

After grading all the papers of the pupils who have lately taken the eighth grade examinations in Umatilla county it has been found that out of the 109 applications for diplomas only about 33 passed. —East Oregonian.

The examination included Milton, Athena, Weston, Echo, Helix, Ferndale, Hermiston and Umatilla, all good sized towns, besides five other smaller districts.

The highest average was 92.5 per cent.

In paying a just and merited tribute to the high order of Morrow county schools and to the earnestness and diligence of the pupils it is a fact that the district included in the Umatilla examination represents a population of more than three times the population of Morrow county. In Tillamook county out of 200 applications only 48 passed.

In the recent examinations in Morrow county which are the same all over the state, out of 48 applicants, 38 were successful in securing eighth grade diplomas. One pupil reached the high average of 98 per cent.

While the average of the other counties is not to be discredited, it makes the fact of thoroughness and method in our schools stand out with imposing prominence as a monument to progress.

The Gazette congratulates the pupils of Morrow and in extending congratulations does not overlook our able and up to date teachers.

It certainly speaks well and is the source of gratification and pride.

DISTRICTING THE STATE.

The Grangers of the state are now proposing a plan for redistricting the state for legislative purposes so that no district will elect more than one member, thus completing the division of thickly populated counties into as many districts as each has members of the legislature. If such an appropriation be made solely on population, it will not remedy the trouble sought to be relieved. The fact is, that in a state situated as Oregon is, with but a small area in which population is congested, a basis of population alone is not the true one for the best and most equitable results. The idea of a representative system of government is to keep the source of law-making as close as possible to the whole people and to make combinations of special interests and localities difficult and impracticable.

The News believes that the basic principle of legislative representation should be one member of the lower house from each county in the state, the surplus of the total membership of the House to be divided among the larger counties. One county to be allowed more than one-sixth of the whole number. This would do away with three bad features which now obtain, viz: the gerrymandering of the state in its thinly settled portions for political purposes; the trading between counties where there are more than one county in a district by which not the best but the most feasible geographical candidate is selected, and last and worst, the placing in one locality such a legislative power as can dictate by combinations the entire policy of the state.

The state senate should be provided for in a similar way, allowing no county more than one-tenth the total membership and forming the outlying districts in the most compact contiguous area of similar wants and conditions. —Harney County News.

Mr. Davey who was speaker of the House at the last session and with his many years experience in politics and legislative matters, is as well, if not better qualified than any man in the state to handle the questions above referred to.

The matter of redistricting the

state in a manner that will give fair and proper representation for the state at large is a serious problem that now confronts the people. Under the present system it is an easy matter to work a combination of special interests for certain populous districts. Eastern Oregon with her vast territory, cuts but little figure in legislative matters. No one can successfully deny the fact that each county ought to have a representative.

We are well aware of this fact here in Morrow county. In the matter of legislative representation the News has expressed the exact belief of the Gazette.

The source of lawmaking should at all times be kept within the hands of the whole people.

Within a short time two murders have been committed, one in Astoria and the other in Portland. The cause of the murders has been over two dissolute women who have been parading under the disguise of respectability, but who in fact were not worth the powder and lead that it took to kill their paramours. In Astoria the coroner's jury went so far as to exonerate the murderer, with the excuse of execution of unwritten law to remove a despoiler of homes. And now the Portland murderer is offering the same defense. Portland papers have recently devoted considerable editorial space to the dangerous unwritten law custom. It is time that something should be said against such a dangerous custom. The revolver is of very little, if any, use in modern times. The companionship of guns usually leads to the hangman's noose or the penitentiary. The carrying of concealed weapons should be made a felony.

The people who furnish wood from the mountains for the Heppner market should make every effort to get a much larger supply than usual this season. There is every indication that the fuel supply will be short and mountain pine being preferable to slab wood will find ready sale at good prices.

That weather prophet who predicted that there would be no summer this season is about to lose his job.

And the poor furniture trust is dead. The trouble was it had too many little fellows in it.

BIG TIME IN HEPPIER

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The Echo band of 12 pieces has been engaged for the two days band playing.

There will be roller skating, comic sports and amusements, ice water on principal corners, in fact the whole calendar of unadulterated joy interspersed with demonstrations and bursts of enthusiasm for two days.

Following is the program:
July 4:

- The people will be awakened at sunrise by a salute of 13 guns.
- Big parade at 10 o'clock.
- Eleven o'clock, exercises on Chase street as follows:
 - Music by band.
 - Chorus of 10 voices.
 - Invocation.
 - Chorus.
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 - Chorus.
 - Oration by Hon. Walter A. Dimick, of Oregon City.
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