

# Molasses Going Out.

"The old fashioned molasses is rapidly disappearing as an article of commerce," said a prominent grocer, "and in its place have come a number of sirups, which are more costly and by no means as satisfactory, especially to the little ones, who delight, as we did when we were young, in having 'lasses on their bread.' Most of the molasses goes into the distilleries, where it is made into rum, for which, notwithstanding the efforts of our temperance workers, the demand is constantly on the increase, especially in the New England states and for the export trade. The regular drinker of rum will take no other liquor in its place if he can help it. It seems to reach the spot more directly than any other dram. The dark brown sugars have also disappeared, and they are never likely to return, owing to the methods of boiling and the manufacture. Granulated sugar is of the same composition, as far as saccharine qualities are concerned, as loaf, cut loaf, cube and crushed and differs from them only in that its crystals do not cohere. This is because it is constantly stirred during the process of crystallization. The lighter brown sugars taste sweeter than the white, for the reason that there is some molasses in them.

"Housekeepers have difficulty these days in finding coarse, dark sugars, which are always preferred for use in putting up sweet pickles, making cakes and similar uses. As they cannot get brown sugar any more it may be well for them to remember that they can simulate brown sugar by adding a teaspoonful of molasses to each quarter of a pound of the white granulated sugar. This combination does as well in all household recipes that call for brown sugar as the article itself, and, besides, it saves them a great deal of hunting for brown sugar, which, as said before, has disappeared from the market."—Washington Star.

## This Setter Hunts Frogs.

"Talk about your dog stories," said a prominent sporting man the other day. "I saw something out at Catoff lake which beat anything I ever heard of. I was out there hunting snipe and saw a man riding around on horseback, and in front of him was circling an Irish setter. As the fellow did not have any gun, my curiosity was aroused to know what he was doing, but I supposed he was simply breaking his dog. As a few minutes I saw him ride up to where the dog was on a dead stand, and the horseman proceeded to jab a pole he was carrying down into the ground, and, bringing it up, took something off the end of it. My curiosity was greater than ever, and, circling around, I came up with the horseman and asked him what he was doing.

"Hunting frogs," was the reply. "What is the dog doing?" said I. "Hunting frogs," was the laconic answer. "You don't mean to tell me that the dog will set the frogs, do you?" "I don't mean anything else." "A few more questions and answers brought out the fact that the dog had seen his master hunting around in the grass for frogs and spearing them and had of his own accord taken up the task of locating the green beauties. He was a thoroughly trained hunter of birds, and he soon became very expert in locating frogs, so his owner informed me, and my observations of his movements confirmed the statements."—Omaha Bee.

## This Man Could Split Hairs.

Lucius Poole, whose den in Springfield street, Boston, is famous among antiquarians, can do more wonderful things with a sheet of paper than any one else in America—perhaps in the world. Not only can he dovetail, skive, splice and inlay, but he can split. That is the most difficult achievement in the whole art of book patching. Mr. Poole will take a leaf from any of the current magazines and slice it three times through its entire length and width, thereby making four sheets instead of one, each of just one-quarter the thickness of the original. Splitting hairs is rough work beside a job like that.

One of Mr. Poole's tricks is to cut an imperfect picture from a page and then insert one in its stead so deftly that only the closest scrutiny will discover that a fiber has been disturbed. Another is to "plant" a photograph on the page of a book so that one cannot tell that it was not printed there originally.

When Mr. Poole is asked to tell how he performs his feats, he says: "Oh, it's just by work, partly natural and partly acquired. It would take a year to explain the details."—New York Press.

## A Gymnastic Pig.

A Kentucky pig has suddenly developed a genius for gymnastics and engineering which eclipse the proudest achievements of his race. This eminent pig was recently placed by his owner in a pasture surrounded by a high wall and ornamented by elm trees studded with wild grapevines. The pig, however, could not confine his mind and vagrant spirit. Selecting a tree standing near the western wall of the pasture, he carefully bit loose the lower end of a stout grapevine, which was attached by its tendrils to a limb of a tree, and, taking this improvised rope in his mouth, swung himself in the air until he gathered an impetus which sent him entirely over the wall and landed him in the next field. Enough often recaptured, he has constantly repeated this extraordinary feat, and his intelligent owner, instead of sending down his elm trees to restrain his pig's wandering propensity, has decided to educate him for the trapeze business.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## Primitive Wales.

It is an interesting fact, and one showing how little have been the surface changes wrought in agricultural Wales, that a well known Roman road exists to this day in the very heart of Llandudno and with a few breaks, can be traced to the outskirts of Magog, a couple of miles away.

# ANNUAL MEETING.

## Report of Condition of Oregon City Schools.

### CLERK'S REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Board of Directors and Taxpayers of School Dist. No. 62 of the County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit the following financial report of clerk of School Dist. No. 62 for the school year ending the first day of March A. D. 1897. I am very sorry to report that there are several hundred dollars due from Clackamas county on account of delinquent taxes, which has occasioned a small deficiency, leaving the district indebted to the clerk in the amount of \$67.54, when there should be a small surplus in the treasury.

### RECEIPTS.

|   |                     |         |
|---|---------------------|---------|
| Balance in hands of the clerk                         | March 3d, 1896..... | \$ 8.36 |
| Am't borrowed during the year                         | 2500 00             |         |
| Am't realized from sale of bonds                      | 6000 00             |         |
| Am't received from special tax levy of .006.....      | 4537 84             |         |
| Am't received from county apportionment fund.....     | 3362 00             |         |
| Am't received from state apportionment fund.....      | 1159 20             |         |
| Am't received from tuition fees of non-residents..... | 113 80              |         |
| Rebate on freight account.....                        | 75                  |         |
| Total am't rec'd from all sources.....                | \$17681 95          |         |

### DISBURSEMENTS.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Teachers' salaries for the year ending Feb. 19, 1897.....     | \$6509 54 |
| Janitors' salaries for the year ending March 1, 1897.....     | 597 05    |
| For redemption of bonds issued in 1888 8-7's.....             | 6000 00   |
| Interest on bonds of district.....                            | 724 75    |
| For outstanding notes of district for money borrowed.....     | 2500 00   |
| Interest on above notes.....                                  | 27 65     |
| New desks and seats.....                                      | 330 20    |
| School supplies, maps, stationery.....                        | 312 87    |
| Fuel for school houses.....                                   | 202 50    |
| Repairs to buildings, furnaces, etc.....                      | 276 28    |
| Water rent for year.....                                      | 36 00     |
| Hall rent for election and graduating exercises.....          | 17 50     |
| Diplomas.....   | 13 00     |
| Advertising and printing of notices, bills, etc.....          | 44 15     |
| Printing rules and regulations.....                           | 23 00     |
| Tuning organ.....   | 5 00      |
| Drays.....  | 3 00      |
| Stamps, stationery, telephone and telegraph service, etc..... | 25 40     |
| Salary of clerk, taking census, etc.....                      | 100 00    |

Tl am't expenditures for year.....\$17749 49  
Tl am't of receipts for year.....17673 59

Excess of expenditures.....\$75 90  
Balance on hand March 3, '96.....8 36

Balance due clerk.....\$67 54

### SUMMARY OF CLERK'S ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1897.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Dr—Cash on hand March 3, 1896.....                  | \$ 8.36    |
| Am't received from all sources during the year..... | 17673 59   |
|   | \$17681 95 |
| Cr—By warrants paid by vote of directors.....       | \$17749 49 |
| Balance due clerk.....                              | 67 54      |

### LIABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT, MARCH 1, '97.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Six per cent bonds due July 1, 1913, to the amount of.....     | \$6000 00  |
| Six per cent bonds due December 1, 1916, to the amount of..... | 6000 00    |
| Amount due clerk.....  | 67 54      |
| Total am't of liabilities.....                                 | \$12067 54 |
| Liabilities, March 3, 1896.....                                | 11991 64   |
| Increase in amount of liabilities.....                         | 75 10      |

### OF SCHOOL AGE.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number of children of school age enumerated in 1896..... | 1104 |
| Number of children of school age enumerated in 1897..... | 1105 |
| Increase during the year.....                            | 1    |

As shown by the above account of the liabilities of the district the issue of bonds sold by the district in 1888 and which drew interest at the rate of 7 per cent have been refunded and six per cent bonds issued in lieu thereof.

Average cost per capita as shown by enrollment, \$12.40.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. F. RYAN,  
Clerk School District No. 62.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Directors and the Patrons of the Oregon City Public Schools:

In making a report in March the superintendent is somewhat at a disadvantage, because, if he compile it from this school year, he has but five months; and if he compile it from nine months he must consider two fractions of different school years.

I shall glean such data from both these sources as I consider will be of interest to you.

During the five months just closed we have enrolled 713 pupils, and for the same time last year we enrolled 693, making a gain this year of 20 pupils or about three per cent. The number of pupils in the district, as shown by the clerk's report, being the same as last year, this shows a satisfactory gain.

Our average daily attendance for these five months is 598; for the corresponding time last year it was 554, making a gain in daily attendance of 44 or over nine per cent.

The total enrollment for the nine months just closed is 763, for the previous year it was 762. In the average daily attendance, however, for the last nine months of school, we find quite a satisfactory gain, it being 578 as compared with 533 for the previous year, a gain of 45 pupils or over eight per cent.

We have remodeled the course of study to conform with Portland's course, and

have bettered and strengthened it in many particulars.

We still promote most of the pupils on meritorious daily work, and believe it to be more satisfactory than any other system.

In conclusion I wish to embrace this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to all patrons to visit the schools. When we send out special or personal invitations, we feel called upon for, and you expect, some unusual program, which will hardly give you a correct idea of our daily work. Consider yourselves each and all personally invited to visit our daily work.

S. W. H. LINES, Superintendent

To the Taxpayers and Patrons of School District No. 62, Clackamas County, Oregon:

The undersigned board of directors beg leave to submit the following report: School opened on September 28th with fourteen teachers, the salaries remaining the same as last year, with the exception of Prof. McAdam, whom your board believes to be justified in raising from one hundred dollars per month to one thousand per year. All the rooms were well filled and some of them crowded, especially the eighth grade, and in distributing the work so as to avoid the expense of furnishing and procuring another room and employing another teacher, it became necessary to transfer 19 pupils from the 8th grade, which is at the Eastham school, to the Barclay school, and assign their several recitations to four different teachers. We did this after mature deliberation as for the best interest of taxpayers and patrons, and we hope that no parents will feel grieved at the small inconvenience thus placed upon their children. These pupils were not neglected in the least but simply inconvenienced in going to different rooms for recitations.

Your board also, in compliance with a tax levied for that purpose one year ago, resented two rooms with new desks at \$3.30 per desk; also remodeled the furnace pipes at the Eastham school at an expense of \$10; also had erected two storm doors at the same building at the south entrance. Total cost of repair to building \$159.41.

We have also purchased one set of maps complete at a cost of \$80; also one map of Oregon and one combination globe for each building, and with the mathematical blocks, charts, maps, etc., previously purchased, we believe the schools to be well supplied with the necessary apparatus for the present. We would further suggest that steps be taken to hasten the completion of the cycle walk from Seventh to Eleventh streets on Jefferson, for the better accommodation of pupils from the southern part of the district.

J. W. NOLLE,  
Chairman of Board.

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