

ITEMS FROM THE TRADES

Farm boys have been grading roads about the place.

Carpenters are working on lockers for the Small Boys' quarters.

The machinists are doing some practical work on auto repairing at present.

Dairy details are giving the barn a coat of white-wash. The appearance is greatly improved.

Boys in masonry classes are reviewing the first semester work. The masons are still busy with plastering.

Mr. Swoboda is again on duty. We are glad to see him back again. He says there is no enjoyment in having the grippe.

Blacksmiths recently dismantled the farm tractor and made it ready for reboring cylinders and fitting new pistons. Some good wrought iron work has been done by the boys of this department.

The tendency of boys in the mechanical departments to neglect tools should be corrected. When you have tools to use see that they are returned to the shop in good condition. A workman is judged by the appearance of his tools and the care he takes of them. A careless man always has poor tools and that kind of a man makes a poor workman. No one wants to pay him good money and he cannot hold a job. Think it over.

ACADEMIC NOTES

The mid-year examinations which were to have been given Jan. 22, according to a recent announcement in the American, took place Jan. 29 as scheduled by the Chief Supervisor of Education. The announcement was made before the schedule from the Office had been received.

Miss Florence Kelly from Pittsburg, Pa., reported for duty on Jan. 24. Miss Kelly is an experienced teacher, having taught in schools in the United States and also in Porto Rico. She will relieve Mrs. Blackwood, who has had the first grade. We regret to lose Mrs. Blackwood as a member of the school faculty.

State diplomas, entitling them to enter any high school in the state of Oregon, were presented to Anna Lee Thomas and Robert Peratrovich in assembly Wednesday afternoon. In view of the fact that about 50 percent of the students from the public schools of Marion county who took the examination failed to pass, Anna Lee and Robert are to be congratulated on their preparation for the test. In May students of the eighth grade may take the state examinations in all subjects, the seventh grade may take geography, and the sixth grade physiology.

With the beginning of a new semester there will be the usual change in the seating of students in the school assembly. The letter men, and the girls who have earned letters, and the senior class will occupy the section usually assigned to them; the little folks will give up their favored seats in the front row and occupy seats in the rear of the room. The program will also be changed, the students no longer having the privilege of electing teachers for a five-minute talk. This has been one of the features of the school assembly most enjoyed by the students.

Mrs. Blackwood read a little story to the student body on Wednesday morning entitled, "A Cheap Girl;" Albert Orsen asked numerous questions on current events, followed by an intelligent discussion of each question. The afternoon division had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Turney give a beautiful solo on the piano, "Nocturne" by Chopin, and in response to an encore Mrs. Turney delighted both pupils and teachers with a second solo. Eli Karabelnikoff asked questions in current events of this division. By request Mrs. Blackwood read again the little story she had given the morning class.

SENIOR NOTES

Carney French might some day surprise you with a solo, as he possesses a wonderful bass voice.

We senior girls are now completing our hats. They all seem to become us, too. We guess we will pass as milliners after all.

Roy Courville, one of our most honorable classmates, was absent from school for a day or two and we missed him greatly.

We are glad to know that nearly every member of our class has had a chance to give a recitation during some Sunday evening in chapel.

Frank Johnson, formerly employed in the power-house, is now working in the ice plant where he is progressing rapidly in the art of drawing ice.

Oka Paulina was the second girl to finish her hat in the Domestic Art Department. The reporter is trying to think who the first girl is. Maybe Erma La Clair—who knows?

Now for a little sad news: The class of '23 has only 15 honorable members. But nevertheless we will still progress in spite of it all. So the news is not so very sad after all.

Did any of you hear a lot of canaries singing the other day? They were the senior class over in the music room trying out their voices. Mrs. Turney found one or two who could sing and they may appear before the public soon.