will give an entertainment next Saturday night. Admission 50c and 25c. Everyone welcome.

Mr. Howard and wife arrived in Kent Saturday evening. Mr. Howard has accepted the position of clerk in the Kent Trading Co.'s store.


Mrs. Gus Schilling returned home Tuesday. She has been in Grass Valley for some time with her children, who have been under the care of Dr. Taylor.

G. S. Wilson and son, J. C. Wilson, returned to a trip from Tennessee last Monday evening. Several of their relatives and friends from Tennessee came with them.

When the smoke of the legislative battles now being fought at Salem lifts and a right view of the session is obtainable, Sherman county will be proud of the record made during the session by A. M. Wright of this county in the House.

A. M. is one of those men who always keep the goal in sight and is not a dispenser of hot air promises. To illustrate the point we reprint the following from the Oregonian: "Representative Wright, who has been a more or less silent member in the session, turned loose with a couple of speeches today which gave the house an idea of why he was elected. He proved to be a regular talker."

Income tax officer Kirby, internal revenue service, Portland, will be stationed at the court house at Moro, Oregon, from and including February 28, 1919, to and including March 1, 1919. Where forms have been sent out the parties receiving same should produce the forms to the officer as a reference number is assigned, essential to the return of such party.



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