

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Teachers and Teaching.

The time is drawing near when the majority of the schools will close and then there will be a scramble for positions.

There was a time when the profession of teaching was looked on with contempt and at the present rate we are about to return to that state of affairs.

We approve of a stable tenure of office for teachers. We protest against their dismissal from the positions that they hold except for incompetency or immorality.

We plead for comfortable and attractive school buildings for our children, and we ask to have them supplied with the appliances and conveniences necessary to the administration of a successful school.

There is seemingly nothing wrong in this state of affairs, but it degrades the noblest of all professions and hinders progress in all the schools.

How is it in other lines of work? Can you name any other class that is driven from pillar to post as is that of the peripatetic philosophers?

Next Saturday the teachers' association will be held in Monmouth. Superintendent Irwin will be there and will lecture in the evening.

There are today 100,000,000 in the schools of the world. Teacher, (Trying to make the pupil recognize the word see on the blackboard.) "What can you do with your eyes, Johnnie?"

Johnnie, (Triumphantly and with suitable illustration of his reply) "Shet'em."

"What I don't like about our schools," said the boy who had been chastised, "is that they run too much to physical culture."

The Granger Educational.

The Journal has more than once called attention to the fact that labor organizations are invariably loyal to the most progressive ideas.

The public school has been the pride of New England for many generations. If it is to continue its great work, the best citizens of every community must give some of their time, effort, and influence to making it equal to the work it should do and worthy of the age.

We would call attention to the importance of such consolidation of the rural schools as will warrant the employing of competent teachers.

We are persuaded that a serious want of thoroughness, too many studies at a given time, too much mechanical drill on the same things, an unnatural order of studies, no recognition of the order in which the faculties develop, and no provision for the varying aptitudes or deficiencies of children, are among the great weaknesses of the public schools of today.

Any teacher who fails to help her pupils to see something of the best in life, nature, literature, and art has failed to do the best thing for those who have a right to look to her, not only for guidance, but for light.

We are becoming aware that this day calls, and that the future will call still more loudly, for men and women who have robust bodies and graceful manners, wills that are strong but not stubborn, morals that are intelligent and incorruptible, and minds that are alert, receptive, retentive, reflective, responsive, and finely poised.

Every true patron realizes that it is his duty to take an interest in the school of his neighborhood, to know its teacher, to be familiar with its work, to give needed aid, counsel, and sympathy, and at all times to be its champion.

With less waste of time on unimportant topics, better qualified teachers, and more intelligent methods of instruction, we may be justified in expecting our schools to so train our children that they can be intelligent students after they leave school.

REPORTS. OAK VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL. For the month ending March 29, 1895: Number days present 376, absence 115, tardies 45, excuses for tardies 35, enrolled, boys 15, girls 14, total 29, average number belonging 26, daily attendance 29, per cent of attendance 80, visits by directors 1, by others 7, O. D. IRELAND, Teacher.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions. (Observer.)

Why is the city of Dallas these days like unto the building of King Solomon's Temple? Because there is not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron in her make up.

The Dallas foundry is kept busy these days. Hon. A. R. Lyle, who is here from Crook county, says stock in that country have wintered well, and that beef cattle and mutton sheep demand a far better price than formerly.

Assessor Beckett began his work of assessing the county over in Douglas precinct this week. The assessing business is quite clumsy work this time, as a whole lot of census taking is poked into the job.

Mrs. Sarah Gilliam, an old Oregon pioneer, 78 years of age, died on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Wm. Kimball died at her home in this city Thursday noon, March 28, of fever. She leaves a husband and three small children.

The Epworth League convention of Salem district to be held at this place next week, April 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, will be largely attended by delegates, and a first-class program has been prepared for the occasion.

Polk county's taxes are rolling in. Who says there is no money in this country?

Chas. Richardson and Henry Pigg, of Bethel, are going to California in a hack and may not be back for a year or two.

It is said that Marshal Saver is preparing to plant forty acres of corn on his Luckinmote ranch.

Uncle Perry Smith is back from several months' sojourn up in the Colfax country. We asked him what county warrants were worth in Whitman county and he said, "Nothing, for they do not have any. The county is \$300,000 in debt and cannot lawfully increase that indebtedness."

In 1851 C. C. Redman came here and was employed by County Commissioner T. J. Lovelady and others to build a court house in old Dallas, then known as Cynthia. The next year he went to the mines with Judge Burch, Ira Townsend and others. In 1870 we first met him back at his old Missouri home, where his children were our pupils. Five years later we found him in California and a dozen years ago we again met in Portland, which has since been his home.

Ed Bell, of McCoy, has gone to Eastern Oregon to drive his stock to this valley.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

Mrs. Nancy Marks died at the home of her son, William, at Lebanon, on Wednesday morning, at the advanced age of 10 years, 5 months and 22 days.

Jim Lindsley, of Bly, Klamath county, gave his 18-year-old daughter, Dora, a severe beating. During the melee the daughter got hold of a butcher-knife and whacked her father a terrible blow across the forehead that suspended operations of the father's favorite pastime indefinitely.

W. R. Temple died at his home near Rock Hill school house, Linn county, last Monday, March 25, 1895. Mr. Temple was born in May of 1832 and would have been 63 years old this coming May. He crossed the plains in 1852 and in 1858 located on his farm near Rock Hill, where he has lived up to the time of his death.

The plans for the pavilion for the G. A. R. reunion at Elgin are completed and have been submitted to the committee for its approval. It is to have a seating capacity of 400 or 500, with a stage to hold 250 or 300.

Mr. Charles Hancock, who has had charge of the development of the Baby McKeen mine at Cable Cove, reports having struck a fine ore body three feet wide at a depth of 170 feet, and in the face of the tunnel 400 feet in length.

The rite of baptism by immersion was administered to 27 persons at an open-air meeting at Burns Wednesday. Some 400 persons observed the services, including a group of Plute Indians, which, gathered at a respectful distance, made a picturesque background for the scene.

The new warehouses built for the Pendleton wool scouring mill are now completed. They are built on stone wall foundations. The frame work is machine-painted with asbestos and lime, to impart light and render it practically fireproof.

Stephen A. Lowen has resigned his office as clerk of the supreme court at Pendleton, and Henry J. Bean has been appointed to the position.

General J. H. Stevens is on a visit to his big 1000-acre ranch near North Powder, 16 miles from La Grande. The general is within a decade of his one hundredth birthday.

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Is Life Worth Living? That depends upon the Liver. If the Liver is inactive the whole system is out of order—the breath is bad, digestion poor, head dull or aching, energy and hopefulness gone, the spirit is depressed, a heavy weight exists after eating, with general despondency and the blues.

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