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**The Tillamook Headlight.**  
 Fred C. Baker, Publisher.

**WRONGLY ACCUSED.**  
**Supt. Wiley Publishes the Facts in the Case.**

[TO EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT]  
 During the last month my attention has frequently been called to some malicious falsehoods that are being told relative to an examination taken by Miss Helena Epplert before the County Board of Examiners at the regular August, 1907, Teachers' Examination. From reliable information received from several trustworthy sources, it appears that T. E. Epplert, an itinerant patent medicine vender, and the father of the young lady above mentioned, while travelling through the county, has told a number of our citizens:

- 1st.—That his daughter received excellent grades in all subjects in which she was examined with the exception of reading.
  - 2nd.—That the examination in reading was an oral one, and that the Board of Examiners refused to give her a passing grade in that subject, although she was an excellent reader, because the Board knew that she should appeal to the State Board of Education, that the State Board could not, on account of the examination being oral, raise her grade.
  - 3rd.—That shortly after the examination, his daughter received a letter from the State Normal School asking that she attend that institution; and that the Superintendent received a fee from that institution for each student attending from this County.
  - 4th.—That the Superintendent collected a fee from each teacher for which position was secured, and more nonsense of the same import.
- Now as to the facts.
- 1st.—The records show that the following grades were given Miss Epplert: Reading, 76 per cent; orthography, 68 per cent; writing, 96 per cent; geography 79 per cent; arithmetic, 66 per cent; grammar, 85 per cent; history, 68 per cent; physiology, 86 per cent; theory of teaching, 86 per cent; Civil Government, 61 per cent; school law, 60 per cent. General average, 75.6-11 per cent. Average required, 80 per cent.
- These standings show that the applicant lacked 49 credits of having the required average.
- Below will be found the answers given by the applicant in arithmetic, in which she received a grade 66 per cent. Recently I have asked several successful teachers to grade the paper and the highest grade given by these teachers was 45 per cent.
- Arithmetic.  
 (Ten credits for a correct answer)  
 I.—Add the following: 6789, 98678, 6874, 987, 678, 987, 896, 7894, 8678, 678, 989, 6789, 948, 6789, 8765. Correct answer, 162419. Applicant's answer, 162455. No credits given.
- II.—Is answered correctly. Full credit (10 per cent) is given.
- III.—Define mathematics, arithmetic, integer, fraction, notation and numeration Applicant's answer: "Mathematics is the science of numbers. Arithmetic is the science of using numbers. An integer is a whole number. A fraction is a part of a whole number. Notation is writing numbers. Numeration is naming them." It is obvious to any person competent to judge that the definitions of "Mathematics" and "fraction" are very crude and are worth nothing. But the Examining Board gave full credit for the answer.
- IV.—Give a short process to multiply by 33 1/3; to take 16 2/3 per cent; to divide a fraction by a fraction. Applicant's answer: "To multiply by 33 1/3—divide by 1-3 and multiply by 100. To multiply by 16 2/3—divide by 1-6 and multiply by 100. To divide a fraction by a fraction—invert and cancel. All through each of the three parts is incorrectly answered, and the answer worth nothing, 6 per cent was allowed.
- V.—Omitted. Not answered by the applicant.
- VI.—Applicant's answer to this problem is correct, although there is a most glaring error in the process. However, full credit (10 per cent) is given.

VII.—Analyze the following problem: If 7-15 of a piece of land is worth \$604 4-5, how much is 11-25 of it worth? The problem is so simple that the grading was unquestionably to be done on the kind of analysis given. Applicant solves the problem, but does not analyze it. However, to be charitable, full credit is given.

VIII.—Answer correctly given. Ten credits allowed.

IX.—Amount \$601 25; rate 6 per cent; time 3 years, 4 month, 15 days, find principal. Correct answer \$500. Applicant's answer \$381.141. Solution and answer wrong. Worth nothing. Five credits given for clarity.

X.—B lost \$3, which was 31 1/4 per cent of what he had left. How much had he at first? Correct answer \$12.60. Applicant's answer \$12 1/6. Solution and answer wrong. Worth nothing. Five credits given. Some more charity.

XI.—A's farm contains 4 acres more than 2/3 of B's, and together they have 124 acres. How much has each. Correct answers: A's—32 acres. B's—72 acres. Applicant's answers: A's—44 acres. B's—189 acres. Solution and answers wholly wrong. Worth nothing. No credit given.

It is impossible to publish other lists without making this communication too long for publication. However, much liberality was shown in the marking of all the Miss. Had the examining board graded the papers for what they were actually worth, the applicant would not have averaged 70 per cent instead of the 80 per cent required for passing. As stated above Miss Epplert received a grade of 76 per cent in reading, which shows that the statement that she had failed in reading is false. Furthermore, the examination was only partly oral. One half of the credits were based on a written test. Applicant received 40 per cent on her oral reading and 36 per cent on her written work, which shows that she received a higher grade in her oral reading than in the written.

The third statement is absolutely false and so manifestly absurd that I hardly deem a reply necessary. I am sure that after examining Miss Epplert's Miss that even her best friends would advise her to attend school somewhere. Personally, I would prefer seeing her attend our excellent public school than to go to an institution some distance from her home. In regard to encouraging students to attend the State Normal or other higher institutions of learning, I have, as is well known, always advised students to complete our own high school first. Such would have been my advice to Miss Epplert had she desired the same. In regard to the letter received from the State Normal School, will state that Prof. W. A. Petveys, of Bay City, who is an instructor in the State Normal, served as a member of my Board of Examiners, and I do not doubt that Miss Epplert was only one of many to receive letters from this school. Mr. Petveys would certainly be doing a very commendable thing for both Miss Epplert and the children over whom she may some day be employed as teacher, if he could by correspondence persuade her to prepare herself for that noble work.

The fourth statement is also contemptibly false, and all that need be said in reply is that when an individual makes such a charge he is not only accusing me of a crime, but also every teacher who is today teaching in a position secured through my office. Will not the people of Meda, where Mr. J. Lloyd Northup is teaching, brand as an undesirable citizen the one who makes such an accusation? Will not the people of the Union District where Miss Grace M. Wilson is teaching take the same action? And will the people of Beaver, Blaine, Hemlock, Pleasant Valley, and Faucett Creek believe that such teachers as G. A. Walker, Mrs. Robinson, Miss McAllister, Miss Grace Noves, and Miss Eacie Oliver would resort to such a graft to secure a position? Did this muck raker while traveling over our county ever ask Miss Elsie Hoffstatter of Garibaldi or Miss Laura Beckwith, of Foley, how much was paid to the Superintendent for securing these positions?

Mr. Editor, I very much regret that I have had to refer to Miss Epplert in this communication. She is no doubt an excellent young lady, and against whom I harbor no ill will or resentment for what her father through ignorance or malice is saying about me. To show you that the examining board was friendly disposed toward Miss Epplert, and that they did the very best that could be done for her, I need only state that she received a grade of 96 per cent in writing. No other applicant received so high a grade. As the grading was given wholly on the specimen of writing furnished by each applicant, had the board felt disposed to treat her unjustly, they certainly would not have given her the highest grade received by any of the applicants. It has been my constant endeavor to secure two capable and reliable examiners to assist in conducting our examinations, and last August I was doubly fortunate in securing Mr. W. A. Petveys mentioned above and Mr. W. R. Rutherford, principal of the Tillamook High School. The excellent reputation that these gentlemen have in their respective communities, together with their thorough scholarship and high standing in the educational field,

should, of itself, preclude all possibility of fraud, excepting in the minds of the intensely ignorant, of which, thanks to our public schools, we have but a few. The first requisite to be required of all of our teachers is thorough scholarship, and I would certainly be most unfit to fill the position to which the citizens of this county have elected me, were I to permit young girls without teaching experience, training, or scholarship, who can work correctly but three out of nine simple problems to become teachers in our public schools. Of these nine problems, one is taught in the second grade, one in the fourth grade, five in the fifth grade, one in the seventh grade, and one in the eighth grade. Any child who has completed the first five grades of our public schools is expected to be able to work correctly seven of these nine problems. Miss Epplert solved but three, and as the examining board has too high a regard for the boys and girls of this county, to license such an incompetent teacher, such 'soreheads' as this man Epplert is running at large vilifying an official who has been zealous and conscientious in performing every duty incumbent upon him. I have always expected reasonable criticism, and have never taken exception to such. But when a lying peddler goes over the county maligning me, and even accusing me of 'grafting' from our school teachers, who deserve and have use for every cent of salary received, in justice to 'my family and my friends, I deem it fitting and proper to call a halt, and to publish the facts, thus branding this man as one who has, by his actions, forfeited his reputation for truth and veracity in this community. Very respectfully yours,

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