

MANY PUPILS QUIT

Few Primary Grade Students Reach High School.

CITY STATISTICS GLEANED

977 Out of 2500 Remain and 407 Graduate, is Tale of Figures Listed by Charles A. Rice—Age Law Is Held to Blame.

Only 38.7 per cent of the 2500 or more children who enter the primary grade of the public schools every year reach the high school and only 16.1 per cent graduate, according to figures prepared by Charles A. Rice, second assistant superintendent of the Portland Schools.

Just as any business man takes "stock" occasionally to tighten up "leaks," Mr. Rice is working on a series of statistical tables which will eventually show not only when and who but why children drop out of school before receiving the full benefits of the public educational system.

This year when a child drops out of school he must report his or her reason for quitting and a full report must be made out by every teacher at the end of the year on an attendance register.

One or more of the following reasons will be cited in every instance: Ill health, sickness or death in family, failure in studies, desire or need of going to work, removal from city, expulsion, lost interest or dissatisfaction.

Many Fail To Finish.

Basing his comparison on the enrollment figures for the school year 1912-1913, Mr. Rice draws interesting conclusions. That year exactly 2500 children entered the first grade for the first time. Including the "repeaters," who failed the year before, the total first grade enrollment was 3742.

The presence of repeaters throughout the scale complicates the figures, but it does not affect the significant meaning. Taking the 2500 as 100 per cent, the statistics show the drift of pupils in the various grades according to these figures and percentages.

From this stage forward they drop out fast not only because of opportunities to commence work, but because of failures in work. If a boy fails after he has passed the sixth, seventh or eighth grades he usually leaves school for good.

These figures show how the high school graduation has increased during the past 10 years:

High Schools Gain.

Mr. Rice also is tabulating figures which show the trend of attendance in the high schools, vacation, trades and night schools. During the past 10 years the enrollment in the high schools has increased from 1294 to 4131 or nearly 400 per cent, whereas the number of annual graduates has increased from 127 to 484 or only 252 per cent.

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MAIL CHANGES PLANNED

Coos Bay Men Want Schedule That Will Make Arrival Earlier.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Coos Bay business men are trying to plan a scheme of changed mail service which will assure receipt of the daily mail at the cities of Marshfield and North Bend earlier than is now the rule.

UNIVERSITY WORK URGED

Head Asks Idaho Board of Education for Needed Improvements.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, Nov. 21.—(Special.)—President Melvin A. Brannon, of the university, has returned from Boise, where he attended the meetings of the State Board of Education.

Seaside Creamery Pays.

SEASIDE, Or., Nov. 21.—(Special.)—Seaside's co-operative creamery has made a satisfactory showing in the first 18 months that it has operated.



This Is the Record

We sold during October from our one Portland store, Eilers building, Broadway, at Alder, 198 Pianos, Player Pianos and other instruments to the total amount of \$86,590.50. November will exceed this record.



Eilers Bldg., Broadway, at Alder Store Open Every Evening Until 9 o'Clock

We Are Proud of It

THIS LIST INCLUDES SOME OF THE MOST COSTLY AND EXCLUSIVE STYLES OF PIANOS EVER SHIPPED TO PORTLAND, NAMELY:

- Five Autopiano Player Pianos, valued at \$ 4,550
Thirteen Bungalow Player Pianos, valued at 7,455
Eight Brewster Pianos, valued at 3,475
Two Bush & Gerts Pianos, valued at 960
Three Chickering Baby Grands, valued at 2,890
Seven Player Pianos de Luxe, valued at 7,175
Nine Eilers, professional pianos, val'd at 4,365
Eight Eilers Orchestral Pianos, valued at 3,155
Four miscellaneous, Clarendon, Hobart M. Cable, Crown and Jacob Doll 1,295
Ten miscellaneous, Estey, Farrand, Cecilian, Foster, Gerhard, Guilds and Gilbert makes, valued at 2,360
Eight Haddorff Virtuoso Pianos, valued 3,650
Four Hazelton Hand-made Pianos, valued at 1,860
Twenty-four Kimball Upright and Baby Grand Pianos, valued at 9,760
Two Kroll Autogrand Pianos, valued at 1,385
Six miscellaneous, Knabe, Ludwig and Lester, valued at 2,450
Ten Marshall & Wendell, valued at 4,365
One Aeolian Orchestrelle, valued at 650
Eight Pianola Pianos, valued at 5,760
Nine Steger Pianos, valued at 3,760
Twenty-one Smith & Barnes, professional service uprights, valued at 7,665
Two Story & Clark Pianos, valued at 665
Seven miscellaneous, Vose, Weser Bros., Wellington & Weber, valued at 2,265
One Wurlitzer Band Organ, valued at 490
Ten assorted Sunday School and Church Organs, valued at 1,785
Sixteen miscellaneous used Pianos, valued at 2,400
A total of \$86,590

Please note carefully the long list of prices on player pianos. Simply because a player piano is priced unbelievably low, do not think that it is out of date or out of style.

We are selling the Autopiano, with its modern, metal-tubes, 5-point motor, flexible striking finger and perfect music roll tracking device; and we are selling them for less than the San Francisco-branch-consignment concerns are selling obsolete rubber-tubed, clap-trap pointer, lever, etc., player pianos.

- \$650 Mission Wegman Piano, now less than half \$316
\$350 Lenter Grand, latest style, almost half \$437
\$350 Small size, elegantly finished Mahogany Soule Bros' Upright \$160
\$325 Nicely finished, though used, Everett Upright \$140
\$375 Steglaway, ebony stained case, 2nd, and a smaller-sized Mahogany \$185
\$525 Hardman, very elaborate case \$188
\$500 Largest-sized Weber Upright \$196
\$1100 Weber Pianola Piano, just like new, the best and most expensive ever built by Webers \$488
\$300 Largest Size Fischer Upright Walnut \$285
\$325 Another Mahogany \$135
\$500 Most elaborate Grand toned Steeg Upright ever seen in this city \$295

the sake of making sales, player pianos which have failed to keep pace with the march of progress, and whose manufacturers will not permit the sale of any other player piano in competition.



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\$875 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$415
\$650 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$245
\$800 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$390
\$775 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$285
\$975 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$416
\$775 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$390
\$1000 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$415
\$1250 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$485
\$850 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$488
\$750 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$345
\$800 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$390
\$1050 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$515
\$700 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$335
\$600 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$295
\$950 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$430
\$825 P I A N O \$7 P E R M O N T H \$365
\$650 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$260
\$1000 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$395
\$1150 P L A Y E R P I A N O \$585
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