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# STILL MORE TEACHERS

Annual Teachers' Institute Proves Very Interesting

# SOCIAL SESSION TONIGHT

Meeting Will Close Tomorrow Evening—Educators Clean Many Useful Thoughts For Future Reference.

The attendance at the annual Douglas county teachers' institute which is in progress at the high school building is somewhat larger today than yesterday, a number of instructors having arrived in the city on last evening's train. The program as previously published in The News is being carried out to the letter, and to say the least, is proving very interesting. The social session at the courthouse last evening in honor of the teachers was a decided success, a large crowd being in attendance. A similar session will be held at the courthouse this evening and it is hoped that those who failed to attend last evening will make arrangements to be present. The meeting will close tomorrow evening after one of the most successful sessions in the history of public schools in this section of the state.

# Wednesday Afternoon.

In the primary division Mr. E. D. Ressler discussed the subject of Primary Teaching. Mr. Ressler dealt largely with new education in its industrial application. The child's experience in the world of nature must form the basis of primary teaching. And nature study must make up the material for language and reading. In presenting a reading lesson, topics about weather, wind, rain, and domestic animals should be treated. In short all the relations of each life may be arranged in two classes: (1) Experience with others and (2) Experience with nature outside. Mr. J. W. Groves next presented the subject of Child Study. Mr. Groves discussed his subject, (1) from its physiological side, (2) from its psychological standpoint. In substance Prof. Groves said that from a psychological standpoint (1) knowledge comes through the senses, the most important of which are sight and hearing. These are developed first that we may learn to think as the child thinks and that the child who thinks different from the teacher is the one to study. From the psychological side the teacher must understand the development of the mind and must appeal to working of the child's mind by the story method. In the closing address Wednesday afternoon Prof. L. R. Alderman, of the Oregon University, in a very able manner presented the subject of Agriculture. Mr. Alderman gave the plan of teaching Agriculture adapted in the Eugene public schools in the seventh and eighth grades. The seventh and eighth grades were organized into an Agricultural Society with a president, secretary and committee which were to put into practice the suggestions given in the State Text. The committee were to rent land, mark it off into plots of gardens, provide for the plowing, and marketing of the products. After the gardens were grown, the pupils announced to various rooms the vegetables of the school gardens being on sale. The essential value in the study of agriculture being to interest pupils in their surroundings.

# High School Division

In the high school division about twenty high school teachers were in attendance during the days session. In the first period, Prof. L. R. Alderman, of the department of Education of the University of Oregon gave an interesting and very practical and instructive address on High School Literature. "High School Literature" said Mr. Alderman, in substance, should develop appreciation for good literature rather than to develop the critical spirit. High school pupils will take greater interest in literature if, instead of first studying the old writers, they should learn to appreciate the modern writers. Tennyson, Bryant, Whittier, Browning, Holmes, Keats, were especially recommended for early study. All pupils should learn and know the good things to be found in our literature. By many quotations from the authors named above Prof. Alderman forcibly illustrated his strong point, appreciation of good literature. In the second period Prof. E. D. Ressler, of the state Agricultural college spoke upon "High School Language", and in a well prepared, logical theme he discussed practical language learning in high schools. Some of the important points of his address may be summarized as follows: Train for ability to carry on intelligent conversation, to express one's ideas clearly and precisely, whether in political meeting, lodge hall or commercial club or wherever occasion may arise. But this does not mean to maw or try to make orations, because most influential men are not orators, but are forceful speakers. In high school develop ability to talk by carefully supervised topical discussions, by reports by notes on public or other speeches, and by informal debate. Considerable written work based upon the studies in literature should be required. Prof. L. L. Baker, City Superintendent of Roseburg Public Schools, addressed the section on Commercial Classes in the high school. In the first afternoon period, he emphasized the great value of commercial work in high schools. The graduate from the commercial course in high school is more competent to enter an office than most business college students, for the high school gives other work both for mental development and

culture not found in business colleges.

In the discussion following Mr. Baker's address, Mr. Garland, Mr. Wyeth, Mr. Robinette and Supt. Chaney, all offered valuable suggestions for increased interest in commercial branches. In the second afternoon period L. L. Gooding, principal at Glendale, discussed High School Physical Geography. Mr. Gooding is especially interested in this subject and handled his subject in a masterful way. Physical Geography, he said, had been somewhat neglected for work in Physics. After dwelling upon the value of the subject, he took up a discussion of pedagogical points. He recommended the field and laboratory work as most necessary. A working laboratory may be secured at small cost, \$5 to \$10.

# Teachers Present.

- Mr. Fred A. Goff, Miss Cassie Weaver, Miss Alice Goff, Elkton, Oregon.
- Mrs. D. J. Gurney, Glendale, Oregon.
- John Kernan, Miss Pearl Price, Oak Creek, Oregon.
- Annie L. Kent, Brockway, Oregon.
- Miss Camilla Kinnicutt, Cleveland, Oregon.
- Miss Corinne Kinnicutt, Coles Valley, Oregon.
- Misses Mable Wilson, Leah Moody, Yoncalla, Oregon.
- Miss Marie Rasmussen, Millwood, Oregon.
- Mrs. J. R. Pickett, Booth, Oregon.
- Miss Sarah Larkins, Gunter, Oregon.
- Mrs. J. C. Powell, Curtin, Oregon.
- F. P. Sherwood, Winchester, Oregon.
- Miss Maud Sims, M. V. Thomas, Looking Glass, Oregon.
- Miss Cora Turnidge, Leona, Oregon.
- Misses Mary Edgerton, Laura Edgerton, Lulu Moore, Mrs. Douglas Walte, Messrs. Raymond Hewitt, Victor Boyd, C. T. Brown, H. W. Oliver, Earl Parker, Roseburg, Oregon.
- Misses Veta Goodman, Winnie Smith, Ethel Brewer, Emily De Vere, Hazel Fancher, Grace Graham, Martha Howard, Fairy Howard, Alice, Larkins, Addie Lovelace, Pearl Manning, Ethel Prior, Mrs. Emma Leeper, Messrs. L. B. Fancher, A. S. Cole, C. E. Goodman, Oakland, Oregon.
- Mr. L. L. Baker, J. W. Groves, P. M. Corum, Misses Ethel Gross, Jennie Cook, Elberta Tipton, Mable Mahan, Alice Mahan, Bessie Kiddy, Gertrude Bide, Ruby Berguson, Grace Hewitt, Della Smith, Bonlah Radabaugh, Adeline Stewart, Elizabeth Parrott, Kathryn Dunham, Elizabeth Lyons, Gertrude Clark, Olga Smith, Ada Fate, Myrtle Hall, Edith Clements, Murrel Williams, Bessie Steele, Raxey McGraw, Anna Berks, Emma Finlay, Mr. Bruce Elliott, Mrs. P. M. Corum, Mrs. Myrtle Bradford, Roseburg, Oregon.
- Messrs. M. E. Tucker, E. L. Keazel, G. A. Dillon, Misses Abbie Bond, Florence Glass, Lulu Howland, Orilla Peters, Grace Porter, Mabel Smith, Myrtle Creek, Oregon.
- Misses Emma Applegate, Gertrude Davis, Ada Hedrick, Bess Whipple, Mr. H. C. McCormick, Mr. A. J. Garland, Mrs. A. J. Garland, Drain, Oregon.
- L. L. Gooding, William Sline, Misses Lorene Shuck, Jennie Williams, Mrs. J. Winchell, Glendale, Oregon.
- Mr. D. W. Wright, Misses Meda Tracy, Bertha Heacock, Mary McGilvray, Daisy Hoover, Canyonville, Oregon.
- W. A. Arnold, Miss Kittle Mayes, Miss Virgil Melvin, Riddle, Oregon.
- Miss Kathryn Ages, Mr. J. H. Austin, Wilbur, Oregon.
- Mr. Clifford Boyle, Elkhead, Oregon.
- Miss Martha Bundell, Dillard, Oregon.
- Miss Alice Brumbach, Miss Hattie Rose, Dixonville, Oregon.
- Mr. Wilfred Brown, Miss Louise Putnam, Camas Valley, Oregon.
- Mr. James Bubau, Days Creek, Oregon.
- Mr. T. J. Clemo, Missouri Bottom, Oregon.
- Miss Helen Cornutt, Rockles, Oregon.
- Mr. C. D. Coan, Melrose, Oregon.
- Mr. R. V. Dunham, H. J. Robinette, Peel, Oregon.
- Miss Frances Dugan, Comstock, Oregon.
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