

BETTER SCHOOLS

**SUPERINTENDENT ACKERMAN
MAKES HIS REPORT.**

Serious Question of Scarcity of Teachers Taken Up—Must Pay Better Wages—Special Training Needed.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, has completed his report to the coming session of the legislature. The copy of the report is now in the hands of the printer and some important and interesting recommendations are made in it.

Supt. Ackerman introduces his report with the following encouraging statement:

"The best educational thought of the common school teachers of today, is given to the question of how to improve the rural schools. Educational methods and practices have made great advancement during the past 25 years; but there is no disguising the fact that the advancement in the rural schools has not kept pace with that of the village and city schools. City schools are in the hands of the best educational talent that can be secured. This is effected by the payment of liberal salaries to teachers, by supplying the best buildings that brains and money can produce, and by holding out the inducement of attractive surroundings to the teacher.

"These conditions can be materially improved by more effectual supervision; by securing better teachers; by furnishing school boards with ample funds with which to pay better salaries, and by closing one or more small schools and uniting the revenues of the districts in which they are located into one central school to which the children would be transported at the expense of the consolidated districts.

To Increase Salaries.

"More effective supervision can be secured in many counties by placing the county superintendent on a salary that will justify him in devoting the whole of his time to the duties of his office. He should receive a salary somewhat larger than that of the best paying public school position in his county. This will tend to bring to the county superintendent's office the best teaching ability in the county; and surely, he who is to supervise all the schools of his county, should be no less than the peer of any teacher in the county; and such a one, as a rule, cannot be secured at a reduced salary.

Special Training for Teachers.

"Better teachers can be secured if school boards would insist that the teachers they employ shall be especially trained for their work; and one of the most hopeful signs for the betterment of the rural schools, is that school boards are more and more coming to realize the importance of such training and are employing only

trained teachers. This is as it should be, and the time will soon be when no board will think of employing an untrained teacher; neither will a teacher presume to teach who has not been trained for her work.

Scarcity of Teachers.

"There is a scarcity of rural school teachers. This has been brought about largely, by the small salaries paid for teaching in rural schools. Many of our best teachers cannot afford to teach for the compensation offered; hence, seek and find employment in more lucrative vocations. Of course, teachers should place teaching on a higher plane than a mere pecuniary one, but, after all, say what we will we are all more or less influenced by monetary considerations. Many school boards would willingly pay more if they had the means; but with the tax levy and other sources of school funds as they are and it being quite impossible to secure a special tax levy, school officers must, therefore, conduct the school affairs of their districts with the funds received from the five mill county tax and the interest from the irreducible school fund. In view of these conditions, I would respectfully suggest that your honorable body pass such enactments as will provide rural schools with ample funds.

Prompt Payment.

Pendleton, December 17, 1902.—It affords me great pleasure in announcing to the public of the prompt payment of my deceased husband's (Daniel Waters) death claim by the Order of Washington, which had assumed the responsibility of paying his Pioneer policy. I have this day received \$950.00, as stipulated in said policy. I hereby avail myself of the opportunity of extending to the supreme officers of the Order of Washington, my heartfelt gratitude for their promptness and kindness shown me. Wishing the Order of Washington prosperity and success.

(Signed) **ELSIE P. WATERS.**

RADER'S HOLIDAY EXHIBIT.

One of the Most Extensive and Beautiful Collections in Eastern Oregon—Four Carloads of New Goods Unloaded—Taste and Skill Exhibited in the Selection of Goods for Holiday Trade.

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was as easy, and accounts for this by the fact that all high-grade patterns of furniture are in his stock. He says that he was very fortunate in his purchases this year and is in a position to sell goods at remarkably low prices, as he bought early in unusually large quantities and thereby received very low quotations and big discounts. It will be time well spent if used in studying the late furniture at Rader's and getting the low prices.

Dr. Cutler, composer and musical conductor, who died in Swampscott, Mass., recently, is credited with introducing vested choirs in this country in 1860. That was the year Albert Edward, then prince of Wales, was here as earl of Renfrew. He announced his intention to attend church at Trinity in New York, and Dr. Henry S. Cutler, being choirmaster then, conceived the idea of having a vested choir in Trinity similar to those in English churches. The idea was at once taken up by choirmasters and the result was that vested choirs became common throughout this land.

Prince Jonah Kuniu Kalanui, who represents Hawaii in the next house of representatives, is the first royal person to enter the congress of the United States. Already there is much speculation as to how he will be addressed. He is called at home "Prince Cupid." Those who wish to avoid such familiarity designate him as Prince Kuniu, which is correct. Some may insist on "Mr. Kalanui," but the name is too long and so intricate in vowels that it is feared few who are not acquainted with the Kanaka language will care to try it.

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