EDUCATIONAL NOTES

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The bill to pension St. Louis school teachers has passed both houses of the Missouri legislature and is now a law. It authorizes the retirement of male teachers at the expiration of thirty years' service and females at the expiration of twenty-five years' service at half pay, provided their salaries do not exceed $800 a year.

The Connecticut state board of education in its recent annual report makes a suggestion that is worthy of thought. It recommends that the more thinly attended public schools in that state be abandoned and that the public school children be transported at public expense back and forth each day from home to schools held in more densely settled neighborhoods. It refers to the success of the plan in other states where it has been adopted. When the trolley car system shall be extended—as it will before long—between all country villages, the change suggested will be easy of accomplishment. Half the money devoted to maintaining a school of say 20 pupils could be used for their tronsportation and the other half devoted to the betterment of school facilities and employment of more efficient teachers. More days of schooling could be furnished and a much higher grade of educational facilities supplied with no added expense. It would permit the establishment of more graded schools, by assembling larger numbers of children at convenient centers, and thus give school children in the country all the advantages of those who attend public schools in the larger cities.

The March meeting of the Clackamas county teachers' association will be held at Mitwaukee on Saturday of this week. Such preparations have been made as will insure this one of the best meetings held by the association.

Following the close of the winter term of the public school in Canby, Miss Ella Knight has opened a subscription school and is having fine success in her work.

W. G. Beattie, one of Oregon City's young teachers, has had the compliment paid him of being engaged for the third consecutive term in the Stafford district. His next term commences Monday.

School closed in the Wilsonville district Wednesday of this week. The teacher, Miss Anna Hicinbothem, was re-engaged for the spring term, which will commence soon.

The Eagle Creek school commences on Monday next with Juddy Welch of that place as teacher.

Miss L. Thompson, of Tualatin, has been engaged to conduct the Frog Pond school near Wilsonville.

Elsie Taylor began teaching near Marquam, district No. 92, March 18th.

Souri Mayfield will begin school in district No. 78, Lacy, April 1st.

C. E. Cone is teaching the Sampson school, district No. 6.

Harmony school, district No. 49, opened school Monday, March 18th, with Emma Sturchler principal and Mrs. Lauella Marshall assistant.

Chas. Crittenden is teaching the Teasel Creek school, district No. 55.

Georgia Ruth, of Clackamas, began teaching a three month's term of school at Happy Hallow, district No. 99, March 18th.

Gertie Nefzger, of Oregon City, will begin teaching the spring term of school in district 72, Colton, the 1st of April.

Henrietta Holcomb began teaching at Linn's Mill, district 21, March 18th.

Anna Mumpower began teaching the spring term of school at Kelso, district No. 19, March 18th.

Matilda Reed closed a very successful term of school at Logan, district No. 8, last Friday.

Robert Ginther has begun a second term in district 4, of Logan, after a two month's vacation.

School in Garfield district commenced on Monday last with D. F. Warner in charge.

Chas. Rutherforford has been re-engaged for another four months' term, commencing last Monday in the Brown school house, New Era.

The Highland school opened on Monday of last week with T. V. Jackson as teacher.

The Canemah school begun on Monday of last week for a three months' term with E. C. Hackett principal, and Miss Sade Chase assistant. The enrollment has been unusually large. Mr. Hackett is one of the leading teachers of the county and Miss Chase has the compliment of this being her second term in the district. The Canemah school should be a successful one.

The spring term of school in the Mink district commenced last Monday with A. C. Strange of Oregon City in charge.

Arthur Holden, one of the bright, young teachers of Clackamas county, who lately closed a term of school, is now attending the Oregon City high school to get pointers in teaching and to brighten up in some studies.

School commenced on Monday last in Dist. No 53, Meadow Brook, with Wm. Young, of Woodburn, as teacher.

The enterprising citizens of Molalla have established a graded school in that thriving village. For the present the A. O. U. W. hall is used for the higher grade and the school house for the primary department. It is expected that a fine building will be erected this fall, with ample accommodations for the future growing needs of the district. Prof. Hoovis has charge of the graded department and O. D. Ely of the primary room.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

School closed in Dist. No 8, Logan, March 22d, after a term of six months. No. of pupils enrolled during last month, 41; Average daily attendance, 34. The following named pupils were on the roll of honor: Mary, Rhoda and Eva Newkirk, Elsie, Courtie and Tommie Gibbs, Helen, Claude and Roy Sprague, Rudolph, Johnnie and Rosa Zurbucher, Ralph Tracy, Peter Smith, Howard and Charlie Gill, Minna and Emma Thun, Hattie and Iva Baker. No. of visitors, 42. MATILDA REED, Teacher.

Report of Dist. No. 84, for month ending March 21. No. of days taught, 19; days attendance, 428; days absence, 108; total No. enrolled, 31; No. of visitors for three months; 32. Those pupils who were present every day were: Ida and Fred Woodside, Maggie and Willie Mulvey, Florence Daniels, Aggie and Fred Wallace, Lillie, Joshia and Clarence Mallatt and Zulima Kellogg.

A. B. HIBBARD.

On the 19 inst, at half past 12 o'clock, the school marched to the residence of Mr. Bogue to take a last look at the remains of our beloved puple and school mate, John Bogue who died from concussion of the brain after a illness of three days. The school also adjourned the 20th to attend the funeral.

Committed Suicide.

Word was brought Wednesday to Coroner Holman that the body of an old man had been found in the brush about a third of a mile southeast of Clackamas station, near a trail leading from the railroad track. It was discovered by W. H. and E. P. Dedman, who were in that locality, cutting poles.

Mr. Holman, accompanied by Dr. Sommer, immediately left for that place and on arriving there summoned a jury and held an inquest over the remains. A verdict was rendered that the deceased was unknown, and that he had commited suicide by taking poison.

The corpse was that of a man apparently between 50 and 60 years of age, tall and of rather a slender build, face cleanly shaved, except a closely cropped side beard, reaching but little below the ears; dressed like a well-to-do professional man. There was not a scrap of paper or anything else about him to give a clue to his name, except two laundry marks on his linen collar, "341" and "E 573." It is possible that these may reveal the identity of the man. He wore a pair of knit wristlets of red silk. In his purse was found a single nickel, and a plug of tobacco was in his pocket. By his side was a whisky flask and two other bottles, all of them empty. The man had evidently carefully arranged fir boughs so as to make a comfortable seat, and the body was found in a sitting posture, with the head bowed on the breast, as if death had come without a struggle.

The deceased was a stranger in the neighborhood Dr. Sommer, who made the post-mortem examination, thinks the man had been dead about four days when the body was found. The stomach was removed, and brought to town, and an analysis of its contents showed the presence of prussic acid.

The body was brought to this city and will be held in Mr. Holman's undertaking parlor for a couple of days in the hopes that some one may be able to identify it. If not it will be buried in the city cemetery.

Chinese Tricks.

A Portland Chinese firm with the suggestive name of Sick Jim & Co., lately tried to get awap with John Berreth, the hog raiser and dealer of this city on a deal they had with him. It appears that they bought a drove of hogs of Mr Berreth agreeing to pay $232 for them. Not paying the cash a note was prepared by Berreth and sent down to the company to sign. He by mistake made one for only $132 and noticing it made another for $232 and laid the wrong one aside to destroy. He sent the note by his wife to the Chinamen to sign and she not being able to read English, got hold of the $132 note which Sich Jim & Co. signed. The Chinaman, being no fools even if they cannot fight, observed the mistake and promptly took means to profit by it by tearing up the weight bill, and when Berreth came down with the correct note they refused to sign it, swearing that $132 was all they had to pay. Mr. Berreth brought suit before Justice Bullock in Portland and by witnesses and duplicate weigh bills proved his claim and won his suit, he having G. W. Swope of this city to help him bring the Chinamen to their bargain. They had Judge Woodward to look after their interests.

Died.

Died, at his home in this city on Wednesday, March 27, John W. Story, aged 69 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Mr. Story has been a resident with his family of this city for the past six years and well liked by those who knew him He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death, among them being George L. Story, the well-known attorney of this city, and Story Bros., the blacksmiths. The remains will be taken to Civil Bend, Douglas county, the former home of the family, for interment.

Oregon City Enterprise

$1.50 Per Year in Advance.

RED FRONT MARKET.

The following market quotations for Oregon City are furnished by the Red Front store, and are corrected weekly

WHOLESALE.

Eggs, per doz.	17c
Butter, per roll.	25 to 50c
Chickens, per dozen,	$2.00 to $2.75
Old Hens, per dozen,	3.00 to 3.50
Young ducks, per dozen,	3 00 to 4.00
Apples, per box. choice,	55 to 75c
Timothy hay, baled, per ton,	$9 to $10
Clover hay, baled, per ton,	$8 to $8 75
Straw, baled, per ton,	$5 to $6
Cabbage, per doz.,	40 to 50c
Onions, per cwt.,	80 to 1.00
Potatoes, choice,	30 to 35c
Wheat, per bushel,	40 to 50c
Oats, per bushel,	25 to 28c
Wool, per lb,	8 to 9c
Fir wood, per cord.	$2
Dressed hogs, per lb.,	4½

RETAIL.

19 lbs. dry granulated sugar,	$1 00
Arbuckle and Lion coffee,	25c
Good broken roast coffee,	22½
Liverpool salt, per cwt.,	90c
Rice, 20 lbs.,	$1 00
Teas, per lb.,	25, 30, 37½c
Rope,	12½
Coal oil, per gal., 15c., 5 gal.,	70c
Hams, per lb.,	12½c
Bacon, smoked sides,	11c
Dry salt pork,	10c
Lard,	10 to 11c
Shoulders,	8c
Tea nibs, 2 lbs,	25c
Timothy seed,	
Clover seed,	12½c
Cider vinegar,	25c
Pickles, per keg,	$1.00
Flour, per bbl.,	$2.45
Shorts, per sack, 55 to 75c; per ton,	$11.50
Bran, per sack, 40c; per ton,	$13
Wire nails, 6 and 8 penny, per keg,	$2.50
Wire nails, 10 to 20 penny, per keg,	$2.25
Wire nails, 30 to 60 penny, per keg,	$2.50