SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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G. M. Irwin, superintendent of public instruction, will be with us at the next meeting, April 6, and will also lecture in the Normal chapel in the evening. Every teacher in the county should hear him.

The meeting at Monmouth should be well attended. We expect the teachers to do all they can to make a success of the meeting. Let every teacher extend an invitation to the board of directors of his district to be present. These meetings are not intended for teachers alone. Directors and patrons should be equally interested.

Falsehood in Childhood.

Falsehood is a subordinate vice. It is usually magnified into the chief of sins. With little children it is rarely a vice of the child, but primarily of his seniors. Being a subordinate vice it cannot be remedied by direct treatment. The primary source must be detected and remedied before the subordinate vice will disappear.

We often pay a premium on falsehood by punishing, scolding or depriving of privilege for doing or not doing certain things, and the child by a lie, in which he is not detected, can escape the punishment, the scolding or the deprivation. We thus make the lie the third consideration with him, the escape from punishment the first, and the getting found out the second. Who is primarily to blame in such a case?

Did you do this? Invites a prompt "No," because the look, tone, and attitude suggests some thing worth escaping, and the "No" may make escape possible. The next thing is to have wit enough not to be found out. Many a teacher and parent do their most brilliant training in intellectual keenness through the mental activity of the child in finding ways of escape under such circumstances. Who is responsible in such a case the one who said "No" or the one who made the falsehood a great temptation?—Journal of Education.

Superintendent's National Department.

In the recent meeting of the National department of Superintendence at Cleveland Ohio, it was demonstrated beyond a doubt that the cranks are not all dead. Neither are they confined to the lower positions. It is a wonder how some men with only one idea, succeed in duping people. New York, with all her boasted advance in school matters, has some superintendents that belong to the colonial age. The report states that the great majority of those present were young and middle aged men, but even some of the younger men have no new ideas. The same criticisms that have been passed on our county association would apply equally as well to the meeting of the Department of supetintendents, i. e. that a few do all the talking. However, the work of the association is more evenly divided because no one usurps so much time as some of the Superintendents did. Dr. Harris, U. S. commissioner of education, read a of 70 pages on the "Correlation of Studies." What an amount of patience and perseverance was required to sit through the reading of such a report, even if it were the most interesting document ever read. The report was severely handled. Pres. De Garmo referred to it as a text of some seventy odd pages with the sermon omitted. Following is the report of the committee on resolutions which was unanimously adopted.

AS TO THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

Since the character of the teacher sets the standard of the school and provides the basis of all educational work, we declare, first that the standard of scholarship required of teachers should be high.

That all teachers, both of elementary and high schools, should have thorough professional training.

Not only all teachers of all grades, but also principals, supervisors and superintendents should have professional training. To this end we favor the establishment of fully equipped training schools of pedagogy in connection with the colleges and universities.

Only those should be employed as teachers who have refinement of mind and soul to such a degree that both consciously and unconsciously they will influence children for good.

AS TO THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

We believe that the studies with which the child mind is to busied while in school should be those which will give him sympathetic acquaintance with the natural and social world in which his life is spent. We further believe that the chief study of all teachers should be the child himself, to the end that all effort in education, may be directd along the line of least resistance as determined by the child's own nature. We believe that the aim of all directive education should be, first to train the childs' powers by the exercise of his self-activity that he shall comprehend both his natural and social inviroment and be able to live his life effectively in it. And second, to develop in him a purpose to use these powers so gained for the good of society.

REPORTS.

DISTRICT NO. 47.

For month ending March 8, 1895.

Number days attendance	501
" " absence	20
" tardies	5
Average number belonging	26
" daily attendance	25
Number neither absent nor tardy	18
" visits by directors	6
" " by others	13

LINNIE R. MCCOWEN, Teacher.

MONMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

For the month ending March 22, 1895:

Number days attendance	2667
" " absence	298
" tardies	21
Whole number enrolled	157
Average number belonging	150
" daily attendance	133½
Number corporal punishment	6
Per cent of attendance	90
Number neither absent nor tardy	40

F. LONG, Prin.

BUENA VISTA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For month ending March 22, 1895:

Number days present	1179
" " absence	96
" tardies	12
" enrolled, boys 32, girls 35, total	67
Average number belonging	64
" daily attendance	60
Per cent of attendance	92½
Number pupils admitted, boys 3 girls3, total	6
Number corporal punishment	0

JAS. W. STORMS, Prin.

DALLAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

For the month ending March 22, 1895:

Number days attendance	4925
" " absence	231
" tardy	26
" enrolled	275
Average number belonging	254
" daily attendance	247
Per cent of attendance	96
Neither absent nor tardy	146
Number visits from board	7
" " " patrons	61
" " to patrons (teachers)	24
" cases corporal punishment	2

Term of examination closed last Friday. Teaches and pupils are glad that the ordeal is over. Some of our pupils failed but only those who were careless and indifferent. Examination papers are kept on file and parents are requested to call and examine them. If there is anything hindering your boy or girl from doing good work we will gladly do any thing in our power to remove it. We are now on the last two months, and the work will largely be in the nature of review, with the object of fixing lessons previously learned on the mind. If possible, therefore, keep your children in school until the term closes.

W. I. REYNOLDS, Prin.

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News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Transcript.)

Our boys are getting quite eloquent in the debates. They made a noble effort last meeting.

The Southern Pacific Railroad officials past through Dallas last Friday evening. They were in their special car, and had their negro cooks and waiters "alle same big hotel."

Miss Rebecca Neal, came up from California to visit Dallas relatives, last week.

The people who are in the habit of driving into the ford below the wagon bridge had better cease the practice. It is a little too deep for ordinary wagons and carriages and it would be best to cross the bridge. Last Sunday morning Billy Shaw drove in and before he got across the horses had swam about 30 feet. The afternoon of the same day, a man attempted crossing, and came near losing two good horses and a human life or two. Marshal Grant has posted danger signals, and if you heed them, you need have no trouble.

(Itemizer.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Sevier spent several days at Kings Valley with her sick brother, David Kibbey.

John Grant is the best city marshal Dallas has had for years and it is not probable that we can get a better one. The curfew ordinance says that all boys under 21 years of age must stay off the street after 8 o'clock in the evening and they do it because we have a sure enough marshal. All hands respect John's star.

Joseph Berry, a pioneer of Airlie vicinity, recently received $10,000 from the estate of a Philadelphia relative and has bought 200 acres of land from Sol. Stump at $22 an acre.

At the ripe age of eighty years Wm. Martin died last Saturday at the home of his son, Luther, in Dallas, and was laid to rest beside his wife in the Smith burrying-ground near Lewisville. He came to the state thirteen years ago and has most of the time lived at Independence, where his daughter Mrs. Winnull, died some time ago.

The republicans have nominated W. L. Wells for mayor, D. P. Stouffer for recorder, and Al. Dray for marshal. E. Cadwell has been substituted for Mr. Wells as candidate for councilman in the first ward.

Sheriff Plummer is making better headway collecting taxes than was expected. Last week he took in about $2,500.

D. O. Bronson brought in Tuesday for sale 424 pounds of mohair, it being the proceeds of his 140 goats, neighbor D. W. Lewis has about the same number and I. M. Simpson perhaps 200

(Observer.)

All the Dallas churches were well filled Sunday.

There is talk of organizing an I. O. O. F. lodge at Falls City.

It was voted at the school meeting held at Rickreall to build an addition to their school house.

Rumor has it that the Dallas woolen mill will soon be started up. That the parties are now in San Francisco, who will take hold of the enterprise If this rumor is true, it is certainly good news to Dallas people.

The concert at the city hall last Saturday evening, given by the Novello Quartette, of Monmouth. is highly spoken of by all who attended. It was, without doubt the best musical treat that Dallas people have had the privilege of listening to in a long while.

Petty stealing still going the rounds. One night last week Dr. Stanley's son had his sadle and bridle stolen from the barn.

Plenty of recording at the county clerk's office these days.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

A contract for a flouring mill subsidy has been signed at Eugene.

The little town of Houlton, in Columbia county, is having quite a boom.

Scio votes April 4 on the question of incurring $6500 indebtedness for a school building.

J. T. Goodman, of Looking Glass, brought 2500 pounds of dressed turkeys into Roseburg one day last week,

Col. Jim Eddy is scared and is making application to the Lord to be reappointed. But the Lord turns a deaf ear to his importunity.

As the children of A. E. Coe, of Damascus, were playing around a burning stump near where Mr. Coe was clearing, the dress of the younger, a boy of two years, caught fire, burning him so badly that he died, after living in frightful agony until Thursday night.

Rev. F. G. Strange of the Ashland Presbyterian church, was called to Wilbur, Douglas county, on Sunday evening's train, having been summoned by the sudden death of his father, John A. Strange of that place, which occurred Sunday morning, of dropsy. Mr. Strange was aged 70 years, 6 months and 5 days at the time of his death. He was born in South Carolina, removing afterward to Georgia, thence to Tennessee, and to Illinois, coming to Oregon in 1871. He was assessor of Douglas county during one term. For the past three years he has been in poor health but had improved lately under treatment.

G. W. Ellis, official stock inspector for Umatilla county, was in Pendleton Tuesday, on his way to the Columbia river to examine the condition of sheep ranging upon its banks. During the past two weeks he has inspected 67,000 sheep, and reports favorably regarding them.

Byron Barnard is at Fossel, and will buy 10,000 head of cattle, if he can get them, for shipment to Montana. He has already purchased over 100 head from Del Zachary, Coe Barnard and Ed Cummings. He is paying $10 for yearling steers, $15 for twos, $20 for threes and $14 and $15 for cows.

In a spelling match in Eugene between the university and city the latter won. Four Eugene ladies were standing when the last university young man went down. Mrs. H. G. Miller remained on the floor the longest. The four ladies were all graduates of the university.

A thunder storm occurred last week, says the Tillamook Headlight, something almost unknown in this section, or on this coast. Six head of cattle pelonging to A. W. Bunn, of Beaver, were killed by a stroke of lightening during the storm. We hear of no other damage.

Harv. Shepard has struck what seems to be a valuable mine on the mountain known as Buck Point, Southern Oregon, back from Emigrant creek, opposite Soda Springs, and it has aroused the interest of a number of mining men. The ledge is of crystalized quartz and shows big paying gold.

The 16-year-old son of Paul Kleppin, of Sydney, met with a severe accident last week. He was taking his rifle from a skift, when in some way the weapon was discharged, shattering the bone of the lad's arm between the wrist and elbow. It was found necessary by surgeons to remove about three inches of the bone.

Thomas Allen, who has been suffering for the past five months with senile gangrene in his left foot, was taken to the Gladstone hospital the 18th, where he was operated on by Drs. Carll, Sommers and Paine. His leg was amputated three times, the first below the knee, when it was found that the arteries were ossified, then at the knee joint with the same result, the last time above the knee. He stood the operation well for a man 61 years old, and at present is resting with good prospects of recovery.