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## TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Columbia County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at St. Helens, as follows:

**Commencing Wednesday, December 16, 1914, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 19, 1914, at 4 o'clock p. m.**

**Wednesday Forenoon.**  
Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

**Wednesday Afternoon.**  
Physical Geography, Reading Composition, Methods in Reading Methods in Arithmetic.

**Thursday Forenoon.**  
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

**Thursday Afternoon.**  
Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language. Thesis for Primary Certificate.

**Friday Forenoon.**  
Theory and Practice, Orthography English Literature, Chemistry.

**Friday Afternoon.**  
School Law, Geology, Algebra Civil Government

**Saturday Forenoon.**  
Geometry, Botany.

**Saturday Afternoon.**  
General History, Bookkeeping.  
J. W. ALLEN,  
County Superintendent

The operations of the Helix division of the Farmers' Union resulted in an actual saving of an average of \$109 to each of its 100 members during the past season. This saving was accomplished by economy in the purchase of grain bags, binder twine and other supplies. At its Helix warehouses the association handled 271,501 sacks of wheat.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

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## LOWER TAX BURDEN

### Pruning Knife In General Use Throughout State.

General Demand is Widespread for Relief From Oppressive Taxation.

Altogether the tax totals in Multnomah county will be nearly two million dollars less than for the preceding year.

The fight to lessen the burdens of taxation must be made if the state is to get on to the prosperity basis and stay there.

In one public ownership city taxes have been raised over the preceding year, and the same is true of a few school districts.

In 1914 the people of Oregon paid about \$24,000,000 in taxes, or about one-third of the gross income from the farms.

In nearly every county in the state lower tax levies have been made and in almost every city the same plan has been followed.

Altogether the census shows an increase in ten years of only about 48,000 population added to the state outside of the cities.

No state can prosper under such conditions, and the record for the past few years bears this out, that few people come here.

A campaign is on to cut out half a million dollars in the running expenses of the state, and compel all officials to turn in fees.

The statement of President Gilman is that twelve per cent of the gross receipts of the Hill system are eaten up this year in taxes.

Is it any wonder that it is very difficult to get money for development of railroad enterprises in a state so burdened?

The tax burdens must be lessened if capital is to come to Oregon in large amounts, and even Oregon banks suffer from high taxes.

## THE END OF RADICALISM.

Better business conditions are coming about by the people putting

**Cannot Condemn Property.**  
That private property cannot be condemned for private irrigation or waterpower purposes, was a decision handed down by the circuit court at Albany last week, the court contending that such action would be an infringement of the constitutional rights of owners of property.

## PLUM FALLS TO GIRL

### Governor's Private Secretary Is Provided For.

Miss Fern Hobbs Gets \$3600 Job as Member of Industrial Commission.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Governor West today appointed his private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs, a member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, to succeed C. D. Babcock, whose term will expire January 1. The term is for four years and the salary \$3600 a year.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Babcock would not be re-appointed, although his friends say it was generally understood at the time of his appointment to the short term that he would be named for a full term. Prior to his appointment as Commissioner he served as corporation clerk under the Secretary of State, and before that was the editor of a newspaper which supported Mr. West when he was a candidate for Governor.

Miss Hobbs was made private secretary to the Governor when Ralph Watson was promoted from the private secretaryship to Corporation Commissioner by Mr. West. The last Legislature increased the salary of the private secretary to the Governor from \$1800 to \$3000, and Miss Hobbs was the first one holding the office to receive the increased salary. She began work in the Governor's office as a stenographer.

Soon after she was made private secretary Governor West assigned Miss Hobbs to investigation work in connection with his moral crusades. Her most spectacular assignment was to Copperfield, when she, with B. K. Lawson, superintendent of the State Penitentiary, and several members of the National Guard, closed the saloons there. Miss Hobbs read the Governor's proclamation placing the town under martial law, and Colonel Lawson and the troops took charge of the saloons.

It has been rumored for some time that the Industrial Accident Commission plum would go to the Governor's private secretary. It was the last good place at his disposal to which she was eligible.

For a long time it was suggested that Harold Clifford, brother-in-law of Claude McCulloch, the Governor's lieutenant on the floor of the senate at the last session of the Legislature, had a chance of receiving the appointment, but persons on the inside put no faith in the report. It was even suggested that Mr. McCulloch might get the place, but he was found to be ineligible, the law providing that no person may hold a position created by an act passed at a session of the Legislature of which he was a member.

The other members of the Industrial Accident Commission are Harvey Beckwith, chairman, and William A. Marshall.

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**ST. HELENS, OREGON**

## FOR FARMERS' BENEFIT

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8, 1914.—(Special.)—As a great many of the farmers of Oregon find it impossible to attend the short sessions of the O. A. C., at Corvallis, school will be loaded upon a special train and taken over the state in order to distribute important instruction almost at the farmer's door. The first sessions of this traveling school will be held at Molalla and Estacada, beginning December 8. Although the complete schedule has not been definitely arranged, it has been decided that there will be 24 sessions in 24 different parts of the state, each session lasting five days, the school term ending March 27.

Engineer Laugaad, in charge of the Tumalo irrigation project, has announced that this project is now complete and that applications for the lands are being received in great numbers. The entire project embraces 22,500 acres of irrigable land, about 6000 acres of which has already been contracted for. The lands are being sold in 40 acre tracts at \$40 per acre, one-tenth of the price to be paid at once, the balance in ten installments. The settler, by irrigating one-third of the land each year for three years, can defer the annual payments for those three years, enabling him to apply the money to the improvement of the land. Storage of water in the big reservoir commenced December 5.

Six members of the staff of the extension division of the college work will give up all their time to this instruction, discussing all the important phases of production and marketing, special attention being given to local problems. Certain subjects will be treated on certain days, making it possible for a busy man to attend only on the day when the special subjects in which he is interested are taken up.

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