ADVANCES IN SCHOOL WORK

Schools of State Show Notable Progress Since 1908

First Half of State Superintend's Report Is Ready for Legislature

The first half of the biennial report of State Superintendent Ackerman, which the law requires to be made to the next session of the legislature, has been completed. The report gives all the statistics for 1909 except the school census, which is not taken until November 25 of each year. The figures indicate a large increase in population and show a healthy condition and growth of the school work.

According to Ackerman's report there were 3899 schoolrooms in operation in 1909 nd 3715 in 1908. The average daily attendance this year was 95,081; last year it was 94,333. In 1909 the number of pupils enrolled was 27,532 and last year it was 23,978.

The number of pupils enrolled in the seventh and eighth grades in 1908 was 21,926; 1909, 23,789. The high schools include the one, two, three and four year schools the average length being at the present time two and one-half years. This makes in 1909 an average of 11,012 to the year in the high schools. In 1908, there were 21,926 in the seventh and eighth grades, or 10,963 for each grade. These figures tend to show that in Oregon practically all of the pupils completing the grammar schools, take at least two years and a half of high school work.

Special reports from the county school superintendents relative to high schools show a remarkable growth in the high schools of the state. The average monthly salary paid rural teachers in 1908 was $49.60; in 1909, $50.15. The average monthly salary of principals in 1908 was $80.87; in 1909, $87.03. The average monthly salary of assistant teachers in 1908 was $56.35; in 1909, $57.96.

BARLOW

The report of the Barlow Progressive Club is that their exhibit at the county fair received second premium. The amount of the premium received more than paid expenses of the exhibit.

Mr. Moe and Mr. Nelson have opened a butcher shop and are ready to supply their customers with first class meat.

Barlow now has a first class barber.

Mr. Johnson, our blacksmith, was quietly married Sundsy to Miss Luany of Molalla. Mr. and Mrs Johnson will make Barlow their future home.

Mrs. J. J. Warful was a Portland and Oregon City visitor Monday.

Mrs G. A. Simpson has returned from a two weeks' visit with hei parents at Grants Pass.

T. P. Soules of Woodburn spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ogle.

Mrs. W. W. Irwin of Aurora was visiting Mrs. R. E. Irwin and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ogle were Woodburn visitors one day during theweek.

HIGHLAND

Highland is not to be despised. We have among other many good things, also good coyotes. The coyote is like the Indian, good only when dead. Frank Nicholas caught one in a trap Sunday night and Monday morning procdred Frank Reese with his hounds, four in all, and transformed it into a good coyote, making the third one in number this summer. The boys say the pleasure of destroying coyotes is very great. The bounty paid by the state for the scalp is very small. One dollar and a half (the bounty) is not enough for a coyote scalp.

Our Sunday school is progressing, nicely under the supervision and management of Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Martin Van Dogne has just returned from a visit to Kansas. Mr Van Dogne died suddenly while back there.

By the way, Mr. Editor, a number of your subscribers would be pleased to know if it is necessary or in accordance with law to have a will probated. You might inform them through the columns of your interesting and edifying paper

Amos Harrington missed it by not cultivating his hop yard this season, since hops are a good price.

Mrs. Nora Miller has lost her umbrella. Whoever has found one can return it and receive reward.

Frank Reece is going to have some fresh beef Tuesday.

We are al very busy at present taking from the summer's abundance the winter's supply

Slightly Colder With Snow

When you see that kind of a weather forecast you know that rheumatism weather is at hand. Get ready for it now by getting a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing made for rheumatism, chilblains, frost bite, sore and stiff joints and muscles, all aches and pains

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JOLLY UNCLE JOSH

Great Generosity Toward a Newly Wedded Niece

AN OREGON CITY ROMANCE

Business Men Are Leading Characters

No Terror to Bachelors Now

Find An Uncle Josh and Wade In

"Miss Summers—Polly—I—I—er—dare I—" But the speaker took a header over bashfulness, only to hear a sweet

"Yes, Charley."

'C'an I aspire to—er—to—that is—"

Again a lapse into silence, followed by an encouraging

"Yes, Charley."

"Oh, if I might only hope to—er—to—"

Another failure of language. It was seemingly a hopeless case, and might have been, only for a demure—

"Charley, I have said 'yes' twice, and if you mean it, I mean it, too, and—"

And to this day that young man will insist that he popped the question.

All this happened away "down east," and it wasn't long before there was a wedding. Not much longer before there came a letter from Polly's Uncle Josh, not here in Oregon City, who wrote effusively of his delight at her exhibition of what he called "grit," and he proposed that if the young people would locate at Oregon City he would start them up in life, as a wedding gift, providing they were on hand by ——. Of course they accepted, and were soon bidding their friends adieu.

The first of this week a travel-stained party arrived in Oregon City. Our friend Uncle Josh was in charge, and he led the party straightway to a hotel. "The Brunswick," said he, "is a tpyical American hotel of the best class. I have known Mr. Silcox, the proprietor, for years, and he is mine host after mine own heart, endowed with that delightful intuition that makes a guest feel at home, contented, and in mighty good luck. While the cuisine is all that a superior chef and unlimited orders on the market can make it. I have engaged rooms here until your own house is in readiness."

"After breakfast," said the old man, "I am ready to go buy your outfit. To expedite matters I have ordered a carriage from J. F. Hodge, our enterpri-ing livery man." When the handsome carriage, with el borate trappings and prancing horses drew up in front of the hotel Polly declared it the "finest turnout she had ever seen."

"Yes, Sir-ee," replied Uncle Josh, "the three S's, 'Speed, Safety and Style' is the Red Front Stable's coat of arms. So, young folks, when you want to take a drive either for business or pleasure, go to him for a rig every time. His wedding party and funeral equipments are unsurpassed."

"Where to?" asked the polite driver, as the trio entered the conveyance.

Uncle Josh looked askance at his wards.

"Oh, goodness knows there's lots to buy," remarked Polly. "Then suppose we buy 'lots' first," quoth Charley, without turning a hair. Uncle Josh saw the point and started for Fretag & Swafford's real estate office, remarking on the way: "I can always depend on them for bargains in real estate, as they never hold out false lights to induce people to buy. What they tell you about property may be set down as solid facts. They control a large list of desirable residences as well as ranch properties, and their judgment on the 'good things' is par excellence."

The party was not long in making a dicker for a nice house in Oregon City and a ranch, which Charley considered a splendid investment.

"Having provided you with a cage for the bird," said Uncle Josh, "now the first thing we'll look after will be the furnishings for it." Hereupon Polly energetically declared that she had heard so much about L. Adams' department store that she had decided to go there. The result was that they were ushered into such a bewildering display that the girl was at first at a loss how to select. But she soon yielded to the seductiveness of a magnicfient parlor suit, a bedroom set in oak, antique finish that would do credit to old Antiquity himself. To this she added an easy rocker for Uncle Josh, and didn't forget a most convenient and ornamental writing desk for "hubby" Charles.

"And these house fixin's remind me," Uncle Josh continued, "that you haven't got your dishes yet."

"Now your aunt, when we were startin' out to n usepkeepin' twenty years ago, got a hull set of them blue flowered dishes. Polly, you know them silver knives and forks! They was one of our weddin' presents. Wear well? Course they did! They come from Larsen & Co., but they will have to have another coat of that silver on 'em soon.

"Your aunt and uncle have traded right there in that one china store for twenty years, and you know I don't pay any fancy prices for anything. We were in there last week agin, but law! what a difference 'tween the goods we bought when we got spliced and what you can get there nowadays. I told the old lady she could have a new set of them French china dishes, but she said hers were good yet; but she took me up on my offer and lugged home that fine lamp in the parlor. Take my advice and you will stick by Larsen & Co." Polly's order suggested her thorough appreciation.

"Strange, now, ain't it, how one thing brings up another," sententiously remarked Polly, as they emerged from the china store. "Carpets and draperies, you know, are of great importance." "Oh, well, my young lady, it won't take long to settle that matter," replied Uncle Josh.

"Walk right around the corner of the street a little further and we'll visit the only exclusive carpet house in the city. L. Adams' Department Store can show you more handsome floor coverings than could be found in a day's journey, sold at moderate prices, too." Polly was soon reveling in a perfect elysium of beautifully designed carpets, of every conceivable shade and pattern, including Wiltons, Axminsters, velvets, brussels and ingrains, besides lino eums and mattings, of which she selected enough for every room in her house, together with draperies, lace curtains and such.

"Oh say, Uncle," exclaimed Polly, "where can i go for dry goods? This dress is hardly suitable, I must admit?"

"Well, my girl, if you want to select from one of the most popular establishments in the city, I will direct you to L. Adams' Department Store. They carry a stock of dress goods that for variety and real value is seldom seen outside the largest metropolitan cities. The store carries all the latest weaves in fashionable dress goods and ladies' suits, while you are sure to be guided right in your selections. You will find them pleasant to deal with, and their employes polite and expert, while the prices cannot be duplicatede. This store shows the latest shades in ladies' kid gloves, ribbons, etc. Beauties, I tell you what."

"I would like to make you acquainted with Dr. L. G. Ice, my dentist friend, too, said the old man. "His office is right upstairs, and if you ever have to supplement your natural teeth—" "Ugh! Don't mention false teeth to me," cried Polly. "I'll never carry 'pearly lies' in my mouth if I go toothless." "Oh, as for that," laughed Uncle Josh, "if you'll only consult a good dentist in time, you can save the catastrophe. Dr. Ice, for instance, is wonderfully expert in saving natural teeth and he has the skill and every mechanical appliance necessary to do his work the with the least discomfort to his patrons. His anaesthetic for painless extraction is a wonder, and works like a charm."

After this visit Uncle Josh suggested a resort to some place of refreshment. At the table the old man waxed philosophical. "Never neglect your larder," said he. "That improtant adjunct to housekeeping controls masculine temper. To that end you must patronize a good grocer on whom you can depend for honest goods. In every transaction I have found Larsen & Co. perfectly reliable. You will find them careful dealers, always fully stocked with every possible thing in the line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh and first class, no shelf-worn goods there, while the prices are down to brass tacks. To keep peace in this family, get all your groceries of Larsen & Co."

"And in the matter of insurance, continued Uncle Josh, "that is of importance. You want a 'Poll-icy' on your new house, of course, and my old friends, Freytag & Swafford, not only have lines of the solidest and best companies, but they are expert and trustworthy underwriters. They have a large number of companies, all of which belong to the old reliable category, being well known for their prompt and satisfactory adjustment of losses. It is better to be safe than sorry, and you'll surely be safe in the Freytag & Swafford agency."

"Yum, yum," laughingly escaped from Polly's rosebud lips, as she glanced into F. G. Lents' attractive confectionery store. "Uncle Josh, you know I've got a sweet tooth, and those home made candies look so nice I just cant' resist the temptation to go in." Charley here objected, 'cause he knew if Polly got into a confectionery store once, there's where she'd likely want to stay. He relented, however, when he remembered that Uncle Josh was 'settlin'" all the bills, so in they went, and the girl loaded up on sweetmeats galore, while all three indulged in delicious ice cream and ice cream soda, which Charles declared surpassed even the dreams of an epicurean god. Polly was a splendid judge of sweetmeats, and she indulged in a profuse, but nevertheless altogether just compliment to Mr. Lents' confections.

"Now," cried the old gentleman, "now for a picture of this crowd, in good old country fashion. We'll go to the photorgaph gallery; my friend Hart, the photographer, has a good one. His pictures are wonderful in fidelity and finish. I want one full size photo for my study and some small ones for my friends. Hart has the soul of a true artist; all his work is labor of love, in which he will not fall short of perfection, and he is as famous for successful enlarging. I want to give you a life size representation of 'yours truly.'" (Uncle Josh's picture may be seen at Hart's studio any time the reader desires to call.)

"Holy mumsmoke, Charley, where in the name of creation did you get that snipe? That's about the worst weed that ever came in contact with my olfactory nerves," laughingly remarked Uncle Josh. "Step in here to this cigar store and get a 'Boaster,' then you'll have a gentleman's smoke. The 'Boaster' is a cracker-jack; contains all the qualities of a delicious puff. The Beaver Cigar Store takes great pride to keep that cigar up to the highest standard, and consequently it grows more popular every day." Charley was so well pleased with the 'Boaster' Uncle Josh treated him to that he bought a whole box and advised his friends to do the same, not forgetting to also make a note of the many other fine brands at the pool room.

"Yes, and while we are on this important topic of gastronomics, we must not forget meat. It goes hand in hand with bread. Now to locate a meat market where you can get fresh, wholesome meats at all times. H. W. Streibig is the man to supply you. This is the boss meat market in the city and is popular with everybody who is particular to have the best. The reason for this is all because Mr. Streibig is very careful in the selection of stock and gets the freshest of everything and keeps nothing but the very best. To keep your 'hubby' in good humor, Polly, trade at Streibig's market every time. He is located at Main and Ninth streets."

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The Oregon City Courier will give away to its Subscribers a certain amount of "Trade at the Stores," and each week there will appear in a certain number of papers in the space below an Amount Stamped in Red Ink by The Courier. If You happen to receive one of the Stamped papers take it to any Merchant whose advertisement appears in this issue, and receive trade to that amount.

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MEN AND YOUNG MEN!

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Hawes' Famous $3.00 Hats	2.35
$2.50 Hats	1.80
2.00 Hats	1.25
3.00 Dress or Work Shoes	$2.20
3.50 Dress or Work Shoes	2.65
4.00 in high-top Logger or Dress Shoes	3.30
7.00 " " " " " "	5.20
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$1.00 Wool Under Garments	70c
$1.50 Cooper's All Wool Under Garments	$1.15
Regular 15c Sox, per dozen	55c
" 50c Work Shirts,	35c
" 75c Work or Dress Shirts	55c
" $1.00 Work or Dress Shirts	80c
" $1.00 Monarch Shirts	80c
$1.50 Cluett Shirts	$1.10
$2.00 Yorke Shirts	$1.35
$2.00 Oregon City Mfg. Co. Flannel Shirts	1.30
2.00 French Flannel Shirts at	1.30
75c Overalls	55c
$2.50 Pants	$1.65
$3.00 Pants at	2.15
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3.50 V-necked Wool Jerseys	2.15

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CLOTHIERS FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

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Look for the Red Signs

En route to their home the party called at the Courier office. "You'll want the news every day," remarked Uncle Josh, "and as this is the favori e paper here, I'll subscribe."

Upon summing up the wonderful events of the day, Polly began to volubly express thanks. "You have bought us everything" she exclaimed.

"Tuckeer makes Photos that please," so says Uncle Josh last evening. "After trying others I know where to go in the future for good Photographs" Now Polly, remember, Tucker makes Fine Baby Pictures.

EAST MEADOWBROOK

Mrs. Gene Fellows is quite poorly.

Mr. Veteto and family of New Era have moved on to the McLaren farm.

B. C. Palmer, late of Alaska, was visiting friends here last week.

B.F. Bonney is improving his house with a new fireplace.

Geo. Williams has started logging again for the winter with Dr. Jim Hunt as teamster.

Chas Beck and family went to the county seat on business the latter part of last week.

Mr. Elliot of Salt Lake City spent last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Winslow.

Miss Ola Fischer has gone to assist Mrs. J. Rhonds for a few weeks.

Mrs. James of Liberal spent Sunday with relatives here.

Frank Arquett is hauling cedar posts to Hubbard.

PARKPLACE SCHOOL

The rule was made in the school that the room which had the least per cent of absences and tardinesses during the month would be entitled to a half day holiday at the end of each month. The high school room was the first to win a holiday, and as this came on the day of the regular meeting of the debating society the meeting was postponed until the coming Friday.

Miss Ethel Gard has been absent from school on account of sickness.

The high school has joined the State Debating League and is planning to join the county league also.

With the aid of the students in the twelfth grade, the books in the library were arranged and labelled and are now ready to be taken out.

Plans are now being made to give an entertainment for the benefit of the debating society and the athletic association to be given in about a month.

You couldn't make money easier than by reading Price Bros'. ad.