TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

A Good Attendance and Interesting Session Yesterday.

The Clatsop County Teachers' Institendent Lyman presiding. The follow, busy ing teachers were in attendance:

Ellin McCabe, Clifton; Maud West, Wal- more freedom. luski; Lizzie White, Mary Dealey, Minnie Sovey, Mary Fassett, Kate Grant, inquiries, and in the course of his re-Nickerson, Ethel Andrews, Hattie which, in his opinion, is one of the best Sayre, Neille Nickerson, Lettie Lyons, investments Oregon ever made, and the Mary White, Catharine Powell, Dora state would be better off if she had a Badollet, Helen Dickinson, Maggie dozen more. Here the secret of good Laws, Mrs. Jennie Busey, Mrs. Carrie discipline is hard work. Krager, Mrs. Cora Stuart, Astoria; Mr. Case, Seaside; Mr. A. W. Prescott, Skip- also compulsory education anon; Mr. C. C. Brower, Young's River; Mr. R. N. Wright, Astoria.

The work then opened in earnest by points. Prof. Lyman stating the objects of the institute and the work to be accompractical.

Miss Lizzle White then presented, as suggested by Supt. Lyman, the history of the committee of ten whose report was to be the main study of the committee.

After this she gave a well condensed

summary of their report on reading. A general discussion then ensued or a sentence contained in this report, namely, spelling should be learned incidentally in connection with every subjected, and not from a spelling book.

C. C. Brower thought the report partially true, but the spelling book a good

J. D. Hawes then said that he thought that spelling should be done without a

R. N. Wright thought not too much spelling is now done, and if the book were eliminated less would be done.

Supt. Lyman thought the committee had gone too far; that spelling requires a great deal of practice from the spell- tive ing book, as set lessons by continuity of work, and a great deal of it.

A. W. Williams would stick by the spelling book.

Mrs. Krager would select words from all books in connection with the regular spelling lesson; Miss Powell would have some pupil select the hardest words from all lessons and present them to the class; Miss West would combine the book and incidental work Miss McKean had found that pupils could understand words, for instance, ir

could understand words, for instance, in geography, that they could not spell, especially in the lower grades.

The discussion was prolonged for quite a while and many practical points were brought out. In conclusion Supt. Lyman gave this summary: Spelling must not be slighted. We must first acquire the thought, the concept, then the word to express the thought, and third, the correct form of that word. Finally, Supt. McElroy said, "Neglect no detail in school work."

Mr. Williams then presented the subject of good order. Order means method, management, a certain amount of machinery. Be careful, though, not to get into a rut or groove that will destroy the life activity of the pupil. Good order means every pupil attending to his own business. Movements in the his own business. Movements in the

his own business. Movements in the room, into the room without clash; the school will not be more orderly than the

Miss Fassett presented an excellent paper on school government: Firmness and determination essential elements; the little ones at school not images but human beings, and should be treated as such; the importance of the teachers' influence; incentives to obedience, not punishment for disobedience; do not advocate the self government method; perfect silence not desirable; too much cannot be said of suitable surroundings-good light, good desks, etc. As the teacher, so is the school. Miss West then led in the discussion, saying she thought the pupils should be impressed with the fact that an annoying pupil annoys the school as much as the teacher. The subject of good order was thoroughly ventilated and there were many valuable helps to teachers put forth.

Supt. McElroy then gave a brief summary of the discussion. Avoid the buzzing study in the school room without good order; not enough to secure good order, it must be maintained.

Institute adjourned at 12 until 1:30. The afternoon session opened at 1:39 o'clock, with a song pleasantly rendered by the high school choir, after which the little ones from Mrs. Busey's room gave a motion song, which showed skillful training and was a good object lesson to all present.

Supt. McElroy then gave an interestin address to the teachers upon the morning subject of "School Order and School Discipline." He said teachers procrastinate; do not begin early enough in the term; are not persistent enough; do not watch carefully all the time; descipline the secret of success; see to the going-out and the comingin of pupils; causes of disorder; want of discretion on the part of the teacher; want of proper supervision on the school ground; do not be too dignified, but yet firm; difficulty not always with the pupil, but the parent back of them; avoid the self-reporting system; do not give too many demerit marks; it has a wrong reflex action; a wrong thing to place well trained boys and girls by the side of vicious for the sake of reforming the vicious ones; do not give too much attention to little trrifling things; do not become a chronic complainer; it is not best to detain pupils after school; police care of children by teachers after the pupil leaves school for home is a ques tion for discretion on the part of the

Prof. McEiroy's remarks were full of

interest to the teacher, and were well worth the close attention of every teacher present.

Mr. Hawes then followed, naming a few elements of disorder. He summartute met at the high school yesterday, ized by saying that inattention was the commencing at 3 a. m., with Superin- chief element of disorder. Keep them

Sherman Case, of Seaside, suggested Jennie Woodward, Melville; Ruby that if pupils became weary they be al-Foster, Jewell; Bell Wooden, Medley; lowed to go home—give them a little

Supt. McElroy then replied to some Maud Bayles, Katie McKean, Nora marks spoke of the state reform school,

Director Dealey then made some re-Albert Williams, Mr. A. L. Clark, Mr. marks in reference to the teacher's su-J. D. Hawes, Astoria; Mr. Sherman pervision of pupils to and from school;

Mr. Smlth spoke with interest upon this subject, and made some profitable

Supt. McElroy then entertained the teachers with an outline of plans, means plished. His remarks were forcible and and results of the educational exhibit at Chicago.

The teachers listened attentively, and the professor's description was highly practical and fell of information. The teachers regret very much that Supt. McElroy is compelled, owing to important business, to return to Salem, and cannot be with them during the entire institute. He is a live institute worker and a practical school man, and the teachers regret that he will not be with us again as state superintendent. The institute adjourned until 9 a. m.

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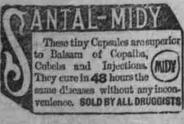
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