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SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Prospects Are Bright For An Increased Attendance.

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Complete Change of Textbooks—Buildings Have Been Renovated—Grade Meeting Tomorrow.

The public schools of Oregon City opens next Monday, with good prospects for increased attendance. Last year 645 pupils were enrolled and for the past three years the enrollment has been stationary. The school census shows that there are 1200 children of school age in the district, so an increase can reasonably be expected. It is not likely that the full attendance will develop until the second week of school, as many of

satisfied with the new textbooks. He says the drawing-books are excellent and the arithmetics are a great improvement over Fish's. The geographies are somewhat more elementary and the new grammars are much better than the old. He does not consider the penmanship copybooks all that they should be, and thinks the vertical system is a fad that will be short lived. The small g's and r's and many of the capitals are objectionable, and letters such as m cannot be made rapidly, as there is too much retracing. The superintendent says that the textbook commissioners adopted five different editions of Longfellow's "Hiawatha," all of which closely correspond, and three editions of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," there being little difference between them.

A large order has been placed for library books, and they are expected to arrive within a few days. Several prominent citizens have promised large donations of books to the library. The question of heat has been satisfactorily settled, for this year, at least. Heretofore wood has not been delivered before the rainy season and great difficulty has been experienced in keeping up good fires, on account of damp fuel. But this year nearly all of the wood is

MR. MILEY IS INDIGNANT

Has Not Built Fences in Green Point Streets.

PLAT DOES NOT CONFIRM PETITION

Front Street is the Only Street Running to the River That Was Dedicated to the City.

A petition from Green Point property owners which was presented to the council last Wednesday night and referred to the street committee, has aroused the ire of Mr. Henry Miley, as the petition claims that he fenced in certain streets, which the city is asked to open. Mr. Miley says that there are no fences on any of the streets adjoining his property. An examination of the plat on file in



CANEMAH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

the pupils are picking hops and will not return to the city in time for the commencement of school. The first term will be of five months' duration and the second term four months. Repairs are being rapidly pushed and the walks and outbuildings will be in condition for immediate use in a few days. The apparatus is being looked over and the Board of Directors is considering the advisability of installing a physical laboratory for work in physics. It is probable that a certain amount of apparatus will be put in every year, until the High School has a complete equipment. Teachers have been assigned to grades by City Superintendent Wilcox, as follows:

Barclay school—First grade, Miss Gertrude Neffger; second grade, Miss Harriet Cochran; third grade, Miss Nettie Walden; fourth and fifth grades, Miss Harriet Case; sixth grade, Miss Myrtle Taylor; eighth grade, Miss Sade Chase; ninth and tenth grades; Miss Addie Clark; eleventh grade, Prof. H. D. Wilcox.

Eastham School—First grade, Miss Frances Myers; second grade, Miss Marjorie Caulfield; third grade, Miss Eva Meldrum; fourth grade Miss Erna Laurence; fifth grade, Mrs. Nellie F. Glass; seventh grade, Miss Rebecca T. Smith, principal.

New pupils, who have never attended school, will not be received after Oct. 8, and parents are requested to observe this rule. Pupils coming in at all times of the year necessitates forming new classes and primary teachers cannot do this. If it is found, after entering, that a fourth, third, or even a second grade pupil, is unable to keep up with the work of the grade in which the pupil has been placed, he may be placed in the next lower grade, but this cannot be done with a first grade pupil, so it is necessary to start them promptly with the rest of the class.

Parents have never understood the division of the district between buildings and have had an idea that there is a dividing line between the Eastham and Barclay buildings. This is not the case but there must be a dividing line for different grades and the division must be adapted to suit the requirements of each particular grade. A great percentage of the primary pupils come from the vicinity of the Eastham building, but of course parents can readily understand that all cannot attend the Eastham school.

For this year's work there is a complete change in textbooks, except in grades where books will be completed during the year. An example is shown in history, of which there are two classes. The beginners will use the new textbook and the class that studied history last year will finish with the same book. In the High School astronomy will be dropped and zoology placed in the curriculum. A specialty will be made of Oregon history and geography. Superintendent Wilcox is not entirely

under cover and there will be no trouble in keeping the rooms warm and comfortable. Another improvement is taking place. The janitors are putting justine on the floor. This is a preparation which prevents dust rising when the floor is swept.

At the Barclay school Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the teachers will hold a grade meeting for the purpose of discussing school management and outlining school work.

CUT IN TWO BY THE CARS

R. J. Hart, a S. P. Brakeman, Meets With a Horrible Death.

B. J. Hart, a brakeman, employed on the Southern Pacific, was run over by a freight train, about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night, on the Milwaukie Hill, and was instantly killed.

Hart had been an apprentice brakeman on the line for the past month, and last night was his first run as a regular. On reaching the Milwaukie Hill, after leaving Portland, the train was run up the incline in two sections.

Just how Hart was killed was not known until the inquest Wednesday night when Brakeman Johnson testified that Hart fell from the top of a box car in front of a moving section of the train and the wheels crushed the life from his body instantly. He gave one horrible scream and Johnson gave the engineer a violent signal for brakes and when the body was taken from under the wheels life was extinct. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death by accidentally falling and being caught under the wheels of a car of the S. P. Co., while the car was in operation.

Hart was 24 years of age and his people reside at Crabtree, Linn County. He was an extra brakeman on the road and had been out only a few times since passing the student stage. S. O. Hart, a brother of the deceased, accompanied the body to Crabtree, where the interment will take place.

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