

OUR SCHOOLS.

A volume could be written on the subject expressed in the brief words which head this article; but it is not our design to elaborate upon our excellent and ever progressive school system at this time.

The method of teaching thirty years ago, in the southern and western Atlantic States, was rude in the extreme compared with that now in practice even in the young State of Oregon.

With the advantages we have enumerated the rising generation should not make the scientist, the philosopher or the scholar of the present day the model of his or her attainments.

Home Again.

Hon. J. M. McCall arrived home last Monday from the State Capital, having been away during the entire Legislative term of forty days.

The Wheat Trade.

Reports from the East and San Francisco indicate that there is an advance in the price of wheat in the great markets of the world.

READ THE BILL.

We learn that a misapprehension exists in the minds of the people in some portions of this county in regard to the nature and effect of H. B. No. 58, passed by the recent session of the Legislature.

Following is the section as amended by Mr. Cheesman's bill: Sec. 7. The County Clerks and Sheriffs in the counties of Grant, Jackson and Baker shall receive for their services an additional compensation of twenty-five per centum.

NOVELTY IN POLITICS.

A San Francisco paper publishes the following as one of the novelties in political life, and our readers will doubtless agree that it is decidedly funny.

D. W. Cheesman, of Lake County, formerly Assistant United States Treasurer in San Francisco, was elected Representative to the Oregon Legislature from that county on the Democratic ticket, although a pronounced Independent.

Liquor License Law.

An act was passed by the Legislative Assembly, at its late session, amending the law relating to license for retail of spirituous liquors.

Work Begun.

A Corinne correspondent of the Salt Lake Herald writes that the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad Company are taking steps for active work.

Irreverent.

The Christian Messenger is responsible for the following: The Centennial abounds in pictures and busts of George Washington in every place where there seems to be room for either.

We call the attention of our readers to the editorial correspondence in the Tidings of this week.

Don't gesticulate too vigorously. A colored preacher in Texas who used his arms more vigorously than wisely, knocked over a kerosene lamp, from which the audience came near being burned up.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute for Jackson County was called to order in the Ashland Academy on October 20th, 1876, by President Skidmore.

President Skidmore, thinking it one of the proper duties of County Superintendent to preside at County Institute, resigned his position in favor of E. J. Farlow, who was unanimously elected President of the Institute.

A committee of four was appointed to draft a programme for Institute. J. H. Skidmore, J. H. Clayton, Miss F. Myer and J. Q. Willits constituted the committee.

The subject of Practical Arithmetic was first on programme, but the time being too short not a great deal was said at this time.

RECESS.

Etymology was the next subject, introduced by J. W. Merritt. Here some views were interchanged, and the opinion prevailed that, generally, teachers stick to their text books too closely in teaching this subject.

N. H. Clayton treated the subject of reading, by forming a class and giving his method of instruction in this important branch of education.

Mr. Leeke then mentioned some advantages which he thought would be gained if book-keeping were taught in our schools. His thoughts were agreed to by others as being correct.

RECESS.

President Farlow being absent the Secretary called the house to order and W. T. Leeke was chosen President pro tem.

Exercises opened by the quartette, "Cheerfuls." Select reading, Miss Nettie Howard, "Who are Disturbed by Reformers?"

The following question was then read for discussion: Resolved, That it is the duty of the present Legislature to increase the school tax and enact a law enforcing compulsory education.

After being discussed for some time, both pro and con, the question was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Critics for the evening, Miss Nettie Howard and J. H. Clayton, reported, and Institute adjourned until Saturday morning.

After recess an essay on "Music," written by Miss Weber, was read before the Institute. Miss Nettie Howard then opened the question of the "Best Method of Punishment," and Miss Mary Berry the question, "What motives and incentives to study ought to be appealed to?"

President Farlow being absent J. H. Clayton was chosen President pro tem. Exercises began with singing.

After recess song, solo, "I went to see my Sweetheart as I had nothing else to do."

The Query Box was again opened and questions read and discussed. This

was found to be both instructive and entertaining.

The election of officers being next in order, E. J. Farlow, County School Superintendent, was chosen as President during his term of office; Miss Nettie Howard, Vice President; J. Q. Willits, Secretary, and Miss Kate Thornton, Assistant Secretary for the next session.

President absent, L. F. Willits was chosen as President pro tem. Exercises opened with singing.

The audience then listened to an address delivered by J. W. Merritt on the subject of memory. The audience was well entertained for three-quarters of an hour.

Committee on programme for next Institute reported the following: Prayer, by Rev. Hariburt; singing, Messrs. Willits; opening address, E. J. Farlow; orthography, Miss Frances Myer and N. H. Clayton; reading, J. Q. Willits and W. T. Leeke; writing, C. B. Watson and P. L. Fountain; geography, Miss M. Sergeant and E. A. Gray; English Grammar, J. W. Merritt and J. H. Clayton; arithmetic, J. H. Skidmore and Mr. Fitzgerald; modern history, B. R. Willits and H. C. Fleming; address, South America, by Rev. M. A. Williams; address by J. H. Skidmore; query box. Each session will open with singing and prayer and close with responses to queries.

Mr. Leeke was appointed a committee to ask permission of Miss Weber to have her essay on music presented for publication.

A motion was made and carried that Jacksonville be the place, and the first Friday and Saturday in May be the time, for holding the next session of Jackson County Teachers' Institute.

Resolved, That the bill before the present Legislature increasing the tax for school purposes receive the highest approval of this Institute.

Resolved, That a copy of the minutes of this Institute be furnished the papers of this county for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute be tendered Prof. Skidmore for the use of the Academy.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Institute be tendered the citizens of Ashland for the manner in which they have entertained its members.

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Sept. 21st, 1876. no15tf. INTERESTING TO FARMERS!

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Dissolution of Co-partnership.

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between I. D., L. R. and O. C. Applegate, under the firm name of Applegate Bros., is this day dissolved by mutual consent—O. C. Applegate withdrawing. A co-partnership will be continued by the remaining parties, under the name of I. D. & L. R. Applegate.

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