

SLOAN READERS GIVE BY FAR BEST RESULTS

Advantages Innumerable in Opinion Regarding Books of Mrs. Katherine Sloan as Against Wheeler Primer—All Hinges on Comparison of Methods.

The action of the state commission on text books in ignoring the first and second grade readers by Mrs. Katherine Sloan of this city is greatly deplored by Portland educators.

Superintendents, principals and teachers alike unite in saying that the Sloan readers are better adapted to the use of these schools and give better results than any others which they have ever used. The readers have been in use in the city schools for two years as supplementary readers, and have been warmly indorsed by all the teachers who have used them. It was confidently expected that they would be adopted by the text book commission and the blow is a severe disappointment to the many admirers of the books.

Wheeler Books Not Liked.

On the contrary, the Wheeler books which have been put in use received small joy.

The whole question resolves itself into a comparison of methods. The Wheeler primer has been in use and is well known; it follows the old method of word study or sight reading. The Sloan method, on the other hand, has grown up in the school room, following closely the method which is approved by and which has the indorsement of Professor Rigler, the city superintendent.

This is the phonic method, or teaching-by-voiced-sounds. Children take this method up easily, and the results are really surprising. Not only do the children learn to read the lesson in the books with ease, but so the teachers say, they are able after a few months' study with this method, to read any book for the system is founded on intelligent psychological principles and is peculiarly adapted to the childish mind.

Thinks Phonic Method Best.

One of the teachers from Clark county, Washington, who is in the city expressed herself freely as in favor of the phonic method as taught in the Sloan

for the system in use in this city the Sloan readers are most valuable. They fit the method to perfection.

Miss Dimick, principal of the Brooklyn school, and the foremost educators of the city, says: "We have never used anything else which has given such good results. The mechanics of reading as used in Mrs. Sloan's system is a most admirable educational feature. The children have been able with this method to read more than double the amount of work which has been covered with any other system of reading. It gives them a grasp of the principles of reading which no other system can approach."

"We are required by the state school and county school laws," says a first grade teacher of the city, "to teach reading by the phonic system. Yet they give us a word method book to teach from and ignore the phonic entirely."

Many of the principals of the city schools have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the results which have been obtained from the Sloan books.

Indorsed by Superintendent.

City Superintendent Rigler commends them. He says: "They are excellent readers and have my indorsement."

Assistant City Superintendent of Schools, D. A. Grout, who was for many years principal of the Ladd school, has no hesitancy in indorsing Mrs. Sloan's readers. "They are founded on scientific principles," he says, "and are admirably adapted to the use of our schools. We believe in the phonic system which these books follow and have had superior results with them."

Principal Burnham of the Couch school says: "I think highly of the Sloan readers. The system is excellent and produces most satisfactory results."

Irving W. Frost of the Felling school says: "We like the readers very much and think them a valuable aid in developing the children."

Fit Method to Perfection.

Mrs. Watson, principal of the East Twenty-eighth street school says that

she on the right foot, the body was completely nude. It had evidently been in the water 10 or 12 days, and was that of a man six feet tall, about 180 pounds weight, broad shouldered, and the hands were evidently those of a laborer. The head was devoid of hair, except a slight fringe at the base of the skull. This was evidently caused by the action of the water, which had stripped him of his clothing. The face had been smooth shaven and the color of the beard could not be discovered, but the hair at the base of the skull was black. The man was sandy complexioned, but the color of the eyes could not be discovered. From the heavy chin and nose it was supposed the man was a Scandinavian and from appearance, about 50 years old.

There were no wounds about the body to indicate that the man came to his death by foul play, and it is evident that he was a laborer at one of the camps on the north bank and his death was caused by drowning. He will be buried in the potter's field.

POLICE CHIEFS SEE FAIR AT JAMESTOWN

(Journal Special Service.)

Norfolk, Va., June 18.—The crooks are likely to fight shy of the Jamestown exposition this week, for among the visitors there are the chiefs of police of all the big cities of the country and the governors of the national police of criminal identification as well. The occasion is the annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which began its sessions today in the exposition auditorium. Chief Richard Sylvester, of Washington, D. C., is presiding.

One of the questions to be discussed by the association is the proposal to have keepers of prisons notify the association of the discharge of prisoners, the object being to assist the departments in keeping track of discharged prisoners.

Among the officers and executive committee of the association, nearly all of whom were present at the opening, are Chief of Grand Rapids; Moore of Birmingham, N. Y.; Day of Scranton; Rowan of Galveston; Murphy of Jersey City; Sherwood of Ottawa, Ont.; Donahue of Omaha; Delaney of Denver; Downey of Detroit; Matthews of Providence; Kohler of Cleveland, and O'Brien of Springfield, O.

MECHANICS BEGIN SESSION AT BOSTON

(Journal Special Service.)

Boston, Mass., June 18.—The biennial session of the National Council Junior Order of United American Mechanics began in this city today with an attendance of delegates representing the order throughout the United States.

ANOTHER ENGINEER LEAVES BIG CANAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, June 18.—Joseph Ripley has resigned the consulting engineering position with a greater salary.

MONTANA LANDS WILL BE DRAWN

Applications Being Filed Today by Homesteaders

(Journal Special Service.)

Billings, Mont., June 18.—This was the first day for the filing of applications for homesteads on the Huntley irrigation tract soon to be opened to settlers, and hundreds of homesteaders were on hand to submit their affidavits. One week is to be allowed in which to file applications and on Wednesday of next week the drawings will begin. On that day the government officials will draw one thousand envelopes containing the names of applicants, from the total number filed, and the successful drawers will be notified in groups of 150 to make formal entries under the Homestead act for their land, beginning July 23. Each person to whom a homestead is awarded must pay the government \$34 an acre for the land. Of this amount \$4 goes to the Indians and the remainder to the government, to defray the cost of the irrigation canal. The homesteader is to be given ten years in which to pay for the land. The first year he must pay \$4.50 an acre, the next three years \$2.75 an acre, and for the following six years \$3 an acre.

The tract to be thrown open comprises 2,000 acres, to be divided into about 700 farms of 40 to 80 acres each, to be watered by the new canal system. The tract is located 12 miles east of here and was formerly a reservation for the Crow Indians. It is crossed by two great railway systems, the Northern Pacific and Burlington, affording unusual facilities for transporting crops. The government has built a highway parallel to the railroad, affording a direct line to travel up and down the valley. At short distances along the railroads the government has laid out townships, and these are so located that no farm is more than two and a half miles from a shipping point.

The soil of the region is of remarkable fertility and when watered produces bountiful crops. The climate and soil are adapted to all crops of the north temperate zone. Apples and small fruits are raised successfully, also sweet corn, tomatoes and melons. As there is a large range country surrounding this section, livestock raising is a predominant industry and furnishes a good market for alfalfa and hay. The irrigation works consists of a canal 2 1/2 miles long, with branches six and one-half miles in length. The work was completed by the government at an expenditure of more than \$2,000,000.

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RECEIVES TITLE OF D.D. FROM THREE COLLEGES

Rev. William Hiram Foulkes Honored in Unusual Manner by Institutions of Learning.

A striking coincidence occurred last week in the action of three colleges which simultaneously conferred upon Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, the title of doctor of divinity.

Mr. Foulkes was invited to give the annual convocation address at Whitworth college, Tacoma, last week. At the conclusion of his address the board of trustees tendered him this honor which was entirely unexpected to him. On his return home he found telegrams from both his alma mater, Emory, Kansas, and Lenox college, Iowa, conveying to him the tidings that on the same evening the board had also made him a doctor of divinity.

Mr. Foulkes has previously declined a similar action by Lenox and has only by his personal feeling prevented his own college from conferring upon him the degree before. He admits, however, that this triple honor can hardly be declined, so accepts it with a recognition of the feeling which inspired the gift and of the high responsibilities involved. At the convocation of the church of this city, delivered the convocation address.

Dr. Foulkes will deliver two addresses before the annual meeting of the students of the colleges of the northwest at Gearhart this week.

WAREHOUSE DISTRICT ATTRACTS INVESTORS

Choice Sites Continue to Sell—Sales Occur Almost Daily at Good Prices.

Choice sites in the Portland warehouse district continue to attract the attention of the conservative investing public. Scarcely a day passes that a lot or quarter block in that section does not pass into the hands of a local wholesaler or manufacturing concern.

The quarter block at the southwest corner of Kearney and Fourteenth street was sold Saturday to Jay Smith by the Irwin-Hodson company for \$10,000.

It is known that one real estate firm is closing up transactions whereby three other warehouse sites are purchased, the total consideration going above \$10,000.

The Portland Trust company of Oregon has taken title as trustee to 10 acres near Woodlawn street, formerly belonged to the Society of the Sisters of the Holy Name and was sold for \$10,000.

J. E. Bridges has sold to W. H. Chapin 40 acres east of Mount Tabor for \$14,750.

Mrs. Eva Andrews purchased yesterday a house and lot in City View park from L. C. Storer for \$2,600.

SUES GARBADE FOR TITLE TO PROPERTY

S. J. Bliss Believes Himself Victim of Misplaced Confidence and Goes to Court.

Alleging that Theodore A. Garbade sold him two lots in Albina to which he had no title, S. J. Bliss has brought suit in the circuit court to recover from Garbade \$3,000. Bliss charges that Garbade sold him the lots for \$1,500, and told him he owned them and that it would be useless expense for Bliss to have the titles examined. Relying on this statement, Bliss says he took the warranty deed that Garbade gave him, and later tried to sell the lots.

A real estate firm was engaged to find a purchaser, and when they examined the abstract it is alleged they discovered that Garbade had no title to the lots and the sale could not be made. The real estate men want \$200 as their commission, and Bliss asks the court to direct that Garbade pay this sum in addition to \$2,000.

BODY OF DROWNED MAN AT THE DALLES

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)

The Dalles, Or., June 18.—A dead body was found washed ashore on the river bank, about a mile east of the city, at 6 o'clock last evening. The coroner, being absent, the undertaker took the body in charge and brought it to his parlors. Except a rough heavy

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