

BIG GAIN THIS YEAR

County Superintendent Robinson's Annual Report Shows Decided Increase in Population, Wealth and Addition to Schools.

County Superintendent Robinson's annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction was completed yesterday and statistics taken from it show some interesting figures with relation to the wealth and population of the district. The district shows a decided gain over last year in every respect.

The report shows the school population to be 35,688 pupils, the girls numbering 13,345 to 15,345 boys. The number of pupils registered in the public schools was 23,533 and it required 657 teachers in their instruction. Out of the entire school population only 2,483 children of school age are not attending any institution.

Multnomah county contains 55 organized school districts and they contain 99 school houses. Last year five school houses were built in the county. There are 23,390 legal voters for school purposes in the county.

Sixteen private schools in the county furnish instruction to 2,500 pupils, who are taught by 154 teachers and who go to school on an average of 110 months during the year. The average number of months of public school taught during the year is 8.65.

When the school year closed June 17, 1907, the cash on hand amounted to \$205,999.81. At the time of the last annual report in July, 1906, \$40,552.81 remained on hand. During the 1906-7 school year the receipts totaled \$1,101,885.40 and the disbursements reached \$954,145.59. Wages for teachers during the year amounted to \$501,153.94, being the largest individual item on the expense list.

Building of schoolhouses and purchase of sites during the year cost the district \$209,880.24. For library books there was expended during the year the sum of \$28,232.

It is estimated that the value of the schoolhouses and the grounds in the county is \$2,034,444. The value of the school furniture and apparatus is placed at \$38,206. Insurance is carried in the sum of \$1,042,906.

The average number of mills for the district tax levy is \$2.94.

Women teachers in the county are greatly in the majority, numbering 584 out of the 657 employed. However, 73 male teachers earn an average monthly salary of, for the time actually employed, \$127.16 and of \$14.16 for the entire 12 months. The women teachers earn a salary which averages \$71.91 for the actual time they work and \$48.23 per month when averaged for the 12 months.

IMMORAL PRACTICE BY CITY FIREMAN

Girl Taken From Barn by Police Where She Had Been Enticed by City Employee.

Immoral practices by members of the fire department were brought to light by the arrest of Signe Swanson, a girl aged 15, yesterday afternoon by Officer Jones. The police station was notified by telephone yesterday that a fireman had been seen entering a barn adjoining the fireboat station at East Water and East Washington street in company with a young girl and Jones was sent to investigate. He found the report to be true and brought the girl to police headquarters where she was turned over to the custody of the juvenile court by order of Chief of Police Grimsbacher. Many cases have been reported by the police recently where members of the fire department have been seen with young girls late at night about the various stations, this being especially true of the chemical company at Second and Oak, adjoining the police station. Conditions existing at this fire station became notorious at the time of the recent Bellwood robbery investigation but since that time it has been supposed that no such practices were indulged in.

The case on the east side and the other rumors of improper conduct will result in an investigation being made by the authorities and in the strict enforcement of discipline at all of the stations.

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OREGON FRUIT IS SHIPPED EAST IN CALIFORNIA CANS

Again the Oregon cannery is forcing Oregon fruit into other states to advertise those states. This time it is California that will be benefited by the Oregon harvest. The Washington cannery, from its experience with the Oregon strawberries and cherries, will not try to boost the price, in the opinion of the fruit men, since they find the supply practically inexhaustible in those instances.

The California canneries are offering from \$55 to \$60 a ton for Oregon Bartlett pears, while the Oregon and Washington canneries who have a supply at their very doors, are offering but \$15 a ton.

"As a result," says Secretary Williamson of the state board of horticulture, "the growers of the best fruit in the Willamette valley are contracting their entire crops to California canneries. A large number will send their pears to the east because of the low price offered at home. These pears are picked and shipped

and will keep very well until they reach their destination if rightly handled. Already the Oregon growers are selling their crops because early preparations must be made if the fruit must be shipped out of the state. Cans must be had at exactly the right time and the canneries must be ready to handle the product when it arrives.

Another matter that Mr. Williamson says will be insisted upon this season by the horticultural commissioners is regarding the sale of infested fruit. Heretofore pears infested with the San Jose scale were allowed to go to the canneries and be shipped and sold as other fruit. Such fruit commanded the same prices as that of the growers who took pains with their product. This year, however, all will be changed. Not one pear infested with any kind of pest will be allowed to go into the markets. Such fruit will be confiscated and the growers will lose freight. If it is detected on wagons or cars its fate will be the same.

IT TOOK JAP BELLBOY TO TELL NAME OF POSTMASTER-GENERAL

"Two prominent Portland business men," said Nathaniel K. Clarke, clerk of the Portland hotel, "asked me the other night who the postmaster-general of the United States is. I could not think of his name to save my life and asked several persons standing about the desk. None of them knew. Then a couple of New York millionaires came to the desk and I asked them. They said Cortelyou, but were not sure."

"The thing was getting on my mind by that time, so I called up a newspaper office and asked the editor. He said Cortelyou. That should have settled it, but I knew Cortelyou was secretary of the treasury and so could not be postmaster-general. Well, we asked several more men who came along but none could remember. Finally I asked one of the Japanese bellboys and he told me in a minute that George von L. Meyer is the man who attends to Uncle Sam's mailing business."

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN BULLDOG KILLS RATS NOW INSTEAD OF CATS

A bulldog in Bellwood has undergone a strange transformation of character as a result of having killed a number of cats. Formerly he would pay no heed to rats, even when they passed his recumbent form in the dooryard, but now he pursues them day and night, and appears to have set out to kill all the rats under all the sidewalks in Bellwood.

His former proclivity was for killing cats. Two or three times a week he came home with his nose split and eye bleeding, but a grim look of satisfaction on his battle-scarred face at having added to his record the life of another mortal enemy. A short time ago he suddenly ceased chasing cats, his whole nature seemed to change, and he has since worn himself to a mere frame of bones watching almost continuously day and night by board piles and sidewalks, intent upon the slaughter of rats, until he has become an expert, rivaling the most famous rat terrier. It is believed he was conscience-stricken and is trying to atone by killing all the rats that the deceased cats would have killed.

CALIFORNIA MAN SAYS PORTLAND IS NOT WELL ADVERTISED ABROAD

"Portland is just about twice as large as I imagined," said Alexander Keir, of San Bernardino, California, who is visiting his son-in-law, L. M. Parrish, of this city. "I am usually about as well posted on general topics and conditions as the average man, and thought I knew a good deal of the cities of the Pacific coast. But I knew nothing of Portland. Your city is not well advertised. Recently I was traveling in Utah, Idaho and Colorado and had occasion to make many inquiries about Portland. No one seemed to know much about this city."

It is Mr. Keir's first visit to Portland. The city, he says, will be one of the chief cities of the country within a few years. It has many advantages over Los Angeles, according to Mr. Keir, although it does not begin to derive the benefit from advertising that Los Angeles does. "This seems to be a city of homes as does Los Angeles," he said. "In fact, Los Angeles advertises the fact, but one will notice a great difference in the kinds of homes in this city and in Los Angeles. Here the houses and buildings are more substantial and costly than in the southern city."

"DIVORCE MADE EASY," LAWYERS PROMISE TO ADVERTISE NO MORE

At a meeting of the grievance committee of the state bar association R. J. Grey and Clyde Richardson, who had aroused the ire of the judges and lawyers of Portland by advertising in the three daily papers that they could secure divorces, and that in most cases their clients need not appear in court, appeared before the committee and pleaded guilty to carrying on the practice. Richardson stated that he had had occasion to make many inquiries about Portland. No one seemed to know much about this city.

Grant, prosecutor of the bar association, for immunity and wrote to each of the members of the grievance committee saying they had not thought they were doing wrong in advertising for divorce cases. When they appeared before the committee, the young attorneys said they had discontinued the practice, and would not advertise again, and in consideration of their promises to be good, the committee decided not to file charges in the supreme court against them.

NEGLECTED TO SEND EVIDENCE SECOND PRISON TERM POSSIBLE

Judge Wolverton Orders the Pendleton Commissioner to Prepare Cases.

Judge Charles E. Wolverton issued an order today in the United States circuit court directing Commissioner Halley of Pendleton to prepare the evidence in all cases which are brought before him and send it to Portland with the prisoners.

The matter came up in the case of Bert Allender of Malheur county, who pleaded guilty to carrying whiskey on the Umatilla Indian reservation. When Judge Wolverton wished to learn the facts in the case he had nothing but Allender's statement of the facts, because of the failure of Commissioner Halley in sending the evidence of the case to Portland.

Allender was arrested and taken before Commissioner Halley and bound over to the grand jury. When the prisoner arrived in Portland he asked to be allowed to plead guilty and be sentenced. He was taken before the court and told a story of entering the reservation to secure a team of mules. He admitted he had a bottle of whiskey, which was taken away from him by the Indian policeman who arrested him.

When asked for information about the case, Assistant United States Attorney James Cole told he had nothing further than told by Allender. He said he had requested Commissioner Halley on several occasions to send the facts in the cases to Portland in order to have them at the time of arraignment.

Portland Hotel Man Desires to Give Convict a Post-Graduate Course.

John H. Drinkwater Jr., supposedly of Montreal, Canada, but at present of the Walla Walla penitentiary, will probably be given a post-graduate course at Salem if Phil Metschan, Jr., of the Imperial hotel has his way.

Drinkwater sprang into prominence for a few days in August, 1906, by cutting a wide swath in Portland, while posing as the son of a prominent official of the Canadian Pacific railway by that name. He rode in automobiles, spent large sums at various roadhouses in the vicinity of the city and hurled money right and left. He secured his funds by cash exchanged for checks of various sizes drawn on the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Montreal.

Having worked his game to the limit in Portland, he renewed his operations with the result that within less than two weeks he was recuperating under a two years' term of flogging at Walla Walla. It was found that his true name was J. M. White, and that he had no connection with the Canadian Pacific or its officials.

While in Portland White induced Phil Metschan to cash a check for \$45 which was afterwards returned as a forgery, the name of L. C. Armstrong, attached to the paper being declared not to be genuine.

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Sold Holes in Baseball Fence.

From the Atlanta Constitution. Charged with selling permission to outsiders to come into her yard and look through the holes in her fence at the baseball game at Piedmont park without a license, Mrs. M. Hatchett appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon, and after a hearing she was

allowed her freedom by the recorder.

Detective Lockhart made the case at the instance of the police officer at the park. It was stated that Mrs. Hatchett charged five cents a head to look through the cracks and holes in her fence, which is part of the fence enclosing the baseball ground, and see the games. One little boy was in court as a witness, and testified to having paid

Mrs. Hatchett's little girl a nickel to see the game, but not being well pleased with the location had his money refunded and left.

Mrs. Hatchett denied that she charged any money for looking through the holes. There was no evidence produced during the trial that Mrs. Hatchett was engaged in such a business, and Judge Broyles dismissed the case on condition

that the lady did not accept any pay from those people whom she allowed to go into her yard and see the games. London has 27 cabs and 5 "buses" every 10,000 inhabitants. Paris has cabs and only 2 "buses" for the number of persons. Geneva has 10 for every 10,000.