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Three Schools Graduate Pupils With High Rank

In connection with the complete list of graduates of the eighth grade from all the schools of Sherman county, printed in another column of this week's issue of the Sherman County Observer, the records at the office of County Superintendent Zevely show that the three pupils who passed with highest rating in the county are Doris Payne of Rufus school, highest; Dona Luttrell of Grass Valley school, second highest; Henrietta Akers of Klondike school, third highest.

Contract Let For 1926 Auto License Plates

Contract for providing the 1926 Oregon motor vehicle license plates has been let by Secretary of State Koser to a Portland firm on a bid of \$1297 a pair. Only two bids were entered, the Portland company being low bidder by slightly more than two cents a set. The price for the 1926 plates is one-half a cent less than that of the 1925 plates. The 1926 plates will be of black background with white letters. The contract calls for 200,000 sets of plates for pleasure cars and 17,000 sets of plates for trucks. In addition there will be 2700 pairs of license plates for motorcycles, 700 pairs of plates for motor vehicle dealers and 15,000 chauffeurs' badges. It is estimated that the license plates contracted for will require 150 tons of 27 gauge steel and 2000 gallons of enamel.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
THERE ARE A LOT OF FAMILIES IN AMERICA SO POOR THAT THEY HAVE ONLY ONE AUTOMOBILE TO THEIR NAME.

8th Grade Graduates Come From 17 Schools

Following is the names of all the pupils attending the schools of Sherman county who have passed the final eighth grade examinations and also the names of all who have passed the final eighth grade examinations conditionally by reason of failure to reach passing grades in not more than one subject.

The abbreviation P after a pupil's name signifies passing in all subjects. The abbreviation C after a pupil's name signifies failure to pass in one subject. Those who have failed to pass or those who have passed conditionally may take an examination in the conditional subject or an entire new eighth grade examination according to the terms of a notice published elsewhere in the Sherman County Observer by the county school superintendent.

Biglow school—Elizabeth Vivian Bolton, P; LaRue Little, P; William Macnab, P.

Brock school—Ruth Wilson, P; Opal Addington, P; William Edmondson, P.

Rufus school—Rebecca Nell Langford, P; Lois Elizabeth Fowle, P; E.D. Blaine, P; Helen Doris Payne, P.

Lepus school—Harold L. White, P; Harold Goin, C.

Wasco school—Rose Edna Moretz, P; Hazel Gladys Miller, P; Kathryn E. Dutton, P; Kermit Summerwell, P; William Carl Reid, P; Darrell Max McQuillan, P; Mary Fortner, C.

Kent school—Stanley Higgins, C; Edith E. Sias, C; Tessie A. Allen, C; Thelma M. Howell, C; Gerald E. Kelly, C; Roger E. Haynes, C.

Webfoot school—Alice Louise White, P; Erma M. Ferrell, P; Zella V. Seely, C.

Gorman school—Eather M. Pier, C; DeMoss school—Lloyd Rice, P; Rosemary Walker, P.

Moro school—Kenneth McKean, P; Vivian Pauline Buell, P; Emma Jean Stephens, P; Dorothy Alice Foss, P; Leon M. Cochran, C; Charles A. Ruggles, C; Theodore Roosevelt Barnum, C; Thomas A. Stephens, C.

Monkland school—Marie Verdell Axtell, P; Wendell Forest McLachlan, C.

Grass Valley school—Neal Ruggles, P; Dona Luttrell, P; Gail Holzapfel, P; Stanley Krusow, C; Elsie Lemley, C; Frank Pike, C; Harriett Simpson, C; John W. Rust, C; Martha Hodgkins, C; Dolores B. Baker, C; Jessie Pike, C.

Rutledge school—Walter E. Eakin, P; Gertrude Eakin, P; Leona M. Payne, C.

Michigan school—Grace Newcomb, P.

Wilcox school—Della Helyer, P.

Klondike school—Henrietta Akers, P.

Buckley school—Harlan Clodfelter, P.

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ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS A. CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.
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REDEEMING THE TIME

"THE chemistry building is full today," an undergraduate said to me late in May as we were walking past that structure. "What's the show?" I asked. "Oh, it's the loafers and the procrastinators trying to make up for lost time. A good lot of fellows plan to do most of their work the last three weeks of the semester."

It is a misconception not confined to youth that if you let opportunity go by you, you can catch her easily by cutting round the corner. "My son failed in two subjects last semester," a father wrote to me this week. "Since he has now got the hang of the college, will it not be possible next semester for him to carry these two subjects in addition to his regular course? The subjects he failed in ought to be easy for him now." Having carried but half their work one semester, most loafers feel confident that they can easily carry four times as much the next.

"I can make it up before the end of the semester." "When I get out of college I shall find time for all these things." "After I am married I intend to cut out all my bad habits." How familiar these things sound. It seems a simple matter to redeem our lost time. If we have social or intellectual or moral delinquencies we expect, all of us, to atone for them in the near future, and the longer we put it off the easier, often, it seems of accomplishment.

Every sinner condones his evil life by promising himself that he will ere long become a saint; every loafer expects soon to brace up and get down to hard work and win success. Every intellectual delinquent looks forward to the time when his studies will be creditably completed; every failure sits in the shade and dreams of the time when he will have become a world-beater.

There is not a young person today, if he amounts to anything, who will ever have as much leisure time as he has at this moment, who will ever have as easy a chance to be wise and good and happy as he has today. The time and the opportunity that are lost are seldom, if ever, redeemed. Those who wait until the last to do their work, to make their reforms, usually fail. It is an old, old cry, this: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved." The time that is lost is seldom, if ever, redeemed.

Mastodon Death Traps Make Our Modern Roads

An interesting article in a recent issue of World's Work, written by Frederick Alan Thompson, starts with mastodons in the prehistoric era as the basis of an article on modern road construction. Strange as this comparison may seem, the mastodon stuck in a pool of asphalt and preserved for thousands of years and the application of this water-tight everlasting material as a road covering have much in common.

Mr. Thompson says, "Through the ages this seemingly deathless material has had many practical uses. Now it affords luxurious pavements on 90 per cent of the famous thoroughfares of the world. Appius Claudius made the Appian Way a great causeway of layers of stone three feet thick, because he didn't know what a canny Scotch engineer named Macadam found out eighteen centuries later. Macadam's theory was simplicity itself. He said that no matter of what structure you made a pavement the earth must in the last analysis hold it up, and that the earth, dry and compacted, would ordinarily sustain any reasonable load; therefore, only a shell, if water-tight, was needed over the dry earth. He found that rock dust between angular broken stones, would, when set, form a mortar and thus cement the stones into a waterproof shell—and so the Roman three-foot road became a macadam six-inch road. But alas, for all his brains, the Scotchman had not seen the coming of the automobile which, in passing sucked up the precious rock dust and deftly sprayed it over gardens and fresh laundered curtains. Right here, asphalt came to the rescue. The grim tenacity of the clutch which held the mastodon as though he were a fly, bound tightly together the stones against rending by the juggernauts of the road, and at the same time, shed water like a duck's back.

"Water is a tireless, resourceful, cunning enemy of roads; if a pavement is not waterproof, water penetrates it and softens the underlying earth. Asphalt is so flexible and resilient that the severe stresses set up by nature have no effect on its stability. This flexibility also allows the pavement to maintain contact with the underlying earth with its tremendous supporting power. A rigid material would be forced to bridge every shrinkage of earth foundation or break under the load."

Many states have taken advantage of the lesson taught by the mastodon stuck in the asphalt. They have used thousands of miles of well-packed old gravel and macadam highways and streets as the base for a waterproof covering of asphalt mixed with crushed rock and rolled down under pressure. Such roads and streets have been in use many years. They were built at a minimum expense and have given a maximum of service and taxpayers have been saved millions of dollars.

Field Meet Won With Large Margin by Wasco

100 yard dash A—Dutton, Wasco, 1st; May, Wasco, 2nd; Andrews, Wasco, 3rd. Time 11s.

100 yard dash B—Elliott, Moro, 1st; Root, Wasco, 2nd; Summerwell, Wasco, 3rd; Time 12s.

50 yard dash C—Barnett, Wasco, 1st; Richelderfer, Wasco, 2nd; Barzee, Moro, 3rd. Time 7s.

1 mile run A—R. Nunn, Wasco, 1st; Bryant, Moro, 2nd; L. Nunn, Wasco, 3rd; Time 5m 24 4-5s.

50 yard dash A girls—Marie Axtell, Moro, 1st; Virginia Smith, Wasco, 2nd; Norma Powell, Moro, 3rd. Time 6 4-5s.

50 yard dash B girls—Marie Axtell, Moro, 1st; Norma Powell 2nd; Doris Payne, Rufus, 3rd. Time 7s.

50 yard dash C girls—Charlotte Johnson, Moro, 1st; June Brackett, Rufus, 2nd. Time 7 3-5s.

220 yard dash A—Dutton, Wasco, 1st; Burres, Wasco, 2nd; Gragg, Moro, 3rd. Time 25 4-5s.

120 yard hurdles B—Root, Wasco, 1st; Royse, Wasco, 2nd; Hennagin, Moro, 3rd. Time 16s.

120 yard hurdles A—Myer, Wasco, 1st; Peetz, Moro, 2nd; Chase, Rufus, 3rd. Time 19 3-5s.

Relay race A-B-C girls—Moro, 1st; Rufus 2nd; Wasco 3rd. Time 21 3-5s.

Shot put A—Myers, Wasco, 1st; distance 38 feet 3 3/4 inch. Andrews, Wasco, 2nd; distance 38 feet 2 in. Peetz, Moro, 3rd; distance 34 feet 10 inch.

Shot put B—Root, Wasco, 1st; distance 32 feet 5 1/2 inch. Benson, Moro, 2nd; distance 30 feet 2 inch. Stradley, Grass Valley, 3rd; distance 27 feet 10 inch.

Half mile run A—R. Nunn, Wasco, 1st; H. Nunn, Wasco, 2nd; Bryant, Moro, 3rd. Time 2m 21s.

Running broad jump A—Chase, Rufus, 1st; distance 17 feet 11 1/2 inch. Dutton, Wasco, 2nd; distance 17 feet 6 1/2 inch. P. May, Wasco, 3rd; distance 16 feet 5 inch.

Running broad jump C—Barnett, Wasco, 1st; distance 11 feet 11 inch. Richelderfer, Wasco, 2nd; distance 11 feet 8 1/2 inch. Alley, Grass Valley, 3rd; distance 11 feet 1 1/2 inch.

Running broad jump B—Royse, Wasco, 1st; distance 16 feet 6 inch. Root, Wasco, 2nd; distance 16 feet 3 inch. Hennagin, Moro 3rd; distance 14 feet 2 inch.

220 yard low hurdles A—N. May, Wasco, 1st; Myer, Wasco, 2nd; J. Thompson, Rufus, 3rd. Time 29 3-5s.

Discus throw A—Andrews, Wasco, 1st; distance 106 feet 10 inch. Myers, Wasco, 2nd; distance 100 feet 9 inch. Peetz, Moro, 3rd; distance 94 feet 2 inch.

Javelin throw A—Myers, Wasco, 1st; distance 149 feet 8 inch. Dutton, Wasco, 2nd; distance 117 feet 9 inch. Chase, Rufus, 3rd; 106 feet 6 inch.

Running high jump C—Alley, Grass Valley, 1st; Richelderfer, Wasco, 2nd; Barnett, Wasco, 3rd. Height 4 feet 2 inch.

Running high jump B—Royse, Wasco, 1st; H. Nunn, Wasco, 2nd; Goin, Rufus, 3rd. Height 4 feet 11 inch.

Running high jump A—Peetz, Moro, 1st; Height 5 feet 4 inch. No 2nd or 3rd place.

Pole vault B—Benson, Moro, 1st; Goin, Rufus, 2nd; Summerwell, Wasco, 3rd. Height not stated.

Pole vault A—Myers, Wasco, 1st; Chase, Rufus, 2nd; Carlisle, Rufus, 3rd. Height 10 feet.

440 yard relay race B—Wasco 1st; Moro 2nd. Time 55s.

880 yard relay race A—Wasco 1st; Moro 2nd. Time 1m 46s.

440 yard dash A—Burres, Wasco, 1st; Peetz, Moro, 2nd; L. Nunn, Wasco, 3rd. Time 60 1-5s.

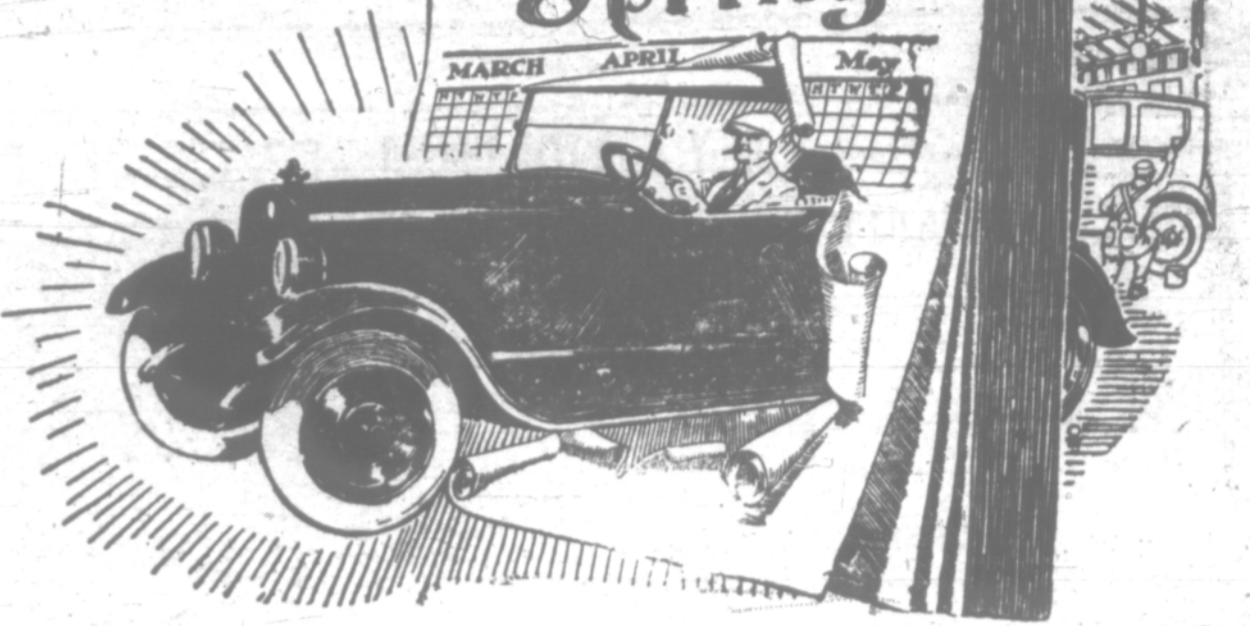
Public Ownership of Utilities Raise Taxes

Nearly 11 cents out of every dollar received by the Portland Electric Power company in the form of gross earnings during 1924 will be paid out for local, county, state and federal government taxes. Its gross revenue was \$10,841,617; its tax bill was \$1,140,000. These taxes were paid in three counties, to federal government and for rental for using the Washington-Oregon interstate bridge.

Under the program for public ownership of such property as this it has never been claimed that more efficient or cheaper operation could be secured. As publicly owned properties are tax-free, who would make up to the various departments of government which collected in 1924, \$1,140,000 tax revenue from this property, the amount which could be lost under public ownership? Should the general taxpayer be assessed the additional amount so that the favored users of the service could receive a lower rate? That is what usually happens in public ownership undertakings but it is an unfair proposition which the public rebels against as soon as it understands the situation.

L. W. Rakes, principal of Rufus school, when visiting at this office during the week stated that the Brock school, joining Rufus district on the east, had voted at a recent school meeting to close their school next term and join with Rufus school. The pupils of Brock school will be taken to and from school each day by motor. The change will increase the number of teachers in the Rufus school and make towards better efficiency in teaching.

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Declamatory Honors Go to Five Schools

A large attendance of interested school patrons from all sections of Sherman county attended the Sherman county Declamatory and Oratorical contest held in Moro opera house the evening of Field Meet day last Saturday. The successful contestants in each class and each division were as follows:

Class D—Charlotte Ruggles, Kent division, 1st; Lester Lee, Moro division, 2nd.

Class C—Louise Moretz, Wasco division, 1st; Evelyn Olds, Grass Valley division, 2nd.

Class B—Dorothy Foss, Moro division, 1st; Doris Payne, Rufus division, 2nd.

Class A—Maravene Carlisle, Rufus division, 1st; Hazel Moretz, Wasco division, 2nd.

At the close of the declamatory and oratorical contest, held last Saturday evening at Moro opera house, the Moro school through Principal W. E. Buell, received the silver cup presented by the field meet association to the most successful school in the county trying contest held several weeks ago.

Would See for Himself

Small Boy (to village preacher)—Oh! Mr. Spivens, Daddy says you've got "bats in your beifry"—can I come up and see them one day?—From the Passing Show, London.

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