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Mr. Editor: Do not understand that I am opposed to teaching in our public schools higher than the elementary branches. Indeed I am very much in favor of high schools supported by the public where our youth can obtain the highest and finest possible cultivation and education.

School boards. Teachers are not always competent judges of what should be, and what should not be omitted. They often have hobbies which they ride to the lasting injury of their classes.

USINGS.

They may fall at this life, from the hour I began it. I found it a life full of kindness and bliss. And, until they show me some sinner's plight, More social and bright, I'll content me with this.

As we advance, leaping ravines, crossing parched desert, clambering rocky declivities, too soon, alas! we find that our day is far spent, as the lengthening shadows show that the sun is declining, and the twilight already dims the scenes around us.

The Directors have decided to have the Public Schools of this city properly graded for another year, and have devoted considerable time to the subject this week.

From Umatilla County.

BIRCH CREEK, July 10th, 1875. MR. EDITOR: Seeing that my subscription to the FARMER has expired, and not feeling willing to be deprived of the valuable information contained in the paper, you will find enclosed money for another year's subscription.

The Walla Walla Union of last Saturday says: "On last Wednesday a train of half a dozen wagons, containing families, passed through town on their way to the neighborhood of Dayton in this county."

PASSENGER LIST.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Ajax sailed from San Francisco for Portland Saturday afternoon at the usual hour with the following list of PASSENGERS:

CRIMINAL DOINGS.—M. J. A. Pruett, Sheriff of Umatilla, was in town Monday, having come down with Geo. W. Moore, an insane patient, who behaved very well all the way down until this side the Dalles he became illuminated with an idea and threw overboard the valise of Sheriff Pruett, and also the baggage of Dr. J. C. Andrews, who was also along as guard.

STATE NEWS.

The Albany Democrat will soon be printed by water power. The enterprising citizens of Anty have organized a military company called the Yamhill Guard.

The wool market at The Dalles, says the Mountaineer, is rather heavy, the prices ranging from 17 to 19 1/2 cents per pound. We fear some of the wool buyers will hardly get even on their purchases.

The Democrat says the new Farmers' warehouse to be built alongside owned by them in Albany, will soon be under way. Messrs. B. Lewis & Mills have the contract for the carpenter work.

From the Corvallis Gazette, of the 16 inst., we learn of the following accidents: On the 9th of July Mr. Eli T. Henkle had his left arm broken, besides receiving other injuries, caused by his team running away.

Schooling, Geo. Woolburg, Katie Curtis, Florence Humphrey and Harry Macy in the higher department, and John Curtis, Mary Woolburg, Annie Hoult, Howard Bramwell and Willie Douglas, in the primary, were placed on the roll of honor.

The town of Jefferson has a whisky shop for the first time in seven years. So the Statesman says, the rate charged for city license has been prohibitory, but now the license is removed.

The prospects for abundant grain crops was never better in Douglas county. The Union county fair is advertised in the Sentinel, and from the programme it appears that arrangements are being made by which it will be made a grand success.

THE TERRIBLES.

The business transacted in the land office at Vancouver in the month of June, 1875, was as follows: Land sold, 139 acres; homestead entries, 702 acres; land patented entries, 1,236 entries.

CLATSOP COUNTY.—The Astorian, July 17, has the following:

A gentleman from San Jose came to Knappa-ton to look at lumber wanted for fruit basket manufacture. He was so greatly astonished at what he found here that he ordered very largely in excess of his previous intention, and shipped some of his purchases by steamer.