

Local and Personal

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Mrs. W. W. Davis went to Portland last Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Williamson. She will return the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Sarah Davis returned home last Friday from a week's visit to friends in Portland. She contracted a severe cold while in Portland from which she has not fully recovered yet.

The Entertainment

The entertainment last Saturday night was only fairly well attended, perhaps this might be accounted for by the fact that most of the entertainers belong to Monmouth, but never-the-less we think that the public had no cause for complaint as each performer has merit.

Perry B. Arant appeared first in the exercises and while we are not in love with a piano we must concede that Mr. Arant has talent and skill in his line and the applause elicited was generous.

Dwinell Clapp then took his place on the rostrum and gave the audience an excellent selection on the violin. Mr. Clapp is a young performer but gives promise of climbing to a high degree of proficiency in the line of his choice.

Miss Phoebe Lois Powell has a pleasant voice of splendid range which has been improved with training and sings without any apparent effort. She was recalled after her first effort, as was also Mr. Clapp after his third appearance. Each received liberal applause.

A Diamond Drill to Start

We are informed by the manager of the rock quarry this morning that a force of men have gone to work on the preliminary work of clearing up the upper quarry and getting things in shape for the starting of the diamond drill, which will penetrate the rock to the diameter of one inch, and may be sent down to a depth of 200 feet, in order to get a good sample of the prospect. A gang of surveyors have been at work surveying out the lines of the company's newly acquired property, and getting things in good shape that way. No railroad is contemplated, at least in the near future, and no work has been done toward any such end. —Dallas Itemizer.

A Large Brood of Chicks

The following account of an experiment came from the Oregon Agricultural College as told in the Gazette-Times of Corvallis which says:

"Twelve hundred fluffy little chicks one day old enclosed in a circular space twelve feet in diameter, and mothered by a single oil stove, represents one of the peculiar features of an experiment which is now being carried on by Professor James Dryden of the Oregon Agricultural College. The experiment is for the purpose of testing the feasibility of raising chickens in large flocks. It has been the belief up to this time that chickens could be raised only in small broods. If the new method proves successful it will be a great boon to the poultry industry. The chicks which are being used in this experiment were hatched in incubators. Twelve machines were used, the machines producing an average of one hundred chicks each. This number of chickens were hatched from a total of 1350 eggs.

Report of Spelling Contest of Rural Schools Held April 1st

Fourth Grade—first place; Eola, Etna, Sunnyslope and Concord, tie, 100 per cent; second place; Zena 99 1-3 per cent; third place; Mistletoe 99 per cent.

Fifth Grade—first place; Enterprise, Concord, Highland, tie, 100 per cent; second place; Parker, Mistletoe, tie, 98 per cent; third place; Oakgrove 96 per cent.

Sixth Grade—first place; Zena, Eola, Number 15, Elkins, Etna, Highland, tie, 100 per cent; second place; Oakhurst, 97 1-3 per cent; third place; Parker, Enterprise, tie, 96 per cent.

Seventh Grade—first place; Gooseneck, 100 per cent; second place; Enterprise, Concord, Highland, tie, 98 per cent; third place; Salt Creek, Pioneer, tie, 92 per cent.

Eight Grade—first place; Zena, Parker, Enterprise, Sunnyslope, Highland, tie, 100 per cent; second place; Etna 99 per cent; third place; Mistletoe 96 per cent.

All teachers report that the pupils have made a great improvement in their spelling since the beginning of the contests and that they are taking much more interest in the general spelling work.

Many schools that began the contest making spelling grades from 40 to 60 per cent are making grades around the 100 per cent, showing that they have been making much improvement, this is the close of the work for the rural schools for this year, but it is the plan to continue the same work next year and it is hoped that every school in the county will take up the work next year with the intention of making 100 per cent grade during the year, and in a few years nobody will dare to say that the children cannot spell.

Yours respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR.

COLORS IN FLAGS.

Red is the Most Frequent, and After That Comes Blue.

It is entirely appropriate, of course, that red, the war color, should appear so frequently in the flags of the various nations. Of the flags of the countries of the eastern hemisphere there is only one—that of Greece—which does not show the martial color. In the western hemisphere, however, we find several standards not showing red. The flags of the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Uruguay and Honduras contain no red.

In this country there is no red in the union jack or in the flags of the secretary of the navy, the admiral of the navy, the rear admiral senior in rank and the rear admiral junior in rank. Red appears in the pennant of the rear admiral second in rank and the pennant of the revenue marine. The United States mail flag also shows red, and that color is also found in the pennants for the vessels of the lighthouse service, the yacht ensign, the ensign of the revenue marine, the president's and the secretary of war's standards.

The flags that are almost entirely red, except for the devices shown thereon, are those of Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Morocco and Japan. The flag of Turkey is practically of a solid red. After red the prevailing color in flags is blue. —Harper's Weekly.

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