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. We shall only attempt to address a few words of congratulation and encouragement to the youth, who daily throng our streets, upon the superior facilities they enjoy for obtaining an education compared with those of the past generation.

There are thousands still but little past the meridian of life, who realize with the keenest regret the difficulties under which they labored to acquire a bare knowledge of reading, writing son, Baker and Lake shall receive for and the simple rules of mathematics. These were considered the only necessary educational acquirements to fit a young man for the battle of life. To read and write was all that even the wealthier portions of the people of many of the States considered necessary to teach their daughters. There were many, very many, who were deprived of even these all important and, at this time, easily obtained rudiments by late session. of an education.

The method of teaching thirty years ago, in the southern and western Atlantic States, was rude in the extreme even in the young State of Oregon. To sit eight hours a day, on a wooden The case stands thus: bench, without a support to rest the lay books and slate, was the sentence Representative to the Oregon Legisla. The teaching of penmanship was il of the school boy and girl of thirty ture from that county on the Demo- lustrated by L. F. Willits, and differyears ago, when they attended a com- cratic ticket, although a pronounced ent methods were discussed by the mon school. Neither globe, map, Independent. In the party caucuses teachers, but, as our school law says chart or blackboard had yet been counted among the necessary perquisites of a Temporary Chairman, and D. M. C. birchen rod, the ferule and the dance- receiving 28 votes; the two received some time, being opened by J. H. Skid- year for lack of funds; therefore, block had not yet been supplanted by the party strength, with the exception more. the kind admonition and exemplary of their own two votes, which they exdemcanor of enlightened teachers. The changed. When the House proceeded Mr. Leeke then mentioned some adhighest recommendation a teacher was put in nomination for permanent gained if book-keeping were taught in of this Institute be furnished the pa could boast in these days was that he Speaker, and it was understood that he our schools. His thoughts were was a merciless tyrant; physical force was the Republican caucus nominee. agreed to by others as being correct. held the place now occupied by reason J. K. Weatherford, of Linn County, troduced by Miss Kate Thornton. A and common sense. The world has ad- the Democratic caucus nominee, was, sentence placed upon the board comhuman government, which is and ever Weatherford, 30; Cheesman, 28; After the critics reported, and minshould be the chief study of man, has blank, 1. developed into a broader and more liberal realm of thought.

merated the rising generation should Assembly, at its late session, amending W. T. Leeke was chosen President pro not make the scientist, the phylosopher | the law relating to license for retail or the scholar of the present day the of spirituous liquors. Hitherto the law model of his or her attainments. They required applicants for license to proshould plume their genius for a loftier cure the names of a majority of the flight. As there has been advancement legal voters of the precinct or ward in the past so it must be in the future; where they wished to establish such there is no resting place for the human business, to a petition praying the tennial." mind in the pursuit of knowledge; un- County Court to grant the license. explored fields for investigation stretch | The amendment requires the applicant away throughout the created universe. for license to obtain the names of a Earth, sea and air, and all illimitable majority of the "whole number of citspace contain mysteries sealed, yet izens, male and female, over the age man - his immortal mind. This The bill making this change, we unthought alone should be sufficient to derstand, passed both Houses, and, if stimulate the youth of the present age signed by the Governor, it is now the both pro and con, the question was put ONE HUNDRED YEARS to improve upon the knowledge impart- law of the land. ed to them by the labors of the past.

Home Again.

Hon. J. M. McCall arrived home last Monday from the State Capital, Legislative term of forty days. He with the assembled wisdom of the State and speaks highly of the general spirit of good will that existed among the members of the House, of which he was himself one. Mr. McCall has received the endorsement of his constituents, so for as we know, in all of his acts for the interest of his county and the State. We, of course, have no reference to political questions, as they are matters of opinion which every individual claims the right to decide for himself and as freely accord the same right to others. Representative Crane and Senator Herren of this county have also returned home. Both of these gentlemen have been active and spective duties.

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. While the increase in prices is not so marked as to create any great change in interior markets, from what we can learn it seems that the prespect is hopeful for a general raise in wheat. The prospect of a European war, which must inevitably involve all the great wheat districts of the Old World and depress their industry, while it increases the demand for bread, is the only reason that is given for the present agitation among speculators in grain. One thing is certain, however, and that is that the concerned.

READ THE BILL.

We learn that a misapprehension exists in the minds of the people in to the nature and effect of H. B. No. opened with singing and prayer. introduced by Mr. Cheesman, of Lake act approved October, 1874, relating to elected President of the Institute. the fees of county officers. Here is the section before amended by Mr. Chees-

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.

Following is the section as amended

by Mr. Cheesman's bill : Sec. 7. The County Clerks and Sheriffs in the counties of Grant, Jacktheir services an additional compensation of twenty five per centum.

Thus it will be seen that the only change made in the section is the ad- closely in teaching this subject. dition of Lake County to the list of counties whose officers receive an increase of compensation, and that increase was made by the Legislature of 1874. No increase of compensation order: Spelling, by Miss F. Myer and was made in the fees of County officers J. H. Skidmore, and Fractions, by J.

NOVELTY IN POLITICS.

A San Francisco paper publishes the following as one of the novelties in pocompared with that now in practice litical life, and our readers will doubtless agree that it is decidedly funny. low. Exercises were opened with

D. W. Cheesman, of Lake County, urer in San Francisco, was elected session. held at Salem. D. W. Cheesman was "Spencerian system," not much di elected as the Democratic nominee for gression was made from the same. to permanent organization Cheesman vantages which he thought would be vanced since then. The science of however, elected, the vote standing manded the attention for some time.

Liquor License Law.

With the advantages we have enu- An act was passed by the Legislative

Work Begun.

A Corinne correspondent of the Salt Lake Herald writes that the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad having been away during the entire Company are taking steps for active work. A large force of surveyors is in seems none the worse of his association the field. It is the intention of the H. Skidmore, J. W. Merritt and J. H. Company to contract at once with par- Clayton was appointed to draft a proties for furnishing 130,000 ties, to be gramme for next Institute. used between here and Malad City, and the contract for furnishing bridge timber has already been made with Hiram W. T. Leeke composed said committee. House, who owns a large sawmill in the Malad Pass. The maximum grade from Corinne to Malad City, Idaho, as show by the preliminary survey, is of teaching Decimals and Interest, eleven feet per mile, with a ruling and the relation of Mental Arithmetic grade of seven feet per mile.

Irreverent.

The Christian Messenger is responsible for the following:

The Centennial abounds in pictures fore the Institute. and busts of George Washington in Miss Nettie Howard then opened the conts each every place where there seems to be question of the "Best Method of Pun- ROSES, DAHLIAS, vigilant in the discharge of their re- room for either. One artist has shown ishment," and Miss Mary Berry the his taste in making a bust of Christ question, "What motives and incenwith George Washington on one side tives to study ought to be appealed to?" and Henry Ward Beecher on the other. | Critics reported and Institute ad-There is the "Father" of his country, journed until 1:30 P. M. and the "Son," but we hardly think Beecher's late reputation would entitle him to be called the "Holy

WE call the attention of our readers to the editorial correspondence in the TIDINGS of this week. Mr. Sutton is making a canvass of the county. He considered, J. W. Merritt leading. will visit many of the most noted and populous places and write them up. We are pleased to state that he is adding many new names to his list of sub- the following : Lack of preparation ; scribers. The Tidings being the peo non-co-operation of parents; inattention ple's paper everybody subscribes for to and undue appreciation of responsi-

Don't gesticulate too vigorously, of teaching Geography. A colored preacher in Texas who used result will eventually turn to the ad- his arms more vigorously than wisely. vantage of the wheat producers, who knocked over a kerosene lamp, from are truly the most meritorious parties which the audience came near being burned up.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Teachers' Institute for Jackson County was called to order in the Ash. land Academy on October 20th, 1876, some portions of this county in regard by President Skidmore. Institute

intendent to preside at County Insti- next session. tute, resigned his position in favor of County, and amends section 7 of an E. J. Farlow, who was unanimously tute adjourned until 7:30 o'clock.

A committee of four was appointed to draft a programme for Institute. J. chosen as President pro tem. H. Skidmore, J. H. Clayton, Miss F.

Myer and J. Q. Willits constituted the appointed critics for the forenoon.

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

Etymology was the next subject, in- ers?" troduced by J. W. Merritt. Here some views were interchanged, and the Institute reported the following: opinion prevailed that, generally, Prayer. by Rev. Hurlburt; singing, teachers stick to their text books too Messrs. Willits; opening address, E.

N. H. Clayton treated the subject of Myer and N. H. Clayton; reading, J. reading, by forming a class and giving Q Willits and W. T. Leeke; writing, his method of instruction in this important branch of education.

H. Clayton. It being so near the close of the forenoon session the time was extremely short. journed until afternoon.

Afternoon Session. Institute was called to order by County School Superintendent Farsinging.

Miss Mary Quigley and L. F. Wilweary shoulders or a desk on which to formerly Assistant United States Treas- lits were chosen critics for afternoon

"What is the principal object in country school room. The govern- Gault received the Republican nomi- educating children, and what means ment of schools was then far different nation. When the House met, in the are necessary to their instruction to the from what it is at the present; the rote for Temporary Chairman, Chees best advantage?" This question enman was elected by a vote of 30, Gault gaged the attention of the teachers for

utes were read and approved, the Institute adjourned until seven o'clock. Evening Session.

President Farlow being absent the Secretary called the house to order and

Exercises opened by the quartette, Chestnuts. "Who are Disturbed by Reforms?" Select reading, Miss Mary Berry,

Nature of True Eloquence.' Select reading, C. H. Dyar, "Cen-The Query Box was then opened and was the cause of both amusement and

Song, duett, "David and Goliath." The following question was then read for discussion : Resolved, That it penetrable, to the divine attribute of of twenty-one years," to their petition. 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, to a vote and carried unanimously. Critics for the evening, Miss Nettie Howard and J. H. Clayton, reported,

morning. Second Day-Morning Session. Institute called to order by President and prayer.

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. A committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions.

L. F. Willits, Miss Mary Quigley and Critics appointed for the forenoon session were Miss Amy Dunn and B. R.

After discussing the various methods to common schools, Mr. Leeke opened the subject of introducing young pupils to the study of Language.

After recess an essay on "Music," written by Miss Weber, was read be-

Afternoon Session. President Farlow being absent J. H. Clayton was chosen President pro tem. Exercises begun with singing. Miss Kate Thornton and Miss Ottie Dunn were appointed critics for the

" What are the prominent causes of failure in teaching?" was responded to by quite a number. Among the prominent causes were mentioned bilities and privileges.

The subject of Fractions was again

Mr. J. H. Clayton gave his method After recess song, solo, "I went to

see my Sweetheart as I had nothing else to do." The Query Box was again opened and exchange for work. Call and see me. questions read and discussed. This! Ashland, June 23d, 1876.

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. 58, passed by the recent session of the President Skidmore, thinking it one Willits, Secretary, and Miss Kate Legislature. The bill in question was of the proper duties of County Super- Thornton, Assistant Secretary for the

Evening Session.

President absent. L. F. Willits was

The audience then listened to an address delivered by J. W. Merritt on Miss Ida Martin and C. H. Dyar were the subject of memory. The audience was well entertained for three-quarters of an hour.

> The question for discussion this evening was: "Should not our primary schools be taught by our best teach-

Committee on programme for next J. Farlow; othography, Miss Frances C. B. Watson and P. L. Fountain; geography, Miss M. Sergent and R. A. The following subjects came next in 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. Critics reported and Institute ad- Skidmore; query box. Each session will open with singing and prayer and

> J. H SKIDMORE,) J. W. MERRITT, - Committee. J. H. CLAYTON,

to ask permission of Miss Weber to have her essay on music presented for publication.

WHEREAS, Many of our public schools are closed during a great portion of the Resolved, That the bill before the present Legislature increasing the tax for school purposes receive the highest P DRY GOODS, GROCERIES 7 approbation of this Institute. BOOTS and SHOES,

Resolved, That a copy of the minutes pers of this county for publication. the use of the Academy.

stitute be tendered the citizens of Ashland for the manner in which they have entertained its members. There being no more business before the Institute it adjourned.

J. Q. WILLITS, Sec.

plied for relief in Savannah in one day Peliticians of all parties are brushing up their hair to give themselves an

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After the report of critics the Insti-

Exercises opened with singing.

Song, solo, "Remembered;" surg by E. D. Crandall.

close with responses to queries.

Report was received and adopted. Mr. Leeke was appointed a committee

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 M. We have any thing you Jackson County Teachers' Institute. The Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were accepted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute be tendered Prof. Skidmore for Resolved. That the thanks of this In-

L. F. WILLITS, Pres. pro tem.

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