

A Plea for the Normals

To the Editor:

There is no interest that so strongly appeals to the average voter as one educational interests. A week hence the people will pass upon the question at the polls. I sincerely hope their verdict will quicken into life the three normal schools at Ashland, Monmouth and Weston, thus giving a normal school to each of the three great sections, southern, western and eastern Oregon. It requires 400 teachers each year in Oregon to supply the demand. Some of these are drawn from other states, a few from our own high schools and colleges; the bulk of them, it is sad to relate, are drawn from the eighth grade public schools. The O. A. C. and U. of O. have each just announced they cannot begin to meet the demands now made upon them for teachers. Our own young men and women are left by their state without opportunity or encouragement to enter the teaching profession well equipped. Fourteen of Jackson county's students are now enrolled in California normal schools. In the northern part of the state the Washington state normals supply the opportunity for normal school training. Educated in surrounding states where teachers' wages are good, Oregon will in most instances lose their teachers. The states that educate them will be blessed by their work. We have a wealth of material but no machinery for its development. There should be three normal schools in Oregon. Every state in the union save five, has more than one normal school. Even Iowa, long pointed to as a one school state, has established another normal school.

The best authorities hold that a normal school with from 250 to 500

students graduating from 50 to 75 each year gives the maximum return considered with the outlay. Dr. Seely, president of Iowa's only normal school, in 1905 said: "The school is so large that the average senior has but a mere glance into the training school." The training school is the essence of normal school work. Our state has at Ashland, Monmouth and Weston each a property worth from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Each has buildings, grounds, furniture and libraries fit for the accommodation of 300 students. The first great expense of establishing a normal school system has been met. The proposed law gives ample maintenance to each of these schools. Careful estimates disclose that a taxpayer who pays taxes on \$1000 would contribute but four (4) cents each year to each institution. I trust southern Oregon will show her progressive spirit by again voting as she has when an educational institution was up for attack. The vote in this section for the schools under the referendum of 1906 was tremendous and that vote saved the state university in 1908. Just now three measures that affect us nearly and remotely appeal to us for support. Let us make it unanimous for the normal schools.

The stillness of death pervades the old normal school grounds and buildings. Let us awaken this solitude with the busy hum of student life and force open the door of opportunity to the young people of southern Oregon and the state by establishing on a firm basis those schools which come nearest to the homes of the people than do all others. Very respectfully,
B. F. MULKEY.

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EVERS PROBABLY OUT OF GAME FOR GOOD

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 2.—The worst fears that were entertained when Johnnie Evers broke his ankle toward the end of last season are held the clever little second baseman himself.

"I don't believe I will be in a Cub uniform next year," Evers said in discussing the probable lineup of the Chicago Nationals next season. "Difficult plays come frequently around second base, and a second baseman needs two good ankles to get away with them. I believe that by laying off a season I will come back in great shape. If my ankle doesn't feel as strong as ever I will not sign a contract. Anyhow, I shall wait a while before I make up my mind."

A Great Speech

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A Plea for Majority Rule.

E. E. Fisher, ex-mayor of Beaverton; T. E. Hills, ex-state commander G. A. R.; Hon. J. R. C. Thompson of Tualatin, Theodore Pointer, George Stitt and 500 other legal voters and residents of the portion of Washington county proposed to be annexed to Multnomah have signed remonstrance and ask that the boundary lines be not changed. Less than 300 voters within the strip signed the petition and the remainder of the county is practically a unit against it. Let the majority rule. All county divisions should be decided by the wishes of the people affected. By not voting at all you give half a vote for the measure. Multnomah, all powerful, does not need one-fourth of Washington county to further increase her power in the state. The loss of the territory will practically ruin Washington, which is already small in area. We ask you to vote 329 X No.—W. D. Wood, Chairman Anti-Annexation Committee, Hillsboro, Oregon.

(Paid advertisement.)

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WOLGAST-NELSON GO, DECEMBER 24

Dane and His Conqueror May Hook Up for Return Engagement—Wolgast Asks for \$7500 Guarantee—Nelson Is Anxious.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast in a return engagement is the choice card San Francisco sports are anticipating for December 24. Wolgast's word that he was ready to fight Nelson at that time is in Promoter Louis Blot's hands and Nelson announced today that he would agree to Wolgast's terms.

Assurances that Wolgast's wounded arm would be strong enough to enable him to fight at that time were received by Blot in a telegraph from the champion, which read:

"Ready to fight December 24. Let me know quick. Vaudeville engagements."

Wolgast stipulated that he would expect a guarantee of \$7500 and \$500 for training expenses with the privilege of 40 per cent of the gate receipts. Nelson's cut of the gate has not been arranged.

"If the match is closed," said Nelson, "I will make plans immediately to get plenty of boxing practice. I will keep my engagement in Kansas City this month, and then will try vaudeville for a couple of weeks. I will get some good fast boy to travel with me and instruct him to give me plenty of work."

"Fighting is my business, and when I am no longer good I will quit. That is why I am anxious to regain the championship."

PORTLAND DOING MUCH IMPROVEMENT WORK

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 3.—Portland is carrying on improvement work of various kinds, including street, sewer and water main construction, both under contract and ready for contract, amounting to a total of \$7,383,000. This big sum is being spent quite generally all over the city, with each section getting its share of the benefits. Contracts already out amount to over \$5,000,000, and these run until shortly after January 1, 1911.

The city is completing the most active year in paving and general street improvement in its history. Almost 100 miles of new paving will have been laid by the end of 1910 and about an equal amount is on the program for next year.

Haskins for health.

NOTICE.

All members of Pocatontas council are requested to come to council Friday, as there is adoption on hand.

MRS. ELLA SHULTS,
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AEROPLANES TO HASTEN MAIL

Hamburg-American Steamship Company Considering Feasibility of Aerial Mail Service—Company Is Building Launching Platform.

NEWY ORK, Nov. 3.—A scheme to use aeroplanes in the postal service is being considered by the Hamburg-American Steamship company, which carries a large proportion of the United States mail to and from Europe. It is to demonstrate the feasibility of aerial mail service more than to show the war department its danger from aeroplane invasion that Aviator J. C. McCurdy will make his flight from the deck of the outgoing liner Kaiserin Augustus Victoria from New York Saturday. McCurdy will carry on the seat beside him a dummy mail pouch, according to an announcement by the steamship company today.

Coincidentally, it was announced, the company is building in Europe an ocean liner with an aeroplane launching platform.

McCurdy will fly from the deck of the Victoria when 50 miles off shore and will follow the exact route taken by the outgoing steamers. If his attempt is successful, the Hamburg-American line will establish a regular aeroplane service, launching the air craft when the vessels are 100 miles at sea.

Officials of the company predict that within a few weeks it will be a disappearing aeroplane that sea travelers will watch, and not for the first sight of Montauk Point.

The aeroplane at its present stage of development is expected to cut the time for the last 100 miles of the trans-Atlantic trip in half, saving nearly three hours in landing the most important mail.

MEDFORD LOSES FIRST GAME IN TWO YEARS

Last Saturday the Medford high school football team suffered defeat at the hands of the Ashland high school team. It was only by a close margin and the game was one of the best ever played in Southern Oregon. This is the first game that the home team has lost for two years, and it was taken hard, as it was only lost by the lack of weight and not by the fault of their playing. But it has had a good effect upon the team, as every member of the team has resolved that they will win the remaining games of the schedule, and this week are practicing hard for the game next Saturday, which is to be played on the home grounds with Grants Pass high school.

Several new men are out in suits this week and some are showing up exceptionally well, and with the rearrangement of the team which Coach Hall has made the Medford players will get a chance to see a game next Saturday like it has never seen before.

Haskins for health.