

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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REPORTS.

ELKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL. For month ending March 15, 1895: Number days attendance 430, absence 60, enrolled 490, Average number belonging 25, daily attendance 20, Number neither absent nor tardy 16, visits by directors 1, by others 4.

RICKREALL PUBLIC SCHOOL. For month ending March 15, 1895: Number days attendance 901, absence 84, tardies 1, excuses for tardies 40, enrolled, boys 138, girls 149, total 287, Average number belonging 272, daily attendance 250, Per cent of attendance 92, Number pupils admitted, boys 3, girls 4, total 7, Number corporal punishment 4, Number visits by directors, 17, patrons, 12, teachers, 33, others, 23, Number rhetorical exercises during month 2.

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL. For month ending March 15, 1895: Number days present 4973, absence 3784, tardies 40, excuses for tardies 31, enrolled, boys 138, girls 149, total 287, Average number belonging 272, daily attendance 250, Per cent of attendance 92, Number pupils admitted, boys 3, girls 4, total 7, Number corporal punishment 4, Number visits by directors, 17, patrons, 12, teachers, 33, others, 23, Number rhetorical exercises during month 2.

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News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Itemizer.)

Sheriff Plummer has arranged with the banks of Independence and Monmouth to collect the taxes of those most convenient to those places.

Assessor Beckett will now start out on his work of assessing the county, beginning in Douglas precinct. He will have a couple of deputies in other parts of the county.

The county clerk has supplied to all road supervisors a list of tax payers in their respective districts.

T. A. Farley is buying goat wool for Wm. Brown, of Salem, paying 20 cents for a good article. He has already taken over 1,200 pounds.

The new postoffice at the old Grand Ronde store will be named Russell, that being the name of the general in command of the fort there forty years ago.

The experience of carefully observing hog raisers has been that it pays best to shun a pig from the time of its birth to seven or eight months old when it ought to weigh from 150 to 200 pounds. After that it costs more for any given increase of weight. The above is not a matter of guess work, but the result of many careful experiments.

Hastings Bros. bought several thousand bushels of wheat within the past week at 35 cents per bushel.—Airlie Cor.

(Observer.)

Born, Friday, March 8, 1895, to the wife of A. M. Ginn of this city, a son.

Mr. Elmer Reid, who lives in the west part of Dallas, suffered a most unfortunate accident a few days ago. While taking a shoe off his horse he got a small piece of steel in his eye, and went to Portland for assistance, but physicians there deemed it necessary to remove the eye. So Elmer, came home Wednesday minus one eye.

The Dallas democrats have nominated their city ticket for election which will occur on the first Monday in April, as follows: For mayor, A. B. Muir; recorder, J. P. Magruder; marshal, Chas. Belt; 1st ward, Cas. Black; 2d ward, A. K. Wilson; 3d ward, R. R. Turner.

Born, to the wife of D. J. Grant, Saturday, March 9, 1895, a 10 pound girl.

About one month ago, a Mr. Elder appeared in Dallas from the East with two little girls, one 9 and the other 11 years old, and has been here ever since. On Monday they appeared a sequel to the case. The mother of the children, arrived in Dallas and claimed her husband had taken the children and left her. After considerable quarrelling who should have the

children, it was agreed to go back home and let the law there say who shall have the little girls. The mother of the children bears the appearance of a refined and educated lady. As we know nothing of the circumstances in the case, we do not have any idea how it will terminate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

The George Simmons placer mine near Yreka was sold last week to Oregon and Washington capitalists for \$25,000.

Hayes & Swinden have picked up about \$1500 worth of coarse gold at their placer mine on Oscar creek exclusive of the fine gold they will get when they clean up.

It is said that the W. C. T. U. at Gold Hill is the largest in the state, with the exception of the one in Portland, having 40 members after being organized only a month.

John Millard, a well known Albany resident, while running after a calf Tuesday had the misfortune to fall in such a way as to break his left thigh bone and right shoulder blade.

The McMinnville evening local train is now heated by steam in place of the old stove, and has air signals instead of the bell cord. The change is one of greater convenience and comfort.

Gold Hill has a barber-shop conducted by three ladies, all of whom are said to be tonsorial artists, only one of them being married. It is needless to add that they get nearly all of the business in their line.

A youth of 17 by the name of C. Stewart presented himself to Sears, of Multnomah county, Saturday afternoon March 9, and said he would like to be taken care of as he was insane. The boy has a strong desire to kill himself and knows that he needs watching to prevent him from doing himself harm when in his fits of insanity.

Professor Coote, of Corvallis, has demonstrated that curly leaf in the peach tree is caused by cold temperature. He placed two trees badly affected with the curl leaf where there was a continuous warm temperature, and the leaves are now as healthy as any tree, and the young peaches on the trees are already making a good growth.

Gen. J. C. Tolman was 82 years of age on the 12th, and the members of the Tolman family drove out to the Tolman springs where the General has been spending the winter and gave him a birthday surprise Tuesday. He is enjoying excellent health lately and is remarkably bright and spry for his years, with prospects of many more before him yet.

George Payne, the 42d victim of the Silver Lake holocaust, died February 25. His body, with the other unfortunates, was placed near the center of the cemetery there and a monument will be erected to their memory. All others who were injured have recovered, except Clara Snelling and Mrs. T. J. Labrie, who are improving slowly.

John W. Waggoner, of McMinnville, an old gentleman who roomed alone over Kun's bakery, and did odd jobs about town, was found dead in his bed about 4 p. m. Sunday. The doctors estimated that he had been dead about 15 hours. The coroner's inquest pronounced death due to heart failure. Deceased was born in Indiana, was 62 years of age, and an Oregon soldier of three years service during the civil war, receiving his discharge at Vancouver in 1864.

The faculty of the State University held a meeting yesterday afternoon and one of the members had an opportunity to get a good joke on Prof. Condon. He moved that the university adjourn on St. Patrick's day, whereupon Prof. Condon made a lengthy and weighty argument against respecting any holiday otherwise than one strictly pertaining to American institutions. He was allowed to finish, then quietly informed that it made no difference, as St. Patrick's day will come on Sunday this year, March 17.

Mr. Stephen Jenkins, aged 73 years, died at his residence in Eugene last Saturday afternoon. He is an old pioneer of this country, having come to Oregon in 1846. He was a man well respected by all who knew him. The

funeral was held at the residence Sunday and the interment took place on the old home place a few miles west of Eugene.

The Virtue mine's second clean-up for the month amounts to 420 ounces. It foots up \$7980, making a total of nearly \$13,000 for only 20 days' run with 20 stamps.

The people about Arago have incorporated for dairying purposes, and purchased the Arago creamery, paying \$6000 for it. The stock is owned by nearly 100 milk-producers.

Hayes & Swinden's placers on Oscar creek, a tributary of Applegate, have produced \$1500 in coarse gold nuggets so far this season. They range from \$2 pieces to a \$125 specimen. No clean-up will be made until the season closes.

Geo. K. Quine was in town from Riddle Tuesday. He recently sold his placer mine to Mr. Ball, of Tacoma, who paid \$950 for it. This mining property consists of a gravel bar on Cow Creek, where considerable gold has been washed out with rockers. Mr. Ball will put up some extensive machinery and go to work on a large scale.

Mr. M. K. Lewis, who came from Nebraska to Oregon several months ago, is greatly pleased with Oregon. He now owns 120 acres of fine fruit land between Albany and Wells, and has a good idea in connection with it. He will make a specialty of apples, and already has 1000 trees out, mostly Ben Davis. His idea is to have only hardy keepers, red cheeked fellows that will be sound in the spring when apples are scarce and prices high. Mr. Lewis also has 1000 gooseberry plants out and will raise other fruits in small quantities.

How to Tell a Girl's Age. Girls of a marriageable do not like to tell how old they are; but you can find out by following the subjoined instructions, the young lady doing the figuring. Tell her to put down the number of the month in which she was born, then to multiply it by 2, then to add 5, then to multiply it by 50, then to add her age, then to subtract 365, then to add 115, then tell her to tell you the amount she has left. The two figures to the right will denote her age and the remainder the month of her birth. For example, the amount is 822; she is 22 years old, and was born in the eighth month (August.) Try it.

Rather Sot in Her Ways. Especially in a Matter of Spelling That Had Stood a Test of Twenty Years. One day as I was toiling up a rough trail road in the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee I encountered a man on horseback, just as he turned in from another trail. As we were going the same way we joggled along together, and after some general talk he observed:

"Stranger I want to ask yo' a question plumb center, and if yo' don't feel like answerin' it I shan't be put out."

"Well, go ahead."

"Kin yo' read print?"

"Yes, fairly well."

"Kin yo' read writin'?"

"Yes."

We joggled along in silence for the next 40 rods, and then he said:

"Stranger, I'm livin' two miles further on. I'd like to hev yo, stop at my cabin and settle a dispute."

"I shouldn't like to get mixed up in any quarrel, you know."

"Oh! of co'se not. It's a dispute between me'n my wife, and we've been a-lookin' fur somebody to settle it fur the last three months. Yo' won't git into trouble about it. We don't spell nor figger, nor pronounce jest alike, and I reckon yo' kin set us straight."

When we reached his cabin I was tendered a sip from the jug and introduced to his wife, she was a middle-aged woman of great firmness of character. The husband explained that we had met accidentally, and he asked me to act as referee and added:

"Now, stranger, how do yo' spell dawg?"

"There is no such a word as dawg. It is dog."

"But how do you spell it?"

"Why d-o-g, dog. How do you spell it?"

"I don't go fur to consider to reckon I'm much of a speller, but I git a 'd' and an 'o' and an 'r' and a 'g' in thar sunwhars."

"That would be spelling it

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