NORMAL SCHOOLS WIN OUT IN THE HOUSE

THREE INSTITUTIONS ENDORSED AFTER AN INTERESTING DEBATE IN WHICH ALL POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED AND ANSWERED

The three normal school bills were made special order Friday at 3 p. m. In committee of the whole the Monmouth bill was first perfected and adopted. Jones moved a call of the house. All present but Davis.

McCue reviewed tne history of the establishment of normal schools in Oregon. If there was one branch of the educational system that should be preserved it was the normal schools. They returned more to the people, dollar for dollar, than any institution in the state. Politicians had trafficked in them. They had swapped them off, done everything but treat them decently. The time had come to establish a fixed policy for these institutions along educational and psychological lines. The end and aims of normal schools should be safe-guarded and protected for the welfare of the public schools. No factor in the educational system added so much to the quality of citizenship. It was a worthy act to conclude the business exercises of Lincoln's birthday by passing these three bills without a dissenting vote. McKinney of Baker and Jones of son was delighted at the friendly unanimity of sentiment for the three schools at Monmouth, Weston and Ashland. They should be taken out of politics and forever established where they would not have to come here begging for support and existence.

The noes were Brandon, Farrell, Hatteburg, Hines, Jackson, Jones of Douglas, Jones of Clackamas, Libby, Mee, 9. This was on the Monmouth school.

On the bill for the Weston school, Clemens made a speech against it. He favored one school, saying Multnomah county paid one-third the taxes of the state. McKinney and Barrett stood up for the Weston school and reminded Mr. Clemens that the rest of the state had made Multnomah county what it was with their labor and industry.

On the Weston school Abbott, Brandon, Campbell, Clemens, Dimick, Farrell, Greer, Hatteburg, Hines, Jackson, Jones of Douglas, Libby, Meek, Munkers, Orton, Smith voted no, 16. The rest voted aye and so the bill passed.

On the Ashland school Campbell entered into an extended argument and referred to Lincoln as the product of a log school house. He pleaded for the common ordinary clodhopper who got no benefit from these schools. He asked that the legislature call a halt by killing the Ashland school.

Buchanan made a ringing plea for fair play to all sections of the state. He said it was not fair to throw up to Jackson county the Crater Lake road appropriation. McArthur made a ringing appeal for primary education that could only be fostered by good normal schools. So long as we believed in free public schools we must support normal schools. Put them on their feet. Sustain them right and they will have proper attendance and do work that is satisfactory to the people and the people can be trusted to sustain them.

Dimick made a fierce attack on the normal school bills. Campbell followed, and after fully threshed out the house stood by the three schools exactly as recommended by the board of regents.

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A man while trying new boots on in a store fell and broke his leg. Must have been a pretty slippery customer.

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ELKS WILL DEDICATE HALL

Albany Lodge Making Extensive Preparations for Event.

Albany, Or., Feb. 13.—Two thousand Elks from all parts of the Pacific Northwest are expected to be in Albany next week to attend the dedication of the splendid new Elks Temple in this city. The festivities incident to the dedication will begin with a big reception next Tuesday evening and will conclude with the formal dedication on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Big delegations are assurred from Portland, Salem and Eugene, and other Oregon cities which will be represented among the visiting Elks are Astoria, Roseburg, Ashland, Grants Pass, Baker City, Pendleton, La Grande and The Dalles. A number of the Washington lodges will send representatives.

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Some people's charity is confined to the distribution of lemons.