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THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Children are better than they were a century ago
—(H. L. Benson.)

Miss Della Jackson read an interesting paper on "Tardiness." Try talking. If this is ineffectual, keep them in at recess. If both of these fail, then try the efficacy of the rod.

Miss Lucy Hay introduced the subject of "Fractions." Teaching fractions like teaching music, is a drill. Miss Hay illustrated several methods by which the relation of fractions in addition and multiplication may be easily explained to children.

Hon. E. B. McElroy stated that at the solicitation of the State Board of Education circulars were sent to the publishing houses in the United States requesting such companies to send specimen copies of text books on hygiene to the County School Superintendents for their inspection; and as a result, the County Superintendents adopted the latest edition of Steel's Hygiene.

Prof. Mark F. Jones rendered the "Mocking bird" upon the organ.

State Supt. McElroy by request introduced "Organization and grading District schools." The choice of school should be considered. The contract should be in writing, and many difficulties would be avoided. There is more competition for schools than hitherto. The teacher should obtain information touching the school from his predecessor, school board and parents, and school record. Make few rules. Be firm but kind. Let the first day's discipline be the type of the term. Correct at once any errors that you may see. Be at your school before your pupils get there. Be on time.

Mrs. Belle Horner then read a paper on the Newspaper as an educational factor. One argument for the introduction of the journal instead of the reading book is that the reading of the former is fresh, and people do not like to read stale matter. Why then ask their children to do so.

After recess Hon. A. C. Jones introduced "Duties of Directors." The duties are one thing, and the performance of those things another. The duties of directors are more than one in a thousand can perform. If the law were strictly construed and thus enforced every director would be liable to a fine of ten dollars. Mr. Jones gave some very interesting reminiscences of his school days, and was repeatedly cheered. Illustrated the present system of grading schools; and spoke of the economy of such an arrangement when every step is thorough. Teachers, when you are employed by a Board of Directors, consider that there is a premium upon you and you should not abuse this sacred trust. Directors should not commit themselves to too many applicants and never too soon; nor should Directors when not assembled, hire any teacher. Directors should ever treat applicants courteously. Directors should look after the school property; and they should be assisted by the teacher. Directors should visit the school, not merely to hear declamations and dialogues but rather to know for themselves if the school work in general, is being satisfactorily done. If the country advances in the future as it has in the past, soon the directors will be required to possess as much education as the teacher now possesses. Mr. Jones after commanding the attention for half an hour wound up with a grand peroration that brought applause from every portion of the house.

Prof. H. L. Benson then read an article on papers and magazines in the public school. He recommended that pupils read more fresh but choice literature. For that purpose he recommended the Normal Institute, published by Prof. Stanley, Monmouth, Oregon.

Supt. McElroy then caused to be distributed among the audience several hundred very valuable pamphlets from the bureau of education at Washington. The institute is steadily growing in interest.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Work wine.—(McElroy.)

At 7:30 o'clock the court house was so crowded that many could not find comfortable standing room.

The exercises of the evening opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Lillian Russell, of Oakland. This was followed by a vocal solo, "When the robins nest again," by Mrs. S. C. Flint.

Prof. J. W. Merritt, of Jacksonville, delivered a very able lecture on Animation. By his own request it will not be published; but during the entire lecture he held the audience spell bound. His eloquence consists in his loftiness of thought and simplicity of style. He stated that according to Christian chronology over 300,000,000 people lie asleep in the earth; or about ten have, on an average, been buried on every acre of land all over the earth. The spirit of all these departed ones are floating in the air. It is almost dangerous to stand erect. In addition to this force there is a mighty

number practically dead. Others are half dead. Every man should be a leader in his plane. He who labors neither with hand nor mind lacks every element that constitutes a living man. Animation must go with man in every detail in life. No animation makes man a mere machine; a little animation makes a middle man; and much animation makes a truly living man. Parents, teach by precept the importance of animation. Teacher it is your noble mission to emancipate the mind. Make yourself a necessity to the community in which you live. The lecture was highly appreciated by all. Dignity and earnestness enabled the speaker to lead his large audience through realms where men but seldom tread.

Vocal duet by Misses Minnie Ruckels and Della Party.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell introduced a miscellaneous lecture which proved to be a spicy comment upon the previous address of the evening. It may be proper here to state that the Teachers' Institute of Corvallis conferred the degree of "Dr." on this able gentleman. He is one of the few speakers that can make wit humorous, and can successfully keep his humor on a plane where pathos abounds.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Every man should be a leader in his sphere. (Merritt.)

General Discussion, "Prizes in Public School" was introduced by J. B. Horner who stated that it is well enough to make presents in the form of premium cards to primary pupils; but they should not be given out to any one for excellence over his class. Does not favor premiums in advanced grades.

Prof. Tobias favored granting prizes for merit alone, and not on account of social distinctions.

Prof. Rippetoe then said he endorsed the sentiments of the previous speaker.

Prof. Kendall said he never gave prizes in school, because he thought evil was brought about by such a course. A premium should not be put upon natural ability; but rather upon the effort. Cross firing began in earnest. Miss Kent does not favor giving prizes. Prof. Wright favors merit marks, school checks, certificates issued by J. D. Merwin, St. Louis, Missouri.

Prof. H. L. Benson said the world does recognize natural merit, and so must you. A dull boy is not discouraged because a bright one receives a prize. He spoke of the economy of granting a five-cent prize for a whole term of work. He favored granting prizes for excellence. You cannot educate a child that has not been instructed. There is no limit to the God-like mind. The pupil who does the hard work is the one who puts forth the effort.

Rev. J. W. Miller: you cannot take out of a man's mind what never was there. So sure as the appetite prays for food for the stomach, just so sure the mind prays for food for the brain.

Prof. Kendall: said instruction is a pouring in process; and education is a drawing out process. Instruction precedes education. It is the effort that makes the education. Shall I require a class to recite a lesson in a verbatim ad libitum style of recitation until the child suffers from mental dyspepsia which is an incurable disease!

Prof. Benson said if education means to lead out then every time he leads a dog out of his kennel he educates him.

Civil Government was introduced by Prof. G. W. Wooncott. Never was there a plan of government similar to ours proposed by men before our government was being organized, in that the U. S. government is combined of two distinct governments united as to appear to be one—the general government, and State government. It is divided into three classes; the legislative, the executive and judicial. Some class work was done which delighted all. Prof. Russell, Dr. Bell, Prof. McElroy, H. L. Benson, H. S. Strange, Kendall, Tobias, and Rippetoe took part.

"Written Arithmetic" was introduced by J. F. Wright. The speaker mentioned the fact that the Arabic notation was first introduced into Spain by the Arabs; but it was taught by the Hindus many centuries before the Arabs used it. He also stated that the system is wrongly termed the Arabic system; it should be called the Hindu system; and for a similar reason this country should be called Columbia in honor of its discoverer instead of America in honor of the man who visited it long after it had been discovered. The fundamental rules were illustrated, and some important facts brought forth on the decimal notation.

Prof. J. Shepard: "How and what to teach." Government depends upon the intelligence of its teachers. The teacher can mould the child into an earnest, zealous christian. Our schools should be such as best to prepare the child for the responsibilities it soon shall face. A sound mind; a sound body. A thorough knowledge of all the branches to be taught should be required of every teacher. Politeness was highly commended.

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Robust Health

Is not always enjoyed by those who seem to possess it. The taint of corrupted blood may be secretly undermining the constitution. In time, the poison will certainly show its effects, and with all the more violence the longer it has been allowed to permeate the system. Each simple, steady, and skin disorder and sense of unusual lassitude, or languor, is one of Nature's warnings of the consequences of neglect.

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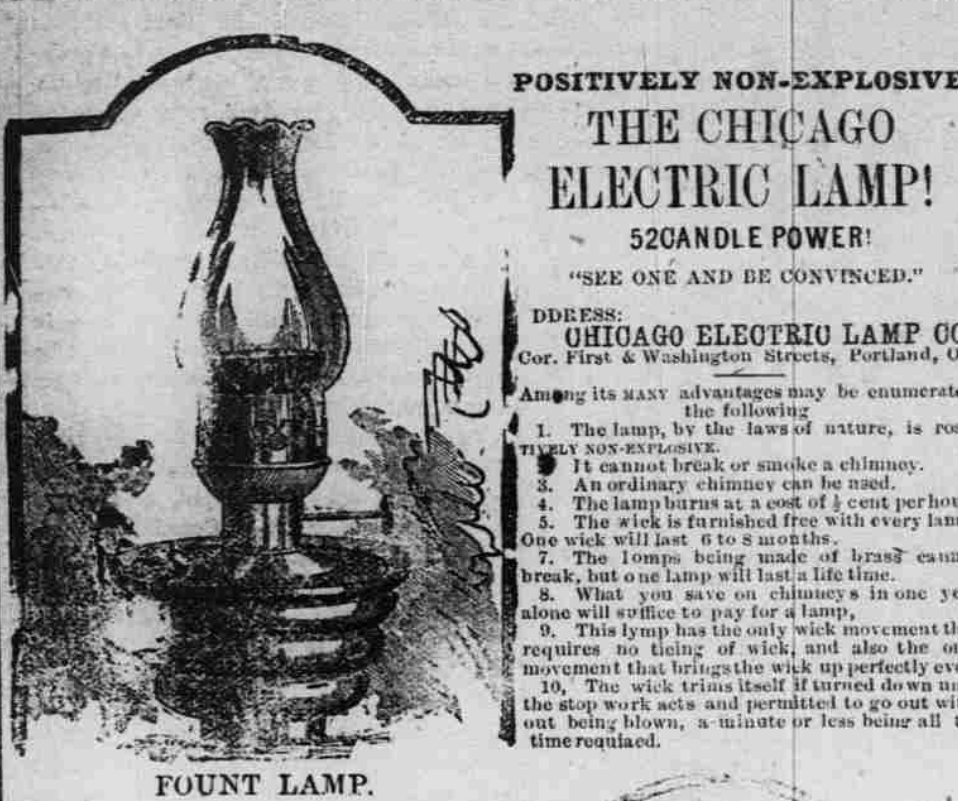
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