

MAKES SCHOOL REPORT

ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH WAS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD.

Sixteen Schools Were Standardized, and a Considerable Number of Improvements Were Made.

Following is a report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending December 31st, as given out for publication by Superintendent Seymour:

Number of school reporting correctly and on time, 70; schools not reporting correctly and on time, Harmony; number of pupils remaining at time of last report, 3153; number of pupils registered new during the month, 43; number of pupils registered secondary, 38; number of pupils readmitted, 157; total number of pupils on register during the month, 3391; number of pupils dropped during the month, 245; total number on register at time of this report, 3146; number of days taught during the month, 17.77; whole number of days attendance, 55,324.70; whole number of days absence, 1813.70; whole number of times late, 430; number of pupils neither absent nor late, 2029; average number of pupils belonging, 3215; average daily attendance, 3113; per cent of attendance, 96.8; number of visits by parents, 1633; number of visits by members of school boards, 23.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Pedee, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Valley View, Monmouth high school, Monmouth public school, Orecharis, Bethel, Polk Station, Oakgrove, Perrydale, Fairview, Gooseneck, Butler, Rieckreall, Oakpoint, Elkins, Independence, Antioch, Brush College, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Crowley, Fir Grove, Sunnyslope, Concord, Okdale, McCoy, Guthrie, Black Rock, Liberty, Falls City, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Highland, Mistletoe, Valley Junction, Broadmead, Rose Garden.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Valley View, Polk Station, Fairview, Butler, Oakpoint, Brush College, Lincoln, Crowley, McTimmonds Valley, Fir Grove, Concord, Liberty, Pioneer, Rose Garden.

The following schools have become standard: Fern, Airlie, Perrydale, Buena Vista, Pedee, Elkins, Oakpoint, Gooseneck, West Salem, Harmony, Butler, Lincoln, Red Prairie, Eola, McCoy and Mistletoe.

The following speakers have taken part in different meetings in Polk county this month: L. P. Harrington, state field worker in industrial clubs, five meetings; F. L. Griffin, state leader of boys' and girls' club work of the O. A. C., six meetings; J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal school, one meeting; Miss Helen Cowgill, state field worker in industrial clubs of the O. A. C., one meeting; H. C. Ostine, O. N. S., one meeting; Miss Katherine Arbutnot, O. N. S., one meeting; F. K. Welles, assistant state school superintendent, two meetings; Miss Rose B. Parrott, O. N. S., one meeting; J. B. Horner, O. A. C., one meeting.

Following are the items of importance that have been reported to this office during the month: Zena—The school rally at Zena was a decided success. A program was furnished by the pupils of the school, a community dinner was served at the noon hour and an address was given by Mr. Harrington from the state superintendent's office and many questions of importance discussed. An industrial club has been organized and all are doing good work. The matter of warm lunches for the school has been adopted. Four standard pictures, nicely framed, have been purchased and many other needed improvements such as lamps, etc., will be secured at once. An organ has been loaned to the school, which is of much benefit to it.

Eola—The parent-teachers' meeting gave a pie social, making \$10.50, which will be used for supplies for the community Christmas tree.

Parker—A most excellent program was given by the pupils and patrons of the community on Thanksgiving day, after which a dinner was served in the basement of the school, at which over sixty people took part. Several people outside of Parker were present. We have organized a strong industrial club. The directors of the school met a short time ago on Saturday and made many good improvements around the building.

Valley View—A community Thanksgiving dinner was given at the school and many improvements were planned as the result of this meeting.

Monmouth—The Parent-Teachers' association are planning for a public library, and at the last meeting discussed the school building as the social center.

Spring Valley—The Spring Valley people have erected a new flag pole. Two bird houses have been built by Dalbert Shepherd.

North Dallas—A new furnace, new play ground apparatus have recently been installed. A strong industrial club has been organized.

Concord—Play apparatus made by the teacher and pupils has been placed on the ground, and the children have recently taken up the home credit work.

Fir Grove—Seven dollars was re-

cently raised at a pie social which will be used for school supplies.

Falls City—The Parent-Teachers' association is doing some mighty good work. At a recent meeting Miss Rosa B. Parrott of the Normal school gave an excellent illustrated lecture.

Cherry Grove—The Cherry Grove school has recently raised \$10.50, which will be used to purchase an organ. They have also installed a traveling library.

STONE LIKES TO ADVERTISE.

Rush of Holiday Business Tells on Popular Photographer.

C. B. Stone, "the photographer in our town," has an idea that he is one of the few persons in Dallas who can properly spell "busy," if actual work and hours spent at any occupation count in one's orthographic ability. Mr. Stone freely admits that The Observer is greatly responsible for his teaching, and in the process of learning he is growing thin. Some weeks ago Mr. Stone mapped out a really clever advertising campaign, and the success he has had in educating the public to use photographs for Christmas gifts has not only been a surprise to him, but has kept him at his studio from early morning until late at night for several weeks. His business this year has been far in excess of any Christmas business of previous years—he has done more advertising. Therefore he gives credit where credit is due, although he is entitled to much credit himself for the style of his advertising.

Where advertising matter is properly prepared and published in The Observer it brings results. Mr. Stone thinks of this perhaps as he labors over an order until one or two o'clock in the morning and goes home to rest until five. The Christmas rush is over, but the quality of the work of "the photographer in our town" remains firmly fixed in the minds of the hundreds who have patronized Mr. Stone this holiday season, and it is no more than reasonable to believe that the effect will be the improvement and increase of the photographer's business throughout the year.

PROFUSE IN HIS THANKS.

Efforts of Dr. Dunsmore at Exposition Highly Appreciated.

On the eve of Dr. C. H. Dunsmore's departure from San Francisco, where he represented Polk county during the exposition, George M. Hyland, managing secretary of the Oregon commission, addressed him a communication in which he thanked him profusely for his co-operation throughout the fair. Among other things Mr. Hyland said: "The interests of your district have certainly been well taken care of by you, and you have added materially and substantially to the fame and distinction won by the Oregon organization. We have found you at all times to be amiable, enthusiastic and anxious to do all that could be done to advance our mutual interests. This line of appreciation is to thank you on behalf of the commission, as well as the writer, for all that you have done as a representative of Polk county."

MR. HOLMAN GETS PRESENT.

Falls City Japanese Remembers Treasurer Each Christmas.

Fred J. Holman has a Japanese friend at Falls City. And Mr. Holman greatly appreciates his Japanese friend for he is seldom forgotten by that celestial when the Christmas season comes round each year. Though he may be heathen he has a warm spot in his heart for Christian ways and seasons. For this Christmas Mr. Holman received from the Japanese a contraption to carry cigarettes. It is a Japanese box with a stork standing guard above. By pressing a button the lip flies open and the stork stoops over and picks up a cigarette with his bill. The idea is an exhibition of Japanese ingenuity, and the donor has received the thanks of his friend, Mr. Holman. But, as the poet says, "the cause of it is because" the popular county treasurer does not smoke cigarettes.

MANY IN VOCATIONAL WORK.

Manual Training and Commercial Courses Popular in Schools.

Pursuing one or more of the five vocational courses offered in the high schools of the state there are 17,389 students, according to a report just issued by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. The records of the educational department show that the manual training and commercial courses are the most popular. Equipment used in manual training work in Oregon is valued at \$61,754, while commercial course equipment is worth \$40,565.

Get Your License Now.

Motocycle and automobile licenses will be read in 1916 and unless there is a big rush to obtain them there will be many who will be liable to arrest after January first. To date, the interest in getting licenses has not been very great. The licenses cost from \$3 to \$10, according to the range of horse power. Those automobiles of 26 horse power pay \$3 and the price increases up to 40, which costs \$7.50. All over 40 horse power must pay \$10. Motocycles are charged \$3 each.

Trappers Getting Results.

Trappers from the vicinity of the Luckiamute river are reporting many large catches this year of muskrat, mink, coon and skunk, and owing to the increase in price on all raw furs most of the trappers are busy and doing well.

BOOKS TO OPEN SOON

VOTERS MAY REGISTER COMMENCING JANUARY THREE.

Requirements and Status of Families of Aliens—Registrars Yet to Be Appointed.

The registration of voters opens Monday, January 3, and closes thirty days next preceding the primary election next May. The card index system will be used, and the full name of the elector must be given. County Clerk Robinson has not as yet appointed registrars in the county, but will do so within a few days.

The state constitutional amendment passed by the people at the last election requires that all aliens must have become fully naturalized before being allowed to vote in this state. Therefore, those persons who have only their "Declaration of Intention" (commonly known as first papers), cannot legally register for elections in this state. This law requires that "Final Citizenship Papers" (commonly known as second papers), be exhibited to the registration officer before he can register them.

Some confusion may result unless registering officers are careful in this respect, as in many of the old forms of naturalization papers the first papers, or "Declarations," are very similar to the second or "Final" papers. Under the former laws of Oregon, second papers were not required; declaration of intention, or first papers, being sufficient. Former registrations in this county do not show which were exhibited.

The following will give the requirements, also the status of the families of aliens:

Naturalized citizens must exhibit "Final" citizenship papers. If the father of an alien became naturalized before he (the child) became of age, he is a naturalized citizen, but must exhibit the father's papers or a copy of the same from the court issuing them.

A foreign woman, married to a citizen of the United States, is a citizen.

An American woman who marries a foreigner, takes the nationality of her husband, and must exhibit his papers if he becomes a naturalized citizen; at the termination of the marital relation, if she continues to reside here, she may resume her citizenship.

Foreign-born unmarried women must be naturalized themselves after they become 21 years of age, or by their father before they become of age; if married to a foreigner who is naturalized, she must exhibit his "Final" papers.

Any foreign woman who acquires citizenship by marriage to an American retains the same after the termination of marital relation, if she continues to reside here, and unless she make formal renunciation of citizenship.

Service in the U. S. army or navy of aliens does not, as is generally believed, imply citizenship, unless petition for final papers has been made and papers issued, such service eliminating only the necessity of "First" papers.

Speedometer Sets Limit.

The ordinary functions of a speedometer—indicating rate of travel and mileage already covered—have been augmented by a third in a machine recently evolved by an eastern manufacturer. The new instrument is arranged to govern the speed of the car as the additional feature, and this is accomplished in a simple way. In the base of the speedometer frame is a small barrel containing tumblers and other mechanism of a Yale lock. Inserting the proper key in this lock permits a dial at the top to be revolved and set at any desired figure. This figure will thereafter represent the speed above which the automobile cannot go, and withdrawing the key effectually prevents the numbers being changed.

School Meeting at Buena Vista.

With the assistance of Leonard J. Allen of the O. A. C., H. H. Parsons, rural school supervisor, conducted a very successful and interesting meeting at the Buena Vista school house on Tuesday. The children took a great interest in the plans for carrying on school club work this year, and listened intently to talks by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Allen, who was one of the judges at the county fair here last fall. Mr. Allen is working in the interest of the Boys' and Girls' clubs in the valley, and it was as part of the campaign of betterment in this line conducted through the county school office that he assisted Mr. Parsons on Tuesday.

Mistletoe Superstitions.

What superstitious cluster, thick as its berries, round the mistletoe! In old times such were its magic powers that it was worn as an amulet and potent love potions were brewed from it. It cured wounds, enabled any who held it not only to see ghosts but to compel them to speak. And that its magic is not all lost will be proved this Christmas in thousands of our homes, where its white berries lend sanction to the osculatory homage paid to pretty faces.

Grant's Christmas.

In 1870 President Grant's father spent Christmas at the White house. The sons came home from college, and Nellie and her friends made the old house ring with good times. Mrs. Fremont gave them a dancing recep-

tion, and the sewing club of which Nellie was the president had a wonderful Christmas entertainment, furnished mostly from the White house.

Sheriff Motors and Floats.

Sheriff John Orr had a merry time during the heavy rains of the first part of the week in traveling around the county in his Ford. There were sale notices to post at Independence on Tuesday, a trip to Monmouth the same day, a little jaunt to Brunk's corners and a side trip to several other places. In the course of his travels the sheriff found many road conditions, but the most displeasing were those through which his car floated. In more than one case the water came up over the running boards of his car, and it was with great difficulty that he executed the duties that he assigned to himself. In fact he had to discard the machine altogether for one trip and revert to the old reliable horse and buggy.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OR EXECUTOR'S NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Alice E. Page as administratrix of the estate of F. J. Page, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Polk County, State of Oregon, and that the 31st day of January, 1916, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., has been duly appointed by such Court for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in such estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

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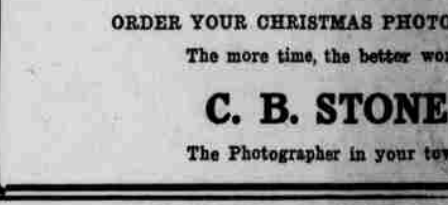


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