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MEDFORD, OREGON.

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Population—11, 300. Census 1910—8840; estimated, 1911—12,000.

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Postoffice receipts for year ending November 30, 1911, show increase of 15 per cent.

Banner fruit city in Oregon—Rogue River Spitzenberg apples won sweepstakes prize and title of "Apple King of the World" at the National Apple Show, Spokane, 1909, and a car of Newtowns won First Prize in 1910.

at Canadian International Apple Show, Vancouver, B. C.

First Prize in 1911 at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

Rogue River bears brought highest prices in all markets of the world during the past six years.

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COMMUNICATION.

Our Public Schools.

To the Editor: Your editorial on the subject of the public school system voices just what I have often thought, and I immediately figured out the appalling low percentage of competence shown by the result of the recent examination.

It must have been a slip that let this information get to the public, for those in charge of public affairs usually let only the good things come to light, or give time for matters to get righted before mentioning them, as they propose to warn public officials that "some time soon we are going to examine your records—better get them in shape to look good at that time," instead of dropping in on them now, like the bank examiners do the banks.

This alarming condition in the public instruction system is largely the fault of the parents themselves who are so wrapped up in the busy whirl of twentieth century commercialism on the paternal side, and with the toga of idle minds of society ambitions on the maternal side and the growing desire for continuous personal and selfish amusement of both that they simply turn the school youngster over to the "school system" body and soul to have his educational and moral welfare looked after by "hired educators," a small percentage of whom are really "cut out" to train children in the way they should go, or have real personal interest. But, on the other hand, as the editor says, many of the teachers are young, giddy girls, working only to get money to buy powder and paint and loud clothes and catch a bear, while the really competent ones, who have spent the better part of their lives and become experts in this work of education must submit to an undignified so-called examination to hold their jobs, so they quit rather than be humiliated by such an unreasonable procedure.

Not many parents but that wish thousands of times they had been educated in their youth, and it is a mighty serious matter to think that a young person's whole future existence depends upon his early training. Yet when a teacher tries to correct and lead a belligerent youth who has not had proper home training the parents think that teacher is a tyrant, and a big row is raised and the teacher ousted and that is where the teacher is up against it and is prone to refrain from doing the actual duty.

An article by an eastern governor in a recent issue of the Tribune covers the necessity. It is more of the good old three R's, "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, that is needed instead of cooking bees, football, glee club, and frat nonsense.

WM. H. SEARLE.

THREE ITALIAN TRANSPORTS FOUNDER OFF COAST

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Constantinople dispatches received here today declare that three Italian transports foundered off Sasa, Tabarka and Tharminia. No fatalities are mentioned. The reports are unconfirmed.

Haskins for health.

INEFFICIENCY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ALL of the counties of Oregon made a miserable showing in the recent eighth grade examinations just concluded. Klamath county is the latest to report. But three out of sixteen scholars passed.

All over the state the three R's have been the stumbling blocks. But few of the pupils have passed the spelling examination, which included the following words: Accompanied, actually, adherent, alacrity, anxiously, artificial, aurora, autumnal, counselor, crystallize, delicious, dragon, economy, enamored, endeavor, equipped, moccasins, paralysis, prejudice, respiration, ruddiness, resewing, seythe.

Among numerous replies that The Mail Tribune's criticism of public school results has called forth is the following from a Jacksonville school teacher, in which the blame is laid upon the home training of the scholar and the lack of proper training in the teacher, inefficiency alike in homes and schools:

"First. Inefficiency in the home. The school, like church and state, depends for its highest success upon the efficiency of the home in the training of children. Schools cannot supply the lack in the home, but can supplement the home's persistent effort to produce earnest, honest, industrious, law-abiding men and women. It is during those early years, before the child goes to school, that the sure foundation for uprightness of character must be laid. The child must be trained from infancy to regard the rights of others, to be truthful, obedient and to form habits of industry. If this foundation has been wisely laid the teacher can help continue the building of a good character.

"If the child has begun to form industrious habits, the school is an excellent place to foster the growth of those habits. If the child's training in neatness and accuracy has had its beginning in the performance of home duties, or even in supervised play, the school will surely further this training. Isn't it a lamentable comment on home training that girls, from well-to-do homes, and who have mothers, should have to learn to cook and sew at public expense? In our slum districts, or among ignorant foreigners this work may be a legitimate part of school training, but what are homes and mothers for if not to train girls in home arts?

"Second. Inefficiency in the schools. And let me remind the citizens of Oregon, you are responsible for the shameful fact that your teachers are not trained for their profession.

"Do you realize the importance of professional training for teachers? The man who treats your child's ailing body must have had years of professional training to learn the workings of that wonderful mechanism—your child's body. Yet you allow the untrained teacher to practice on your child's mind, utterly disregarding the fact that there is a science of the mind as well as a science of the body.

"The majority of your teachers have never received any instruction in this science excepting the three or four lectures of each teachers' association. They do not know the stages of development of the child-mind nor the subject matter suitable to be taught in each stage. The physician must be familiar with the processes of assimilation before he can plan the food that will build up the child body; and truly the teacher should learn the processes by which the child mind acquires knowledge in order to present properly the subject to be taught.

"Let Oregon's citizenship equip good normal schools easily accessible to all parts of the state, then require professional training of all teachers. Or reward professionally equipped teachers by increased salaries and see how quickly other teachers will learn how to teach."

But what would become of our present "inbred" system and how many of our teachers would be mints an occupation if these common sense rules applied?

GOOD ROADS WEEK.

THIS week has been set aside by Governor West for the consideration of the good roads bills being circulated by the State Good Roads association for submission to the people at the general election in November.

There are eight of the measures. They were drafted by the state-wide committee appointed by Governor West. Association and committee members believe the eight bills provide the most complete system of highway legislation ever provided for any state.

The bills contemplate a total appropriation of approximately \$22,000,000, including the proposed \$20,000,000 bond issue proposed for the state, the appropriations the counties may make under the county bonding act, and the maintenance of the proposed state highway department.

The eight bills contemplate the establishing of a state highway department and the employing of a highway commissioner; the creating of a state highway fund from vehicle taxes, specifying procedure in regard to state-aided highways; creating a state bond issue of \$20,000,000 distributed over 10 years at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year; an amendment to section 7 of Article 11 of the state constitution permitting the state to issue road bonds; an enabling act to make operative the county bonding amendment to section 10 of Article 11 of the state constitution; providing for the utilization of state prisoners on the roads, and giving authority for the working of county and city prisoners on the roads.

All of the bills are meritorious and their adoption will solve the good roads problem in Oregon. The one Jackson county is most interested in, however, is the enabling act, enabling counties to avail themselves of the provisions of the constitutional amendment passed in 1910. It reads as follows:

"That any county in this state desiring to incur a debt for permanent roads within said county may, by an election called by the county court upon the petition of 10 percent of the legal voters computed upon the last registration lists compiled in said county, by a majority of those voting on the question create and issue bonds, warrants or other evidence of indebtedness or debts for permanent roads or for the construction, maintenance, improvement or repair of the same within said county."

CHOC SOLDIER PLEASES MANY

Large Crowd Taken by Surprise at Lack of Chorus Girl Stunts—Music and Singing Above Average—Influence of Wagner Seen.

(By E. M. Andrews.) We like to cling to old traditions, even in our amusements. We resent being taken wholly by surprise. We expect the usual stunt from the chorus girl and the comedian, and we do not like to have them fail us. But in "The Chocolate Soldier" we had another guess coming. In the construction of both music and libretto, the authors have given us something entirely different, if not wholly original. Arthur Sullivan, Planquette, Lecocq and Odrien wrote beautiful melodies and strong finales, but they used the orchestra simply as a voice accompaniment; while Strauss, in his "Chocolate Soldier," strange as it may seem, is dominated by Wagnerian influence. For the past decade, Wagner has influenced grand opera, but no one guessed that his orchestral effects would ever be used to adorn light opera. In "The Chocolate Soldier," however, the composer has used the orchestra most effectively in both comedy and romance. In fact, "The Chocolate Soldier" would be impossible with a piano accompaniment; it would fall absolutely flat.

As to the libretto, we again see the work of a master hand, George Bernard Shaw. While his "Arms and the Man" has been considerably worked over to fit "The Chocolate Soldier," yet there is that keen satire which would make the libretto recognizable as Shaw's without his signature.

The audience of Saturday night was a large and representative one, many people coming from adjoining towns. The universal verdict was very favorable to the performance; yet you could see that the majority had not seen what they expected. They had become so accustomed to the capers of the pretty girls and the slapstick work of the comedians, that it took the audience a little time to settle down to a proper appreciation of what was going on. The company is a good one, as is also the orchestra.

"The Chocolate Soldier" is a departure from the old traditional comic opera, and it has succeeded. Now we may look for such masters as Strauss and Shaw to interest themselves in works of this class. It has already made a fortune, and that which is profitable is usually popular in the world of authors and composers.

We have in prospect "The Bohemian Girl" and "The Deep Purple." Everyone knows "The Bohemian Girl" and it is sufficient to say that the company and the production are good ones. "The Deep Purple" is something new, and one of the very strong plays of the season. Don't overlook it.

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