PORTLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING



TO PUPILS FOR WORK DONE AT THEIR HOMES

Incentive to Youngsters Is Proving Highly Acceptable to Parents.

By Marshall N. Dana.

It has been hitherto told that the school board rented a cottage to be used as a text in teaching boys to be home builders, and girls to be home clude the fashioning of furniture the sewing of garments and the cooking

More than casual reference has also heen made to the opportunity afforded by our interesting school system for young men to become farmers or forgers of iron, and young women to acquire the art of millinery and the science of food chemistry.

Now comes a still more startling revelation. Be it known that if Bobby at home minds the baby for mother he may get credits on his grade card that most trouble with.

We of a slightly earlier generation

Into several Portland schools giving credit at school for work done

"Care of the baby" is No. 13 on a long list formally printed, which is used by Miss Abbie Wright of room 15 at Sunnyside school. Miss Wright was direct to introduce the system at Sunny. first to introduce the system at Sunny-Portland. Seven other rooms of the same school have now taken it up. Its success is one of its most conspicuous fill out his record card. This is a great help to the parents."

But to continue reference to "care of the baby," frankness forces the confession that on none of a large heap of "home work records" does it appear that any boy or agirl of Sunnyside school engaged in this occupation. It would, of course, be hinting at a long extinct superstition to suggest that its No. 13 on the list bars attention.

The things that are set down upon the card for which credit may be given are as follows: Work in garden, splitting kindling, bringing in fuel, milking cow, care of horses, preparing meals, washing dishes, sweeping, dusting, bedroom work, washing, ironing,

Then follow six blank lines on which may be written other services not listed. Here are the most interesting admissions. One youngster has writlawn" one hour of the seven days. He is also very devout, for on the Sabbath he studied his Sunday school lesson one hour, Monday 30 minutes, Tuesday minutes, Wednesday one hour.

Reports Are Signed

He is also careful in personal care, for in a list printed below the other petition of "yes' that every day he brushed his teeth, on Saturday he spent half an hour in his bath. He slept with the windows open, and he atbefore 9 o'clock each of the seven even- work done at home. ings, and then apparently some bit of a doubt seems to creep in, for he interpolates, "more or less."

This is, of course, just a type reparent or guardian, and this is the evidence required by Miss Wright that

the work has been done. things" a total of 40 minutes.

that the good old custom of the Saturday night bath has not been in boy who cultivates a big, fat garden, abilities by means of further and more vain handed down from parents to and who grows vegetables better than specialized training. At the same time children through many generations, other boys, or a boy who makes a fine it was evident that boys who do mas-Some of the reports, however, claim chair, is deserving of credit. I have credit for complete ablutions under- had several boys bring me surprisingly if necessary to hold good positions. taken also on other days.

Credit on Regular Report.

Understand that credit on the regular report is given for this work. plan delights the parents, for it gives children incentive for home work helps the children, for they learn how to do things that are useful. Also. China Planning to the study in which they are weakest. Sometimes they indicate on the card the study they desire to be helped in It will not be surprising that one very young lady wanted her credit to be applied to "spelling," and another to

five days in caring for birds. Many checkmate the present state's right mow lawns and run errands, others tendencies.

care for the chickens, set the table, will increase both his general average knead bread, make dresses, and there and his standing in the study he has is one little fellow who faithfully adds,

have no memory of school credits being given for this or any other kind of
home service, and this change may be
further proof that the "world do

further proof that the "world do given are for table manners, care
of clothing and courtesy to parents.

One little bey sets it down that on
each of 7 days he combed his hair for five minutes, which in itself, we will remember is a considerable sacrifice. Some appreciative expressions have

teachers an insight into what the child is doing when not in so ool." writes a mother. "In looking over some of the side school, and one of the first in to do his regular chores in less time great help to the parents."

> exceedingly active in home work said. "I think it is a splendid system. The only disadvantage that has occurred to me is that when credits are measured in time spent rather than amount done, the children are inclined

to dilly dally a little." But in the main the plan of giving school credit for home work stimulates habits of usefulness, encourages industry, affords opportunity to discover in dividual capabilities, and more closely tles together the home and the school

Hadley Introduced Home Work Credits

ten in bold hand that he did "moe Principal of Hawthorne Grammar Got Idea From Superintendent Alderman; System Has Gained Popularity.

E. J. Hadley, principal of Hawthorne school, was among the first to intro-Thursday 30 minutes, and Friday one duce here the plan of giving school redit for home work. "I got the idea from Superintendent Alderman about two years ago when

he was head of the state department of Items, he gives assurance by the re- public instruction," said Principal Had-"At first I went from room to room telling of the plan and there was an-

immediate and good response. The tended church and Sunday school two idea grew and increased in favor. Last hours each on Friday and Saturday. year 219 of the boys and girls in Haw- The gathering had educational import-He also admits that he went to bed thorne school were given credit for ance. It gave opportunity to demon-"This credit is not based on doing of the things they ought to do.

For instance, I do not believe a girl

should be given credit for helping her port. It is signed in each instance by mother wash the dishes. I think that is something she ought to do. "But when a girl makes a dress or an apron, or bakes a cake or a loaf of printing, Memory failed one boy after he had bread or makes especially good candy.

who is just learning to do these excep-The cards indicate quite interesting- tional things.

> good samples of crochet work. "In fact, both boys and girls bring for my inspection samples of what The they have done. The plan has most certainly increased interest among students in work at home."

Reorganize Troops

Peking, China, May 23.—President finished products. Yuan Shih-kai has drafted a plan to disband all the provincial troops and by the club. One to Oswego, for the Some minor business ventures are reorganize the army on a national purposes of seeing the heavy iron also recorded. One boy carried papers basis. Carried out, the plan would enpipe for the city water department, able the central government to force and the other to Goldsmith hill, to half an hour collecting the pennies the provinces to send in tax money reg. see how hydraulic force has transfor the papers. Several girls claim ularly, instead of spasmodically as at formed a rough and rugged hill into a credit for patient pland practice. One present. It would strengthen the cen- beautiful site for a home. calls attention to a minutes each of tral government tremendously and Engineer West of the Portland Rail-

this day I done my best." Other things for which credit may be given are for table manners, care

'The home record cards not only offer the child a desire to raise his school roo mrecord, but it gives the

Another mother whose little girl is

HIGH SCHOOL TECHS INVITE PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO BANQUET

credits for home work.

Gathering at Jefferson Gave bookbinding. Opportunity to Demonstrate Quality of Work.

Members of the Jefferson High strate for the benefit of school directors, the superintendent and assistant superintendent, to a visiting representative of the national department of education, the quality and amount of work done in the departments of woodworking, drawing, machinery and

It was said that the work is being added "erands" and "cuting lawn" to I she thinks she merits credit at done not to turn out mechanics ready his list, so he also writes for "other school, especially if she is a little girl to hold salaried jobs, but to give every to hold salaried jobs, but to give every boy who desires a broad foundation of industrial training upon which he President Has Enviable Record.

The president of the Technical club of Jefferson high is Fendall Young. He has an enviable school record, starting when he was eight and now finishing his second year in high school at the age of 16, at the same time being prominent in school activi-

One purpose of the club is to study home industries and to learn what are the possibilities of transforming the raw materials of this state into

Two excursions have been conducted

nama Canal, and W. H. Lewis an address on hydraulic grading.

Top, left to right-A recess entanglement, Sunnyside school. Lorrin Andrews earns school credits

Center, left to right-Breadmaking, from an original text. Eleanor Bosserman gets credits for iron-

ing, wearing dress and cap made by herself. Ray Reierson says mowing lawn for credit at school

gardening at home. A better grade for feeding the chickens.

girls at recess, Sunnyside school, Principal Curtis in foreground.

The department of the high school in which the club was formed has grown in numbers from 3 to 140 in four years' time. Nearly 25 per cent of the boys in the school take work in the shops. The fundamentals of the following subjects are taught: Cabinet making. pattern making, building construction, nechanical drawing, forging, tool-making, machine shop work, printing and

The department has entirely outgrown its original quarters, and there is now under way a strong movement to secure the building of a structure that will house all the industrial plant and be especialy adapted to industrial training.

About Jefferson high school is a School Technical club recently called large amount of vacant ground, part in their parents and friends to help of which might be utilized. The vacant in the Boston "Journal of Education," them enjoy their first annual banquet, property is now owned by the school in a recent issue. Some of the comdistrict. The domestic science and art ments as reproduced in the Portland departments could also be housed in School Bulletin follow: the building

Suggestion Is Made. There was general expression of conviction at the banquet that the department should have a building of its

It is possible that action will be taken soon on a suggestion made at ly in the country. It is an ambitious the banquet by Leon LaForge, head hope, but if left free to work out plans one at the end. of the woodworking department. Mr. and realize ideals, Portland will give LaForge called attention to the fact all the other cities a lively race for that while there are comparatively few | first place. pattern makers and machinists' positions in Portland many were being "In the same way I consider that a may build in accord with his individual trained for such positions, while on the other hand there are 100 green- will be achieved. houses employing about eight times that number of people, yet no training ficient Parent-Teacher organization in ter the study offered will be competent | in this line is being given in any

Floriculture would make a distinctly valuable adjunct to nature study activities. from texts, suggested Mr. LaForge. It could be correlated with botany, and made to serve a practical purpose in the decoration of schools and grounds. Related to such training is the school garden work already conducted. Mr. LaForge was given an ovation that testified to his popularity among his students, when he rose to speak.

Mad Dog Recognized Friend.

Centralia, Wash., May 23.-Mad Dog an Indian chief with the Sells-Floto and Buffalo Bill shows, and John Griner, a resident of Centralia, met for the first time in 35 years when the circus stopped in this city this week. Griner was watching the parade and was immediately recognized by the Indian, who made haste to hunt him up after the parade. Griner used to way Light & Power company delivered live in Dakots, while the Indian lived each color to the into the warp, one before the club an address on the Pa- on a nearby reservation.

Sunnyside School. Bottom, left to right-Principal Curtis of Sunnyside school directs a recess game. Miss Abbie Wright, Some time ago the publication of a teacher of room 15. Sunnyside school, who was first to introduce there the plan of giving school by the students in printing at Jefferson **EDUCATIONAL PLANS** high school. Now room 15 of Sunnyside school has started a publication

Pupils Publish

Paper of Their Own

"School Room Herald" Name of the Is-

is nearly as pretentious as its inspira-

ion. Here are some of the news items:

will play nice with the girls.

Prizes Provided

at Orient School.

to captain of girls' basketball team."

There is a notice of a spelling match

For Juvenile Fair

Competitors Must Be Residents of Dis-

trict or Enrolled In the School; Held

More than 100 first and second

competition in connection with a

prizes have ben provided for winners

iuvenile fair to be held at Orient

school in the Pleasant Home district,

September 11 and 12. Entries will be

classified in accordance with the age

of the entrants, class A being of chil-

children less than 12 years. Competi-

tors must be residents of the district

or enrolled in the school. Industrial

work, vegetables from gardens, canned

fruits, needlework, break, cakes and

Art School Exhibit.

eight days, an exhibit of work by stu-

dents of the Art school will be made

Classes in drawing are expected to

Beginning May 24 and continuing for

dren between 11 and 18 and class B of

Apply

experts.

BECOMING FAMOUS Boston Journal of Education any other kind of ball at the light guards in the assembly hall." Pays High Tribute to Conditions in This City.

OF PORTLAND ARE

"Drop the handkerchief" among

Tribute to the work being done in Portland schools is editorially given

"Portland, Oregon, bids fair to live up to the aspiration of the Board of Education, Superintendent L. R. Alder- a spelling match Monday afternoon man, the teachers, the Parent-Teacher association and the citizens generally to make that the best city educational-

"Superintendent Alderman bids fair to do for Portland what he did for Oregon, and if he does all aspirations "Already Portland has the most efthe country without any question. It is keenly -alive, ardently devoted to

the schools, genuinely efficient in its "Already the play and recreation leadership and equipment are of na-tional interest, and State Superintendent J. A. Churchill has given the state a graphic portrayal, with illustrations of the unusual phases of these activi tles in Portland. Indeed, Oregon as a whole, is doing exceptionally well in

these educational features. among the best in the country, with every approved feature from "no stationary furniture in the lower grades," and open-air rooms by the wholesale, to recreation rooms unparalleled or unapproached in important factors for ecreation in all weathers."

Most of the carpets in India are roven by boys, who are told by men watching them how many knots of

SCHOOL CREDITS ARE ALLOWED FOR WORK DONE AT THE HOME Thirty-one Per Cent Is Rec-ord Against 25 Per Cent

Supt. Alderman Tells How He Came to Originate Plan 'Adopted Here.

principal, I noticed that one of my directory issued by Superintendent rosiest cheeked, most vigorous appear- Churchill. McMinnville excels every ing girls spent much time on the other school in the state in the followstreets after school. One day Mary's ing respect: There are enrolled in the mother was pointed out to me. She public schools here 720, of which 224 was a pale, nervous little woman with several children. Knowing that the femilies of the actual attendance in the city is in the high school. No family was not very well to do I felt other town in Oregon has more than 25 myself burning with indignation at the per cent of its school enrollment in the circumstances in her home. I thought, high school. What is the use of my teaching that girl algebra and general history when fat the largest in the history of the what she most needs to be taught is school; 45 members. that her mother is her best friend and needs her help?"

Thus L. R. Alderman, superintendent sue Which Is Being Printed at the of Portland schools, explains how he originated the plan of giving school locally in the high school. The school credit for home work by school chil- has been adequately supported from a dren. This is a plan that has spread 'School Bulletin" was undertaken by from Oregon into many states and the schools, the printing being done many schools and has made Alderman more prominently known as a creative factor in the educational world than anything else he has ever done, called the "School Room Herald" which | continues:

"At the algebra recitation the next day I announced that the lesson for the following day would consist of 10 "The pupils of room 15 are going to problems as usual, but that five would join the army. Miss Wright has taught in the book, and five out of the The five out of the book would "Jack and Lynn have not received consist for the girls of helping cook the stilts they advertised for last supper, helping to do up the kitchen work after supper, preparing break-"The privilege of playing basketball fast, helping with the dishes and kitchen work after breakfast and putting a will be taken away from anyone who bed room in order. When I asked for is found throwing the basketball or hands up on all problems the following day I noticed that Mary kept her "This paper cannot be run without bands raised after the others were news nor can it be financed on fresh down. 'What is it?'I asked. 'I worked five in advance, she replied with There are also some advertisements sparkling eyes. 'I worked five ahead in the book beside the 10 you gave us.

which for unique organization are commended to the attention of the Ad club From that time Mary's interest in all school work was doubled." Teachers were valuable cooperators. "For Sale-Six pigeons, two pair and said Superintendent Alderman. If they two squabs. Will have three more talked about sewing, ironing or garden-"Wanted! Wanted! Five boys who ing, children wanted to do those things.

He continued: "Every home has the equipment for industrial work and has someone who uses it with more or less skill. The pupils of the eighth A class had "The school has made so many de

the girls by seven at the start and by the child needs along with school work is established habits of home making. What one does depends as much upon abit as upon knowledge. "In my opinion the giving of school

credit for home work is like opening great reservoirs of power which as yet have scarcely been tapped."

Group Meetings

Meet and Speaking and Music Are Peatures of Day.

The success of the group meetings dresses were given by Miss Dimick on flowers are among the articles which will be exhibited for prizes. the Cooley Webster grammar; by Miss Gray of Sellwood on Aldine's primary language, and a report of the home work record slips that have proved very popular in Sunnyside school by Miss Wright. The addresses were followed by songs from Miss Cormett and in the Art Museum near Taylor street Allhands of Llewellyn acted as chairespecially be interested in the exhibit.

ATTENDANCE LARGEST IN PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE IN M'MINNVILLE

Elsewhere,

McMinnville boasts a larger high school enrollment in proportion to school population than any other community in Oregon. A statement which the Commercial club has received

"According to the latest high school

"Our graduating class of '14 is by "Another feature of the present sit-

uation is the fact that of the 45 members, 25 are boys. This is almost unique in Oregon.

There is a splendid feeling of pride financial standpoint, and although It has cost money, the people feel that they have something for their investment. Under Superintendent W. R. Rutherford, who is one of the best school men of the state, there has been developed a strong course of indus-trial work, which now affects every member of the high school, and many in the grammar grades. Bonds have just been voted for a new building, to be used as a so-called junior high This is something not before tried in Oregon, although the plan has been in vogue recently in California.

"At the present time school men recognize the fact that we are making too decided a break in the methodology of the grammar grades, and that of the high school grades. Too large a per cent of our -ighth grade graduates fail to survive the change as we now make it, and do not get along well with their reshman year in the high school. In the junior high school the plan will be such as to gradually accustom the student to this same change from the room where is directly responsible to one teacher all the time to where he reports for different work to as many as four or five teachers as in the modern high school. We hope to bridge the gap and save for good work a larger per cent of those who enter the

The boys spelled against the girls. The boys won after a long struggle for supremacy on the part of Fred Beers and Ruth Powers. The boys outnumbered school. But an important thing that the girls by seven at the start and by the child needs along with school work.

Contagion of the Diamond Gets Firm Hold on Teachers and Real Ball Game Is the Outcome.

Baseball is a contagion. It infects

pedagogues and makes them attempt athletic stunts not warranted by their muscles or suggested by their training. A team of the principals' club met with team of the Jefferson high school faculty last Tuesday. A good and enorganized from among the erstwhile Teachers of Number of Public Schools pupils of the players. Under impulse of their encouragement the near-impossible was attempted in almost every play. There were joited equators and bruised palms and legs skinned by is inaugurated by Superintendent Al- sliding bases and hearts that over erman in the Portland schools was thumped with exertion. The principals exemplified Wednesday afternoon by started authoritatively. Perhaps the the teachers of Brooklyn, Liewellyn faculty members were a little intimiand Sellwood schools meeting at Brook- dated. For three innings they seemed lyn. The occasion was pleasurable both to hold the game in the hollow of their professionally and socially. Able ad- mitts, so to speak. But after the third inning their wind seemed to fail and their enthusiasm to decrease. The principals piled up nine runs but the fac-

By installing his hot water boller Miss Luke of Brooklyn school. Mrs. in his bath room instead of his kitchen a Pennsylvania man heats the former without additional expense.

ulty got 12. At the end of the seven

innings each side uttered the historic

'enough.