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COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RENDERS HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Attendance Shows Increase Over Previous Year--- Educator Says Rural High Schools are Greatest Need of County

County School Superintendent Smith, has completed his annual report for the school year just ended. His resume of the year's work is of interest to school patrons throughout the county, and we print a part of it herewith.

The number of pupils enrolled during 1912 was 8851, an increase of 726 over 1911. The teachers employed totaled 275, and \$158,003 was spent for salaries.

Establish Standard

The general condition of the schools of Marion county has improved greatly during the past year. An effort was made to bring the schools all up to a common standard. A circular giving the conditions to be met was placed in the hands of school officers and teachers at the beginning of the school year. This circular was posted in the school room, and as the lighting, heating ventilating, etc. were improved the teacher checked the points on the circular. This plan created a great deal of interest in school improvement.

Given Diplomas

When a school won all of the points a neat diploma stating that the school yard, water supply, out-houses, school-building, heating, ventilation, furnishings, organization, and teaching were satisfactory. This plan will be revised and extended. Many schools will make changes and improvements this summer so that at the beginning of school they will be up to standard. Important improvements have already been made in at least fifty districts.

Several Institutes

During the past year besides the regular annual institute which was held on Oct. 18-30, three local institutes and thirty-five teachers' and patrons' meetings were held throughout the county. At most of these meetings the patrons took an active part in the discussion of school problems.

School Board Conventions were held at Salem and Woodburn. Practically every district in the county was represented at those meetings. The entire time was taken up in discussion of ways and means of improving the schools.

New Buildings

Ten new school buildings, modern in every particular, were erected during the year. Modern heating and ventilat-

ing systems were installed in five of these. In many of the old buildings the stove was moved from the center of the room to one corner, surrounded by a sheetiron jacket and thereby made to serve as a ventilator as well as a heater.

Rural High Schools

Every school in the county had six months school during the year and 85 had more than six months of school. Our greatest need at the present time is for rural high schools so that the boys and girls in the country may get a high school education and not have to leave home.

County Fund Plan

The plan of supporting all of the high schools of the county from a general county fund has been tried by a number of the counties of the state and has proven to be the best plan to secure high schools in the country. There is an increasing demand for rural high schools in Marion county and no doubt the county Fund Law will be made operative at the November election.

Spelling Contests

The Spelling contests aroused much enthusiasm in that important subject during the past year. Teachers and Supervisors are unanimous in the opinion that these contests have accomplished much good. All of the rural schools of the county participated in the contests. Sublimity won first place among the one-room schools and St. Paul won over all other schools having two or more rooms.

Supplementary Books

It is a well established fact that the text books in reading do not furnish sufficient reading material for the pupils. They are compelled to read the same lesson again and again or advance to a more difficult reader before they are ready. The result is that the pupil forms the habit of reading in a strained unnatural manner which is difficult to correct. An abundance of supplementary reading in the hands of a skillful teacher is the remedy. A majority of the school boards of the county responded to a request to supply extra readers for the first three grades. It is hoped that all schools will be supplied next year.

Dairymen To Get Milk Cows On Time

(Special to The Mail)

West Stayton, July 31—The dairy industry here has been given a decided impetus by the action of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Company in providing the settlers on the irrigated tracts with funds to buy all the milk-cows they can feed, repaying the amounts in monthly installments out of the cream checks.

TRAFFIC REFORMS MAY HELP FREIGHT BUSINESS

Accuracy and Care on Part of Shippers Urged by Railroad Officials, Who Deplore Errors

A campaign for a number of freight traffic reforms that will be a great aid to both the shipper and the railroad, is being worked out by the traffic and claims departments of the Southern Pacific Company. One of the important features of this campaign is to be an attempt to do away with overcharges.

"A railroad would rather spend two dollars to avoid an overcharge, than half that sum in adjusting one," says E. O. McCormick, vice president in charge of traffic. One of the common causes for overcharge claims is the failure of the shipper to properly describe the article on the shipping ticket, and in such cases the bill of lading carries erroneous information.

Claims, in many instances, arise from causes beyond the control of the railroad company, and can be avoided only through the active interest and co-operation of shippers. Another cause for overcharge claims is illegible and poorly written tickets and bills of lading. The use of abbreviations also makes a great deal of trouble. Frequently these alleged overcharges are really undercharges. Proper description of the article shipped is one of the best methods of avoiding overcharges, say the officials. It means much delay to the shipper when the railroad company has to adjust these, and the company is able to save much delay and expense, principally by having the agents and shippers see that proper descriptions and proper addresses are well written or printed on the shipping tickets and bills of lading.

Governor Wilson and Family At Sea Girt Summer Home



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IN the event of Governor Wilson's election as president there will be no lack of "ladies of the White House." His three daughters are attractive and accomplished girls, who have been encouraged by their mother, herself a woman of talent, to develop their own individualities. Thus Margaret, the eldest, who has a fine voice, has devoted herself to the study of music; Jessie, the second daughter, who had leanings toward a missionary career, is engaged in philanthropic and educational work, and Eleanor, the youngest, inheriting her mother's taste for painting, is following art as her chief interest. The young women are all fond of outdoor sports, and with the Wilsons in the White House, though there might be no "tennis cabinet," the claims of the open air life would receive ample recognition. The governor and his family have been making their summer home at Sea Girt, living in the "Little White House," the official hot weather residence of the governor of New Jersey. It was there that the accompanying photograph was taken, in which the governor and his wife are seen in the foreground, with their daughters in the background—Jessie, Eleanor and Margaret standing in the order named, from left to right.

S. P. WILL SHIP FAIR EXHIBITS FREE

Products of School Children to Receive Special Attention From Railroad

The Southern Pacific and Corvallis and Eastern Railway, have made the following announcement:

Exhibits such as Drawings, Needlework, Agricultural Products, Canned Goods and Preserves, Poultry, Live Stock, or work of Industrial Schools, exhibited by pupils under direction of State Board of Education at the Oregon State Fair, at Fair Grounds, Oregon, will be transported by this Company from all points on its lines in Oregon to the Fair and return free under the following conditions:

1st. All exhibits will be restricted to "pupils" regularly enrolled; and All exhibits will be restricted to and represent the bona fide work of pupils regularly enrolled and attending schools within the State of Oregon.

2nd. All such exhibits must be concentrated and shipped together from each school or school district under direction of Superintendent, Principal, or other proper authority, and if returned to original point of shipment handling must be under same conditions.

3rd. Exhibits will not be accepted under provisions of this arrangement when tendered by individuals, pupils or shippers, but must in all cases be forwarded under conditions as specified in Rule 2.

4th. Superintendents, Principals, or other proper authorities, must, in order to get benefit of the arrangement, place on Bills of Lading or shipping receipts the following notation over their signatures:

"Shipment contains Exhibits of regularly enrolled pupils of _____ School or _____ School District for exhibition (and not for sale) at Oregon State Fair."

(Signed)

(Title)

LYONS WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Estella Berry, aged 82 years, died at her home near Lyons, Thursday July 25th, of tetanus or lockjaw. She was the wife of Forrest Berry, a farmer near Lyons and was sick but a short time. Interment was in the Fox Valley cemetery.

METHODIST SERVICES

"The Christian Church, Its Three Divisions, Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic and Protestant Catholic", will be the subject at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning. In the evening the subject will be "Have Hells Fires Gone Out?"

ASPHALT WORTH DIFFERENCE IN PRICE

Figures from Silverton's Bids on Street Work Show Relative Cost of Hard and Soft Surface

STAYTON SHOULD MAKE A START ON THIS WORK

Bitulithic Is Best Surface for the Business Section of a Town

As stated last week, we will give a few facts and figures from Silverton's bids received on paving and macadam. On hard surface paving the bids were as follows: Warren Construction Company, Bitulithic, \$1.79 sq. yd., Clark & Henry, Asphalt concrete, rock base, \$1.72 sq. yd., Montague & O'Riely, El Oso pavement, \$1.70 sq. yd., Ambrose & Burdall, Asphalt concrete, rock base, \$1.45 sq. yd.

These are all known as hard surface or concrete pavements and the wearing surfaces of each kind is composed of crushed rock, sand and asphalt cement, and mixed at a high temperature and thoroughly rolled while in that condition. The wearing surface is two inches thick on a four inch compressed rock foundation.

In the macadam bids, Bedwell & Hayden were lowest at about \$1.15 sq. yd. This firm, however, gave the property owners the right to change any street to hard surface at any time before the work commenced, and the Silverton Appeal states that some have already taken advantage of this privilege.

On the basis of a 50ft. frontage, and hard surface at \$1.45 sq. yd., paving in front of your lot would cost about \$165. If it was decided to put down macadam at \$1.15, the cost would be about \$130. Would you not rather have hard surface at the former price?

As a suggestion, it would not be a bad idea for a half dozen, or more, property owners to visit Silverton and verify these figures and see for themselves just what street improvement is being done and in what manner it is being conducted.

Are you interested Mr. Property Owner? If so, act. If not, please do not "cuss" our streets next winter.

COOKERY BOOK IS OF INTEREST TO CAMPERS

"Camp Cookery" is the title of the latest bulletin from the press of the Oregon Agricultural College. It is a small, conveniently sized book for carrying in the pocket of a hunting coat for ready reference and contains in its 31 pages a large amount of practical and useful information for those who spread their table under the greenwood bough. It was prepared by the school of domestic science and art for the special use of forest rangers, campers, mining prospectors and sportsmen. It follows somewhat the lines of instruction in the course in camp cookery given at the college during the year for the forestry, mining and surveying students.

The little book also explains how to build camp fires, and what should be included in the camp equipment. Among the interesting recipes are those for "army bread," "emergency biscuits," "dough boys," "pulled fire bread," "ranchmen's bread, flap-jacks, "fried quarts," "Mulligan," "hunter's pudding" and Johnnie cake.

The three-year-old son of Herman Robertson cut his lip severely Tuesday by falling on a sharp instrument. Dr. Beauchamp had to take several stitches in the wound.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRLS ENJOYED CAMPING TRIP

The Loyal girls of the Stayton Christian Bible school, Miss Hally Shelly, teacher, returned from their camping trip on the Little North Fork, Monday afternoon. That they had a most delightful outing is putting it mildly. In fact they say words fail to express the fun they had in the eight days they were there.

The girls wore overalls and big straw hats, and thereby won the name of the "overall boys." Among some of the pleasant things they did, was taking their daily plunge in the Santiam, fishing, and exploring the region around about. Fun—well, just ask them about it.

On Wednesday, each "boy" with "his" bedding strapped on "his" back, frying pan in hand, and provisions in "his" pockets, started on a twenty-five mile hike, starting one day and returning the next.

Of course the kodak was used freely, so they will have many pleasant reminders for days to come. Those camping were: Nina Hendershott, Alim a Nendel, Cecilia and Clara Meilke, Norvella Eskew, Lois Bracken, Maud Morton and Hally Shelly.

J. A. Hendershott has been a telephone lineman this week.

STILL IN DOUBT

A week or two since, we thought that we were safe, as the International Bible Students Association had declared that there was no such place as hell.

But now comes a St. Louis divine and asserts that there is a place of future punishment. This leaves us halting between two opinions.

STARTS SOCIALIST PAPER

Editor McNeal of the Aumsville Record has just launched a new publication on the world with the euphonious and suggestive title of "The Broad Ax." The sheet is a small four page monthly and is supposed to be the last word in the realm of socialist publications. The motto of this exponent of human sagacity is "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

PREPARE FOR ROUNDUP

Pendleton people have arranged to enlarge the stadium where the roundup is staged, so that many more people may be seated at the coming show. The management has invited Theodore Roosevelt to attend and he writes he is considering a plan to arrange his itinerary so he may be in Pendleton during the Roundup.

FAMOUS POWER SITE LITIGATION IS DECIDED

The famous case of the Willamette Power company against the Hammond Lumber company, in which the plaintiffs sought to condemn properties of the defendant on the Santiam and the Breitenbush, closed at 9 o'clock Monday, when the jury brought in a verdict awarding to the defendants a sum of \$200,000 damages on the property. The defendants asked \$979,240 in an amended answer filed several days ago.

Lec Kerber of Stayton was one of the jurymen chosen specially to try this case.

PROMOTES GOOD ROADS

Samuel Hill, who has been one of the most consistent champions of good roads in the Pacific Northwest, will make a leading address before the International Pacific Highway Association convention, in San Francisco, next week. This organization is promoting a scenic automobile road from Mexico to Alaska, along the Pacific Ocean. Good roads advocates from all over will be in attendance. Directors of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will have charge of the entertainment of delegates.