

Oregon State Teacher's Institute.

The Oregon State Teacher's Institute met at the Baptist Church, in Eugene City, on Monday, August 4, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

President, J. Quinn Thornton, called the Institute to order. The Secretary being absent John C. Arnold was elected Secretary pro tem.

There being no business ready for consideration the Institute adjourned to meet at 7 1/2 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Institute met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee, appointed at the last annual meeting, charged with the duty of framing the project of the Common School Law, reported by its Chairman, J. Quinn Thornton.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged; and the project of law recommended by said committee, for consideration and adoption by this Institute, was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. C. H. Wallace, Juno, C. Arnold and Rev. T. M. Martin, with instructions to report at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The President having given an invitation for remarks, by any person present who might feel interested in promoting the cause of public instruction, Rev. E. L. Elliot, of Portland, County Superintendent of Common Schools, Rev. C. H. Wallace, Rev. E. P. Henderson, Rev. T. M. Martin, teacher at Eugene, Hon. J. H. D. Henderson, and others, responded by making appropriate remarks upon various subjects engaging the attention of the Institute.

Adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, August 14.—The Institute met pursuant to adjournment.

The special committee, appointed on yesterday, reported that fully impressed with a sense of the magnitude and great importance of the subject, of the project of a Law providing for a general system of Public Instruction in Oregon, they had carefully considered, in all its details, the Bill referred to them, from the committee appointed by the State Teacher's Institute of last year, and they recommended that it be adopted by this body; and further, that Hon. J. Q. Thornton be charged with the duty of bringing it to the notice of the next Legislative Assembly for enactment.

Mr. Elliot here moved a suspension of the rules, which motion being adopted, he offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Oregon State Teacher's Institute, in view of the present state of public opinion, it is not expedient to ask for a new school law, which will embody all the features of public instruction, but that the Legislature of the State be asked for a few prominent changes in the present law, viz:

- 1. That the election of State Superintendent of Public Instruction be provided for by law, defining the duties of the same; and that one be chosen to fill the office until the next general election.
2. That a State Board of Education be constituted to co-operate with the Superintendent in adopting a uniform system of examinations of teachers.
3. That the attendance, as far as possible, of children of proper age, at some school, for at least three months in each year, be required by law.
4. That the State School Tax be not less than four mills on the dollar.
A very spirited discussion of these resolutions followed, in which Messrs. Atkinson, Campbell, Elliot, Henderson and the President participated. Pending this discussion the project of school law, as reported, was ordered to be read by the Secretary, and its merits were pointed out. These were admitted by those supporting Mr. Elliot's resolutions, but it was asserted that the Oregon Legislative Assembly had, hitherto, manifested a reluctance to pass a law embracing the whole subject of public instruction, as a complete system. To this it was replied that while such might be true of the past, there were many reasons for believing that the Legislative Assembly, to meet in the coming Autumn, would readily avail itself of the project of law under consideration, since, upon it had been bestowed more earnest labor, by practical Oregon educators than had, probably, been given to any existing statute in this State.
The Institute then adjourned to meet at one P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute met pursuant to adjournment.
The vote on Mr. Elliot's resolutions being now taken they were adopted.
On motion of Dr. Atkinson it was resolved that the project of law, as reported by the committee, appointed last year, and also the amended project of law, reported by the special committee appointed on yesterday, accompany Mr. Elliot's resolutions and with them be submitted together to some appropriate committee of the next Legislative Assembly, as containing the general features of a law which the Oregon State Teacher's Institute has had under consideration, and which is desirable.

Dr. Atkinson, of the committee on School Lands and School Funds, appointed some weeks ago, with instructions to report at this session of the Institute, stated that although there had been no meeting of said committee called by its Chairman, Mr. Hare, he had, nevertheless, given some thought and labor to the matter, and begged to submit the conclusions, to which his investigations had led him, in the form of the following resolutions:

- Resolved, 1. That the present mode of leasing the public school fund, by the agency of the several County Treasurers, for various reasons commends itself to our judgment.
2. That the State Board, who by the Constitution are the custodians of the fund, should be authorized to insist upon monthly reports from said Treasurers, and further, that they be authorized to employ sufficient help, of Clerks and Accountants, to conduct the greatly increased correspondence, and to keep the exact state of the fund constantly before them, and thus enable them to make the annual distribution of the accrued interest within the time required by law.
3. That while we approve the present mode of appraisal and sale of the school lands, we would recommend that the County Superintendents be required to examine school land on site at the expense of the applicant.
4. That in our judgment any money illegally loaned, or withdrawn from the school fund, should be restored by the State.
The Institute adjourned to meet at 7 1/2 P. M.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Hugh Kearns, an old citizen of Oregon City, was found dead in his shop on Monday of last week.

The attempt to organize a Greeley and Brown Club at Hillsboro was a complete failure.

The penitentiary at Salem came near burning on Wednesday of last week. A chandelier containing four large lamps filled with coal oil fell, and the flames instantly filled the building. The prisoners smothered the flames with their blankets.

The Washington Territory penitentiary contains eleven prisoners.

A great quantity of timber is being destroyed by the fires at Puget Sound.

It was rumored at Steilacoom, a few days ago, that the final terminus of the Northern Pacific railroad would soon be located in the vicinity of Tacoma.

Ex-Governor J. Neely Johnson, of Utah, ill for a month past, was rapidly sinking at Salt Lake City on the 23d.

Eight dwellings were destroyed by fire at Virginia City, Nevada, on the 22d inst.

At Elko, Nevada, on the 22d inst., a drunken Indian from Battle Mountain in attempting to get off a freight train while in motion, fell between the cars and was instantly killed, one arm being cut off and his head partially severed from his body.

The Pacific Railroad employees refused to remove the body, and the freight train the next day ran over it, tearing it to atoms.

Extensive coal beds are reported to have been discovered within twenty-two miles of Cornelius.

The women of San Francisco have incorporated a Pirate Treasure Company, to send out an expedition to Cook's Islands, to recover the pirate treasure there.

In San Francisco, on the 22d, a gracer by the name of Godfrey attacked his wife and cut her throat with a knife, stabbing her several times in different parts of the body, and then cut his own throat, severing the windpipe. He then rushed out into the street with the blood pouring from his wounds, and ran until he fell down exhausted. It is thought the woman will recover, but his case is apparently hopeless. Jealousy was the cause.

A case of small pox at St. Helena week before last caused much excitement.

At Drain Station, thirty-five miles south of Eugene, and eighteen miles north of Oakland, two stores have been established. Mr. J. W. Krewson, of Krewson & Drain, merchants there, is Postmaster. A grist-mill, heretofore situated near Scottsburg, will be removed shortly to this station. A public building for a school, public meetings, or other purposes, is being erected, and other improvements are constantly being made.

Oncida county, Idaho, in which the famed Soda Springs are situated, has a population of four thousand seven hundred and seventy-five.

An insane man named Lazarus made his escape from the Asylum at Steilacoom a few days ago. There are now 33 inmates in the Asylum.

In the Weiser River Valley, Idaho, there are bands of Indians numbering from one thousand to one thousand five hundred, all armed with rifles and revolvers. They belong on different reservations and are a terror to the whites.

A fellow named Henry Andrews shot a watchman, John Seigman, at Olympia a few nights ago. Andrews was on a noisy drunk, and when the watchman went to arrest him he fired with a derring-dog, the ball striking the watchman immediately above the left eye and coming out on the side about an inch from where it entered. The wound was not fatal.

From the Oregonian we learn that Mr. Isaac B. Smith, of Monticello, had his left leg just above the ankle so badly crushed in his saw mill last week, as to compel its amputation below the knee.

The public schools in Portland open Sep. 2d.

THE CATHOLICS.

The Catholics have begun the erection of a new edifice at Gervais.

The County Clerk of Marion issued nine marriage licenses last month, but up to last Saturday had issued but two, which he considers a poor exhibit, says the Statesman.

A State prisoner last week celebrated his liberation from a three years service, by getting drunk in Salem, for which he was put in the calaboose.

Poys in Portland have become so fascinated by reading dime novels, as to steal them.

A lumber team of two horses, in Portland the other day, took fright and ran down Front street, destroying about one hundred dollars worth of toys that stood before the door at one place, injured a cooking-stove at another, tore down several awning posts, and finished by knocking down a large lamp post in front of the St. Charles Hotel, and breaking the lamp.

Cabinet makers were in demand in Portland last week.

A boot-black has opened an office in Corvallis.

A fire at Helena, Montana, on the 23d inst. destroyed buildings and property to the amount of \$70,000.

Mining sales in Salt Lake last week amounted to \$300,000.

There are heavy fires in the mountains around Salt Lake.

Spanish Americans of San Francisco were to hold funeral services in honor of Juarez last Thursday.

Soda Springs, Utah, is growing into a Saratoga.

Hon. W. D. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, was prosecuted with a gold headed cane by citizens of San Francisco on the 23d inst.

Denver, Colorado, has one saloon to every seven inhabitants.

The Mojave and Colorado deserts having been described as "hell with the fires put out," a correspondent who has ventured across them during the summer months writes that the description is unnecessarily long, and would be more correct if abbreviated.

H. G. Stuve retires from the editorial tripod of the Vancouver Register.

The land pirates of Puget Sound, Shepley and Brown, were at Freport last week.

Over 100 lodges of Ute Indians are camping on the Big Logan, Utah, levying contributions of food, etc., on the settlers.

There are eight sawmills in Clarke county, Washington Territory, and yet Portland sends lumber over there almost every day.

Grading on the North Pacific Railroad is now finished to Hodgden.

Another one of an alleged band of horse thieves infesting Southern Oregon, has been arrested by the Sheriff of Jackson county. His name is Crickett.

The telegraph wire took the stage driver's hat off and came near taking his head with it as he was driving rapidly in the dark between Winchester and Roseburg, one night last week. Had the wire been a little lower, it would have come the driver's head.

An immense crowd gathered at the Court House in Portland last Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing a Grant and Wilson Club. Jacob Stitzel was elected Chairman and a long list of Vice Presidents chosen. Hon. J. H. Mitchell addressed the audience in an able speech and was followed by telling speeches by O'Neary, Gibbs and Hill. Much enthusiasm prevailed. About five hundred names were obtained on the Grant and Wilson pledge. It is thought that number will soon be doubled.

They had a \$25 horse race at Baker City last week.

T. B. Handley, late of the West Side, has gone on a surveying tour in Nehalem valley. Will be absent all summer, probably.

A Greeley-Brown Club at Eugene numbers 31 members, one of whom voted the Republican ticket at the last election, and for a part of it. The rest are all Democrats.

A dispatch from Corinne says that a party of engineers has been

fitted out to locate the Utah, Idaho and Montana Railroad between Corinne and Helena.

A whale about thirty feet long has taken up his quarters in the bay near Port Townsend, and is frequently seen sporting himself in the waters near town.

Mr. Pears, living on Puget Sound, has killed 7 panthers near his place this summer.

A new Episcopal church of fine dimensions is being built at Helena, Montana.

The Puget Sound Dispatch (Dem.) says the Democratic Territorial Committee will not call a Convention to make a party nomination for Delegate to Congress, but that Judge McFadden will run as an independent candidate.

Prof. Powell, of Vancouver, has declared for Woodhull for President.

The officers at Bozeman City lately made a raid on a band of horse thieves and brought in three dead ones and two living. Those killed were Thos. Harlow, Wm. Marsh and John Connor. Those captured were Gus. Callahan and George Clark alias Pinto Jack.

The first case of sun-stroke ever known in San Francisco occurred last Monday.

Another bushel of diamonds from Arizona is expected in San Francisco very soon, per Captain Buckley, who has taken up 640 acres of land adjoining the claim of the original company.

The I. O. R. M. of California have incorporated a Society for the care of the widows and orphans of deceased members.

Three shocks of an earthquake occurred at Kanab, Utah Territory, the other day.

Houses in Salem are all occupied.

The Savage expedition which went from Salt Lake in search of precious gems has written from Plano Blanco, New Mexico, Aug. 17th, sending about a quart of rubies, emeralds, garnets, opals and bright stones supposed to be diamonds. Samples are to be sent to lapidaries in New York.

Polk county is proud over a natural bridge on the Rieckreal.

"Too damp," was the reason why the threshers didn't work in Polk county last week.

The Flathead Indians, of Montana, are bitterly opposed to being removed from their present location to the new reservation in the Yocko Valley, and threaten hostilities in case the removal is attempted. White settlers are alarmed at the menacing attitude which the Flatheads have assumed, and call for the establishment of a military post at some point in the Missoula country.

The Bedrock Democrat says: "The Gem Mine, at Gem City, is keeping up its 'lick,' with the improvement of a 'strike' occasionally. We learn that last week a nice pocket was found, and our informant says he saw a piece measuring nearly one cubic foot that was rather the richest thing of the kind he ever saw. The vein is fully two feet in thickness and all very good paying rock."

A meeting of the citizens of Lebanon is called for the 5th of September, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to secure a branch or switch of the Oregon & California Railroad to Lebanon.

Two Montanians who left Helena a few months ago flat broke, for the Utah silver mines, have made \$90,000 and have good prospects ahead.

The Legislative hall at Salem has been re-carpeted.

The Cheeneketa Hotel at Salem will be opened next Monday.

About \$700 in premiums will be distributed at the Jackson county Fair in October.

Ten thousand dollars in premiums will be offered at the State Fair this year. Fast horses will take the large purse.

Forty thousand acres of swamp land have been selected in the Klamath Lake country by J. N. T. Miller.

A Jacksonville Siwash lately killed an eagle which measured 8 feet from tip to tip of his wings.

The Odd Fellows of Silverton in Marion county, have recently erected and furnished a fine hall.

The new church bell at Kalama is going to work wonders. According to the Deacon "It will educate the whole community to a chastened familiarity with those physiologic impressions that experience from mediaval times to the present show to have their origin in familiar sounds connected with ecclesiastical campanology."

The Courier tells of two Indians who went to law before a Justice of the Peace at Olympia, and upon the trial it came out that the plaintiff had sold a canoe to defendant for \$40 75, and defendant was going to pay by giving his daughter to plaintiff in marriage; but defendant's wife objected, whereupon suit was brought to recover the value of the canoe in money. The court having heard the story on both sides, advised the defendant to give plaintiff a horse and dismissed the case.

The prisoners in the Idaho Penitentiary are employed in cutting cord wood at a profit to the Territory.

The Port Townsend Argus says the town is awfully crowded, and in some cases 20 persons occupy a shanty 10x12.

Walla Walla county is twice as wealthy as any other county in Washington Territory.

Henry W. Reed, of Iowa, has been appointed Indian Agent for the Fort Hall reservation.

A Territorial School Teacher's Convention will be held at Olympia early next month.

The Statesman says: If Grant has so much affection for pups, we really can't see why the little one who edits the Enterprise should so much dislike him.

The Vermont State election will take place Tuesday, Sept. 3d, and the Main State election, Monday, Sept. 9th.

FOREIGN NEWS.

It having come to the ears of Government of Canada that certain persons were organizing a warlike party to aid Cuba, the Governor General has issued a proclamation warning persons of the consequences of infringing on international obligations of neutrality.

London journals heartily approve the verdict of the Court of Impeachment in the case of Barnard.

The strike at Dublin has ended, and peace and order reign.

The Prince of Wales has gone a yachting on the coast of France.

The news from Mexico to the 15th inst., is that all the revolutionary allies have accepted the amnesty except Garcia de Cadenas, who was captured. Porfiori Diaz is expected at the Capital next week. President Lerdo entertains the kindest feelings toward him, and will probably appoint him to an important office. The Cabinet is still unchanged. Pueblo, Elmalcala, Hidalgo, San Luis and Zacatecas are restored to their State sovereignty. Lerdo has contracted a loan of half a million. This is the first time in many years that the Government has enjoyed credit. Juan Jose Doz is prominently mentioned as a Presidential candidate.

The value of the property destroyed by the mobs at Belfast, exceeds £50,000.

Returns from the Provinces in Spain show that two-thirds of the successful candidates to the Cortes are members of the Government party, and that Radicals supported the Government at the polls.

It was reported on the 25th inst. that there had been a renewal of the riots at Belfast. The report was discredited.

The business of the Geneva Tribunal is drawing to a close and a decision is expected to be reached within two weeks.

It is stated as one of the signs of the times that of the one hundred and nineteen editors, reporters, composers, pressmen, clerks, etc., of the New York World, ninety-seven of them are for Grant and against Greeley for President.

A sturdy old Democrat from the San Joaquin Valley who can't mistake Greeley was in Vallejo, August 17th. He says he can mount his horse at his residence in the valley, and in less than one hour ride to the dwellings of 50 other of the unsifted wheat-won't-smallow-Greeley-under-any-consideration.

Henry M. Rice, of Minnesota, Democratic United States Senator from that State from 1857 to 1863, has declared his intention to support Grant and Wilson.