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## TEACHERS ARE EMPLOYED FOR COMING YEAR

At a meeting on Monday evening the local School Board completed the election of teachers for the school year 1916-1917. There have been several changes within the corps but no additional teachers have been added over the present number.

The following teachers were not candidates for re-election: Messrs. Hechart and Rothwell, Misses Olive Smith and Ann Ruthledge, Mrs. J. A. Flanagan.

The completed corps and their probable assignment is as follows: R. L. Kirk, Teachers Training Course—Civil Govt. P. M. Stroud, Science and Mathematics. Lena B. Newton, History. Effie Rhodes, English. Rex Putnam, Mathematics and German. Verna Tagg, Commercial. Ester Campbell, English and Latin. J. F. Goddard, Manual Training and Arithmetic. Karen Hansen, Domestic Science and History. Lucina Richardson, Geography and Agriculture. Gladys Smith, Grammar and Reading. Lacy Copenhagen, History and Arithmetic. Kate Houx, Sixth Grade. Grace Walker, Fifth Grade. Harriet Vilas, Fifth Grade. Merle Nimmo, Fourth Grade. Bess Palmer, Third Grade. Blanche Ferdine, Third Grade. Frances Bartlett, Second Grade. Mrs. L. K. Page, First Grade.

The grammar school term will close on the 2nd of June and the High school term will close on June 9th.

## PORTLAND MAY TURN SAWDUST INTO SILK TESTS BEING MADE

Portland, April 20.—Portland with its many sawmills, may become an important silk manufacturing center.

Making artificial silk from saw dust and other lumber waste is the latest experiment of the United States forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis.

The use of artificial silk made directly from wood is said to be increasing by leaps and bounds. Originally its principal use was in the manufacture of braids and trimmings, but recently the manufacture of hose from artificial silk has become an industry of vast importance. Other uses for artificial silk are woven goods of all kinds, linings, tapestries, etc.; neckties, ribbons, sweater coats, etc.

About 5,500,000 pounds of artificial silk are used annually in the United States. There are several methods of manufacture but that from wood pulp is usually made by treating the wood pulp with caustic lye, after which it is dissolved in carbon disulphide. This is then diluted with more caustic lye, to form a viscose, which is allowed to age for some time. It is then forced through dies to form threads, which are hardened by a treatment with sulphuric acid, ammonium sulphate and sodium borate, or formic acid. After washing and drying, the silk is ready for use.

The laboratory is investigating the artificial silk problem as a possibility for utilizing wood waste, and has on hand a variety of articles made from this material.

## THREE LOGS TO THE CAR IN WHOLE TRAIN

Following the receipt Saturday of a train of 12 cars of logs containing 38 logs, a train arrived from the Siuslaw Monday with just an even three logs to the car, all large ones. The total of the 36 logs was 87,000 board feet.

## ELECTION AND FIRE WAGON TO BE THEMES FOR TOWN COUNCIL

The town council will meet in adjourned session Saturday evening to set a date for the special election when there will be referred to the people the plans of issuing \$2000 in bonds for the purpose of buying a city hall site, and of issuing \$50,000 in bonds to take up outstanding warrant debt.

It is possible that the subject of purchasing an automobile chemical engine may be discussed also at this time.

## SHIPPING OUT FIVE CARS OF STOCK CATTLE

G. G. Robbins of Santa Barbara, California, yesterday loaded out five carloads of stock cattle which he had purchased in this part of the valley, principally from up the McKenzie. He will ship the cattle to southern California and to Arizona points, where he will dispose of them in the alfalfa regions. He reports that the cattle he has been shipping from this vicinity find ready sale in the southern country. There were 240 head in the shipment, purchased from the Brattain, Millican, Blair, and other herds. Mr. Robbins is a very pleasant man to deal with and he expects to return for more cattle at an early date.

## MARCOLA SCHOOL IS AGAIN MADE STANDARD

Marcola, Ore., April 17.—Miss Helen Cowgill of O. A. C., made the principal address at the third annual standardization rally held here Wednesday evening. Supervisor A. L. O'Reilly presented the standardization certificate, Supervisor Miss Jennie Bossen and Prof. Earl Kilpatrick of the University made short talks.

## A. C. JENNINGS WANTS TO BE COUNTY CLERK

A. C. Jennings, well-known old soldier and politician, aspires to be county clerk. Tuesday he filed with Clerk Russell his declaration of candidacy, paying the fee of \$20 as required by law in cases where the candidate does not desire to circulate petitions for signatures of the voters.

Mr. Jennings says he did not decide to become a candidate for the nomination until this week and did not have time to circulate petitions.

## FOREST NOTES

The increase in the demand for potash has resulted in a number of inquiries of Government officials concerning the amount of this chemical, contained in wood ashes, which may be available at sawmills operating on National Forests.

The waste product of sawmills in the United States, including that fed to furnaces as fuel, is estimated to be 35,000,000 cords per year, and the equivalent of 2,880,000,000 cu. ft. of solid wood substance. About half of it has no use whatever, but is usually burned to get rid of it.

The annual losses of livestock on the National Forest ranges of the West, due to predatory animals, are over \$500,000. An organized campaign is now on to exterminate these animals. Wolves are responsible for about 70 per cent of the cattle losses, while bears cause most of the remainder. Approximately 75 per cent of the sheep losses are due to coyotes, 20 per cent to bears, and 5 per cent to lynxes and wild cats. Mountain lions are charged with killing only a few head of cattle and sheep.

For burning brush without a permit last September, James Aigne, a farmer living near Leavenworth, Wash., was fined, on April 12, \$25 and costs. He was arrested by the local ranger and brought before Justice of the Peace P. H. Graham. The danger to the forest wealth of the Northwest from indiscriminate burning of brush and slashing during the dry season is so great that the State law prohibits it, and the Courts are strict in punishing offenders.

## WAR DEEPENS RELIGIOUS SENSE IN ALL EUROPE

That there has been a remarkable deepening of the religious life, and a deeper reverence for sacred things among the people of Europe, particularly among the men of the warring nations, was the message brought Monday evening to the Methodist brotherhood by Dr. Carl Doney, president of Willamette university, who addressed the regular monthly dinner of the brotherhood. Dr. Doney was in Europe when the present war broke out, and speaks from his personal observations.

"All humanity feels the grief," said Dr. Doney, "all religions stand together without difference in caring for the sick and wounded. Religion has taken such a place in the life of the people that it will not easily be displaced."

"Of all the foreign countries, England has the more extreme contrast of good and bad. There is a great lack of religiousness in the lower classes. London shows her poverty more than do American cities, but her beggars are not so numerous as in other foreign cities. London's saloons are more disreputable than are Germany's. Great Britain's weakness is in strong drink, and if England fails in this war, drink will have been the cause. A real decrease in social parasitism will be one of the great results of the war."

"Protestant churches have very little influence in Paris, where the Sabbath is respected until after mass. Paris is not the 'City of Light' pictured by Victor Hugo, but is a city of great moral darkness."

"France, however, has a spirit of national unity which Britain lacks. She has hidden nothing from the people, trusting them with the facts of the war and does not boast. Her people are very patriotic and their service to their country is almost sacramental. If the Allies are victorious it will have been France who did it."

"Italy has more than 400 churches, but does not respect them. The intelligent Italian has very little religion."

"You have no conception of poverty until you have seen the poverty of Palestine. Thousands and thousands of people there live and die without having enough to eat. They are ready, however, to fight and to die for their country."

"There is no visible beggary in Germany, but the women work in the fields more than do the men. There are more Bibles and they are better read than in France. There has been a decided change in the nation's religious ideals since the beginning of the war."

There were nearly 50 men at the Brotherhood banquet, and the ladies came in for the lecture, filling the auditorium.

## LIVESTOCK MARKET

North Portland, Ore., April 17.—Cattle market opened for the week at a rather brisk rate. Pulp-fed steers again sold at 9.00 showing no change over last week. The proportion of good steers was liberal, the better than 8.00 class being plentiful. Cows and heifers were at the old rate. Bulls were not here in liberal numbers. Calves are showing an increase in receipts. Receipts were not liberal. Best prime lights worked themselves to a 5 cent higher level, top price being 9.05. Market closed strong.

Hardly enough sheep came forward to make a market. As usual all kinds of lambs are strong. Butcher sheep are in excellent demand and top prices are being realized.

## MARCOLA PERSONALS

Marcola, Ore., April 18.—The following Marcola people attended the Danrosch-Johmann concert in Eugene last Tuesday night: F. W. Titus and daughter, Miss Eva, Mrs. Walter Price, Miss Neva Downing, Miss Pauline Duguid, Messrs. Foss Maple, John Purcell, Roy Smith, Marion Grey, Lee Vogel, Claude Downing and Ted Smith. Most of the party went in automobiles, returning about 2 A. M.

Miss Myrtle Copenhagen, principal of the Wendling school, came down Wednesday to attend the standardization and visit Miss Mary Baer Wright.

Mrs. M. S. Currier, formerly of Alvadore, has moved here and established a millinery shop in the building formerly occupied by the Circle grocery, and remodeled for the new shop.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker and little daughter, Leone, went to Eugene Friday evening to spend the week-end.

Foss E. Maple and two little daughters went to Eugene Wednesday.

Oscar Yates returned to his home in Eugene Friday after spending his school vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Workman.

## MILLS ALONG C. & E. RAILWAY IN LINN COUNTY ARE OPENING UP

Gardiner—New mill planned on West Lake soon.

Oyster industry talked of for Coos Bay.

Additional lumber camps being opened for Smith mill on Coos Bay.

## SPRINGFIELD SAND AND GRAVEL CO. IS INCORPORATED

Articles of incorporation of the Springfield Sand and Gravel company, of Springfield were filed with the county clerk on Tuesday. The objects of the corporation, as given in the papers, are to sell and manufacture crushed rock, crushed gravel, cement and concrete, tile, brick blocks and concrete products of every kind; to buy, sell, build, own, maintain, electric and trolley roads, pipe lines and tram roads, and to do everything necessary to fully carry on the objects and purposes of the corporation. The incorporators are J. W. Machen, A. Middleton and W. L. McCulloch, and the capital stock is \$2400.

The work of constructing the plant for the Sand & Gravel Co., on the river bank at the foot of Main street is well under way, but may be several weeks before the plant is completed and ready for actual use.

## SPRINGFIELD FEED CO. ACQUIRES THE MORRISON WAREHOUSE

Ernest Lyon of the Springfield Feed company the first of the week completed a deal with E. E. Morrison for the purchase of the Morrison warehouse on the railroad track west of Second street, and will move his seed and feed cleaning and crushing plant from the store on Main street to the warehouse. He will continue all present lines except potatoes. Mr. Lyons expects to have his plant in shape to handle hay and grain shipments and storage by harvest time.

## MAY PAY FIRST HALF OF TAXES AT ANY TIME

Not Necessary to Pay Second Half Until October.

A taxpayer has the right to pay the first half of his taxes after April 5 without paying the second half; on payment so made interest is to be charged on the first half only, at the flat rate of one per cent for each month or part of a month that payment is deferred after April 5, according to a ruling of the state tax commission, a copy of which has been received by Sheriff Parker, of Lane county.

"Under the law now in effect the second half is not due and payable until October 5, regardless of whether the first half was or was not paid by April 5," the commission held. "Prior to the date of delinquency, which under all circumstances and conditions is October 6, the two halves represent separate and distinct obligations."

"Of course taxes may be paid in full at any time but failure to pay the first half by April 5 does not change, in any respect, the status of the second half nor the requirements for payment thereof."

## SCHOOL FAIR DETAILS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

May 12 and 13 Are Days of Big County Industrial Rally.

Details for the annual educational rally and industrial school fair May 12 and 13 are now complete, according to E. J. Moore, county school superintendent, who is the originator of the idea and who has held two successful affairs of the kind previous to this year. The prize list has been completed and arrangements are now being made to publish it so that the pupils throughout the county may have an idea of the value of the premiums for which they are to compete.

The new armory in Eugene will be used for the exhibits of all kinds of industrial and school work. One section will be given over to the Eugene schools for their display and as this is the only district of the first class, they will not be in competition in their collective exhibit of school work but the work of individual pupils can be entered for prizes in their proper class. The second and third class districts will have special space allotted to them and may compete with other schools in the same class.

The final spelling contest will be conducted as heretofore in the Central or high school building. Each school and every grade school in a city or town is entitled to be representative from each grade from the third to the eighth, inclusive.

The street pageant will also be a big feature of the rally. Each school in the county will enter a float, drill or exercise and appropriate prizes will be given for the best and most meritorious display.

Roseburg to experiment in raising endive.

Federal grand jury uncovers frauds of \$1,000,000 that has been taken from citizens of the United States by band of sharp operators selling pretended titles to O. & C. land grant lands.

Coquille—Brick yard proposed here.

Hillsboro—After months of idleness, Merrell Lbr. Co., starts operation.

## EASTERN OREGON WILL SEE MUCH RAILROAD WORK

Salem, Ore., April 19.—The Pacific Coast Manufacturer publishes a summary based upon late information in the hands of the Railroad and Utilities and Corporation departments of the state showing that the principal activities in railroad and utility construction will be confined to Eastern Oregon for this coming year.

At least two million dollars will be expended and before sixty days are over two thousand men will be employed on the various projects that are carrying on development enterprises in the seventeen counties comprising the Eastern Oregon district. At least three hundred miles of railroad will be constructed this year according to present plans.

The Union Pacific system is extending its central Oregon line south and west, being now almost to Harney Lake, headed for a point twelve miles south of Burns, and there it will stop for the present. The Strahorn system that is surveying and financing a system connecting Bend, Klamath Falls, and Burns, three sides of a triangle, is independent of the Hill and Harriman systems.

The Hill system is reported to have acquired a branch of the Nevada, California and Oregon system that enters Oregon at Lake View. That the Hill interests are seeking to acquire the Western Pacific to give them a direct entrance to San Francisco is well known. That is what is back of the great fight in the courts over the receivership. The Hill system will not rest with a lot of uncompleted construction in Oregon that is yielding them no profit.

The Sumpter Valley railway is to be extended from Prairie City south into the Strawberry Mountain country, and tap the big belt of timber owned there by the Oregon Lumber Company. David C. Eccles has abundant financial backing for this enterprise, and the road will be built this summer.

An interurban line is projected from Baker to Homestead, the present terminus of the O. W. R. & N. lines on the Snake River, where the big copper mines and quartz mills are located. It would connect a good string of towns and open up a new mining district of great richness.

The Snake River country is undergoing development at the hands of eastern capital organized under the name of the Electric Investment Company of Boise, Idaho, that has taken over the Ox-Bow Power plant, the Idaho-Oregon Company, and the Idaho holdings. This corporation has abundant capital and is building power lines on both sides of the river for mines and irrigation plants.

The Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company that operates in Baker Union, Grant and Wallowa counties and is planning a large amount of development work in the four counties and is making a better showing of earnings than ever before. It is believed to be backing the Baker interurban system to Homestead.

## ASTORIA—McEACHERN CONSTRUCTION CO. LAYS KEEL OF FIRST SHIP BUILT ON YOUNG'S BAY SHIPYARD APRIL 20.

Cottage Grove—Big placer mine strike reported on Steamboat river.

## HARD FIGHT FOR LOWER TAXES IN LANE COUNTY BEING MADE BY THE COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL.

Myrtle Point—City council orders 24 blocks in business part paved.

## PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF UTILITIES WOULD BE MORE HOPEFUL IF THERE WERE MORE PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF OFFICIALS.

Three new concrete buildings are being planned for Tillamook

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