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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUND TO BE CLOSE TO STANDARD IN ALL WAYS

Assistant State Superintendent Points Out Lack of a Little Apparatus and a Few Library Books.

On Monday of this week the local High school underwent its first annual inspection at the hands of the State Department of Education. The inspecting officer was Asst. State Supt. Frank K. Welles of Salem. Mr. Welles was accompanied to Springfield by County Supt. E. J. Moore and they were joined at the high school by Chairman Pollard of the local board and Mr. Thos. Sikes. Third member of the board, Mr. Marvin Drury, was detained by pressure of business and unable to assist in the inspection.

Mr. Welles spoke before the high school assembly in the afternoon and delighted the students with his remarks on the status of work in the Oregon high schools. The local school was complimented on its attendance, recent growth and the strength and vigor of the Domestic Science, Manual Training and Commercial Departments.

In speaking to the school officials after his address Mr. Welles remarked that it was seldom that he had such close attention given as was observed by the local high school students.

After visiting the class rooms and meeting the teachers Mr. Welles went into the details of instruction and equipment and his verbal report to the Board may be summarized as follows:

(1.) Teachers: All High school teachers meet the requirements of the State Board of Education.

(2.) Course of Study: Course of Study, graduation requirements, length of class periods and length of term, 36 weeks, meet the requirements.

(3.) Apparatus:—The sciences at present taught in the High school are Botany, Physical Geography and Physics. It seems that about two of these classes must be given each year to meet the demands of the students. To make the equipment

in these departments meet the requirements of the State Board the following sums will have to be spent: for Physics, \$25; for Phys. Geog., \$50; for Botany, \$35. With the expenditure of this sum sufficient apparatus will be added to the laboratories to make them meet all requirements of the state board.

(4.) The library was found to be short some 75 volumes of the state requirement. This shortage is due largely to the fact that the selections from the state lists have heretofore been for the use of the Grammar school. Only within the last two years have the selections been made to build up the High school library.

The sum of \$60 to \$75 will have to be expended in the purchase of a new set of encyclopedias as the set now in use is out of date and does not meet the state requirements.

The shortage of 75 volumes will be made up by devoting the entire state library apportionment to the High school library this year.

The local board expressed its willingness to immediately purchase the needed equipment for all departments and it is understood that such action will result in the local school being kept on the "standard four-year High school" list for next year.

Mr. Welles made the statement that very few of the smaller schools were at this time able

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WOULD EXTEND NEWLANDS ACT

San Francisco, May 2, 1915.—

President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific Company last

Saturday made public the contents of a letter written to Hon. Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the U. S. Commission on Industrial Relations, by Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the company in which Mr. Kruttschnitt explains and amplifies his answer to the question as to what could be done to settle labor disputes and maintain industrial peace in the future.

In this letter, written under date of April 14, Mr. Kruttschnitt suggests that the usefulness of the Newlands Act, providing mediation, arbitration and conciliation in controversies between certain employers and employees, could be greatly increased if it were made to apply to all railway employees engaged in the interstate business of the employer, instead of employees engaged in train service or train operation only; and, furthermore, that the Board of Mediation and Conciliation should be co-ordinated with, or subordinated to the Interstate Commerce Commission, so that the same authority responsible for increasing expenses of the

carriers should at the same time incur a corresponding responsibility for providing revenue to meet the expenditures. He cites the Canadian Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, which has worked well because it makes an appeal to a mediation board compusory and enjoins strikes and walk-outs until the board can investigate the facts.

Speaking of the Newlands Act, Mr. Kruttschnitt says: "Its usefulness would be greatly increased if it were made to apply to all railroad employees engaged in the interstate business of the employer, including those engaged in keeping in repair cars, locomotives, appliances, machinery, track, roadbed and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce." Referring to his suggestion that the Board of Mediation and Conciliation be co-ordinated with, or subordinated to the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Kruttschnitt says: "The reasonableness of such a provision is apparent when the complete control of revenues and almost equally complete control of expenditures by Government at the present time is considered."

"The Newlands Act provides that when a controversy arises, either party may apply to the Board of Mediation and Conciliation, and the Board may offer its services to the parties in the controversy where interruption to the public service is imminent. There is no obligation, however, than a sense of obligation to the public on either employer or employee to submit differences to mediation."

Body Located by Floating Dummy

By constructing a dummy made of clothing and weighted to about the same weight of the lost body, Game Warden E. C. Hills, was able on Monday to locate the body of Lester Craighead who was drowned on Sunday. Search was resumed early on Monday morning by an experienced searcher. At the first attempt the dummy lodged some distance below the scene of the accident, but the body was not found there. The dummy was released and drifted into a deep pool of still water half a mile below the fatal rifles and just opposite the Railroad crossing. At the first cast of the line in the hands of James Cox, the body was caught and in a few minutes the body was taken from the water.

Funeral services were held at the Walker Chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment was made in the Laurel Grove cemetery.

IN TRAIN WRECK, BUT RECEIVES NO INJURY

Associates of H. E. Pitts of the Springfield Planing mill, who left last week for South Dakota to receive surgical treatment, are in receipt of advices from him, mailed at Billings, Montana, in which he states his train had been wrecked, but that he himself was not injured. The car he was in was not derailed.

TRADE DAIRY FARM FOR A CALIFORNIA RANCH

Messrs. Frazier & Kirby, who have a fine dairy farm on Camp Creek, this week completed a deal whereby they trade their property to California parties for an alfalfa ranch at Modesto. Messrs. Frazier and Kirby will move to that place shortly.

No Quorum at Fire Meeting.
There was no quorum at the meeting of the Springfield Fire company Tuesday evening, so the election of officers could not take place. Adjournment was taken until Tuesday of next week, May 11.

URGES FARMERS TO TILL THE LAND MORE INTENSIVELY

Don Jolley Addressed Springfield Development League in the Interest of the Projected Beet Sugar Factory—Irrigation is Advocated.

A plea for more intensive cultivation of the land of the Willamette valley was made by Don Jolley in a talk before the members of the Springfield Development league at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening.

"You have the best land in the world, and the most abused land," declared Mr. Jolley, who has been making a thorough investigation of the farm lands in the vicinity of Springfield with a view to the construction of a \$500,000 beet sugar factory if the farmers will grow the sugar beets. Mr. Jolley's observations on the value to the land of the cultivation given sugar beets so impressed his hearers that the league voted to appoint a committee to take up with the local grange the matter of having Mr. Jolley talk at some session of that organization. The committee consists of Carl Fischer, R. W. Smith and Atty. J. H. Bower.

Mr. Jolley's principal theme was the benefit that would accrue to the land by reason of the intensive cultivation given sugar beets.

"There are other crops that would do as well," he said. The main thing is to get away from the process of farming that is constantly taking from the soil, and never putting anything back. For too long the process in the Willamette valley has been to plow three or four inches deep and raise grain, probably putting not even the straw back on the land.

"To grow sugar beets, the ground has to be plowed ten and 12 inches deep and then harrowed and harrowed until it is fit for a kitchen garden. It costs 20 cents an acre to harrow it, but the harrowing is worth a dollar. Wheat planted on ground that has been in sugar beets for three or four years, yields tremendously, not because the sugar beets have added anything to the ground, but because of the cultivation the land has received."

Just "Rain at the Right Time."

Mr. Jolley quoted figures to show that sugar beets in the Willamette valley are above the average in sugar content and are of average purity. He also quoted figures to show the need of irrigation. Whereas the beet region of Belgium receives two to three inches of rainfall in each of the three growing months of July, August and September, in Oregon, there is less than half an inch of rainfall in each of these months.

W. L. Benham of the Benham irrigation project, spoke briefly on the value of irrigation to the farmer of the Willamette valley.

"Irrigation is just rain at the right time," he said.

There was a general discussion of the question of intensive cultivation and of the beet sugar factory proposition participated in by those present, and the league deferred for one week the taking up of business matters it has for consideration.

Stanley's Quit Business

Eugene's Cut-Price Department Store will soon cease to exist. The lease and fixtures of this concern have been sold to the Baker-Morrow Co.

Great Closing Out Sale

Has started and will continue until the 22nd of this month when Stanley's store will close forever

Near Wholesale Prices and Less

On Shoes, Dry Goods, Furnishings, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Hosiery, Underwear, Drugs, Trunks, Suit Cases, Stationery, Bedding, Neckwear, Ribbons, Embroideries, &c

Men's Shoes

Dress Shoes, Work Shoes, High Cut Shoes—Our entire stock of \$3.50 to \$4.50 grades, now **\$2.95**



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Colonials, 3-strap Pumps, Button Shoes, Lace Shoes Our entire stock of \$3.50 to \$4.50 grades now **\$2.95**