

A VISIT TO THE KINDERGARTEN.

A Pleasant Half-hour Spent Among the Little People.

An EAST OREGONIAN reporter spent a very pleasant half-hour this morning at Miss Lane's Kindergarten school, watching the little folks as they busied themselves with their varied tasks, and listening to recitations and songs by the whole school. There were twenty-one present this morning, which, Miss Lane says, has been her average number, although she has had as many as thirty. The warm weather will probably cause her to close the school soon for a few months.

The exercises and mode of teaching are entirely different and much simpler, yet effective with than anything likely to be imagined by one unacquainted with the methods. Miss Lane does not teach the Kindergarten methods exclusively, but has a primary department in which Gube's Method of Arithmetic is taught. The school was opened after morning recess with a song, without assistance from the teacher or an instrument, which was very sweet, the bird-like voices of the little ones blending in beautiful harmony. Class A, consisting of the larger scholars, was then called to the blackboard, on which nearly all the lessons are written, where they showed remarkable quickness at reading; little fellows like Willie Sturgis being able to read sentences in which numerous words occurred over six letters, written in an ordinary hand, and not printed. One or more songs were sung after each lesson, "The Old Oaken Bucket" being specially worthy of mention. The method of teaching the smaller ones, by objects, was illustrated, and seemed very effective. The declamation, "Tommy Stealing Apples," by the school in chorus, such making the proper gesticulations, was very amusing.

Of course all the different exercises could not be gone through in half an hour, but enough was done to show that Miss Lane is accomplishing a great deal with the little folks, who are too young to attend public school, and are just the right age to be free from all sorts of mischief at home.

Miss Lane intimated that her services had been sought in California, but it is hoped she will receive enough patronage to justify her remaining here.

Mica.

A. Zehner last spring discovered a mica ledge within a few miles of Boise, which gives promise of value. A ledge of mica, valuable mica is worth as much as a gold and silver one. The only find thus far of a mica mine in the Territory sold for big money, the history and description of which are thus given by the Moscow Star:

Thirty miles east of Moscow an Indian discovered some years ago a large ledge of very valuable mica, such as is used in stove doors. He sold his discovery to W. A. Woody, who in turn sold a half interest to W. J. McConnell, and they sold the claim to Peck Bros. & Co., Chicago, for \$125,000. In the year 1857, 130 tons of mica was mined and of this seven tons went to England and was pronounced a very fine article. The sheets are from four to eighteen inches in size. It is developed by tunnels, one of which laps the edge 300 feet below the surface, and another is being driven to tap the ledge 500 feet lower. The product is worth from 40 cents to \$15 per pound. Sheets 8x10 inches command in the Eastern market \$14 per pound. S. S. Rogers has a southwest extension of ledge. He has sunk a shaft 80 feet deep and is running a tunnel 250 feet long to tap a ledge at a depth of 250 feet below the surface. The mica in this is of the same quality as that in the original claim. The waste mica is used for various purposes in commerce; among others, the crumbs are used to bespangle wall paper.

The Future by the Past.

Looking over the rain tables kept for so many years by Mr. Isaac Straight, we found that during 363 years when a small amount of rain fell in May a larger quantity fell in June. This was true during seven years and the reverse was the case in eight years. In some years the difference was very great, in others only slight. During May, 1875, there was a rainfall of 1.35 inches, while in the June following the fall was 3.87 inches. In May, 1841, the total rainfall was only .19 of an inch, in June of that year it amounted to 1.91 inches. In 1834 the rainfall in May was only .60 of an inch in June following it was 2.29 inches. In 1825 the total rainfall in May was 4.25 inches, and in June it was 2.10 inches. In May, 1886, the total rainfall was only .67 of an inch, in June only .68 of an inch. Last May the rainfall was 1.08 inches, in June it was 2.12 inches. So for this May the total rainfall has been .21 of an inch. Judging the future by the past it is fair to expect a heavy rainfall in June. Then, too, the spirits tell the Medium Roff that there will be lots of rain before the Fourth of July.

Hotel Arrivals.

VILLARD HOUSE.—J. F. O'Shea, J. S. Macdonald, W. S. Grieseder, James Martin, Portland; H. B. Leber, Atlanta, Ga.; J. W. Simpson; Lewis Klott, Pomroy; C. Banister, T. H. Walsh, Walla Walla; W. M. Pierce, Weston; Harry Frantz, City; E. Boettcher, Chicago; M. A. Rooney, Centerville.

GOLDEN RULE.—Mattie Foss, Centerville; R. A. Lent, Birch Creek; John Blocker, Country; T. A. Heninger, Ridge; C. M. Johnson, Pilot Rock; J. J. Chapman, Philip Eder, J. W. Salisbury, John Parker, Vinson; J. J. King, Echo.

BOWMAN HOUSE.—J. M. Grover, Grand Coulee; C. C. Dart, S. E. Dart, John Nelson, Ridge; Miss Edner, Centerville; G. Kelstadi, Cedarville; Frank Counts, Ohio; A. N. Elam, Milton; M. T. Sandefur, Hartman's Spur; C. M. Adams, Echo; John Lewis, Weston; W. B. Bell, Seaton; W. C. L. Richardson, Pleasant Hill; D. J. Begley, Wallula; T. M. Hughey, La Grande; B. Lane and family, Eugene City.

Thursday the corner stone of the new Catholic University in this city was laid. General Rosecrans, register of the treasury, was the chief marshal of the procession, which was an extremely large one. The ceremonies were very impressive, being participated in by Cardinal Gibbons, about thirty bishops, and nearly four hundred priests.

BLAINE'S LATEST LETTER.

The following is the full text of Blaine's letter, allusion to which was made in yesterday's dispatches:

PARIS, May 17.

Whiteford Reid, Esq.: My Dear Sir—On my return to Paris from Southern Italy, on the 15th inst., I have learned (what I did not before believe) that my name may be yet presented to the national convention as a candidate for the presidency of the Republican party. The single phrase of my letter of January 25, from Florence, (which was decisive of everything I had personal power to decide) has been treated by many of my most valued friends as not absolutely conclusive in ultimate and possible contingencies. On the other hand, friends equally devoted and disinterested have contended my letter (as it should be construed) to be an unconditional withdrawal of my name from the national convention. They have in consequence given their support to eminent gentlemen who are candidates for the Chicago nomination, some of whom would not, I am sure, have consented to assume that position if I had desired to represent the party in the Presidential contest of 1888.

If I should now, by speech or silence, by commission or omission, permit my name in any event to come before the convention, I should incur the reproach of being un-candid with those who always have been candid with me. I speak therefore because I am not willing to remain in a doubtful attitude. I am not willing to cause misleading for a single moment of millions who have given me their suffrages and confidences. I am not willing any one of my faithful supporters in the past should think me capable of paltering and double sense with my words.

Assuming that the Presidential nomination could, by any possible chance, be offered to me, I could not accept it without leaving in the minds of thousands of these men the impression that I had not been free from indirection, and therefore I could not accept it at all. Misrepresentations of malice have no weight; but the just displeasure of friends I could not patiently endure.

Republican victory, the prospect of which grows brighter every day, can be imperiled only by lack of unity in council, or by an acrimonious contest over men. The issue of protection is incalculably stronger and greater than any man, for it concerns the prosperity of the present and of generations yet to come. Were it possible for every voter of the Republic to see for himself the condition and recompense of labor in Europe, the party of free trade in the United States would not receive the support of one wage worker between the two oceans. It may not be directly in our power as philanthropists, to elevate the European laborer, but it will be a lasting stigma upon our statesmanship if we permit the American laborer to be placed down to the European level, and in the end the rewards of labor everywhere will be advanced if we steadily refuse to lower the standard at home. Yours very sincerely,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Boilers Destroyed by Gas.

An official report, made after the most elaborate investigation, attributes the most extensive and complete destruction of steam boilers on record to the sudden ignition of coal gas, mixed with air, that had accumulated in the flues. The explosion occurred July 25, 1887, in Upper Silica, Germany. Twenty-two boilers, each having more than 1000 square feet of heating surface, were instantly blown to pieces; the boiler house, covering over 12,000 square feet, and adjoining buildings, were utterly destroyed, and the three men in charge were killed.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, has introduced a bill in the House, placing on the free list all articles of merchandise, the production of which may be controlled by trusts and corporations.

MARRIED.

LOVE—PARKER—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, May 30, 1888, Mr. O. L. Parker and Miss Florence M. Parker, all of Umatilla county.

BORN.

TWEEDY—At Nye, Umatilla county, Oregon, on May 15, 1888, to the wife of T. J. Tweedy, a son.

GRACE—In Pendleton, Oregon, May 25, 1888, to the wife of M. Graiz, a son.

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