

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

In WASHINGTON.—The Washington correspondence of the Sunday Oregonian contains the following notice of a reception given by Mrs. Senator Dolph: "Mrs. Dolph's reception yesterday was such a large one as to give the effect of a high tea being in progress. The hostess, Mrs. Dolph, and Miss Odeneal had a charming group of ladies to meet their friends, among them being Mrs. Sylvanus Reed of New York, Miss Parsons, Miss Lamar, Miss Julia Strong, Miss White of Mississippi, and Miss Van Wyck. Miss Foster and the pretty Mrs. Warner presided at the tea table, which was laden with good things. Mrs. Dolph wore a trained robe of black satin, with cut-steel passementeries, and her young aids were in pretty, light dresses. The reception continued with great pleasure to the throng of friends who gathered in until long past 6 o'clock. Mrs. Dolph will receive informally after 5 o'clock throughout Lent, and her house will be, as usual, a pleasant center for agreeable folks."

GROWTH IN FIFTEEN YEARS.—A comparison between the Portland city directory now issuing from the press and the directory of 1872 will give some idea of the progress of the city during the past fifteen years says the Oregonian. The directory for 1872 contains 140 columns of names of residents of Portland, thirty-five in each, while the directory for 1887 contains 380 columns, containing the same number of names, a total of 13,300. The East Portland directory for 1887 contains ten similar columns of names, while the list of this year comprises fifty-seven columns. Of course there were no towns Albina or Seaside, or Fulton or Mt. Tabor, now all suburbs of Portland, and some time in the future to be incorporated with it in one grand city, the extent of which no one can tell or imagine.

RE-ENGAGED.—The subscription paper to assist the H. A. C. Band in paying the salary of Prof. Coomer for another year, has been, so far, so generally signed as to warrant the band boys in renewing their contract with the professor. Today he commences another year's engagement as their leader. There is no public organization in which the citizens of Salem take more pride than their band, as may be seen from the hearty support the boys have received from them during the past three years. While speaking of the band it may be mentioned that the members are intending to enter for the contest which takes place at Pendleton next June, and at which prizes aggregating \$1200 are offered.

THE MILITIA BILL.—The new military law is creating some stir among militia men of this state, especially among the officers, as the bill empowers a board to call a commissioned officer up for examination as often as that body feels so disposed, without previous notice. The whole of the state militia will be comprised of one brigade only, consisting of three full regiments. This virtually kills the recently appointed major general and two brigadier generals. The brigade officers, as provided for by the bill, will be one brigadier general, and the following officers with the rank of colonel: a quartermaster general, an adjutant general, a paymaster general, a legal advocate general, and a surgeon general.

STOOD IN WITH BOTH.—Yesterday, W. H. Byrnes, in searching for some articles in the office which had been occupied by him at the court house, ran across a valise which had been taken from a Chinaman who refused to pay his poll tax. No articles of value were found in the valise, except in a side pocket, where were discovered a Chinese translation of the bible and a pack of cards. Much comment was indulged in by the loafers around the court house as to what that Chinaman was doing with the deck of cards and a bible. Judge Wallon undoubtedly struck the true solution of the problem when he said that the Chinaman was "playing in with the Lord, and coppering on the devil."

NEW BUILDINGS.—This pleasant weather has opened up the building season in good shape. Orders for lumber are beginning to pour in upon the Capital Lumbering company, and the mill will be started up in a few days. Mr. A. N. Gilbert will build a new residence at the corner of Liberty and Chemeketa streets, and Mr. A. T. Gilbert has completed plans for building a commodious dwelling house at the corner of Marion and Water streets, near the new bridge. Messrs. Folsom and Lafore will probably put up two cottages on the lower end of Commercial street.

SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.—Friday, Grand-mother Burnett, of McMinnville, was 70 years old. She is hale and hearty, as agile as a miss of 16, and is ready to go to church when the bell rings. She is the mother of seven children, three of whom are dead; had twenty-eight grandchildren, eight dead; twenty-four great grandchildren, four dead; six grand sons-in-law, four grand daughters-in-law, one dead; one daughter-in-law, four sons-in-law, two dead. One of the sons is Geo. H. Burnett, of this city, who is now at McMinnville, on a visit to his mother.

BOUGHT AND SOLD.—G. W. Epler, well known in the city, and in fact all over the coast, as he has about a dozen soda works in different cities and towns, has bought out the soda works of James Graham, on Court street, and will add bran new machinery, bottles and boxes, the latest patents, and will run the works in first-class shape in every respect. Mr. Epler will remain in the city and personally superintend the business. He has taken rooms for himself and wife at G. T. Smith's, on Court street. Their many friends are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Epler to the city.

CIRCUIT COURT.—But little business was transacted in the circuit court, yesterday, and the business of this term is practically through with. Judge Boise has gone to Polk county, but has instructed the clerk not to close his journal, as there were one or two judgments to be entered, and some minor business transacted. The next session will be in June, when it may be that the most important trial will be that of Capt. Saunders, whose chances for a change of venue from Lin to Marion are considered favorable.

TWO YOUNG SCAPEGRACES.

For Damaging the Property of South School, Await Action of Grand Jury—A Salvationist.

Friday evening last, while the janitor at the South School was cleaning out the school rooms, two boys not known in police court circles, and named James Nesbit and Al Jordan, went to the school house, threw snow in at the door, onto the floors, annoyed the janitor and otherwise made themselves obnoxious. Prof. Lane, the principal of the school, spoke of having them arrested, but others dissuaded him from so doing. Prof. Lane suggested that the time would come, in his opinion, when the parties who had cautioned him against the arrest of the hoodlums would wish they had not interfered in the matter. However nothing further was thought of the matter, until yesterday morning when Prof. Lane went to open the school house for school. The sight that met his gaze was one not calculated to make a person of the vigorous nature of the principal of the school feel in the happiest state of mind.

These boys had entered the school house on Friday night, through a window, had torn up a number of books, broke slates, scattered ink over the floor, and had stolen and taken away pencils, and other property with them. In fact they had completely demoralized every thing about the school building. So soon as Prof. Lane had observed the condition of things, he locked the doors, telling the school children to "play around," until his return, and at once proceeded to the court of Justice O'Donald, in East Salem precinct, where he made complaint against the young reprobates, and a warrant was issued for their arrest. Deputy Sheriff Potter arrested the fellows, and they, on being presented to Justice O'Donald, pleaded guilty, acknowledging that they were the culprits, and they were each "deposited" in the county jail for safe keeping until the next grand jury can consider their case, in default of bail on bonds in the sum of \$200 each.

These two young scoundrels are now where they should be. They have recently been guilty of insulting ladies, but no one has ever cared to appear against them in court. They are both 14 years of age, and it is likely they will grow older—in jail. Jordan is the brother of the fellow that assaulted, robbed, and nearly killed old Jared Tuck, on the road south of town, a few months ago. Nesbit has been since that organization took up quarters in Salem, a rick-roaring member of the Salvation Army, with the usual amount of red on his hat. It is to be hoped these young scamps may now be placed some where where they will be out of the way of doing harm, and of further injuring the property of decent people.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

Bound to Be a Railroad Town—Charges against the Oregon Milling Company.

A citizens' meeting convened at the school house at Aumsville, at 1 o'clock, Saturday, Feb. 26. About fifty persons were present, presenting the great bulk of the farming and other business interests of that section.

The house was called to order by Hon. John Downing. John H. Porter was chosen chairman, and F. S. Matteson, secretary. The object of the meeting, stated by A. D. Rockefeller, was to consider the mutual business relations of the people and the O. Ry. Co., the storage and handling of grain, etc. Messrs. J. K. Smith, A. Cartwright, and M. Cokerline were appointed a committee to receive subscriptions and build a sidewalk from the town to the railroad station.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS, The Oregon Milling company did in the fall of 1886, post public notice all over this part of the county setting forth and stating that they would pay the farmers the highest market price for their wheat, if they would store with the said Oregon Milling company; and WHEREAS, The farmers did store a large amount of wheat with said company; and WHEREAS, The said company now refuse to pay the highest market price; therefore be it

Resolved, That the farmers now assembled censure the Oregon Milling company with acting unfair, if not dishonest, causing many farmers to lose two cents per bushel on their wheat; and be it further

Resolved, That we will not hereafter store our wheat with said company without a written contract; and be it further

Resolved, That we will not store hereafter with any company or warehouse, and take a receipt giving such company or warehouse the first refusal to buy the same.

Resolved, That we believe it to be our interest, as well as our duty, to support the narrow gauge railroad with our trade and influence.

Hon. G. S. Downing, R. Lee, W. H. Smith, and Hon. John Downing were appointed a committee to confer with parties regarding action it may be advisable to take in the matter of storage, transportation, etc.

On motion the secretary was instructed to prepare copies of the proceedings of this meeting for publication in the STATESMAN and the Appeal.

On motion, adjourned to meet the second Saturday in March, 1887, at 1 o'clock, p. m. J. H. PORTER, Ch'm. F. S. MATTESON, Sec'y.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.—Articles of incorporation of the Columbia Fire and Marine Insurance company have been filed in the office of secretary of state by D. P. Thompson, Frank Dekom, R. M. Wade, John B. David, W. K. Smith, A. Bush and Jacob Wortman. The object of the corporation is to engage in the business of fire and marine insurance. Capital stock, \$500,000, divided into 5000 shares of \$100 each. The principal office is to be located in Portland. Supplemental articles of incorporation of the Columbia Real Estate association were filed yesterday. They provide the association shall buy, sell bonds, stocks and shares, to loan money on real estate and engage in a general mortgage and money business. The principals in the company are W. O. Allen, George W. Sayre and George H. Durham. Articles have also been filed incorporating the Northwestern Mining Stock Exchange, by F. E. Vaughan, J. T. Flynn, and F. S. Slicer. The principal office will be in Portland, and the capital stock \$50,000.

A LEGAL IMPEDIMENT.—The appointment of Judge Wm. M. Ramsey, of this city, has been strongly urged for the newly created judgeship in the Sixth judicial district; but it now transpires that the judge is ineligible to the appointment, inasmuch as the law of 1878, regulating the election or appointment of district judges, provides that the person elected or appointed shall at the time of such election or appointment be a resident within the judicial district in question. The act creating the new judgeship provides that the appointment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the law of 1878, and that being the case the appointment will have to be made from the residents of the district.

A SERIOUS LOSS.—On last Saturday, while John Heitman, who removed to this city a year or so since, from La Center, W. T., was walking from Vancouver to Portland, having missed connection with the stage at Vancouver, he missed his purse, which contained \$343 in coin. The money was in a purse, in an inside pocket, and it must have worn a hole in the pocket. Mr. Heitman retraced his steps after he discovered his loss, but he was unable to find any trace of his money, as the roads were very muddy. He came on to Salem, Monday, but before he left he made an offer of \$100 to any one who would find the purse and return it to him.

ON MONEY MATTERS.—Yesterday was the first of the month, and the collector was to be seen everywhere. Collections are reported to be just moderately good, although there is little doubt that there is more money in circulation at present than has been for several years. This is indicated in several ways:—first, by the readiness with which the taxes are paid; second, by the few foreclosures of mortgages; and, third, by the boom which the STATESMAN subscription list is enjoying. In consequence of the notice in yesterday morning's paper, nearly one hundred tax receipts were issued yesterday, and about \$2,000 received in the sheriff's office. The delinquent tax list this year will not be as large as usual.

THE MULE DIED.—Mr. V. H. Colwell, residing a short distance from this city on the Calapoos, drove to town last Sunday and hitched his team, one of the same being a healthy, unregulated mule—for the purpose of attending church, says the Herald. After the conclusion of the services Mr. Colwell, on going after his team, found the mule stone dead, having seemingly passed in his checks without a struggle. It is not known whether the sermon reached the mule's ears and his conscience went back on him or whether the singing by the choir was too much for him. It will at any rate serve as a lesson to Mr. Colwell never to take a mule to church.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening, while W. S. Smith, the deaf mute and inventor, was handling a chisel, the implement slipped and entered the left wrist, severing one of the arteries. The wound bled profusely and before Dr. Byrd, who was called, could stop the flow, Mr. Smith fainted several times. It will be some time before he will recover the use of his hand, and in the meantime he can have ample opportunity to exercise his inventive genius on a patent fly-trap for the coming summer, or a bumper bumper, for the exclusive use of newspaper offices.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.—The regular meeting of the school directors of this district took place yesterday. No business of importance was transacted, except that a number of bills were allowed. The directors are engaged just now in making up the estimates of the expenses for the coming school year, which estimates will be reported to the annual school meeting next Monday. One week from Monday occurs the annual election for one director and the school clerk.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS.—On almost every passenger train bound north are attached two or three cars loaded with either cattle or sheep, consigned to the Portland market. These cars are picked up at various places in Southern Oregon. Yesterday afternoon's train had four cars, and in consequence of the extra load the train was delayed about half an hour.

APPOINTMENTS.—The governor has made the following appointments: Notaries public, R. A. Frame, Portland, Hiram T. Corum, Wapinita, Wasco, Co., A. J. Hamilton, Beaverton, C. A. Reed, Portland, Henry Cooke, Portland, R. A. Irvine, Albany. Health officer at Astoria, O. B. Estes.

ARRESTS FOR FEBRUARY.—The following are the arrests which were made during February: Drunk and disorderly, 7; vagrants, 8; disorderly conduct, 1; total, 16. It will be observed that this was not quite so lively a month in police circles as January, when twenty-four arrests were made.

BLIND STAGGERS.—To prevent blind staggers, buy oil-cake meal at the new feed store, south of Chemeketa hotel. w

LICENSE ISSUED.—A marriage license yesterday issued to Jas. A. Gibson and Mary Graham.

Buy your groceries at Squire Farris & Co's Best goods at lowest prices.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A Discussion of the Observance of the Sunday Law—The Bills—Matters of Little Interest.

Council met and called to order by Mayor Ramsey. All members and officers present except Councilman Albert. Minutes read and approved.

The committee on accounts and current expenses recommended the payment of the following bills:

F. Boillard, \$2; L. L. Lafore, \$4; G. W. Anderson, \$30; S. D. & H. Co., 50 cents; John Knight, \$72.38; O. & C. R. Co., \$5.60; Jas. P. Valby, \$1.50; Salem Water Co., \$100; total, \$216.68. Several bills were reported to the council without recommendation, as follows: The bill of the Alert Hook & Ladder company for their yearly allowance of \$180 was, after consideration, allowed. The bill of the gas company for \$19 was presented, and the offer of 10 per cent. discount for cash accepted.

Councilman Albert came up and took his seat. The bill of \$14 for jury fees, etc., in the case of Carroll Moore, was allowed. The bill of Wm. Atkinson for \$9 for three months' rent of a dog pound, was laid on the table.

Wade, from the committee on streets and public property, reported in regard to the condition of the drift-breaker; also, of the bridge near the depot. Councilman Wade spoke of the violation of the Sunday law by Chinamen who gather clothes on Sunday, thus getting one day's advantage of worthy white people who are in the wash business. He moved his reference to committee on health and police for the purpose of preparing an ordinance in regard thereto.

Albert objected to the motion because it was indefinite. He wanted to know what the committee was expected to do. Wade said he wanted the committee to prepare a Sunday law.

Albert suggested that an ordinance be passed preventing the male inhabitants of Salem from changing their shirts until Monday. He also spoke of the violation of the Sunday law by saloons. Minto hoped they would not close livery stables also on Sunday, as that was his best day for business. The motion was lost.

Petition from R. D. Holman and others that a sewer be ordered constructed through the alleys of blocks 49 and 50 was read; referred to committee on streets and public property.

The bill of H. L. Hatch for \$7 50 for work done on drift breaker, was under suspension of rules, allowed; also bills of Policemen Barndrick and Lowe, for \$65 each for services during February, allowed.

The road supervisor was authorized to contract for lumber for the use of the city during the current year, at the best terms obtainable.

The committee on streets and public property was authorized to receive bids for the lighting of the various public buildings of the city.

The mayor informed the council that he had signed, on the 21st of February, the two numbered 163 and 164, ordinances passed at the last council.

The marshal was instructed to furnish oil and a burner for a lamp near the Scotch wells. Adjourned.

SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Attendance at the Salem Public Schools during the Month of February.

The monthly report of teachers filed with the city superintendent show, the following attendance in Salem's schools for February:

East Salem school—S. A. Randall, principal; room No. 1, S. Randall, 47; room No. 2, Miss Addie Scriber, 50; room No. 3, Mrs. J. E. Dawne, 42; room No. 4, Miss Theo. Van Wagner, 39; room No. 5, Miss Lily Litchfield, 55; room 6, Miss Laura Shaw, 75; total, 308.

Main Central school—Miss Emily Huelat, principal, 63; Miss Flora Phillips, 37; total, 100.

Little Central school—Miss M. F. D'Arcy, principal, 35; Miss Lella Waters, 43; total, 78.

South Salem school—M. G. Lams, principal, 45; Miss Lizzie Dearborn, 43; total, 98.

North Salem school—P. Willis, principal, 42; Miss Maggie Cosper, 56; total, 98.

Grand total for all the schools, 677. The best showing in attendance in the history of the schools.

IN THE COUNTY JAIL.—Ordinarily, after the circuit court has adjourned, the county jail is vacant. But a look around that institution shows it to be in a very flourishing condition. There are nineteen inmates, of which fifteen are serving out sentences for petit larceny, and two are awaiting the action of the next grand jury; one is imprisoned for embezzlement and one is under indictment for murder.

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.—Mr. J. J. Williams, an old gentleman aged about 80, is lying very ill at his residence on the lower end of Commercial street, of a complication of ailments. About a week ago, Mr. Williams fell on a stove and burnt himself very severely, and, although his wounds are nearly healed, his present illness may be regarded as the result of his accident. He is the father of Mrs. Dr. Cusick.

AIR CHAMBER RECEIVED.—Capital Engine company yesterday received a new air chamber to replace the one which was burst at the Bennett house fire, about six weeks ago. The chamber came via Oregon Short Line, and is able to withstand a pressure of 400 pounds per square inch. It was placed in position yesterday.

NELLIE BOYD COMING.—The Nellie Boyd theatrical troupe is on its way to Portland through this valley, and is booked for Salem on the 11th and 12th of this month. Miss Boyd has been in Salem three times and is something of a favorite with Salem people. She will probably draw well.

RECEIVED.—A full supply of patent medicines, perfumery, and toilet goods, just received, at Fort's, No. 100 State street.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

At the Asylum.—An entertainment will be given at the asylum to-night, by the attendants, to which a number of guests have been invited. The programme consists of a drama, and a farce, and a horn quartette by Prof. Coomer and others. The drama is entitled "Pumpkin Ridge," and the following is the cast of characters: Jonathan Scroggins, Alonzo Wahn; Mr. Brown, John Phillips; Annie Brown, Helena Keuch; Augustus Simroy, Ira Mills; policeman, John Coffey and Jefferson Davis; Harry Clifton, Justus Barnett; Miss Brown, Mary King. The characters for the farce, "Terrible Toothache," are as follows: Odonto Jones, Jefferson Davis; Mrs. Jones, Hanna L. Josephi; Frank Irvin, John L. Coffey; Annie Jones, Ada Parker; Small Bones, Richard Ryley; Twist, Justus Barnett; Guffin, Leonard Wills. The entertainments given at the asylum heretofore have proven very enjoyable, and there is every reason to believe that this one will be as pleasant.

RECOVERED HALF PILOTAGE.—In the U. S. circuit court yesterday, in the case of The Alcalde, Gunderson libellant, Judge Deady made a decree allowing the libellant the amount claimed and costs, says the Oregonian. Gunderson is a pilot who offered his services to the captain of The Alcalde when coming into the Columbia. His assistance was declined, probably with thanks, but Mr. Gunderson wanted the usual half pilotage allowed in such cases. The captain declined on the ground that Gunderson did not come off in a regulation pilot boat, or words to that effect, that is to say, that he appeared in such questionable shape that he was not taken in. The judge held that so long as Gunderson "got there" it did not matter whether he went out in a canoe or on a log, or whether he swam or waded out, so long as he was in the proper place to offer his services as a pilot he was entitled to the customary half pilotage paid pilots whose services are declined.

JOURNALS FINISHED.—The journals of both houses have been finished by Chief Clerks Hurch and Jennings, and turned over to the secretary of state. Mr. Hurch estimates that the senate journal in which is to be printed committee reports, governors' messages, etc., will make over 500 pages of printed matter, the largest journal of senate proceedings ever issued. The house journal is just as large, and the two together will make a voluminous and exhaustive report of the proceedings of the late session. The secretary of state will now cause copies of both journals to be made, which will be turned over to the state printer. The law gives the printer ninety days in which to issue the journals, but ordinarily it has taken a longer time than that. Mr. Baker says that if the copy is furnished him rapidly enough, he will be able, with his present facilities, to complete the work within less than half the required time.

FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR.—It is highly probable that the annual school meeting to be held in the opera house, next Monday, will follow the custom of last year's meeting and nominate a candidate for school director, to be voted on on the following Monday. John G. Wright, the director whose successor is to be elected, has made a most acceptable official, and if he can be prevailed upon to accept a renomination, he will in all probability be his own successor. The name of J. W. Crawford has been suggested in connection with the place, but Mr. Crawford has given no indication that he is a candidate. Either Mr. Wright or Mr. Crawford would make a most satisfactory officer. While there is more glory than money in the office, a citizen who accepts the position of school director and makes a good officer, loses nothing of the esteem of his fellow citizens.

BROUGHT TO THE ASYLUM.—On last Sunday an immigrant named Wm. Riely jumped from a west bound Short Line train, a few miles east of Huntington, leaving five motherless children without protection, money, or food. He was recaptured and brought to Portland Tuesday, where he was examined as to his sanity, and, being adjudged insane, was brought to the asylum here. Riely is 41 years old and a native of New York City. His insanity was caused by the recent death of his wife. What is to become of the children, no one knows. Riely is very poor and received assistance in Dakota to come to Oregon. The oldest child said his father had a friend named Van Gasby farming near Portland, but just where, he can't tell.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY.—Pursuant to requests from many business men of Salem, and in view of the fact that there is much property in this city and section for sale, Hendricks & Sautert (R. J. Hendricks and Geo. H. Sautert, who are connected with the STATESMAN), will open a real estate office in the Stewart block, in a few days. They will keep a competent man, whose duty it will be to represent and publish broadcast the good points of this country, and to find buyers for the property that is for sale; a man whose duty it will be to take immigrants over our country and show them our beautiful farms, and tell them of the resources, and of our glorious climate and generous soil. Their rooms will be always open to the stranger in a strange land. As soon as they can make some preliminary arrangements, they will be ready for business.

CHILD LOST.—Yesterday, a family named Platner, who live near Turner, were stopping at the Chemeketa, and were intending to return home on the evening train. About 5 o'clock the little boy of the family started out some where, and it was not until near train time that he was missed. Then the father went out to hunt for him sending his wife and other child on to the depot, where he had gone on his own hook to wait for the train, and the little girl was dispatched to look up the father. The father was hard to find and the train arrived, finding the mother in great anxiety about the father and girl. Just as the train pulled out, Chambers' cab came dashing up to the depot, containing the father and child, and the train was stopped, and the anxiety of all the family, as well as interested onlookers, restored.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Items in Regard to the Public Schools—Teachers' Salaries.—The Superintendent's Work.

Since the publication of our last article, grade and twenty-two first-grade certificates have been issued by the county superintendent of schools to teachers who have been employed in the various public schools of the county. In addition to these teachers, there are about twenty teachers holding first-grade certificates that expire during the current year, who have also been employed as teachers in the county schools.

There are 104 separate schools in the county to be supplied with teachers. The average number of months of school taught throughout the county is a fraction over six.

The average monthly wages paid teachers, exclusive of the larger towns, is \$33.50, board included. In the towns, the monthly wages range from \$40 to \$90. In view of the extremely low wages now being paid teachers, there is not much inducement for thoroughly competent teachers to apply for positions in the large majority of the public schools of this county. The reason is evident, viz: the marked tendency toward a minimum salary, in many instances less than a living compensation. This state of affairs is prejudicial to the best interests of the schools. There is a positive demand for better teachers. The additional compensation that will secure efficient service is a mere trifle, as compared to the lasting injury inflicted upon the children of the schools by reason of incompetency in the work of practical teaching. Who can afford, for the sake of a dollar or two, to permit this state of affairs to continue in educational work? It is a universal fact that all the taxes imposed, the school tax is most cheerfully and willingly paid. Boards of directors should give more consideration to the matter of selecting teachers. The plan of auctioning off their schools to the lowest bidder is proving a mill-stone to educational work. Ample funds are given by the state and county, which, together with local aid and effort, should show growth and progress. It is high time this retrograde tendency should meet a positive check.

The county superintendent has personally visited seventy-four schools, in as many different districts, since the first of September, 1886. He failed to visit but sixteen school districts that have had school taught during the fall and winter. The superintendent will continue the work of visiting the county schools as soon as the spring schools are fairly under way. Those districts not visited in the fall or winter will be first on the list. The principal part of the time of the superintendent during this month will necessarily be devoted to conducting examinations, recording clerks' reports, preparing his annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction, and district matters relating to making changes in boundaries and establishing new districts. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays are specially set apart for teachers' examinations and school-district business.

Fifty reports from school clerks have been received by the school superintendent. There yet remain forty, which the law requires to be in by next Monday.

LETTER LIST.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice, at Salem, Oregon, March 1, 1887. Parties calling for them will please say "advertised":

Ayers T W
Brewster Miss Annie Bernhard Thomas
Bieli Misses Bennett William
Barker Ida
Coggswell Wm 2
Cronmiller F P
Craigh John
Calahan H B
Delaney Miss
Amanda
Eoff J L
Fuller Mrs Ana
Fitzgerald Thos
Ganoy C W
Gilbert W B
Hayes Miss Kate
Hayes H E
Johnson Thos O
Johnson C M
Keys Mrs Bertha
Keil S A
Little Frank W
Lermit E S
Morton Mrs E D
Mayer Joseph
Matt Mrs Jos
Martin Mrs Mirand
McCoville Mrs Vi
McKinon Michael
North M L
Nebler Sadie
Nendel Henry

Gasser Florian
Goulding Abel
Hassler Henry
Jones Col 2
King William
Kronenburg Lulu V
Little Mollie
Lemons B
Milsap Wm
Milford Fannie
Matthews Will
Mack James
Murphy Alfred
McNeal A
McGee Mrs Katie

North M L
Nebler Sadie
Nendel Henry
Richards Mrs John
Randall Laura
Rayer Mrs Emma
Pugh J D & E
Pergee Mrs Ida
Penter Mrs M C
Phillips Mrs Mary E
Strider Ferdinand
Scaife Tom
Savage Eliza
Thompson S E
Wallace Mrs Sarah
Wilcox James A
W. H. OGBURN, P. M.

HYMEN'S HILARITIES.

The following are the marriage licenses issued out of the county clerk's office for the month of February:

F. N. Hill
Gustavus T. West
Geo. E. Applin
I. N. Cook
Anthony Korb
Albert W. Desart
Wm. J. Leeper
Katie Haldron
Lottie Hetzler
Annelia Manago
Alice G. Gray
Lafayette G. Mitchell
Adelia Bowen
Francis H. Carpenter

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