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WEAK LINK IN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., July 14.—(Special).—Reform in the rural school system, the weak link in the chain of American education, is necessary if the public schools are to attain the results expected of them, William J. Cooper, superintendent of schools in Fresno, Cal., declared this morning in an address before the summer session assembly on the subject "Why the Public School?"

The why of the public school in Mr. Cooper's opinion is to inculcate the ideas of democracy and effective citizenship and to unify the nation's culture.

"The main defect in the American public school now," said Mr. Cooper, "is that the child in the rural district has not the educational opportunity of the city child. You can easily see this by simply taking a look at some of the buildings to which rural children are sent."

Short terms, poor building facilities, inexperienced teaching staffs, all contribute to the inefficiency of the rural school, according to the speaker. He quoted statistics showing that the city child receives education for a much longer period of each year than the child in the rural district does. Figures quoted from Kentucky, selected as a typical and not exceptional case, indicated that in the first eight years of schooling there was available for the child in the city district a total of 72 months of school against an average of 49 in the country. "This," said Mr. Cooper, "makes it necessary either for the rural child to do one-third more work in the time he is in school or to remain in school for one-third more years. Few are able to do either one or the other."

Figures quoted from recent educational research indicated that of native-born whites ten years old or over, 30,000,000 live in cities and an equal number in the country. The number of illiterates of the 30,000,000 in the cities was given at 211,000 or seven-tenths of one per cent, while in the country districts the number was 1,031,000, making the percentage of illiteracy 3.4 per cent or nearly five times as high. In the case of the negroes, illiteracy ranged from 13.4 per cent in the city to 28.5 per cent in the country.

The amount of wealth back of each child in the public schools is a factor according to Mr. Cooper, and serves to explain much of the inequality of educational facilities between city and country.

"The answer to the problem," said Mr. Cooper in conclusion, "is the spreading of the burden of school support over the state as a unit—to raise the money where the wealth is and spend it where the children are. Then you may have equal opportunity for every American child."

The policy of state support for schools should be carried out, believes Mr. Cooper, in spite of the influence of large corporations making big profits in outlying counties having few children, who protest against being taxed for the education of children in other districts.

Nailing A Lie.

Quite frequently in I. W. W. publications agitating the release of the Centralia murderers you will find the assertion that the judge who presided at the trial has since declared that he is convinced that there has been a miscarriage of justice. This can best be answered by the following quotation from a letter received by the Legion from Judge John M. Wilson of the Superior Court of Thurston County, Washington:

"About a year ago I received a communication from Elmer Smith, who was one of the defendants, enclosing a resolution passed by some Seattle organization and requesting me to use my influence toward the release of these defendants from the penitentiary. This, of course, I ignored. I have paid little attention to the matter and it is needless to say I have made no statement that I believed justice had miscarried. At the time of the trial I was fully satisfied of the guilt of these defendants and have had no reason at any time since to change my mind."

Peter Curran will spend the summer at Galena, Oregon, where he will look after the supply end of some of the Kilkenny sheep camps.

Installation Ceremonies At Heppner Oddfellows Lodge

Last Wednesday night was the date of the semi-annual installation of officers at Willow Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F. when a good sized crowd of members were present.

The following officers were installed:

Sherman Shaw, N. G.; D. O. Justus, V. G.; A. M. Phelps, secretary; J. L. Yeager, treasurer; Adam Knoblock, warden; M. J. Devin, conductor; J. C. Kirk, chaplain; Albert Adkins, R. S. N. G.; O. M. Scott, L. S. N. G.; G. W. Sperry, R. S. V. G.; D. C. Gurdane, L. S. V. G.; A. Z. Barnard, warden.

FORMER HEPPNER BOY IS MARRIED IN IDAHO

Announcement has been received here of the marriage at Nez Perce, Idaho, on July 3, of Miss Frances M. Laird, to Mr. George W. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, of Kamiah. The bride is well known in Lewiston's younger set. She graduated from the Lewiston high school with the class of 1921 and later spent one year studying at the state normal. Mr. Mills, who is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Swaggart, former residents of Heppner, also graduated from the Lewiston high school with the class of 1921 and later fitted himself for a business college with a course at a business college.

Mr. Mills is a native son of Heppner and will be remembered by many boyhood friends.

CECIL

E. H. Harbison, grain buyer of Morgan, was doing business in Cecil on Saturday.

Miss Olive Logan of Portland returned from Heppner on Saturday and spent the week-end with Mrs. Weltha Combest at Cecil.

J. W. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter of Cecil, were taking in the sights of the county seat on Friday.

Mr. Sherard and family of The Willows were calling in Cecil on Sunday.

Misses Doris Logan of Heppner and Ester Logan of Ione were the guests of Miss Georgia Summers at The Last Camp for a few days before leaving for their respective homes on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Van Schoiack and family made a short stay on Sunday at The Last Camp on their return from Cottage Grove where they spent their vacation before starting harvest on their ranch at Balm Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Barnard and daughter, Miss Loye, of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Franklin of Milton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe at Cecil on Sunday.

Mrs. H. V. Tyler of Rhea Siding was visiting Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flats on Monday, also meeting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Franklin who were the guests of Mrs. Hynd during their stay in Cecil while calling on their friends.

Misses Annie C. Lowe and Violet Hynd accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Shaw were calling on their friends in Ione on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Henriksen and daughters of Ewing, were visiting in Heppner on Monday.

Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch left on Monday for Portland where he will visit for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber who have been visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Henriksen, at Strawberry ranch for some time, left on Wednesday for their home in Canby.

Miss Elsie Huff of Portland is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Oral Henriksen at Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and family accompanied by Misses Elsie Huff of Portland and Blanche Groshens of Heppner were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lindstrom at their home near Ione on Wednesday.

Messrs E. W. Erickson of Grass Valley and Albert Miller of Heppner, also Misses Bernice Githens and Thelma Miller of Heppner and Mildred Henriksen of Strawberry ranch were the guests of Mrs. Jack Hynd of Butterby Flats on Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and son of

PENDLETON MAN HELD FOR THEFT OF AUTO TIRE

Cecil Ledgett, who gives his address as Pendleton, is being held in the county jail in default of \$500 bail on the charge of stealing an auto tire and rim at Rose Lawn ranch in Sand Hollow.

Ledgett and three other young men it appears, stopped at the ranch a few days ago and asked if they could buy an auto tire. No one was at the house at the time but Miss Hynd and she told the men to see her brothers who were working in the hayfield. Instead of going to the field, so it is said, Ledgett went to the garage and helped himself to the spare tire and rim from the Hynd car and drove on to Heppner. Sheriff McDuffee was notified and soon picked the men up and lodged them in jail and they were given a hearing before Justice Cornett. Two of the men were discharged and Ledgett was bound over as above stated while the other man was held for the Umatilla county authorities on another charge.

Morrow County Picnic Is Postponed Again

As sometimes happens in Portland, it rained Saturday, July 7, the day the Morrow County Reunion association was to have held its annual picnic at Laurelhurst Park in Portland, and of necessity it was again postponed.

After duly consulting the weather man, the executive committee have set Saturday afternoon, July 1st, for this annual event.

We have the promise of good weather on that date and with the additional assurance afforded in the tradition that "the third time is the charm," it is confidently expected that the attendance will be large and the event will be an unprecedented success.

N. C. MARIS, Secretary.

Women of Woodcraft Will Visit Union Convention

A party of Heppner ladies, members of the Women of Woodcraft expect to go to Union next Thursday to attend a convention of that order to be held there. Delegates from the local camp who expect to make the trip are Mesdames W. A. Richardson, Vawter Crawford, L. W. Briggs, Chas. Swindig, W. H. Herren, and O. T. Ferguson.

The guard team from the local camp will also make the trip and will take part in the team floor work contest at the convention.

Lester Gemmill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gemmill, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Heppner Surgical hospital, is reported by Dr. McMurdo to be recovering nicely.

Dotheboys Hill were visiting with Mrs. H. J. Streeter on Saturday.

R. Balcomb, the genial postmaster of Morgan, was calling on W. H. Chandler at Willow creek ranch on Wednesday.

Jack Hynd returned to his farm on Thursday after touring around the county for a week with his daughter, Miss Annie, who has stayed over in Ukiah at Hynd Bros. ranch The Pines.

Krebs Bros. and their man left Cecil on Wednesday for their ranch above Heppner and are busy putting up their hay.

Oscar Chandler of Willow creek ranch, left on Saturday with his Fordson tractor for the harvest fields near Ione where he will work during harvest.

Heat registered in the shade at Cecil store Friday, July 13th, 102 degrees at noon. A heavy sand and wind storm visited Cecil about 7:30 p. m. the same day. Saturday, July 14 at noon heat 104 in the shade.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Logan and son Gene of the Willows and friend Sidney Willmott of Portland were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter on Friday.

The low price of wheat may have caused the birds of the air to disagree and to send a delegation to parts unknown to investigate matters. We presume in sympathy with the wheat men and in search of wheat worth eating at a higher figure, is the reason of three wild geese passing over Cecil on Tuesday, July 10th, and four more passing over the next day.

RODEO TRYOUT TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY P. M.

Twenty or more twisting, bucking cayuses will be tried out at Gentry Field next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock as to their fitness to have a place at the coming Rodeo meet in September.

It is said there will be plenty of excitement and the boys who do the riding will need to watch their ps and qs if they stay put.

The county is being scoured for real outlaws for the Rodeo and with such success that the tryout Sunday will have plenty of thrills.

A small fee of 25 cents admission charge will be made to provide a purse to pay the riders, and Vee Gentry, who is managing the affair, says the fellows will sure earn their money. This will be better than any ball game and all admirers of wild west stuff will want front seats.

Morrow Pupils Win Prizes In Dental Essay Contest

Grace Louise Buschke, of District No. 3, Rhea creek; and Earling Thompson, of District No. 16, Ella, have been awarded cash prizes of \$10 each for essays written on the importance of the care of the teeth. The awards were made by the state board of dental examiners and the Morrow county pupils were selected as prize winners out of more than ten thousand contestants in the state.

IONE

Mrs. T. B. Buffington of Pendleton was a visitor in Ione the first of the week, the guest of Mrs. Bert Mason.

Miss Lovely Warfield is visiting in Pasco, Wash., with her sister, Mrs. Edna Puyear.

A number of farmers have begun harvesting. Dwight Misner was the first to deliver wheat at the warehouse.

Miss Clara Linn has resigned her position at Bert Mason's. Miss Vera Engleman will be her successor.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright returned Sunday from a brief honeymoon trip and are now living in the John Cochran house. Mr. Wright is employed at the Bank of Ione.

Saturday was the hottest day of the week. Saturday was the hottest day of the week at 102 degrees.

Mrs. Bert Mason motored to Portland last week. She was accompanied by her two sons, her mother, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. W. T. McNabb and Mrs. T. B. Buffington.

Mrs. Earl Blake is visiting in Idaho with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jones. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Gwendolyn Jones, who has been a student at Washington university for the past year.

Mrs. Della Corson is enjoying a visit from her son Eldred.

The Rev. Hiram Sabin has moved his family to Ione. They are occupying rooms in the basement of the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith visited on Butter creek last Sunday with the C. H. Bartholomew family.

Miss Zelma Engleman is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engleman.

Mrs. Holmes Holeman and little daughter of N. Yakima are visiting Mrs. Holeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran.

Special music Sunday, 11 a. m.; 7:45 p. m. Federated Church. Come.

Local Fishermen Return From East Lake Trip

Judge and Mrs. Campbell, Arthur Campbell and Stanley Minor returned Sunday evening from East Lake where they spent several days enjoying some of the best fishing sport of their lives. Stanley, although the youngest, one in the party caught the biggest fish, his prize being so big it took two men to land it. The party got more fish than they could dispose of and the weather was too warm to bring them home. "East Lake is certainly the home of the big fellows," says Arthur Campbell. "We heard stories of Eastern Brook having been caught there that weighed 32 pounds but we didn't see any quite that size."

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD ENJOYABLE PICNIC

One of the most pleasant social events of the summer was the picnic held last Thursday afternoon on the lawn at Mrs. Frye's home by members of Bethel Chapel Sunday School. About 75 persons were present and all report having had a most delightful time.

There was music and a program and various games and stunts but, according to A. M. Phelps and W. O. Dix the chicken dinner had everything else on the program faded.

Bethel Sunday school, which meets regularly in the rooms formerly occupied by the Elkhorn restaurant, is said to be growing and much interest is being shown in the Bible study classes and other branches of the work.

Extension Service Is Preparing For Conference

On the occasion of a recent trip to Washington, D. C., arrangements were made by Paul V. Maris, director of the college extension service, whereby special assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture will become available to Oregon in analyzing the agricultural industry in this state. This work will fit into plans now going forward at the college in preparation for the agricultural economic conference to be held here the third week in next January.

Through V. N. Valgreen, in charge of the division of agricultural finance for the Department of Agriculture, the extension service will secure the services of a specialist who will confer with certain cooperative growers associations that have requested assistance in the development of finances for plans they are asked to adopt by the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association, a national selling agency with which they are affiliated.

Armed with national and international statistics bearing on the production of crops that can be grown commercially in Oregon, Mr. E. Merritt of the States Relations Service of the department of agriculture, has arrived in Corvallis to assist the Extension Service in a study by county analysis of crop production in the state.

Clyde Witcraft, well known basket and baseball player, who has been spending several months in western Oregon has returned to Heppner for the summer.

COUNTY COURT HOLDS REGULAR JULY SESSION

County Court met in regular session at the court house in Heppner, Oregon, on Thursday, the 5th day of July, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m. with all officers present: When among others the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

The court took up the matter of the various claims against the County and being fully advised allowed, rejected or continued the same as per notations on the face of the claim.

Court ordered the transfer from Special 2 funds to the General Road fund the sum of \$33.19 same being the amount formerly transferred from the General Road fund to take care of an overdraft on Special 2 fund.

Court ordered the Clerk to give notice of cancellation of all uncalled for warrants issued prior to July 1, 1916 same to be cancelled if not called for in sixty days from July 1, 1923.

Umatilla County, insane	\$ 5.00
C. B. Orai, sealer	13.80
C. C. Chick, physician	10.00
S. Shaw, overseer	25.00
Daisy Becket, Wid. Pen.	25.00
Sadie Morey, Wid. Pen.	17.50
Rebecca Knight, Wid. Pen.	40.00
Amy D. McFerrin, W. Pen.	17.50
Lydia Ritchie, Wid. Pen.	17.50
F. J. Gordon, Poor	25.00
Ida Fletcher, Poor	15.00
Jesse Kirk, Poor	30.00
Andy Cook, Poor	30.00
Dick Lahue, Poor	25.00
A. E. Perry, Watermaster	16.84
W. W. Smead, Cur. Ex.	11.51
Paul McDuffee, Salary	64.00
Dalton Add. Mach. Co., Ct. House	200.00
Red Cross, Nurse	250.00
Heppner Herald, Office	14.90
Glass-Prudhomme, Office	9.80
Bushong & Co., Office	72.69
A. L. Cornett, Just. Ct.	20.19
Ed Huston, et al, Just. Ct.	12.00
Phil Brady, et al, Cir. Ct.	135.00
Lena Shurte, Supt.	18.00
Heppner Elevator Co., Ct. House	30.00
Thomson Bros., Ct. House	7.73
Heppner Lt. & W. Co., Ct. House	73.90
Case Furniture Co., Ct. House	1.75
Emanuel Hospital, Poor	120.00
Mrs. M. Jordan, Poor	23.59
Underwood Typewriter Co., Ct. House	65.00
A. D. McMurdo, Insane	5.00
L. D. Neill, Watermaster	15.00
R. L. Bengie, County Court	10.00
L. P. Davidson, Co. Ct.	36.00
County Agent, Co. Agent	225.00
Martin Ried, Ct. House	1.68
Gilliam & Bisbee, Ct. Hse.	25.51
W. T. Campbell, Co. Ct.	20.00
Geo. McDuffee, Prohi.	39.00
Howard Cooper Co., Gen. Road	2,065.34
Ed. Breslin, Wood Cont.	708.75
B. P. Stone, Dog	10.50
U. S. Reclamation, West. Extension	1,300.00
A. E. McFarland, West. Ex.	9.00
C. E. Glasgow, West. Ex.	78.00
J. McCoy, Market Road	136.00
Pyle & Grimes, Market Rd.	24.00
Watt Shipp Co., Market Rd.	33.98
Humphreys Drug Co., Mkt. Road	26.17
State Acci. Com., Roads	109.10
Max Deweese, Spl. 2	26.91
Jack Ayers, 17	21.72

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