

GRAND PRIZE OFFER DISTRIBUTION

To The Schools of Polk County to Assist in Their Standardization

OFFER CLOSES MAY 31, 1913

Recognizing the unquestioned merit of the movement by the county educational authorities and the patrons and the pupils of the different schools to comply with requirements, and to make their schools standard in every respect, and being thoroughly imbued with a desire to assist in every possible way in this laudable effort, the management of The Observer has decided to offer a series of prizes which will aid in this work. One of the requirements necessary to the standardization of any school is a picture for the school room, and a new picture must be secured each year. The Observer will undertake to supply these pictures without cost to the schools and, at the same time, offers to the pupils an opportunity to earn money for themselves by securing subscribers to this newspaper.

Here is the Offer--Read it Carefully

The Observer will give away, to every school in the county, and to every grade in the graded and high schools, a series of six beautiful pictures retailing at regular prices from \$6 to \$50, and the only requirement will be a certain number of subscribers to this newspaper at the regular rates, as follows:

For 15 yearly subscriptions, picture worth	\$6.00
For 20 " " " " "	8.00
For 25 " " " " "	10.00

For 35 " " " "	15.00
For 50 " " " "	25.00
For 100 " " " "	50.00

In connection with this offer we will also allow credits on the renewal of old subscriptions, at the rate of two for one—that is, every old subscriber who pays two years subscription will be credited as one subscriber on the list for the picture premium. In other words, if the school desiring any of the above pictures, say the \$6 one for example, should bring to this office, five new subscriptions, and payments which total 20 years from old or present subscribers, that school would be entitled to the picture; this example will hold good for any picture in the list.

Remember These Are Not Cheap Pictures, but the Same Quality Usually Purchased by the Schools and May be Seen on Display at J. C. Hayter's Book Store in Dallas.

Commissions Paid Pupils for New Subscribers

In addition to the above premiums offered to the school, The Observer will give every pupil 15 per cent in cash for every new subscription secured, and 20 per cent for every dollar on subscription paid by old subscribers, thus every pupil who takes a part in securing a fine new picture for the school room, will also earn some money for himself. In other words, where a school decides to make an effort to secure the \$6 picture, the pupils of that school who secure the subscribers will receive \$1.85 in

cash commissions, or the school which secures the \$10 picture would be entitled to \$5.00 in cash commissions to be distributed among the pupils who secured the new names, and so on through the list. Where the payment of money on old subscriptions is secured, and renewals are made, the commission paid will be 20 per cent in every case.

A Chance For Every Boy and Girl to Earn Their Own Spending Money

Earn Money While Working For a Picture For Your School

The Observer is the leading newspaper of the county. It prints the news while it is news and is issued twice each week. The regular subscription price is \$1.50 per year and it is a stipulation of this prize offering that all new subscriptions must be accompanied by the cash. The price for six months subscriptions is 75 cents and these will be accepted also, but it will, of course, require twice as many of them to secure the picture.

This Offer is Open to Every School, High School or College or Other Educational Institution in the County, Also to Churches, Clubs, Private Homes, Hotels, or Others.

All that is necessary to secure the prizes is to bring to this office the number of subscribers noted in every class and the picture will be presented absolutely without cost.

May Choose Your Own Pictures

When you have decided on the quality of the picture you want and bring to this office the requisite number of subscribers, you may call at Mr. Hayter's book store and select any subject you choose in that class, and it will be furnished.

CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

There are no conditions to this offer other than those set forth in this advertisement. It is not a contest, and there are no strings of any kind attached to it. All that is necessary is to bring in the subscribers, or the renewals and payments on old or present subscriptions, and select your

picture. There is also no limit on the number you may secure. The same offer will hold good for one picture or a half dozen pictures for every school and for every room or grade in a graded school. The principal question is for the pupils of each school and each grade to determine which picture they want and then rustle the subscribers to secure it. There are also no restrictions on the location of the people who subscribe for the paper in this prize offering. The paper will be sent to any address in any part of the country.

This Offer will be Open Until May 31 1913

Statements of due subscription accounts will be mailed to subscribers in every district in the county that decides to take up this offer, thus each subscriber will know how he stands on his books, and by payment of arrearages and one year or six months in advance, will thus assist toward the securing of a picture for their school.

Remember, The Pictures are FREE

We do not ask a cent for them—we simply offer them for a club of a certain number of subscribers to this newspaper at the regular subscription price, and our only object is to assist in the standardization of the schools of the county and, at the same time, to place this newspaper in every home in the county. We are also offering an opportunity for the pupils to earn some money for themselves while doing it. The task is easy. It will not be difficult to get your parents or your friends who are interested in the schools to subscribe for the paper and if they are already subscribers, they will gladly renew for another year and pay back subscriptions in order to help along the good work. Try it, anyway but, if by any chance you should fail in your efforts, remember that you will still be entitled to a commission on every dollar you turn into this office on subscription, old or new.

POLK COUNTY NEWS

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ate, they will dig another one. Miss Elta Portwood, daughter of Mr. merchant, H. S. Portwood, left last week for Klamath Falls, where she will teach her first school since graduating in February.

Dave Critchlow of Portland, formerly of Lewisville, was visiting our city and was well pleased with the growth of it. He said that Monmouth began to look like a city. Oliver Smith of Portland, formerly of Polk county, was in town Saturday.

J. Murdoch, of Portland, formerly of Monmouth, made the city a visit Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hampton went to Salem on the excursion Saturday. Hampton said the new bridge is a fine structure.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hewitt are out on the farm this week enjoying the entry breeze and visiting their children.

Claud Boothby of Portland, came here Saturday evening and spent the evening and part of Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Booth.

George Bonn left Monday with L. Fuller who has been sick so long the soldier's home at Roseburg. Bonn served in the civil war, but grew ill that it was hard to wait on him. It was decided that the home was the best place for him.

Mrs. C. A. Nott is improving nicely this time.

Work on the dormitory is moving along as fast as workmen can do the work, but there seems to be a shortage of hands.

Miss Allie Butler is improving rapidly and will soon be out again.

M. Boatman, of Portland, was in town last week fixing up his place. He thinks he may make Monmouth his permanent home in the near future. He went to Springfield today to look after his property.

below Salem where they will work on a fruit and hop farm.

Foley Kidney Pills will reach your individual case if you have any form of kidney or bladder trouble, any backache, rheumatism, uric acid poisoning or irregular and painful kidney action. They are strengthening, tonic and curative, and contain no habit forming drugs. Sold by Conrad Staffin.

OAK GROVE

The rain was not successful in scaring the farmers out; all are progressing fine with their work.

Otto Hanson is pretty well along plowing his hop yard.

Roy Gilbert has an all summer's job driving team for Otto Hanson.

Walter Vignals and S. L. Coats are resetting and tightening up wires in their hop yard.

Mrs. Pugh returned home Tuesday after six weeks of sickness in Salem. She is getting along nicely now.

Guy Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Schmelke, were visitors at Pugh's Sunday afternoon.

Our Sunday school is going to give a very interesting, instructive and good Easter program at the church Sunday, Bethel, and Summit Sunday schools are invited and everyone is cordially asked to come out and fill the church and hear a good program.

S. L. Coats made a business trip to Salem Saturday.

Roy Gilbert is going into the chicken business; had a hatch of 175 fancy chicks Saturday and Sunday. He is planning to get an engine to go with his wood saw and rig up a drill to drill his own well.

Mrs. Schrauz is the proud possessor of a grandson, three weeks old.

We wish everybody a joyous Eastertide.

A Message to Railroad Men.

E. S. Bacon, 11 East St., Bath Me., sends out this warning to railroaders everywhere. "My work as conductor caused a chronic inflammation of the kidneys and I was miserable and all played out. From the day I began taking Foley Kidney Pills I began to retain my strength and I am better now than I have been for 20 years." Try them. Sold by Staffin.

EOLA

Mrs. T. Holman's baby has been sick but is better now.

Will Magan and wife who have been visiting his brother here, left for their home in Washington Saturday.

Mrs. Grover Farmer and children went to the home of her parents at Ballston Friday, to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Mason, who died at the home of her daughter,

Mrs. G. Stewart. She was over 90 years old. She was buried at Amity Saturday.

Morgan Reese and two little girls, Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Stanton went to Gates last week to pack up his household goods. He is going to move here.

Mrs. Holman's sister, Miss Helen Litchfield, and her cousin, Miss Watt, of Salem, were visiting her last week.

W. D. Magee has been putting up some new wire fencing.

There was a good crowd at the entertainment at the school house last Friday evening. They had a program and plenty to eat for everyone.

Mrs. Allen Thacker of Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Thacker.

There has been some early garden planted during the good weather in the past two weeks.

Will Antrean is putting a new wire fence around his place.

There will be an entertainment and box social at the school house on April 5.

Clifford, Byron and Ethel Brunk attended the open meeting of the Mason's at Rickreall Saturday evening.

RICKREALL

Aurelia Burch came home from Silverton where she is teaching and spent Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Jennie Jones went to Perrydale to visit with her son, Charles Breather and wife a few days.

J. R. Castleme returned from Banks, Oregon, Monday, where he went to see about getting trellis poles for the Ankeny hop yard.

The Macons had a banquet here Saturday night which was much enjoyed by all present. A few from Salem and Dallas attended.

The young son of Mr. Roe lately from Nevada, is quite ill. A physician from Dallas was called and he pronounced it chicken pox and measles so we learned.

Mrs. Otis Wait was called to Portland Friday on account of the death of her brother, Robert Orr.

Mrs. H. Tate is convalescing and is able to be out once more.

Walter Vaughn came up from Portland and spent Sunday with his parents, returning Monday.

Mrs. R. F. Lucas was in McMinnville last week on business.

Mrs. J. F. Vaughn was in Dallas last week out day shopping.

Mrs. Vern Fox went to Dallas last Friday to visit relatives.

Miss Alma Hussey came down Saturday to visit Mrs. J. J. Dempsey.

Mrs. Tom Burch was in Dallas Saturday shopping.

The children of Frank Lay are confined to the house with some kind of rash.

HARMONY

From the way the elements are behaving, the equinoxial storm is over.

J. B. Hayes drove to Whiteson Sunday to visit his parents. He reports his mother some better.

Sam Laekey is building a smoke house for Allen McLean this week.

Lynn Jones has rented his hop yard to Wes Morrison.

Don't forget the basket social at the school house Saturday evening, March 22.

Miss Mary Henderson was married last week to a man from Hoquiam, Wash. His name was not learned. They departed immediately for Hoquiam where her husband is employed. She has the best wishes of her friends on her matrimonial voyage.

Joe Hayes, of Whiteson, and Silas Hayes of Carlton, visited their brother, J. B. Hayes this week.

Mrs. Laekey of Hillsboro, visited her son, S. A. Laekey, last week.

Miss Maidee Blair spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Blair.

Allen McLean has sold Geo. Baker and Mr. Lockyear a right of way through his place.

BALLSTON

Mrs. G. M. Stewart's mother, Mrs. Jones, who has been here visiting her, died Thursday night of last week and was buried at Amity Saturday.

Sam Koonts from near Corvallis, was visiting friends here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Brown of Dallas, visited J. H. Butler and family Sunday.

The Sunday school will give an Easter program at the Methodist church Sunday night.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson is very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Margaret Kinderman visited her mother at Hoskins last week while school was closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dickey, of Sheridan, will move here soon and occupy the Luther Ottinger property.

Mrs. Rice Cook visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones, at Perrydale over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner will leave for Portland Monday where they expect to make their future home.

School started again Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Tibery is sick with the grippe.

Mr. Bray was taken to Tacoma last week for better medical treatment and is reported to have stood the trip well.

See and Paul Lamm of Molalla, visited their parents here Thursday.

Oren Beady who has just returned from a visit to his old home in Indiana, was down from Corvallis vis-

iting his uncle, F. B. Gould, the latter part of the week.

Isam Kenworthy and Ernest Harris left for Eastern Oregon Monday.

Esther Howard returned Saturday night from a several weeks visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould of Seaside, have been visiting their cousin, F. B. Gould.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. Butler is quite sick in the hospital in Salem.

The Ladies' Aid met again at the Pearce home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Edwards of Salem, were visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mabel Christiane is on the sick list.

Mrs. L. D. Gibson is quite ill with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gries entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Koehn spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Greenwood.

Mr. D. Finley is among the sick.

Quite a number from here attended the railroad celebration in Salem Saturday.

Mr. Best is quite sick with cancer of the stomach.

Charlie Adams left Sunday for Eastern Oregon where his sister, Mrs. Fly, lives.

Myrtle Lewis and Sophia Koehn are on the sick list.

Mr. Webb is building a living room on to his house.

Mrs. Chapman, who has been laid up for about three months with sprained ankles, is not able to be around yet.

Our new teacher, Mrs. Scott, is getting along nicely with the school.

BETHEL

Galdys Hensel recently visited at Sheridan.

Mrs. Dr. Brown of Wilsonville, is visiting at the home of her father, J. D. Kelly.

Ernest Rutledge, of California, is working for George Shields, Jr.

Miss Herron, who nursed J. D. Kelly for four months during a spell of sickness, returned to her home near Dayton Sunday.

Clyde Kelly made a recent trip to the capital city in the automobile.

Marcia Romig, a teacher of St. Johns, and Vernon Romig, a student at the Oregon Agricultural college, visited Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Romig.

Estelle Davis spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Spring Valley.

If the weather is suitable Sunday the Sunday school will dismiss and go to Oak Grove to attend an Easter

program to be given at that place.

Miss Elsie Romig of Bethel, and Lee Williams of Cherry Grove, Washington county, were married at the home of Rev. I. N. Mulkey Sunday at 11:30. Besides the Romig family there were a few invited friends.

BOWERSVILLE

Mr. J. W. Unruh of Aberdeen, Idaho, has been visiting at Geo. Kliever's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mortison left for Washington last Monday.

C. B. Friesen, A. Rempel, Dr. Rempel, J. Rempel and their families visited at Geo. Kliever's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Kaegi visited at Ernest Buehl's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Ediger visited at A. Friesen's last Sunday.

G. G. Rempel and wife were visitors at C. B. Friesen's last Monday.

Miss Flavia and Stella Stennet visited at Cade's last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rempel and daughter Lizzie, were visiting at Mr. and Mrs. P. Niefeldt's Sunday.

Mrs. D. N. Kaegi visited Mrs. O. Rye's last Tuesday.

Zena--Spring Valley

After visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Phillips, Mrs. Jessie Holland has returned to her home in Portland.

The Stone children of Portland, are visiting here with their father.

Mrs. G. H. Crawford sold a heifer last week to Will Knower, of Salem.

Miss Kirk, of LaGrande, is visiting Miss Muriel McKinlay.

The bridge celebration was well attended from here.

Lovie and Lillian Holland have returned to school at Hopewell.

Mrs. Cobb, of Tulare, Cal., is visiting here with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Scott.

Mrs. Zella Baker of Portland, visited over Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Callon.

Mr. Hoop of Portland, visited Sunday at the Callon home.

PEDEE

Mr. Levi Burbank has moved down to his hop yard at Lewisville.

Miss Bernice Powell visited Miss Fern Adair last Friday.

Albert Romeo went to Airlie one day last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Yost visited at Willie Bush's last Thursday.

Miss Edie Bush visited Hazel and Mabel Yost last week one night.

Mr. McGee is back from Southern Oregon.

RUSSIA'S BIGGEST FORGERY.

Gang Turned Out Millions of Counterfeit Notes.

Russia's secret police are busy tracing the producers of millions of counterfeit notes that have been passed into circulation in Russia and on Russian financial houses abroad. It is the biggest and most perplexing forgery case they have ever tackled.

Four of the men concerned in the traffic—a commercial drummer named Dunalevsky, a merchant named Semonev and two others named Liebenal and Rochin—have been captured with skillfully forged notes to the face value of nearly a quarter of a million rubles in their possession. They have been subjected to the Russian variety of the third degree examination, but have revealed nothing leading to the discovery of the forgery factory.

Two men suspected of complicity were traced in vain to France.

Speaking of Coal.

"I have to raise the price of coal," the retail dealer said. "The operators and the roads have got retailers dead. As for our profits, my dear sir, they've knocked them in the head."

"I've not advanced the price of coal," the operators say. "The rates as per our circular are still in force today. We haven't asked the retail trade a nickel more to pay."

Yes, truth is mighty, as you've heard. And always must prevail. But in this case it seems hard work to get upon its trail. Meanwhile the price of coal goes up on bushel, ton and pall.

Putting it Clearly.

On the old market square at Pads, cal. Ky., two venerable negroes, known to everybody in town as Uncle Arthur and Uncle John, were holding a spirited argument on some subject. Just as a white resident passed them he heard Uncle John mumble something, whereupon Uncle Arthur caught him up sharply.

"I ain't axin' you is you ain't?" snapped Uncle Arthur. "It's axin' you is you is!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Deserted.

Oh, the baseball park deserted is a melancholy place. Where with fame the players dived. As they sped from base to base! Now the quivering body shatters. And the crowd in dark review scans the place where sturdy battlers heard the leopards shout, "Strike two!"—Washington Star.

Now the peanut straws have vanished from the time of blancher week. And the cotton seller's bonnet. From the stand where genius looms. Now the north wind howls and whistles. Where the fiddlers used to be. And no more do men use tin snips. Where the doctor's "W. O. C."—Denver Post.