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Irving Matthews Missing.

Dr. Irving Matthews, of Independence, Or., who arranged last January to open a printing office at 229 and one-half First street, in this city, is reported missing and B. F. Phillips, who has charge of the office, has been trying to locate him since that time, but is unable to get any trace of him. Mr. Phillips has communicated with the doctor's father, who resides at Falls City, also the Independence National Bank where he has a deposit, but they know nothing of him.

Matthews' relatives and Mr. Phillips are much concerned as to his disappearance and fear that he has met with an accident or foul play. The last authentic news received from him was January 31. He was then at Kel o, Wash., on the road soliciting for his calendar house.

Anyone knowing of Matthews' whereabouts is asked to communicate with Mr. Phillips, at room 8, 229 and one-half First street--Portland Journal

Rush to Oregon.

Towns in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota face depopulation because of immigration to Oregon, declares Charles Acres of Moscow, Idaho, who has just finished a tour of the states mentioned. "Newspapers of that country fearing the loss of their subscribers and of business calamity are printing fake reports of disasters attending persons who come into this state," said Mr. Acres, who was in Portland yesterday. "They print statements purporting to have been made by people who have moved to Oregon, nearly starved to death then moved back again. They declare that statements relating to the resources of this country are all untrue and that an expedition over here is more foolhardy than was Ulysses' quest of the golden fleece because these poor people have the wool pulled over their eyes before they start, and it is very ordinary wool with no suggestion of gold about it.

"But I don't blame the people there for being scared. I saw towns where the population had been diminished by half because their residents had moved to Oregon or Washington. Those who went out first wrote to the rest to follow, so all are moving out to the land of good times.--Portland Journal.

School Report

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending February 19, 1909.
Number of schools in session 60
Boys Girls Total
No. of pupils remaining last mo. 1204 1053 2257
No. of new pupils registered during the month 17 14 31
No. pupils leaving one school and entering another 22 29 51
No. of pupils having been dropped and then readmitted 154 146 300
Total No. registered during mo. 1397 1242 2639
No. of pupils dropped during mo. 153 143 296
No. of pupils remaining Feb. 19. 1245 1099 2344
No. of pupils on register since beginning of school not registered in any other school 1418 1239 2657
No. of pupils registered in some other school 64 71 135
No. of pupils over 4 and under 6 13 11 24
No. of pupils over 6 and under 9 388 357 745
No. of pupils over 9 and under 12 376 339 715
No. of pupils over 12 and under 14 263 255 518
No. of pupils over 14 and under 20 378 307 685
Total 1418 1239 2657
No. of days taught during mo. 18
Whole No. of days attendance 42390
Whole No. of days absence 2593
Whole No. of times late 526
No. pupils neither absent or tardy 1288
Average No. of pupils belonging 2499
Average daily attendance 2355
Per cent of attendance 94.2
No. of visits by parents 83
No. visits by members of board 26

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for attendance having made a per cent of 95 or more;--Smithfield, Eola, Red Prairie, Ballston, Parkers, Valley View, Airlie, Perrydale, Fairview, Independence, West Salem, Buena Vista, Buell, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Enterprise, Etna, Sunnyslope, Greenwood, Lone Star, McCoy, Black Rock, Mountain View, Pleasant View, Mistletoe. The following were placed on the roll of honor for having had no tardies;--Smithfield, Salt Creek, Lewisville, Valley View, Gooseneck, Brush College, Buena Vista, Harmony, Etna, Mountain View, Rock Creek.

The attendance this month has been much better and I wish to thank the teachers for the promptness with which they have sent in their reports for this month.

H. C. Seymour,
School Superintendent of Polk county, Oregon.

Praise for Monmouth Student.

The following is taken from Fairview correspondence of the Weston Leader and refers to one of last years Freshman class of the Normal.

Miss Hilda Peterson has closed a very successful five-months' term of school in Fairview school house, district No. 96, on Wild Horse mountain. A large gathering of citizens and patrons of the school marked the closing exercises. The audience joined with entire heart and soul in the singing of "America" after which a highly entertaining program was given by the pupils.

Miss Peterson is certainly entitled to the sincere thanks and praise of patrons for the excellent character of her work in this district. She will begin teaching a three months' term of school next month in the O'Harra district on Weston mountain, and both the parents and pupils in that district may consider themselves fortunate.

Social Meeting.

The Hope class of the Evangelical Sunday school held their first

social meeting at the home of Mrs. Murdock, Friday, March 5, 1909, from seven until ten p. m. The meeting was called in order by President Gordon Bowman. Class pins were distributed and other business attended to, after which refreshments were served and games indulged in until ten p. m., when the class departed for their homes.

An invitation is extended to all boys who do not attend Sunday school to come and join our class. Douglas Parkes, Sec.

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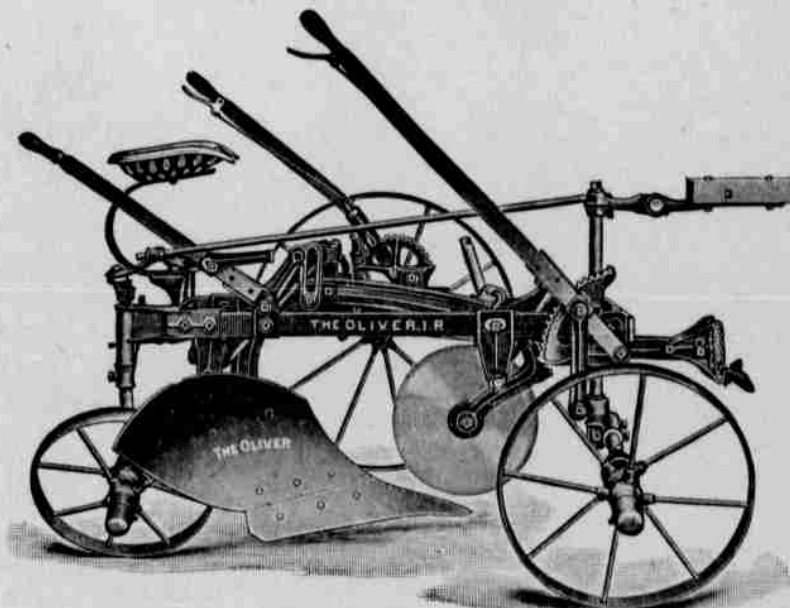
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