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Eighth Grade Examinations

In regard to the recent 8th grade examination the Roseburg Review says:

"Bad as it was, the showing made by Douglas County public school pupils in the 8th grade final examinations last month was no worse than in many other counties in the state. Inefficient teaching, rather than a dearth of courses, is considered the cause of the big percentage of failures, and a general campaign to improve the standard of training is sure to result. Out of 148 pupils who took the examination in Douglas county, only 40 passed and of these 27 were out of a Roseburg class of 32. In Marion county only 18 out of 112 passed and in other counties the showing was little better. City Superintendent J. W. Graves, of the Roseburg schools, says the raising of salaries would result in the employment of more efficient teachers. One reason that he gives for so many failures is that the older students in the smaller schools do not receive the attention they need because they are outnumbered by the younger ones."

During a conversation between two ex-pedagogues we recently had the opportunity to hear, this is hardly correct. Entirely too much speed is expected of pupils under the present school system according to their ideas. It was the opinion of these gentlemen that a pupil should not be allowed to complete the 8th grade before reaching 18 to 20 years of age. As it said by the authorities, if gained under proper condition would mean something, but under the practices of the average school it means but little. When a pupil is kept at books sufficiently close that he has gone over the work at fifteen or sixteen, there has certainly been no time for other development, experience, physical training, etc., and an un-matured mind is "stuffed" with that which it can make but little practical use.

Occasionally we see a real speeder in taking an education, and others became imbued with the idea that they should keep their pace, but this is impossible if the work done with the thoroughness required to make it of any practical value. We know of a lad who, at the age of fourteen had finished four years of high school work, but it does not stand to reason that it would be well to try to take a whole class at a speed like that. It is also a well-known fact that many teachers coach their pupils along the lines of examinations in order that they make the grade under their tutorage, which is unfair and woolly wrong. The work should be done with thoroughness and the examination questions along the lines of instructions in such a manner that this thoroughness would be amply proven. There is a great deal of complaint by the pupils to the effect that many of the questions put were not such as would be readily answered by the training they had had, which, if true, is hardly fair. It is all well enough to expect some general information from those taking teachers' examination, but it would be hardly fair to expect too much of eighth graders outside of the direct teaching through the text books: Superintendent of Public Instructions Alderman admits that the questions in spelling and civil government were too hard, but it seems to us that if the grade be accomplished as intended, that no questions taken from the line of instruction should be too hard.

BARGAINS—The Bellingham Secondhand Store is the right place to buy or sell. In Golden Rule Grocery building.

CHURCH NOTES

Last Sabbath was a good day at the Methodist church. Several new comers were present and at the close of the services were introduced to the friends. Next Lord's day the usual session of Bible school at 9:45. Rainy weather does not diminish the attendance much. Public worship at 11 with sermon by pastor on the word "Selah." Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30. Peoples' Popular service at 7:30 with address by Robert Sutcliffe on "A Broken Tooth." This is the first of series of addresses on odd subjects from the old testament. Good music by orchestra and selection by large chorus choir. Hearty congregational singing.

The entertainment given by the men of the Methodist church takes place Friday evening, March 8th. Parts have been assigned and the work of preparation is now in full swing. One of the most unique features of the performance will be a pantomime monologue. This alone will be well worth the price of admission.

Church of Christ: New interest has been roused in the prayer meeting. Last Thursday evening forty-seven were in attendance. At the close two came forward for remembrance in the church. One made the confession of her faith in Christ and will be immersed next Thursday evening the other had been immersed. Next Lord's day will be of special interest. The next sermon in the course on Mathew will be presented in the morning. Subject—"The Divine Program of Progress." In the evening Mr. Aoven will speak on "Spirits In Prison and the Way Out." Please read now 1 Pet. 3:17-4:6. That difficult passage will be explained from a chart. At this service a special anthem will be given by the chorus.

The ladies' missionary circle will have their meeting at the home of Mrs. Jessie Taylor next Thursday at 2:30 p. m. Members and friends are invited.

All the usual services at the Presbyterian church Sunday Friday 11th. Rev. J. V. Milligan, D. D., of Portland, will preach morning and evening.

Miss Alice Juston Coming.

Miss Alice Juston, who is to appear in Portland with the Dudley Buck Concert Company, will be welcomed by her large coterie of friends. Miss Juston for the last three years has been studying vocal music in New York with Oscar Saenger and Professor Dice, and has met with great success in her concert and quartet work. She has appeared in many recitals and benefits given at the Waldorf Astoria and many of the other large hotel auditoriums. She recently was the soloist at the Temple Beth Israel in New York, and is a member of the famous McDowell Music Club.—From the society notes of the Portland Telegram.

Almost Lost his Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Drug-gists.

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AMBITION TALKS



BY HARLAN READ

Take Chances Only When Your Industry Will Help You.

Gambling gives one wrong business ideas. Unconsciously, the thrower of dice comes to regard all business transactions as matters of chance, and the poker enthusiast becomes the business sneak.

A certain gentleman of sporting proclivities once came home with five hundred dollars, as the result of a gambling bout. His wife entreated him to quit while he was winner and deposit the money in the bank, but he would have none of her advice. He returned to the game and came back next morning with a thousand more fifteen, hundred in all. Again his wife pleaded with him, in vain, for he returned on the third night with a total of four thousand. But on the fourth night, as luck would have it, he lost it all, including his pocket-knife, necktie and gold watch. The misfortune made him ill. He took to his bed and his broken-hearted wife summoned a physician to whom she explained the whole situation.

"Madam," said the doctor, "I am sorry, I can do nothing for you. I am a veterinary surgeon."

"That is exactly why I sent for you," replied she, "My husband is a donkey."

The man who imagines that he can succeed financially by using the gambler's methods, reminds one of the boatman condemned by

John Bunyan, because he locked one way and rowed the other. He's not pulling himself in the same direct that he wants to go.

Not only does the gambling habit give a young man false ideas as to the element of chance in business, but it makes him lazy. A man who would quit his job before he would consent to stay until nine o'clock at night to help his employer, thinks nothing of sitting up at a card table until three in the morning, or, indeed, all night, in the vain attempt to secure money that he ought to work for, like an honest man, in the day time. A boy who will not work an extra hour for fifty cents, will spend an entire evening trying to beat a gambling machine out of twenty or thirty cents, and come out loser in the end. He fools away his time until he is dismissed by his employer, and becomes eventually a chronic and constitutional loafer, industrious only when an opportunity presents itself to "take a chance" on something, stirred from his lethargy only by the news of a raffle or the possibility of a bet. He becomes so thoroughly saturated with these lazy ideas that they utterly control him, like the man who ate so many oysters that he rose and fell with the tide.

Big Land Deal

A deal was consummated yesterday, which has been pending for some time, whereby Devereaux & Tripp sell a tract of 1000 acres of timber and orchard land, which they have held for about a year, to E. G. and J. M. Comstock of Milwaukee and Spokaue, respectfully the Milwaukee Orchard company and other eastern parties. Of this land 120 acres is among the best orchard lands in the state and adjoins the Churchill-Mathews holdings which have already been planted to trees. This tract is to be planted at once and placed on the market by the Milwaukee Orchard company.

The remainder of the tract which is heavily timbered and lays on the Siuslaw river, will be held for speculation by the purchasers. While the exact figures were not given out, the total amount paid for the entire tract was about \$40,000.

J. Darling, of the Darling Land and Timber Company, of Milwaukee, has been largely instrumental in securing this land for the purchasers and has been greatly interested in booming that delightful little valley as a great orchard section. He says there is sure to be an electric road from Eugene across the low pass to Spencer Creek and on through the fruit producing valley of the Lorane district to Cottage Grove. Mr. Darling is something of a promoter himself and in case other interests do not take the matter up he will make it his own business to see that the road is built.

Messrs Devereaux & Tripp have done quite well in pulling off several large sales of timber land and they did quite well in this and yet the purchasers got it at a price that will bring them in a handsome income when it is all planted and sold out in small tracts.—Eugene Register.

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Different Views on Street Improvement

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tirely and save the expense of lighting it. At any rate let us have better streets, let us stand by the council in its wise decision last summer to improve no more streets except they be improved the full width between the curbs. It is simply a waste of private and public funds to improve a street to a width of 16 feet through the center. For proof of this assertion take a drive out Fourth street that was improved in this manner less than five years ago. Let us cling to the present method, whereby every street may be improved at the expense of persons owning the abutting property without the aid of, or waiting for the consent of, the residents on other street.

A man who is not willing to help pull himself out of the mire in front of his own door yard is not worthy of assistance from his fellow citizen in the other side of the city. Respectfully, BETTER STREETS.

Make the youngsters happy—Buy them a pair of gold fish at the Metson shop.

The friends of La Follette are considering the advisability of withdrawing his name from the race as candidate for president on account of ill health.

The game of basket ball between the All-Stars of Cottage Grove and those of Drain was won by the local team by a score of 36 to 12 at Armory hall Friday evening.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANE COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of the estate of Alver H. Nowell, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Alver H. Nowell deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said deceased to exhibit them with the proper vouchers verified, and required by law, within six months from the publication of this notice, to me, as such administrator, at Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Dated this 29th, day of January A. D. 1912.

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WILLIAM LANE,
Administrator of the estate of Alver H. Nowell deceased.

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