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FULL LEASED WIRE TELEGRAPH REPORT



WHAT IS MODERN EDUCATION.

Is the tendency of modern education to get away from studies and go into sports, society and shows?

It seems so, from the negro minstrel tour that Lincoln High School, of Portland, is putting on at present.

They are going to a great inter-state athletic meet, and playing at theatres to make expenses.

Are the high schools, because they are the colleges of the common people, to imitate all the abuses of the big colleges?

The writer graduated from an Iowa high school, but in those days there were no 'student body activities.'

There were not seventeen different athletic and fraternity enterprises to engage our attention.

There was a great deal of mental activity, and we obtained about as good an education as one can get at the average college nowadays.

We had no field sports, basketball, football, bluffball, handball, class balls or highballs, but piles of intellectual activity.

We had no high jumps, low jumps, broad jumps, pole vaults, hurdle races, pony races or three-legged races, but were kept on the jump with our studies.

We did nothing but study and recite, and once a week there was a literary society, and that was the only sport or amusement.

When we graduated we could read, write and spell fairly well, and have not forgotten how.

That kind of a high school education was probably very rudimentary, according to modern ideas.

The city superintendent was an educated gentleman, who taught Latin, German, Literature and Manners.

His whole time was not taken up with sports, athletics, receptions, plays and class politics.

His whole business was education, and he handed it out liberally to the boys and girls.

The minds of the students in that Iowa high school were not kept in a high state of excitement over matters that have nothing to do with education.

It is probably different now, and the same craze of sports and 'student body activities' probably prevails as we seem to have developed here in Oregon.

But is the modern tendency making for real education, for culture, for morals?

Is the whole curriculum of sports laying the foundation for well developed intellects and for character?

The writer is very dubious about it, and is incurring the risk of being dubbed a doubter, being branded heretical.

COUNTRY PRESS FOR BEN OLCOTT.

The country newspapers do not know very much about a man's politics, but they sometimes rally for a good man.

They seem to be very friendly to Ben Olcott for renomination in spite of the fact he was appointed by West.

Generally when a man of one party appoints a man from another political party, there is more or less opposition.

But the papers seem to recognize in Mr. Olcott a man who is doing his duty without fear or favor.

The bills are closely scrutinized, and he does not fall in with every effort to pull the leg of the state.

There is about \$100,000 a year difference to the taxpayers between a secretary of state who is there to serve the people, and one who construes the laws for the taxpayers.

Here are two opinions from points very remote from each other:

(Blue Mountain Eagle.)

Ben Olcott is a plain plug for the poor people. He is a Republican and a good old scout.

He is a secretary of state and will bob up for term two. He is entitled to it.

He has applied the acid test to all claims for Oregon funds. He is a young man with stuff in his head besides a cigarette. His record is his platform.

(Yaquina Bay News.)

Ben W. Olcott is in the field as a candidate to succeed himself as secretary of state.

Benjamin has made a very good record since he has been filling that office, and a better or more capable man is not forthcoming.

His nomination and election are a foregone conclusion in the minds of leading Republicans in this county.

PARENTS DIG TO PAY FOR BOOKS.

This, the beginning of the second term of the school year, is the time when thousands of parents in Oregon are digging deep for coin to pay for new school books.

There is spent in this state an average of \$136,850 a year for school books for pupils from the first to the eighth grades, while for high school students the average amount spent for books each year is \$36,600, making a total of \$173,450.

There are approximately 125,000 school pupils attending Oregon public schools.

Of these about 10,000 are in the high schools.

Under the present school courses each pupil going from the first to the eighth grade must spend \$9.59 for books, this sum not including the cost of tablets, writing paper, pencils and incidentals.

Neither does it take into account the return pupils may get on books if they sell them back to the book sellers when they finish with them.

Accepting \$9.55 as the average cost for the books for the first eight grades of the public schools, the parents of Oregon, to prepare 115,000 children for entrance into the high schools, must pay \$1,102,850 for the necessary books.

To put the 10,000 pupils through the high schools, basing the figures on the average English course, the cost of books is \$148,500.

A new set of books is adopted for the public schools of Oregon every six years.

The present set was adopted by the state textbook commission in June, 1907.

The members of the commission were appointed by the governor.

A new commission will be appointed and take office in January, 1913, and will take up the work of revising the text books now in use.

When Governor West comes to appointing his new textbook commission he had better look over the records made by the last one.

They adopted books without end, changed textbooks unnecessarily, piled up costs on the people, and made the textbook publishers happy.

For instance, textbooks are like the two-bit razors the fellow sold at the fair—made to sell and not to shave with.

With three-fourths of the eighth grade children falling down on their spelling wouldn't it be a good thing to inquire about their spelling books and the methods of teaching spelling?

When as good an authority as we have in the state on schools

says one geography would be plenty to teach from, why make people buy two?

Textbooks and elections are costing the people of Oregon nearly half a million annually, and this is only one of many burdens.

The textbook commission has no right to load up the poor people, who have the most children, with a lot of fads and fancies.

Men and women of plain, common sense should be appointed on that commission, instead of extravagant and thoughtless high brows.

BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

- 1. Salem
2. Salem
3. Woodburn
4. Stayton
5. Last line for a candidate from some other place.

O.P. COSHOW IS OUT FOR SENATOR

O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg, Monday forenoon announced his candidacy for United States senator on the Democratic ticket when he filed his declaration of intention to become a candidate with Secretary of State Olcott.

He states in his declaration that he favors appropriations for the state's rivers and harbors, and parcels posts; that he is opposed to monopolies and in favor of the supervision of the railroads.

A. A. Kaddery, of Portland, filed his declaration of intention of becoming a candidate on the Democratic ticket for delegate to the national convention which will be held at Baltimore. He is from Portland.

OREGONIANS PICNICING IN SAN DIEGO

Resident and tourist Oregonians gathered in Mission Cliff Park on St. Valentine's Day, in San Diego, California, for a reunion picnic and to form a permanent Oregon society similar to the other 16 representing other states.

These societies aim to give reliable information to tourists visiting here, who want to know California and to inform others about the home state who may contemplate visiting there. After a delightful basket lunch in the balmy air and the sunshine, and having registered and become well acquainted, the party gathered in the main pavilion.

Mr. Counter, of Lane, and Mr. Willman, of Marion, as president and secretary, were selected to draft a constitution and by-laws which was adopted after the following number were elected as permanent officers for one year: President, Eugene D. White; vice presidents, Clark Braley, W. E. Thorne; secretary, W. C. Counter; treasurer, Gus Harding.

From Baker county, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. McClelland, Judge M. L. Olmstead, Mrs. M. L. Olmstead and Mrs. W. E. Young; from Benton county, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dodge, T. D. Akor, G. A. Robinson, W. B. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Porter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Malone, Ruby Olsen, Nina Douglas and Frank Douglas; from Clackamas county, Mrs. A.

Katzer, Chas. H. Jennings and Daniel Williams; from Clatsop county, Hiram B. Parker and Mrs. W. H. Robson; from Coos county, Mrs. W. H. Bohlen; from Douglas county, Edith Phelps Pearson, Mrs. A. C. Jones, and Mrs. W. R. Willis; from Hood River, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Blythe; from Jackson county, Chas. Nickell, Mrs. L. S. Dunlap, Bertha E. Dunlap, Mrs. Harry Trozel, Mrs. O. C. Huggins, Mrs. M. E. Chisholm, Mrs. C. K. Buckman, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leads; from Lake county, J. N. Watson and W. A. Massingill; from Lane county, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Counter, Esther L. Counter, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Belknap, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. David Humphrey, Hazel Humphrey, Mrs. Hattie Inman; Mrs. J. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Beckwith and Mrs. Rosa A. Woods; from Linn county, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Frost, Yvonne Frost, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Burton, Mrs. C. M. Giddings, C. A. Hume and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell; from Marion county Mrs. M. E. Hardin and Frank L. Williams; from Multnomah county, Edwin D. White, Mrs. J. M. McArthur, John Stewart, Mrs. Mary Hurley, Mrs. O. T. Holt, Lawrence Holt, Frank K. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Prink, Emma F. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shattuck, Mrs. Harriet E. Legg, Gladys Legg, Beattie Legg, Mrs. J. L. LeRoy, Dorothy W. LeRoy, Mrs. Fred Terry, Mrs. Carrie L. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ackles, Mrs. Elva Vilet, Mrs. J. A. Follett, Wm. E. Spicer, Mrs. M. A. Scott, Myra K. Smith and Mrs. C. H. Jennings; from Polk county, Mrs. S. E. Day and Kenneth Day; from Union county, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraker, Mrs. N. V. Preston, Mrs. A. C. Craig, Joa. Palmer and Mrs. A. M. Rinehart; from Wasco county, Mrs. Alice E. Johnson; from Washington county, W. E. Thorne, Mrs. W. E. Thorne, Lucile Thorne, Mrs. Lorne Palmateer, William Palmateer, from Yamhill, Clark Braly, Mrs. Viola Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hellyer, John Hellyer, Blanche E. Hellyer, and Glenn Hellyer.

Used the water rights of North Powder, Baker county. Now if they will stay settled.
Bill Hanley boosted Oregon on the governors' trip, and when he got home Burns turned out and banqueted and boosted Bill Hanley.
Stephen A. Lowell thinks Eastern Oregon is entitled to the U. S. senatorship—and that Stephen A. Lowell would be the right man for the job.
Attorney-General Wickersham has called the initiative and referendum "postal card" politics, but the supreme court of the United States called it "all right."
Judge Smith, of Baker county, held that the Sumpter Valley railroad, "the Polygamy Central," had obtained a deed from a woman by fear and coercion, but that the statutes of limitation prevented any remedy.
Do not put off till April that which can be done in March.
Oregon City is to boost at a big meeting February 29.
Harney county has lots of land, and good land, too, for settlers.
Taft petitions will be in circulation all over the state this week.
Burns claims it has assurance of two railroads in the near future.
North Bend will hold a special election April 16, to vote on charter amendments.
The Keystone Dredging company will begin mining operations near Sumpter soon.
All Eastern Oregon is smiling over abundant rains, and magnificent wheat prospects.
Wool buyers are already in the field in Eastern Oregon, and prices are unusually good.
It is rumored that Lotus W. Hill is negotiating for the big Bill Hanley ranches in Harney county.
The Elks of Portland gave an entertainment last week. The herd brought \$500 into the corral as a result.
Four hundred Benton county farmers heard Senator Paulhamus, of the Puyallup, tell how that section grew rich.
Benton county school children are enthusiastic over the proposed industrial fair, and many will enter the contests.
The last of the indictments against Wilde have been dismissed—Judge Karanough doing the dismissing act Saturday.
Shaniko, Wasco county, is the greatest wool market on the coast. Wouldn't suspect it from the name, would you?
The state board of control has set



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