

TEACHERS AT DUFUR.

The Wasco county teachers, responding to the call of their worthy superintendent, C. L. Gilbert, met at Dufur Saturday, April 6th.

At 11 o'clock the superintendent began the work by explaining the need, the pressing need, of just such meetings as they were to have that day. Also expressed his great pleasure in the attendance, and his regret that State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, as expected, on account of a more imperative duty, could not be there to witness the enthusiasm their attendance proved.

After the song, "America," Mr. A. J. Brigham, with his genial cordiality, welcomed those present to the beautiful town of Dufur. Supt. Landers, of The Dalles public school, in behalf of the teachers, responded with a few words of grateful thanks.

The response was followed by a song by the quartet and a recitation by Miss Iida Sherwood, which very emphatically showed the persevering spirit of some teachers. The excellent rendering deserves favorable mention.

Then followed an excellent paper by Prof. Neff, of The Dalles, on the all-absorbing topic of government, "Respect for Law." One point, among many that were stated, was that our government is not suffering today so much from a lack of good laws as it is from its multiplicity of laws whose very enactment might become a tedious affair to even good citizenship. If the execution of a law is leniently considered and only spasmodically applied, the result is sure to cheapen not only the law-breakers own self-esteem, but his faith and respect for the laws of his country. This cultivates criminality. The application to the school was: First, school laws should be those absolutely necessary; second, at the expense of a teacher's innate kindness, school laws should be rigidly executed; third, children must not be trained in habits of law-breaking for the future expense of the state government.

After a short intermission the teachers were invited into an adjoining room, where tables, daintily decorated with flowers and doilies and laden with the hospitality of the good people of Dufur, caused their smiles of expectation to broaden into good hearty laughs of realization. "My, this is good!" "I'm so glad I've come, aren't you?" "Yes, I did have some breakfast this morning!" shows how well the excellent luncheon was appreciated.

During the lunch period teachers were privileged to examine the work done by the pupils of Dufur. The high quality exhibited served fully to convince that hard, conscientious work was being done by both teachers and pupils.

Following the opening song the afternoon's work of Geography began with a paper on nature work by Miss Minnie Elton, of The Dalles. The subject was very understandingly treated. The points which may interest those who were not there may be briefly stated. Nature work is the true basis of not only Geography, but also the sciences. Children have some idea of hill, brook, town, pond, trees, fishes and flowers before coming to school. This knowledge should be also used in the school room before books are used. Much time is lost in teaching definitions without the idea. New concepts could, by comparison, reason and judgment, be built from old ones. Field work, because of its great practicality and its relation to actual life, should receive more attention in the subject of Geography. Under field work comes the great industries of our country, and in order to develop the innate power, to become acquainted with the business of the world, children of rural districts should be transported to these great establishments of manufacture at the public cost of the district.

Miss Emma Roberts read a most excellent paper on "Aids in Teaching Geography." Among many aids, she suggested those which seem worthy of mention: A live teacher, not one who breathes merely; the careful planning of one's work; the use of pictures, and especially kodak pictures; discussion on imaginary journeys and places visited; the mistake of not reading the lesson with the child previous to the day of recitation; the chilling unattractiveness of presenting new material to the class with too other words than these: "Class may take for next time all of page 98. Turn, rise, pass." The principal thought brought out was to encourage the ability of the class to associate outside material with that inside the covers of the book; to broaden the mental horizon; to stir up an interest for investigation and a love for study.

Prof. Allard spoke on Oregon, exhibiting a beautiful paper mache map, made by the children, also small Geography, illustrated by newspaper prints, which would, in merit of composition, exactness and conciseness have done credit to a head much older than a child of the seventh grade. His enthusiastic and masterful way of treating the subject of Oregon, the material he had appropriated,



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"Climate," by Aaron Frazier, was humorously treated. His closing remark, which ended in advice also, caused much pleasant commotion—"Although we have climate, it is like people, not perfect. Where perfect climate is to be found is not known, but probably in the state of Matrimony. Therefore, all ye seekers of perfect climate hie ye to the state of Matrimony."

Professor Landers, who led the discussion of "Trade Centers," introduced his subject remarking that although he did not wish to advertise himself, he wondered if the state of Matrimony, or perfect climate, did not lie near Dufur. Trade centers, then, as a division of geographical work, should be one of the helps to make Geography interesting, as it appeals to their practical knowledge, especially to a city pupil. In presenting this topic, an outline should be prepared and a type secured as near home as possible. Trace its growth from beginning to the present, compare reasons for the cause of growth with other trade centers. Then take up the greatest trade center, New York, for instance. The influence of European wars, the result of the building of the Erie canal, the effect of people moving West, the energy and life of the people, are excellent points to bring to the pupil's notice. Trade should be taught as a magnet which draws everything else.

In the discussions such advice were given to the teachers: Teachers, teach! Teach with your whole life. Make it your life work. There should be a waking up in Geography, and instead of butchering it with miserable methods, seek and apply the best. Get out of the trodden paths, assume new responsibilities. Make your work live. Correlation should be the watchword.

The session closed at 4 o'clock, and the intensity of the expression worn by most of the teachers showed the enthusiasm and interest the subject called forth. Among those present were: Supts. Gilbert and Landers, Profs. Allard, Neff, Brown, Frazier, Mr. Allen, Misses Elton, Roberts, Wheelton, C. Wheelton, Ball, Thompson, Maud Michell, Baldwin, Cooper, Bell, Martin, Kiddell, Mrs. Wilson and the reporter. C.

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