

RURAL SCHOOL EDUCATION

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these meetings, and the united effort they have shown to cooperate with the county office in every detail of work outlined for school and community improvement. To show the great interest shown in the meetings the first series for the present year closed with a 94% percent attendance of the teachers of the county, although the weather was very bad during the meeting at Elkton, and the teachers had long distances to come. The work of Douglas County has been considered so successful along this line that many other counties of the state are considering the adoption of the same system.

The law requires each teacher to read at least one professional book during each school year. These books are selected by the State Educational Board. Many of the teachers of Douglas County have secured Professional Certificates which means that they have read at least two of the professional books selected at the State Office, have attended the county institute, and at least one local institute, have taught at least eight months during the past school year. During the past year arrangements have been completed

by which credits may be earned at the University of Oregon by a reading course along lines of methods of teaching that is outlined by the faculty members of the University. This is really an extension normal course that insures better methods of teaching, and can be secured by every teacher in the county. This is an excellent opportunity for advancement, and many of the teachers of Douglas County are taking up the work.

In Douglas County this year measurements of class work are being introduced. By this method a comparison of the work of all of the schools of the county is made. The subjects that are being tested this year are handwriting and English. For the handwriting the Ayers scale of the Russell Sage Foundation fund is being used and in English a composition drill or test compiled by Miss Rosa B. Parrott, of Roseburg. This is the first county wide measurement to be placed in the Douglas County schools and great returns are expected. We are assured by the great interest taken by the teachers that definite improvement will be soon noted.

All teachers are urged to take an active interest in all community work. School programs, which include talks by patrons of the school and those interested in community improvement are urged, and outlines of such work placed in the hands of all rural teachers.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
LOOKING GLASS VALLEYBy T. W. MORGAN
Looking Glass

Looking Glass valley was discovered about the year 1846 by Mr. Hoy Flournoy, who approached the valley from the north, and on looking down into the beautiful waving grass, was said to have seen his own reflection, and therefore gave it the name of Looking Glass. This beautiful little valley contains about sixteen square miles and is located eight miles southwest of Roseburg in townships 27 and 28, Range 7 west. The discoverer passed thru this valley and located just west in the little valley which to this day bears his name, and on the ranch which is now owned by J. H. Mar-

This year proficiency in the fundamental subjects of the curriculum are being stressed—all other matters are accessories to this great end.

sters of Roseburg. Mr. Flournoy's family consisted of a wife and two sons. The only descendant of his family now living in Douglas County is a grand daughter, the wife of the late Joe Sheridan of Roseburg. The early pioneers were of the old puritan stock and were among the first immigrants to come west by ox team, seeking a donation land claim. These claims were staked off to suit the individual enterprising process leaving a great many fractional parts of land which makes an abstract very essential in a conveyance or deed. The older residents of this valley have nearly all passed to the great future. Mrs. Lucetta Olivant and Mrs. A. A. Mathews, being the only two of those old residents now living. These two pioneer ladies can tell you all about the sorrows and joys of early pioneer days. Of the second generation there are only a few remaining in the valley. The Williams Bros. T. R. and Lige Olivant, and their sisters, Mrs. Kate Chamberlain and Mrs. Maud Bacon; W. E. Miller, A. O. Strickland, Eldon Crow, Kinkade Bros., and your humble servant.

The elevation of the valley is about 500 feet. Climate conditions are very fine both winter and summer, there being no excesses in either heat or cold, making it especially adapted to the growing of fruit, grain, broccoli and all kinds of vegetables. Near the center of the valley is located a store and P. O. provided for by Mr. A. B. Nickens, a hotel, H. B. Howard, prop. the M. E. church, where we have preaching and Sunday school every Sunday; our minister, the Rev. Shrode, is a very able man, and holds the respect and good will of the entire neighborhood. Our public school is crowded to the limit and is presided over by Miss Coryell, of Myrtle Creek. The grammar grade under the tutelage of Mrs. O. H. Allen, of this valley, and the primary department is ably handled by Miss Har-

nar of Roseburg. In the early days about practically everything used on the farm was hauled to the valley by ox teams from Scottsburg near the mouth of the beautiful Umpqua. Think of this, you present resident, who glide up and down the beautiful highways without a thought of labor or irksome duty; think indeed of the joys and humiliations, sorrows of the old pioneer who thought of naught but God and home sweet home.

The first flour mill located in Douglas County was four miles south of Roseburg where the waters of the Umpqua river were harnessed by Mike Eveline, a sturdy old Irish miller. This property is now owned by A. C. Marsters of Roseburg. This valley at that time produced in the neighborhood of 60,000 bu. of wheat, and the above mill was highly advantageous and well patronized by the people of Looking Glass. It was said of a fellow by the name of Simmons from Missouri that he went to the old mill with a bushel of wheat in one end of the sack and a rock in the other and came back with the flour on his back to keep the weights off the horse. However we do not vouch for this although he seems to have gotten home with the delicious product of the old mill.

Present products of the valley are varied and of many different kinds. However prunes, apples, pears, and hay are grown in commercial quantities. The prune taking the lead. There are also a good many nut trees planted in the valley, which grow large quantities of walnuts, almonds, etc.

The prune crop for this season, 1922, was, perhaps, a little above normal, and was dried by the owners, the amounts being given in the evaporated state:

Wm. Voorhes and son	62,000 lbs.
Roy Buell	45,000 "
Marsh and son	105,000 "
Geo. Russell	49,000 "
Ed Mundt	47,500 "
W. G. Rochester	35,000 "
J. T. Spauld	30,000 "
L. H. Swan	50,000 "
Geo. Best	46,000 "
W. E. Clingenpoel	42,000 "
A. Larsen	35,000 "

The above amounts when totalled and multiplied by 8½ cents will show the approximate amount of money received by the growers of prunes in this valley for the year 1922.

We have no chamber of commerce but instead we have a Parent-Teachers organization with A. H. Marsh as its president; a literary and debating society, with T. W. Morgan as president, and together with our church and Sunday school, all pull together for the very best interests of the community at large. We feel at liberty to tell the thousands of interested readers of the New-Review that we are living among a generous, kind, considerate, and God fearing people.

GREETED WITH COLD WATER

A quaint New Year's custom observed in South Pembroke, the "Little England beyond Wales," is described in a London newspaper. Between six and seven o'clock on New Year's morning the householders are aroused by a succession of smart taps at their doors. On opening them they will be greeted by one or more children, chiefly boys, armed with a little year, I cheerfully resolve to obey all or other evergreen plant. The greeting consists of the words, "Will you take this New Year's water in, please?" No true native of the district would dream of refusing for this water is supposed to bring good luck for the coming year. If the child's request is granted, he sends a spray of icy water into the face of the gentleman or lady of the house, with the words, "I wish you a happy New Year!" Every member of the household must participate in the luck-bringing water, so the child is brought up to the members of the family still abed and the formula is repeated again.

Ford To Build
Two Million
Cars In 1923

At a recent meeting of the Lockwood Motor Company in Roseburg, Mr. W. H. Goodwin, manager of the Ford Motor Company of Portland, stated that the total retail deliveries of the company for the month of November were 106,326 cars and trucks, a larger volume than for either September or October.

This is the eighth consecutive month in which retail sales have exceeded the 100,000 mark.

At this meeting announcement was made that the manufacturing plans of the Ford Motor Company for 1923 contemplate the making of six thousand cars a day, starting immediately after the first of the year. This production will give a total production for the year of approximately two million automobiles while the tractor production will exceed 250,000.

Policies Promulgated. Following the recent visit of Mr. Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, to the Coast, policies of service and sales outlined to

the branch managers have been whipped into shape. These policies were read and discussed by the dealer organization. Extensive plans are now being completed for the installation of the necessary equipment for the building of Ford products in the Portland branch of the Ford Motor Company.

This output will be the source of supply for the Oregon territory and five counties in Southern Washington, and with the work actually started at the Portland branch confirms the announcement of the vast production plans for the coming year.

Service to Play Important Part

The establishing of a definite plan for the increased production is only a minor part of the program for 1923. The enormous resources at the command of the present 6,000,000 Ford owners are being strengthened from every possible angle. "Service alone" states Mr. Goodwin, "is the most important factor entering into the sale of our entire production schedule for nineteen twenty-three."

Evidences of the actual working out of this plan are being brought out forcibly to the many Ford owners operating under the local Ford representative. With plant extensions and efficient organizing, the C. A. Lockwood Motor Company is taking advantage of every opportunity to insure success for the sale of

their quota of cars this coming year. "Having delivered cars, and tractors in excess of the target set for the Lockwood Co., during the past three months, and with our clear vision of a serious policy as explained to feel confident that the territory will absorb its share of new production schedule, and Charles Lockwood.

"At the present time we have orders on file for future delivery of cars, trucks and tractors and our present owners are assured of constant service, ordered, for the first time in history of the Roseburg territory, a solid carload of Ford parts."

BEGAN NEW YEAR

March 23 was the usual day among most Christian people, medieval days, but in America, Europe December 21, was New Year's Day. William the Conqueror, the observance on January 1, time of the German conquest of later England, with the rest of the world, began her new year on 25.

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