

Local and Personal

W. R. Coulter killed six pigs last week that dressed 204 pounds each on an average. They were only eight months old.

G. P. Newmyer, of Spokane, Wash., was in town Saturday on his return from California. According to report he was going home and got off on the wrong way.

J. L. Murdock has succeeded his son, Frank E., as manager of the Monmouth Creamery, the latter having given up that position to look after the Lindsay & Company Store.

The copy of the session laws of 1899, containing the city charter has been loaned out to some party who has forgotten to return it, and this notice is to remind him to bring it back as the city council has use for it occasionally.

Cupid's Knoll became popular; the latter part of last week, and the young people resorted there with their toboggan sledges of many designs and descriptions, tarrying as late as midnight on one occasion. The sport was immense and accidents scarce with the exception of a couple of sprained ankles.

Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk
County for the school month end-
ing December 30th, 1910.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	6
Names of schools and teachers failing to report on time—Cherry Grove, No. 59, Martha Jensen, teacher,	Miss
Number of pupils remaining at last report	257
Number of pupils registered new during month	3
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	2
Number of pupils readmitted during month	14
Total number pupils on register during month	278
Number of pupils dropped during month	21
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	256
Number of days taught during month	14
Whole number of days attendance	3567
Whole number of days absence	206
Whole number of times late	50
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	145
Average number of pupils belonging	26
Average daily attendance	246
Per cent of attendance	94
Number of visits by parents	9
Number of visits by members of the school board	

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for Polk County for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Zena, Dallas, Lewisville, Valley View, Monmouth, No. 15 Bethel, Polk Station, Ward Gooseneck, Cochran, Rickreall, Oak Point, Independence, Brush College, West Salem, Buena Vista, Montgomery, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, North Dallas, McTimmonds Valley, (100 per cent) Greenwood, Oakdale, Guthrie, Powells Camp, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Wigglebrige, Hopville, Mistletoe, (100 per cent) Junction Valley.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies during the month: Rena, Red Prairie, Valley View, Elkins, Brush College, Etna, McTimmonds Valley, Greenwood, Powells Camp, Mistletoe.

The per cent of attendance this month is the same as last month, 94.5 per cent. We must try and make 95 for the next month if we expect to make 95 for the entire year.

There are still many more tardies than there ought to be. One rural school of 14 pupils reports 59 tardies during the month, and all pupils live within one mile of the school house. This ought not to be.

The parents and school officers are visiting the schools more than ever before and the result will be better work on the part of the pupils and teachers.

Yours Respectfully,

H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.

WEST AND THE NORMALS

Full Text of Governor's Opinion
on the Subject

In his recent message, which was a voluminous one, Governor West devotes the following remarks to a review of the Normal situation:

Oregon, more than any other state, demands an intelligent and educated citizenship. The voters of this state, by reason of our advanced laws, are regularly called upon to exercise the functions of legislators and to decide by their ballots questions of grave public moment.

It follows, therefore, that Oregon should make liberal provisions for its educational system. It would be better and wiser hereafter to show scanty consideration for other departments or institutions of the state, in order to provide needed funds for the state's schools and colleges, than to scrimp the funds for the schools to aid other institutions or departments. I believe in economy of government but not in economy of education, and I trust that in passing upon the needs of the state's educational system this Legislature will show no disposition to refuse any of the schools or colleges such support as their necessities and healthy development may require.

"When the normal schools were abolished at the last session of the legislature no provision was made for the payment of the salaries of the teachers for the balance of the term for which they had been employed. Some of them received little or no pay from January 1, 1909, to the end of the school term in June, and what little they did receive was derived largely from private donations. The legislature, therefore, should not fail to provide for the payment of any and all unpaid salaries that may be justly due from the state."

Settlers are Helped

William McMurray, the general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, says the volume of inquiries from prospective settlers is steadily increasing and that he looks for a tremendous influx into the state next spring.

"Our inquiry department is busy giving out information about the state and its resources," said Mr. Mc Murray, not only to people intending to come here, but to those who have arrived. The company does not forget a settler when he gets here, and the same applies to other railroads. We keep in touch with new comers until they find what they want. We do not want anybody to return home disappointed. One disappointed homeseeker counteracts all the boasting that 100 settlers can do.

"It means a great deal for a man to leave his old surroundings and friends for a new country and he is entitled to all the help we can give. It is nothing to send him a ticket—that's the smallest part of it. There is nothing so interesting to me as to watch a man who comes out here, settle down, till the soil and prosper. We have many of them on our list and every now and then we hear from them. And they are all well pleased."

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