

School Talk Papers—No. 5.

ED. FARMER: This classification question don't receive proper attention. Every teacher should make it a deep and thoughtful study. I wonder how many of the teachers who read these papers understand classifying or grading a school? I am afraid the majority know nothing about it. Perhaps never thought of it; may have read of graded schools, and perhaps some have taught in them, and yet for their own part knew nothing about their workings. This should not be, and the sooner the law-making power of Oregon requires teachers to know all about graded schools and examine them as to their workings,—how classes should be arranged, and their members promoted from one class to another, what is considered a month's or a year's work in school, how many studies a pupil can pursue at once, profitably; what subjects should be taken together with profit; and generally what constitutes a good classification of a school—the sooner will be the quality and efficiency of her public schools elevated. This information can be gained by referring to the reports of Superintendents of our older cities where graded schools are working to perfection, or by reading good educational papers. A loose classification causes a waste of time and labor, and no matter how hard a teacher works under those circumstances, though he may seem to be doing well his labor is almost without permanent good results. Let it be urged upon teachers, parents, and school officers to study carefully this classification question. In cities this work should be done by boards of directors with the assistance of judicious and successful teachers. It should never be neglected for a day. Where five, ten or twenty teachers are employed to instruct hundreds of children this classification should be done at once, of course with the greatest care, but by all means it should be done. Teachers always work better when they have help and know what results they are expecting to produce. A course of study and rules for the government and instruction of pupils and teachers, make the work uniform, make teaching uniform, bring into use the highest quality of teachers, and as a result, the very best class of work is performed. To prove this, only refer to the past or even the present. Consult any system of city schools in America or Europe, and it will be found that the preparation of a course of study and instructions how it should be taught are almost the first steps taken by the board of education.

The superintendent of the public schools of Boston said: "In a system of schools, of different grades and classes, for a vast school population, where pupils pass from class to class, and from grade to grade, or from school to school, a programme becomes a necessity, as a means of classification, without which chaos would reign, and the time and strength of pupils and teachers be frittered away in conflicting aims and efforts. In such an organization the programme is necessarily an element of immense importance. It is not itself the power which carries on the work, but it is the medium by which the power is made effective. A good programme is not a substitute for good teachers, but it is necessary as a means of rendering their labors fruitful."

Teachers, generally, do not practice enough original native force. Too many of them teach as they and their grandfathers were taught. Not but the methods used in those days produced some good results, but better methods have been devised which are more successful, and teachers should not cling to those worn out plans because successful men have used them. What one man can use to a good purpose, in the hands of another would be worthless. There must not be a disposition on the part of teachers, in this day of advancement, to follow meekly in the paths of others content to get along, but there should be a spirit of progression, a determination to find something new and better, to make the work of teaching more to the point—more effective, and again we find that study is required on the part of teachers to accomplish this. It has been well said that "a teacher who does not learn more every day than his pupils is too indolent to desire a place in the school-room." They must be constant students and careful readers. A physician or lawyer, a dentist or artist, would find but little exercise for his profession if he should cease to study or read. They are continually reading the periodicals of the day which treat of their professions. They are awake to every discovery made, to every new idea suggested, thoroughly acquainted with every advancement made in their business throughout the civilized world. These men are successful, they command the confidence of the people, and never lack practice. But what proportion of the teachers in this State study their profession thus? I fear it is small. I heard a young man say, not long since, "Teaching is a matter of money with me, and I don't intend to give myself much trouble about the work, either." The money matter is all right, but too many make it a matter of money alone. Draw money for poor work.

The following list comprises some of the excellent and practical works upon the subject of teaching, is suggested for the attention of those engaged in the work: Teachers' Manual, by Prof. H. Orcutt; New Primary Object Lessons, by N. A. Calkins; Methods of Instruction, by J. P. Wickensham; Sheldon's Elementary Instruction; School Monthlies—National Teacher, E. E. White, Columbus, Ohio; N. E. Journal of Education, 16 Hawley street, Boston. More anon.

Yours truly, THEOBALD.

NEW WHEAT.—The Oregonian of Saturday says the west-side train, the day before, brought four car loads of new wheat, the first that has reached Portland from Yamhill and Washington counties by way of the railroad.

THE STATE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Will be held in Salem, commencing September 1st, 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m. The following is the programme of exercises: WEDNESDAY, Sept. 1st, 1875.

MORNING SESSION. Devotional exercises. Organization. AFTERNOON SESSION. Music. Welcoming address, Rev. L. J. Powell, Salem. Response by Prof. F. H. Grubbs, Eugene. Percentage and interest, Prof. E. A. Milner, Corvallis.

THURSDAY, Sept. 2d, 1875. MORNING SESSION. Devotional exercises. General business. Music. Fractions, Mrs. M. A. Hodgdon, Portland. Music. Discussion of methods of Examinations in school. Essay—"Oregon Sunrise," Mrs. Irene Calbreath, West Chehalis.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Music. Constitutional government, T. M. Gateh, Ph. D., Salem. Discussion—"Should Moral Instruction be a stated exercise or be only incidentally introduced?" Regular verbs, Prof. F. H. Grubbs, Eugene. Music. Geography and Map-Drawing, Miss Ella Sablin, Portland. Essay, Miss Ellen Luelling, Hillsboro.

FRIDAY, Sept. 3d, 1875. MORNING SESSION. Devotional exercises. Music. Fundamental rules of arithmetic, Prof. T. J. Sikes, Albany. Music. Discussion—"Should physical culture be made one of the regular branches of instruction in our schools?" Essay—"What constitutes a good recitation?" Miss L. W. Spaulding. Orthography, Prof. T. H. Crawford, Salem.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Music. Modes of the verbs, Prof. D. M. C. Gault, Hillsboro. Essay, Miss Etta Upton, Portland. Music. School government, Prof. J. T. Gregg, Salem. General business.

EVENING SESSION. Music. Lecture—"What Next?" Prof. R. K. Warren, Albany. Music. Lecture—"Moral Culture," Rev. Joseph Emery, Corvallis. Adjournment.

Special Committee of Arrangements in Salem—Prof. T. H. Crawford, Hon. J. G. Wright, R. H. Dearborn, Esq. Executive Committee—S. W. King, Portland; J. K. Weatherford, Albany; John Darrah, Dallas. L. L. ROWLAND, President.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—We copy the following from the Astorian: The Teachers' Institute, for the fourth judicial district, was held at Astoria on the 9th and 10th inst. The following officers were elected: Rev. T. A. Hyland president; Rev. J. S. Griffin, chaplain; Miss E. T. Davison, secretary; Miss Julia Adams, assistant secretary. A resolution deprecatory of the readers and spellers in use, was indefinitely postponed. Discussions on orthography, school discipline, penmanship, English grammar and arithmetic were held. A resolution was adopted asking the State Teachers' Institute for the appointment of a committee of five, one from each judicial district, to examine the various standard text books, and report to the twenty-three county school superintendents the various merits and demerits of each, and their well digested opinions as to the series most desirable for the accommodation of teachers and the advancement of pupils.

School Report. Report of Union Hill School, District No. 24, Marion county, Oregon, for the quarter ending July 30th, whole number enrolled, 51; average daily attendance, 39. Roll of Honor for the month: Mary Phillips, Martha Walden, Alice Drips, Chas. Watt, Harvy Watts, Duroc Blevans, Chas. Beebe, Louise Lipscomb, Albert Denny, Henrietta Denny, Marquis Saunders, Ella Jacobs, Jno. Jacobs, Josie White, Belle White, Myrta White, Mary Kincaid, Jno Kincaid. Following are the branches studied in this school: Reading, Orthography, Writing, Geography, Arithmetic, (higher practical and mental), History, English Grammar, (Normal and beginning), and Physiology, (Steel's). Second term will commence September 13th.

W. N. CAPPS, Teacher.

The State Teachers' Institute will convene in the city of Salem on the first day of September, 1875, and continue three days. The importance of this meeting of the teachers is manifest, needing no words to prove the necessity, or argument to show the benefits it will give.

YAMHILL COUNTY.—The Reporter of the 12th says: "Last Monday morning harvest began with a rush in this section, and is continuing with unabated activity in almost every direction. The yield of fall wheat is far above all estimates heretofore made, and in quality is fully sustaining Oregon's reputation for its bright, healthy grain. Among the fields we have heard mentioned for their heavy yields, are those of Messrs. Granville Baker and James McPhillips. Mr. McPhillips harvested 55 acres and turned out over 54 bushels to the acre, and Mr. Baker is now harvesting a large field near town, which he thinks will yield over 50 bushels. There are many fields that are going from 40 to 47 bushels to the acre, and some that we have heard of on this side of the river has fallen short of 35."

Mr. S. A. Clarke, editor of the FARMER, accompanied by Mrs. Clarke, has gone to Puget Sound and Victoria, with the Naacolic excursionists.

DEAD.—A. C. Bonnell, who was Mayor of Portland in 1852, died in San Francisco last Saturday, aged 74 years. For the last nineteen years he has been connected with the business management of the San Francisco Bulletin.

Read all the new advertisements in this number of the FARMER. We have not space to-day to notice each one separately, but will attend to them in time.

FARM FOR SALE.—H. C. McTimmonds, Polk county, offers his fine farm for sale. Read advertisement in this week's FARMER.

The Fall term of Willamette University begins on Monday, September 6th.

BOOTS and SHOES Made to Order. Farmers and their Families are again reminded that I can make good fitting and serviceable BOOTS and SHOES, of the very best quality, at a most reasonable price. REPAIRING neatly done. All work warranted.

HENRY DIPPEL. TAKE NOTICE that my shop is now removed to one door north of Durbin's stable, on Commercial st., a few doors south of Newspaper Block. Salem, Aug. 12, 1875.

FARMERS LINN AND MARION! WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT I AM NOW PREPARED TO Buy, Ship, and Store WHEAT & OATS, AND CARRY ON A General Warehouse Business

At my Warehouses at SALEM AND MARION, At each of which places I am prepared to pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR GRAIN—SACKS FURNISHED. Advances made on Contracts. JOHN M. JOHNS. Salem, Aug. 12, 1875

To Breeders of Sheep. MR. GEORGE HAMMOND, of Middlebury, Vermont, whose name is so familiar among the stockmasters of this country as the most successful producer of fine wool stock, and who is employed in the most extensive purchase of wool, and sale of Bucks and Ewes, upon this coast, has been spending a week among us, and I have completed with him an arrangement to receive and sell to Fleck-Masters in Oregon and vicinity such animals as they may desire, to be delivered in Portland, Salem, Dallas, and elsewhere, to suit convenience. Where parties desirous of purchasing are pressed for money, but are sound, ample time will be given and every accommodation granted, with usual interest.

Any communications or enquiries will be promptly answered by addressing THOS. S. LANG, Salem, Oregon.

WM. GRAVES, Dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, LOUNGES, WHATNOTS, COFFINS.

Job Turning done on Shortest Notice, Also, Latest Style Repairing. SECOND-HAND FURNITURE Taken in Exchange. Please give him a call, and examine his goods, before purchasing elsewhere, as it won't cost anything to see his new stock.

He also has BROKEN SETS, cheaper than any store in the State. Shop on State Street, OPPOSITE THE BENNETT HOUSE. SALEM, OR. W. WEATHERFORD. J. W. WEATHERFORD.

Weatherford & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in DRUGS, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, Patent Medicines, CHEMICALS, Perfumery TOILET GOODS, Etc., etc.

PURE WINES and LIQUORS, For Medicinal purposes. Medicines Compounded, and Prescriptions Filled. Weatherford & Co., Commercial street, SALEM. DR. E. Y. CHASE. BREWET Lt. Col., late Surgeon U.S. Volunteers, Oregon, Dallas's block, 21 State, 207

JOHN HUGHES, State Street, Salem, Oregon. DEALER IN GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, PAINTS, OILS, WINDOW GLASS, TUBE COLORS, PICTURE CANVAS, Artists' Materials of all Kinds, Wall Paper and Window Shades, Salt, Grain, and Feed, Lime, Hair, Nails, and Shingles. Salem, August 25, 1874.

JOHN W. GILBERT, Commercial street, Salem, Oregon, MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTER OF BOOTS & SHOES, OFFERS A SUPERIOR LINE OF GOODS, CONSISTING OF S. D. Soller's INFANTS' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES, Gray Brothers' Splendid-Fitting Coods, French Kid, Serge, and Goat BUTTON BOOTS AND BALMORALS, ALEXIS SHOES, FOR MEN AND BOYS, A FULL LINE OF TIRRELL'S BOOTS, The Celebrated Hersome Gaiter for \$6.50—other Houses charge \$8 and \$9. Also, a magnificent line of Goods from the most celebrated San Francisco Factories. I claim to have the LEADING LINES of the WORLD, and can TOP ALL OTHERS in Style, Quality, and Price. My Stock of Leather and Shoe Findings IS COMPLETE, CONSISTING OF Oak and Hemlock Sole, Harness, Skirting, Belting, and Lace Leathers. INDIAN-TANNED BUCKSKIN, FOR GLOVE-MAKERS.

I have the exclusive sale of the celebrated Brooklyn Harness and Skirting Leather, warranted to be free from brands and cuts and not to break in bending, which I offer at San Francisco prices, with freight added. Thanking the public for generous patronage in the past, I hope, by strict attention to business and fair trading, to merit a continuance of custom. Jy7

IMPROVED Aetna Sewing Machines. The Improved "AETNA" is a noiseless Shuttle Dock-stitch Sewing Machine, using a Straight Needle. It has been manufactured and extensively used in New York city for over ten years and has always been held in great favor on account of its extreme singleness, durability, and wide range of work as a Family Machine, and no person who has become the owner of one, has yet been found willing to relinquish his AETNA for any other, where all kinds are so well known. Yet our mechanical experts have been able to make some valuable improvements, and we now present to the public the IMPROVED AETNA, with the confidence.

Agents Wanted in every town in the State, to whom a liberal discount will be given. Machines sold on installments or on notes. A liberal discount will be made for cash. Send for circular, &c. L. H. PARSONS, 119 Third Street, PORTLAND, Or., Agent for Pacific Coast.

FURNITURE STORE. I HAVE PURCHASED THE ENTIRE interest of Messrs. Yeaton & Longhary in the Furniture Store on the west side of Commercial Street, Salem, and shall keep on hand a GENERAL ASSORTMENT of goods for the retail trade. FURNITURE & UPHOLSTERY Parlor & Chamber Sets, BEDSTEADS, LOUNGES, ROCKERS, & C., By the set or single piece. Repairing and Jobbing DONE IN THE BEST MANNER, And at reasonable price, as I am a practical workman JOHN GRAY. Salem, July 12, 1875.

SADDLERY, AND HARNESS. HAVING PURCHASED THE INTEREST OF Mr. Watkins in the old established house in the above line, the attention of the community is called to the stock of Harness on hand, which is offered at greatly reduced rates. SADDLES AND BRIDLES At lowest Granger prices. Hardware, Whips, Robes, etc., To suit everybody. R. H. DEARBORN. Salem, Feb. 12, 1875.

CHEMEKETA HOTEL, SALEM, OREGON. THIS IS THE FINEST HOTEL NORTH OF San Francisco, containing 150 rooms, in suit or single, and fitted up with all modern improvements. Omnibus to and from the Hotel, free. House open all night.

THOS. SMITH, Proprietor, (Formerly of the Empire Hotel, The Dalles.) Mrs. Dr. J. Ford GIVES SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DISEASES known as Female Weakness. Office, corner of Court and Capitol streets, SALEM, Oregon.

GREENBACKS at Par! S. FRIEDMAN, Auctioneer, and Commission Merchant. THE GRASSHOPPERS HAVE BECOME A BURDEN, and have devastated the green fields East, and people are now flocking to this goodly land where wheat is plenty and greenbacks are scarce. In honor of this great immigration, I, S. Friedman, will receive U.S. Legal Tenders at Par at my sales rooms in Executive Block, for all goods.—My stock on hand consists of a splendid assortment of CLOTHING, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Staple Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Notions, Ribbons and Laces, Salt and Jewelry, Nails and Butter, Hats and Tobacco. CARPETS, just from the East, and prices to suit all. Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Crockery and Glassware, Salem Blankets, Flannels, and Cloth, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels. All these goods will be sold Cheaper at S. Friedman's FOR GREENBACKS Than at any other house in Salem for Gold! Bring all your Greenbacks. They are worth One Hundred cents on the Dollar. FRIEDMAN'S. In connection with this is The Salem Drug Store. IN CHARGE OF Mr. T. C. SMITH, A practical Druggist, who will compound all your difficult prescriptions or pharmaceutical preparations correctly, from the PUREST DRUGS, having just received a fine and well-selected stock of Drugs, Chemicals, and Toilet Articles. If you have anything that you can't get put up any where else, bring it along. We guarantee satisfaction. Currency will be received at par for everything except Book accounts, which must be coin, as usual. S. FRIEDMAN, Auction and Commission Merchant. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ESTATE OF MARY C. SMITH. THE undersigned has been appointed by the Honorable County Court of Marion county administrator of the above-named estate, and all persons having claims against the same are hereby notified to present them to me in the city of Salem within six months from the date of this notice. P. S. KNIGHT, Salem, Oregon, July 15th, 1875.