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School Department

Under Direction of FAY CLARK, County School Superintendent

Brogan Notes.

Palmer Penmanship Buttons were awarded to fifteen students in the penmanship class last week.

The general renovating which the school building received during the holidays is keenly appreciated by both pupils and teachers.

Ealmo Mathisen H. S. '17 has discontinued her school work in Brogan, having returned to her home in Portland. She will complete the year's work in the schools of her home city.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the month of December are: Ernest Logan, Kenneth Lockett, Emmons Logan, Pearl Tschirgi, Arden Lockett, Minnette Johnson, Grace Clark, Anna Johnson, Gladwin Tschirgi, Viola Ackerman, Cora, Fern and Adelia Rouse, Evan Alstrom, Margaret Horn, Cecile Gladys and Myrtle Logan, Carmol Lockett and Leonard Cole.

Sixteen pupils are enrolled in the McDermitt school. This is the largest attendance in the history of the school.

The two schools in district No. 29 gave a very interesting program December 24 to quite a large audience. During vacation week a part of the program was rehearsed at the home of Mrs. Wilmer Patch for the benefit of some who were unable to attend Friday.

The Annex school enjoyed a sleigh ride Wednesday evening, January 5. Mr. Sam Powers furnished the sleigh and team and Mrs. Eunice Grant and Mrs. Spaulding chaperoned the crowd. Eight pupils in the schools in district No. 29 will write in the January examinations.

Little Doris Fraser and her mother have moved from the Annex district to Nevada. Doris will be missed by her little playmates in school.

During the month of December the pupils of the Cairo school were given a vacation of eleven days because of scarlet fever in the neighborhood. In spite of this fact a good Christmas program was prepared and given.

Malheur City Notes.

After a vacation of a week school has been resumed with renewed vigor. On account of the heavy snowfall, five of the children are unable to attend, thus making the attendance rather small.

Seven of the pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the four months of school. They are: Howard and Doris White, Robert and Otis Anderson, Gladys Howard, Ralph and Dorothea Morfitt.

The Home Credit system has been adopted in this school and parents and pupils are taking a great deal of interest in it. A certain number of

minutes is allowed for the performance of each task and when six hundred or more minutes are earned during a month, ten per cent is allowed on a low grade. In addition to this, the one who has the largest number of minutes to his credit at the end of the year will be given a prize the closing day of school.

Christmas Eve a program was given by the combined forces of the school children and the town people.

Material was purchased for window curtains which are to be made by the school children.

The Valley View pupils enjoyed a Christmas program and tree. Miss von Readen's room gave a short play, "Christmas at Finnegans," that was appreciated by all present. After vacation these children were glad to get back to school work. The ninth grade pupils are doing exceptionally well with the advanced work that has been added this year.

Verna Seward and Helen Davis have returned to Cord and will be enrolled in the school there. Miss Seward has been spending some time in Westfall, and Miss Davis has been visiting her aunt in the Steins mountain.

The Cord and Mooreville schools gave a joint Christmas tree in Mooreville.

In the Wade school, in the Big Bend section, Edyth Swigert, Lyda Johnston and Lois Scholes have not missed a word in spelling during the three months of school. Lowell Ashcraft of this school was absent last week because of illness.

In the Owyhee district there is a little girl seven years old who lives three and one half miles from school and has not missed a day since the fall term began. Just recently it was necessary for the older children in the family to remain at home for the day and this little girl walked the distance to school alone. Her name is Esther Ferrell and all Malheur county should be proud of her record.

Christmas found the children on the Alfalfa Heights without a fir tree but they proved themselves to be more resourceful than some others and substituted a large buckbrush which made a very pretty Christmas tree. A good program was given and splendid time enjoyed by all. Mary Beeler, Beulah Beeler, Dick Ball and Mildred Hall won places on the December honor roll.

Crowley Notes.

Crowley school was opened January 3rd after a week's vacation. All seem to enjoy the holiday vacation but were

ready to go to work again. Cecil Madariaga has returned to school after a prolonged absence due to a sprained ankle. Anna Anderson, the Crowley teacher, visited many of the patrons of the school during vacation. The enrollment in school is increasing. George Farber is the last to enroll and Mace Armstrong has recently re-entered.

The grading system that will be used on the report cards in the Nyssa schools is different from any used before. It aims to tell just how the pupil stands in his class and also how well the class is doing in the work. The old system of numbers, or letters for numbers, never told how the child compared with other members of the class, and often made an unfavorable comparison when one teacher graded higher or lower than another. In the new system A will stand for the best work done in the class; B will represent the next best work; C is average work and U unsatisfactory. If a child gets C on the report card it means that he is doing average work and the other letters higher or lower. In addition to the letter which shows the comparative standing of the pupil in his class, there will also be a number that represents the work the class is doing, on a scale of 100, 100 being the best work that any class could do in this subject. Thus if a child receives the grade C, 75, it means that he is doing average work and that the average in the class is 75. If a pupil receives a grade of C, 80, the number means that the average of the class are doing 80 work, those who get B and A are doing better work about 90 and 100. Any standing below C means that more attention should be given to the work and any grade where the average is below 70 means that either the work is too hard or the entire class need to do better.

The schools of Nyssa and Arcadia were responsible for carrying out a community Christmas with union program and an outdoor Christmas tree.

The teachers of the Nyssa schools meet on alternate Thursdays to discuss matters of educational interest. The books in the reading circle course have been ordered and will be passed around the circle. Usually a social time is also enjoyed.

The pupils in the Echave or Oregon Canyon school who took part in the Christmas program are: Secunda Laucarrica, Julia Echave, Delfina Coscorrosa, Virginia Echave, Martin Echave, Jesus Laucarrica, Julio Laucarrica and Charlie Coscorrosa. The girls made pin cushions and the boys match scratchers to put on the Christmas tree for their parents.

Vale, Ontario and Nyssa high schools have entered the State debate league and are the only schools in the Eastern part of the State to undertake this work.

The rules governing the eighth grade examinations will be followed closely this year and pupils failing in more than two subjects will be expected to re-write in all subjects in the next examination.

Through an error made by the J. K. Gill people in Portland the wrong box of books were sent us. This means another delay in sending the remainder of the library books to the schools.

RULES GOVERNING MALHEUR COUNTY DECLAMATORY CONTEST

1. All contests shall be held under the auspices and direction of an executive committee, consisting of the county superintendent, the city superintendents of the three largest schools of the county and one teacher appointed annually by the county superintendent.

2. The county superintendent shall be ex-officio chairman of the committee and shall preside at the contests.

3. One contest shall be held annually on the last Saturday of March, in rotation, in Vale, Nyssa and Ontario.

4. Contestants must be sixth, seventh or eighth grade pupils, and any school district in Malheur County, having pupils eligible under these rules, may enter one contestant.

5. Each school shall pay the expenses of its representative. For the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of contests, and to arouse an interest in declamatory work, it is recommended that try-out contests be held to select a contestant and an alternate.

6. The time for delivery of a declamation shall not exceed eleven minutes.

7. The audience shall not applaud or manifest its approval or disapproval of any speaker.

8. Any school wishing to enter a candidate shall report to the county superintendent not less than one week prior to the contest, the number of the district, the name and grade of the pupil, and the title of the selection to be spoken.

9. Contestants shall appear upon

the program by number, and the order of speaking shall be determined by lot. Precaution must be taken to keep the identity of the speakers from the judges.

10. The judges shall be selected as follows: The superintendent of the school where the contest is to be held shall select three persons from a list of names selected by the remaining members of the executive committee, each of whom shall submit two names not later than March 1. The judges shall not be residents of Malheur County.

11. The following scale shall be used in marking: Interpretation, 40; Naturalness, 30; Elocution, 15; Memory, 15.

12. An agreement of two of the judges shall be sufficient to render a decision. In case two of them cannot agree, the decision shall be rendered in favor of the one having the highest total of the three judges.

13. The trophy, a silver cup, shall remain in custody of the winning school until the next contest.

14. The school entertaining the contest shall arrange the program, providing such numbers as will give variety to the entertainment. They shall be entitled to the proceeds after paying expenses. The price of admission shall not exceed 25 cents.

15. Districts having a four-year high school may be represented only once by any one pupil. In all other districts contestants may enter again provided they are eligible under these rules and did not win the cup in former contests.

A girl doesn't mind freezing to death so much, if the garb penetrated by the wintry blasts is fashionable.

On the other hand, some men are a good deal more generous at home than they are down town.

Compared with claims made for certain brands of pipe tobacco, the prospectus of a mining stock promoter seems a violet by a mossy stone.

Comparatively little food goes to waste in the home where a boy is making his headquarters.

FIRE BLIGHT CONTROL

Fire blight, the most destructive of apple and pear diseases, has caused great damage during the past season in certain parts of Oregon. The disease has also made its appearance this year in certain localities not hitherto known to harbor the disease. In order to prevent the tremendous losses which usually follow the incursions of fire blight growers must

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