

POLK PROJECT WORKERS

THOSE WHO WON FREE TRIPS TO PANAMA EXPOSITION.

Industrial School Undertakings Prove Pronounced Success Through Supt. Seymour's Efforts.

Those who won trips to the Panama-Pacific exposition on account of industrial club work exhibited at the State fair last fall, have returned from San Francisco, where they spent a week under the chaperonage of Superintendent of Schools Seymour and his wife, viewing the wonders of that greatest of world fairs. Ten counties were represented by collective exhibits at the State fair, three being from Eastern Oregon and seven from the western portion of the state. Ten trips to the exposition were offered by the state, and of these Polk county won four for project work. The department of education has just issued an interesting booklet on industrial club work, in which mention is made of those who won the trips, as follows:

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Frances Hawley, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Hon. C. L. Hawley of Polk county, was declared the best bread baker among all the Oregon girls in the contest. Besides baking bread, she also competed in the canning contest and made an excellent showing in this. In 1913, Miss Hawley won in the butter-making contest, the prize being a cream separator. Her winning this prize may have had something to do with her father's



FRANCES HAWLEY, MCCOY, First Prize Girls' Cooking and Baking Contest.

starting in the dairy business, and partially transferring his affections from the Lincoln sheep to the Guernsey cow, for he proceeded at once to buy a little herd of imported Guernsey heifers. No doubt Senator Hawley is a close student of the scriptures and believes in the text: "A little child shall lead them." These club contests are doing much to popularize the kitchen accomplishments, such as baking, canning, etc. The result will, no doubt, be more competent housewives and common-sense home builders.

"The High Cost of Living." Little Jessie Key of Polk county had the right idea when she started into the canning contest last year. The year before, she won a pig at the fair, from which she raised a nice litter. From these and her garden and poultry yard, she was growing a bank account, which she expected to be sufficient to pay the expenses of her trip to San Francisco, provided she failed to win in the contest. Girls of that character, however, usually win in whatever they take up, and she was no exception.

Jessie canned fruit for her aunt, her sister and her mother, putting up a total of 157 jars. She tried the various methods of canning: cooking



JESSIE KEY, PERRYDALE, Winner of First Prize Canning and Preserving Contest.

In the open jar, cooking in the can, and in using the National Home Canning machine, with which she became quite expert. She demonstrated the use of this machine at their county fair. When loading her fruit for the fair, she slipped and fell, breaking two jars of her fruit and spoiling another. Not dismayed by this accident, however, she proceeded to can some more, and went on her way rejoicing.

When all the girls of Oregon become proficient in the art of canning, the high cost of living will be materially reduced, as statistics tell us that half of the products of orchard and garden go to waste every year for the want of skill in canning and preserving, while half of the people of the world go to bed hungry every night for the want of proper care and distribution of these crops.

Success Means Work. "Club work is very helpful to any girl who takes it up, but it means work." Thus closes a letter to the state superintendent's office from May McDonald, a twelve-year-old girl. She writes: "I enrolled in the projects of sewing, canning and baking, but found it too much to do in one summer, so I dropped baking, but hope to take it up next year."

Miss McDonald has been a winner

at both state and county fairs for three years. As suggested in this report, it does not seem wise for anyone to undertake too many projects at once. As a rule it is better to concentrate the effort to one or two



MAY McDONALD, DALLAS, Winner of First Prize Girls' Sewing Contest.

at a time. Every girl should, however, take up each of the three culinary projects at sometime, for no woman is fitted to become a housekeeper and assume the work or direction of household duties who is not fairly well versed in each of these accomplishments.

"She Was Not a 'Quitter.'" Ruth L. Dennett, whose picture appears at the sewing machine, really had many things to discourage her, but she surmounted them all, completed her project, and won out at the Polk county fair. She missed the trip to San Francisco by only a fraction of a point. By some accident the club of which she was a member and secretary, failed to get their project circulars in proper time, and the club was dropped and all of the members but Ruth gave up their work. In a letter to the state superintendent's office, Ruth said: "I got discouraged several times and felt like giving up, but then I would brace up, I was determined to finish my project and not be a 'quitter.'" That is the sort of grit that wins out in this world. She may not always win the prize, but will always win out in the end. Ruth did not quite gain the capital prize, but she won other prizes and gained knowledge and experience and that cannot be taken from her, and this is worth more in the end, than the prizes. Every girl should learn all she can about sewing, baking, canning, etc., whether she has to do these things in later life or not.

"Like Father Like Son." Little ten-year-old Kenneth Bursell of Monmouth, Oregon, by following in the footsteps of his father, won in the pig feeding contest last year. His two reasons for selecting this project were that "they had some good pigs, and that his papa knew how to feed for gain." At first, he said his father had to urge him to take care of his



KENNETH BURSELL, MONMOUTH, Winner of First Prize Pig-Feeding Contest.

pig, but when he saw how it was growing, he soon learned to enjoy doing things for the pig to make it grow a little faster, and he says, "Who can say how much I was learning while my pig was gaining in weight?" He says further, "I do not think any ten-year-old boy like me could have won a trip to San Francisco if he had not followed the instructions." This is an important point that Kenneth learned, and it will be worth very much to him through life. The father gave the boy the opportunity, gave him instruction and encouragement, and was well repaid for his efforts.

Native Dies at Sheridan. C. O. Burgess of Sheridan died at his home on Mill creek Friday night at the age of 65 years. He was a prominent real estate man of Yamhill and Polk counties. He was a native of Oregon and had lived for the most part of his life on his ranch on Mill creek. During the last year he underwent three operations. He is survived by his wife and three children. The funeral was held on Sunday, interment being in the Harmony cemetery.



RUTH L. DENNETT, CROWLEY, A Winner in the Sewing Project.

JUNE SCHOOL REPORT

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE IN ALL DISTRICTS OVER 1,000.

Forty-Three Schools Under Standardization Regulation During Month Ending June 11.

The following is a report for the schools of Polk county for the school month ending June 11.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time, 23; schools not reporting correctly and on time, Dallas, Red Prairie, Monmouth High school, Alrie, Lincoln, North Dallas, Falls City and Oakhurst; number of pupils remaining at time of last report, 1131; number of pupils registered new during the month, 1; number of pupils readmitted, 61; total number of pupils on register during the month, 1182; number of pupils dropped during the month, 91; total number on register at time of this report, 1102; number of days taught during the month, 12.5; whole number of days attendance, 13,453.38; whole number of days absence, 23.50; whole number of times late, 156; number of pupils neither absent nor late, 763; average number of pupils belonging, 1118.1; average daily attendance, 1076.2; per cent of attendance, 96.2; number of visits by parents, 117; number of visits by members of school board, 32.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Smithfield, Pedee, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Ballston, Valley View, Monmouth public school, Bethel, Gooseneck, Oakpoint, Elkins, Independence, Brush College, West Salem, Buell, McCoy, Black Rock, Liberty, Pioneer, Highland, Mistletoe, Valley Junction and Rose Garden.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Pedee, Bridgeport, Gooseneck, Oakpoint, Brush College, Buell, Popcorn, Harmony, McCoy, Black Rock, Liberty, Pioneer, Highland, Mistletoe, Rose Garden.

The following schools have been made standard: Oakpoint, Mountainview, Buena Vista, North Dallas, Elkins, Highland, West Salem, Fern, Butler, Lincoln, Parker, Rogers River, Hopville, Black Rock, Buell, Gooseneck, Suver, Broadmead, Lewisville, Perrydale, Zena, Red Prairie, Falls City, Ballston, Bethel, Rickreall, Pioneer, Oakdale, Oakhurst, Valley Junction, Orchards, Liberty, Pedee, Smithfield, Salt Creek, Fairview, Guthrie, Bridgeport, Popcorn, Greenwood, Enterprise, Independence public school and Valley View.

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SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICTS.

After September Next Incorporated Towns Withdraw From County.

Not until the county court meet at their September terms to divide the county into road districts will incorporated cities and towns become separate road districts as provided by an amendment passed by the recent legislature, is the ruling of the attorney general's office in response to a request for information.

The amendment became effective May 22, but the attorney general holds that the road districts shall remain as they are now until the courts, which are directed by law to make the divisions at their meeting in September, act. In September the courts will make the divisions without taking into account the incorporated cities and towns, which automatically by law will become separate road districts.

Oregon Material to Be Used. The \$50,000 training school building ordered erected at Monmouth by the board of regents at their annual meeting held during the past week

will be the second building to go up there entirely of Oregon material in construction and equipment. A resolution was adopted that if erected of brick, as it will be, the facings and finishings shall be of Oregon stone. It is probable that the building committee will use granite in the entrance and sandstone for the caps and sills and water tables. These are small matters but are of the utmost practical importance in the development of the languishing Oregon stone industry.—Oregon Voter.

Card of Thanks. We desire to return our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who gave such valuable assistance during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father. Especially grateful are we to those who contributed the beautiful flowers—Mrs. C. L. Prichard and family.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be ice cream specials every day next week at the Cozy Corner Confectionery, such as cherry, nougat and pineapple.

I still continue to do business at the same old stand. Ralph W. Bennett, watchmaker and jeweler.

If it's optical, we have it, or will get it. Helm Optical company, 609 Mill street.

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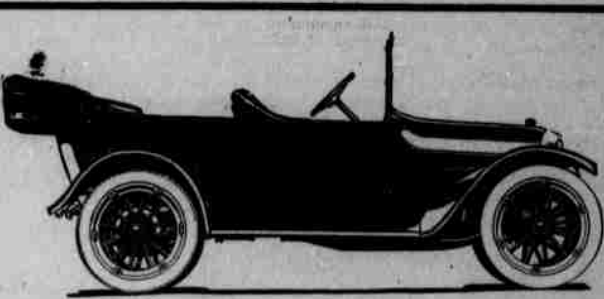
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