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State Educational Matters.

County Superintendent R. F. Robinson, of the Multnomah County schools, has resigned his position as a member of the State Board of Education. He is resigning for the following reason: "Having been elected County Superintendent of Multnomah County, I deem it best, before entering upon the duties of that position, to withdraw from the State Examining Board. While the statutes do not expressly forbid an examiner who has been elected to the County Superintendent position from continuing to serve on the Board, in my opinion the spirit of the law is that one person should not hold the two positions at the same time."

Monthly Report of Insane Asylum.

The monthly report of Superintendent J. F. Calhoun, of the Insane Asylum, shows that the total payroll for the month of July amounted to \$5687 18. The total value of supplies consumed was \$5832 12, making a total expenditure of \$11,519 30. The monthly expense per capita was \$9 57; daily expense per capita, 21 cents. The report shows the following attendance:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Number. Includes Number of patients June 30, Number of admissions, Number of discharges, etc.

The average number daily was nearly 172. The total number of officers and employees was 153, or one employee for every eight patients.

The report also shows that the general health of the patients at the institution has been good. The principal work performed has been in haying and harvesting. The grain crops are reported as being light, the oats already threshed yielding 10 bushels per acre. The army worms infested the gardens to some extent, but no serious damage was done. The institution lost four cows and three pigs by death.

New School Officer in Charge.

Professor E. J. Moore, of Silverton, who was elected County Superintendent of Schools at the June election, assumed the duties of that office today. Superintendent Moore states that he will devote his whole time to his official duties, and will give the work personal attention, not employing a deputy. The first teachers' examination under the new administration will be held beginning next Wednesday. The examining board consists of Superintendent Moore, Miss Carrie Bradshaw, of Salem, and Professor A. W. Mize, of Liberty. It is expected that there will be about 80 teachers present.

Rain at Salem.

Rain began falling at Salem shortly after noon today, and light showers prevailed throughout the remainder of the day. The weather has been sultry all day, and it is feared that the rains will put a stop to the haying and harvesting. The development of hop lice. A good rain would probably improve the condition of the fields, as the dust is now deep and very light.

Two Petitions for Pardon.

Governor Geer has received a petition for the pardon of Edward J. Gentry, 28, who is serving a year's sentence in the Multnomah County Jail under a conviction of stealing some copper wire. Worden Gentry is the son of W. W. Gardner, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society. Frank D. Hennessy, before whom the boy was tried; George F. Cameron, District Attorney; and George E. Chamberlain, present District Attorney. The petitioners represent that the boy was always well behaved, and that the present trouble: that his father is dead, and his mother is suffering from his assistance, and that the boy's imprisonment is working manifest injury to his future life.

Capital City Briefs.

George Fing, a Marion County Celestial, closed his fifth and probably last term in the Oregon Penitentiary today. He has done time to the amount of 20 years, and in every instance for larceny. When released today he was taken in charge by a United States Deputy Marshal, who is to take him to a safe place of constant communication with his government. Henry Condit, Southern Pacific agent at West Station, on the East Side branch, was severely injured Saturday evening by falling from a gangplank and having a truck and 700 pounds of flour fall on him. He was taken to Portland for treatment. O. F. Beardsley and R. I. Ferguson, both of Beola, engaged in an altercation in

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