

Teachers' Annual Institute October 27, 28 and 29

A teachers' institute for Polk county will be held in the Dallas High school building three days next week, commencing on Wednesday, for which a decidedly interesting and instructive program has been arranged by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour. A number of prominent educational workers, including J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal school; E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent public instruction; Thos. H. Gentle, principal of the training school, Oregon Normal school; E. D. Ressler, department of education, Oregon Agricultural college; B. W. DeBusk, department of education, University of Oregon; F. L. Griffin, department of Education, Oregon Agricultural college; M. S. Pittman, Oregon Normal school; Miss Lillian Dinisius, Oregon Normal school; Miss Alice McIntosh, Oregon Normal school; Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson, Institute Instructor, Salem; H. H. Parsons, rural school supervisor, Polk county, will be present. It is expected that practically every teacher in the county, numbering about 150, will be present on this occasion. The program, as follows, has been sent out from the county superintendent's office to all teachers within Polk county:

WEDNESDAY A. M.

9:00 to 9:20—Opening Exercises... Dallas High School Orchestra
9:20 to 10:00—General Session. Selected... Thos. H. Gentle
10:00 to 10:20—Recess
10:20 to 11:00—Department Work
Primary... Reading... Miss Lillian Dinisius
Intermediate... Language... Miss Alice McIntosh
Advanced... Round Table... E. D. Ressler
High School... Miss Alice McIntosh
11:00 to 11:20—Recess
11:20 to 12:00—General Session. Professional Progress... E. D. Ressler

WEDNESDAY P. M.

1:30 to 1:50—Opening Exercises... Dallas High School Orchestra
1:50 to 2:30—General Session. Education Preparedness... E. D. Ressler
2:30 to 2:50—Recess
2:50 to 3:30—Department Work
Rural... Round Table... H. H. Parsons
Primary... Reading... Miss Lillian Dinisius
Intermediate... Language... Miss Alice McIntosh
Advanced... History... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School... Round Table... J. H. Ackerman
3:30 to 3:50—Recess
3:50 to 4:30—General Session. The Teachers' Compensation. J. H. Ackerman
8:00 to 11:00—Reception for visiting teachers given by Dallas teachers.

THURSDAY A. M.

9:00 to 9:20—Opening Exercises... Falls City High School Orchestra
9:20 to 10:00—General Session. Some Mental Tests of Use to the Teacher... B. W. DeBusk
10:00 to 10:20—Recess
10:20 to 11:00—Department Work
Primary... Phonics... Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson
Intermediate... Spelling... Miss Lillian Dinisius
Advanced... Civics... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School... Adapting the High School to the needs of the pupil... B. W. DeBusk
11:00 to 11:20—Recess
11:20 to 12:00—General Session. A Converted Public... M. S. Pittman

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 to 1:50—Opening Exercises... Falls City High School Orchestra
1:50 to 2:30—General Session. Play and its Meaning in Child Life... B. W. DeBusk
2:30 to 2:50—Recess
2:50 to 3:30—Department Work
Rural... Your Problem in the School... M. S. Pittman
Primary... The Child's First Month in School... Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson
Intermediate... Language... Miss Lillian Dinisius
Advanced... Arithmetic... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School... Teaching Pupils to Study... B. W. DeBusk
3:30 to 3:50—Recess
3:50 to 4:30—General Session. That Better Position... M. S. Pittman

FRIDAY A. M.

9:00 to 9:20—Opening Exercises. Music.
9:20 to 10:00—General Session. Club Work, What it is, means, your part in it... F. L. Griffin
10:00 to 10:20—Recess
10:20 to 11:00—Department Work
Rural... Round Table... H. H. Parsons
Primary... Selected... Mrs. Mamie Fulkerson
Intermediate... Arithmetic... Miss Lillian Dinisius
Advanced... Selected... Miss Alice McIntosh
High School... Round Table... E. F. Carleton
11:00 to 11:20—Recess
11:20 to 12:00—General Session. P. P. L. E... E. F. Carleton

FRIDAY P. M.

1:00 to 1:20—Opening Exercises. Music.
1:20 to 2:00—General Session. Polk County Schools 1915-16. H. C. Seymour
Musical and Literary selections will be interspersed through the program by the following:
J. W. Orr Miss Edna Morrison
Prof R. E. Miller Miss Alice Grant
Fred B. West Miss Gladys Cartwright
Miss Bertha Clark Miss Georgia Curtis
Miss Pearl Owings Miss Lucile Hamilton

SUPERINTENDENTS NOTE.

All schools in the county must be closed during the Annual Institute. (Section 75, Page 40, School Laws 1915.) You will notice that this program contains just sixteen hours and as the law requires sixteen hours attendance it means that you must be there at every session and on time. We have tried to arrange the program so that all teachers may get away from here on the train leaving at 2:00 o'clock Friday. It may be necessary for you to dismiss your school early Tuesday afternoon in order to get to Dallas Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Be here at that time. The reception given by the Dallas teachers is to be an informal affair, and I am sure you will appreciate this kind invitation by these teachers and will plan to attend. Bring your note book and come prepared to get all possible from this institute. Be ready to ask questions from the instructors, Mr. Parsons or myself, in order that you may go back to your school prepared to do your very best work. Be sure you become acquainted with every teacher in Polk County.

MURDER SUSPECT HELD.

Arrest Made Over Shooting of Williamina Farmer.
That William Booth, who was found dead in the road half a mile above the Williamina brick plant, was murdered is the finding of the Coroner's jury that held an inquest at Williamina Saturday. The finding of the body Friday was kept quiet until Tuesday. William Branson, aged 23, is under

arrest, suspected of the murder of the farmer. Booth had been seen two hours before the tragedy, and Branson, with whom Booth is said to have been on bad terms, is unable to account for his whereabouts between the time Booth was last seen alive and the finding of his body. Branson was seen near the scene of the tragedy during the afternoon of Friday. He had borrowed a bicycle from a Williamina man shortly before the

time of the murder. Residents along the road near which the body was found report having seen Mrs. Booth follow in the direction taken by her husband shortly before. Mrs. Booth had pleaded that she was going to see her ill mother.

THE CITY IN BRIEF

Dr. Lowe & Turner, eye specialists of Portland, will be in Falls City again Wednesday, October 27, at Falls City hotel.
Take your automobile repair work to C. J. Shreeve, Oak street. 64-4f.
The Sterling Furniture company frames pictures. 64-4f.
For fire and automobile insurance see Chas. Gregory, city hall. 32-4f.
Dr. C. L. Foster, dentist, City Bank building, Dallas. 73-F.
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Go to the Dallas Brick and Tile company for your brick and tile and save yourself money. 55-4f.
There is more to hair cutting than merely cutting off the hair. Try us for an up-to-date stylish hair cut—C. W. Shultz. 13-4f.
Automobile repairs of every kind and nature at C. J. Shreeve's, Oak street. 64-4f.
Dr. Rempel, Chiropractor, 513 Church.
Dr. Stone's Heave Drops cures heaves. Price \$1, for sale by all druggists.—Adv. 79-4f.
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If you have land you wish surveyed see S. B. Taylor, C. E., city hall, Dallas, phone 791. Dependable work at reasonable prices. 58-4f.
The Sterling Furniture company frames pictures. 64-4f.
Ford owners, take your repair work to the Ford Garage, C. J. Shreeve.

SMALL ACREAGE IN FARMS.

Area of Oregon is 61,188,000 Acres. Less Than Fifth in Farms.
According to a recent report from the U. S. department of agriculture there are 1,900,000,000 acres in the land area of the United States; of this area 878,000,000 acres, or less than half, is in farm lands, and a little over half of the farm lands are improved. Oregon has a land area of 61,188,000 acres and only 11,685,000 acres, or 19 per cent, is in farms. Of the farm land only 4,275,000 acres is improved, or 7 per cent of the total. Washington with a land area of almost 20,000,000 acres more than Oregon has 15 per cent of the farm land improved. Under the law, which gives the states a share of the income of the national forests, Oregon received \$69,545 last year, while Washington received \$52,423.

STATE FAIR CLEARS \$7000.

Approximately \$7000 was cleared by the Oregon state fair this year, after paying a debt of \$1000 left from last year, according to an announcement made by W. A. Jones, secretary of the state fair board. The gross receipts at the fair were about \$35,000, and of this amount \$21,000 was taken in at the gate. Wednesday of state fair week, which was Salem day, had the largest gate receipts in the history of the fair, approximately \$8000 being received, which is \$300 more than any other day's gate receipts since the fair was instituted.

SEEKS RE-ELECTION.

McArthur Makes Campaign Before Taking Original Seat.
C. N. McArthur, who will take his seat as representative of the third congressional district when congress meets in November, announces that he is a candidate for re-nomination in the republican primaries next spring. Owing to the time of his election and the opening of congress McArthur is in the peculiar position of making a second campaign before he has taken the seat to which he was elected. He says that he will remain at Washington and will not return to Oregon to conduct his primary fight.

Laying Out Spur.

S. B. Taylor left on Wednesday for Roseburg, where he will lay out the proposed railroad spur for the Oswego-Portland Cement company. Taylor did the preliminary work for the company here, and left it prepared for the track laying crew to get at work. Four miles of track will be built at Roseburg, and Mr. Taylor will do the engineering work preparatory to the actual track laying.

When Greek Meets Greek.

The first football game in Eugene between the State University and Oregon Agricultural college that has been played since 1907 is set for November 20. It is expected to decide a tie that has existed for three years. Special trains will be run from Portland and Willamette valley points, and seats to accommodate 9000 persons will be ready.

Walnut Growers Meet.

The first annual convention of the Western Walnut association will be held in Portland November 3-4, and will doubtless be attended by many interested persons in the Willamette valley.

KINDNESS TO CHICKENS AND OTHER CREATURES

(By J. C. Riekli.)
Brothers and Sisters: Yes, be kind to the great American hen. It may not only pay you; it is your duty. We gave the subject of chickens our profound study and attention last winter. We laid awake nights trying to dope it out how to improve the sanitation of our egg foundry and how to render our chicken park more attractive and inviting to its occupants. Please note that the modern well-bred poultry man never talks about a poultry yard or pen. He invariably refers to it as a "chicken park." Only the vulgar know what a barn yard or poultry yard is.

Have you ever gone out on a raw, rainy morning and tried to spread sunshine among your hens? Well, we have and can still see their eager, expectant faces when we would approach with that bucket of costly wheat. We got on such good terms with our chickens that we could invade our proud Leghorn roosters' harem anytime and he would tolerate us with only an occasional mild protest. Intellectually we are bound to say chickens are no great shakes. However, there are exceptions. We had one speckled hen who's brightness we discovered quite early in her life. She was such an intelligent, cheery, confiding, voluble little creature. We got into the habit on our daily missions to have a confidential chat with her by the gate. Alas, one fateful day our folks got awful hungry and the wife went into the chicken park to make a selection. In the hurry, flurry and excitement that ensued, my favorite hen must have lost her head. At least when we made our evening round we saw her no more. Either the grief or the way our late lamented friend was fried gave us an acute case of indigestion that night, and we had a terrible time of it. We are constrained to admit, however, that kindness to chickens is expensive. We owe Mr. Braden, down on Mill street, a large bill right now, but "nitchevo" (Russian for I should worry—that don't bother us.) Our chickens were happy while that feed lasted. Nevertheless this kindness to chickens can be overdone. You should also at times give some thoughtful consideration to your own kind, to humanity.

This reminds us of our good old friend Hubbard, down in Texas. It was during that period of American history when Belgian hares constituted the folly of a nation. He was badly infatuated with that fad and well stocked with pedigreed Belgian aristocracy. Nothing was too good for those fool hares. My friend Hubbard would go up to Pecos town, buy Quaker rolled oats in packages by the case and feed it to those worthless things with the reckless abandon of a Harry Thaw. Many times his wife—Mother Hubbard—would go to the cupboard to get some "vittles" for her children and when she got there the cupboard was bare, and the "ponch children" had none. The best we can say in defense of our friend is that the poor fellow lost his sense of proportion. He should have somehow managed to feed those children along with the hares, or at least give them an even break. We have long been pondering on the matter and have come to the conclusion that we had the honor of knowing the only original, genuine and historic Mother Hubbard. Anyhow, we never saw our friend's wife without that classic garment.

Brothers and sisters, excepting pole cats, the south end of mules facing north, and a few other things you should endeavor to cultivate closer relations with our animal friends. We can go to any back alley and say: "Kootchee wootchee," or words to that effect, and the most fleeing, depraved, disolute Tom cat will pause in his mad career and reflect. He will give us a startled kind of a "Johnny-I-hardly-know-you" look. Then we talk to him like a dutch uncle and he will come to us like the prodigal son, tell us all about his woes and for our commiseration even exhibit the wounds received in a recent battle behind our neighbor's fence. Such is the power of man, who after all is only a kind of a superior, conceited animal himself. 'Tis sad, but true, that often a good faithful dog is a better companion than our fellow man.

The other Sunday the wife and "us" went out for a ramble over the mountainous region on South Main street. As is our mutual habit we would say a kind word to horses, dogs and cats we met by the wayside. In some mystic inscrutable way they can sense the approach of a friend. When we got to Mr. Embree's place a handsome Collie dog came romping out of the house opposite and gave us joyful greeting. Just then our daughter, with a brace of very pretty girlfriends came scampering down the hill. That collie was the sly old dog. There was better game in sight. He promptly gave us the shake and the adroit manner and expert grace with which he kissed those effusive young ladies was a delightful sight. It beat the Dallas band; it beat us in our palmest young days.

Well, winter is at our door once more. The question before the house is shall we devote every moment of the evening of our life to chickens? Echo answers, "No!" Let George do it, and darn those cheap beathen Chinese eggs, anyhow, which the same we are free to maintain. Sisters and brothers you are dismissed—good night.

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