

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Association Meeting.

Polk County Teachers Association met in the Normal chapel April 6, 1895. Pres. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 10:30, and the association, led by Miss Sickler, sang "A Prayer for our Country."

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The birthday of the author of America having just past the Association thought proper to again sing that old song.

Natural Sciences was well handled by Prof. Balcomb. Botany, Zoology, Geology, Physiology and Physics should all be taught orally in all public schools.

Mr. Vining recited in his usual style, and Miss Maud Long did credit to herself in the piano solo "Memories of Galilee."

The "Novello" quartette rendered one of their choice selections and as usual was encored and responded with one of their imitating selections which was well enjoyed.

Supt. Irwin addressed the association with some well chosen ideas but was called to the telephone without completing.

By vote the association agreed to meet at Bethel the first Saturday in May. The association voted to hold its annual picnic the last Saturday in May, and on the invitation of Prof. Hayes agreed to hold it at Independence.

Motion was made and carried for Prof. Reynolds and Hayes to appoint an entertaining committee and report through the teachers column. Motion to appoint a new committee on program was lost, and the old committee was held over.

Association adjourned by motion.

Teachers present were:

W. L. Reynolds,	Dallas
Loretta Smith,	"
Mary Parker,	"
Lara Parker,	"
J. N. Hart,	Falls City
W. C. Bryant,	"
C. L. Starr,	"
B. L. Murphy,	Grande Ronde
D. A. Hong,	Rickreall
Wm. Parker,	Ballston
Anna Powell,	"
J. H. Wann,	"
Vina Gilbert,	Lewisville
Tracy Staats,	"
Nell Fulkerson,	Airlie
Nattie Crosby,	Parker
T. A. Hayes,	Independence
W. W. Allingham,	"
Maud M. Brooks,	"
Minnie Goodrich,	"
P. L. Campbell,	Monmouth
A. F. Campbell,	"
E. J. McCaustland,	"
Miss Cassavant,	"
Miss Tutthill,	"
Miss Priest,	"
Mrs. Balcomb,	"
E. E. Balcomb,	"
F. Long,	"
Susie Howell,	"
Ella Watson,	"
Edith Percival,	"
Adona Cochran,	"
Pearl Fulkerson,	"
Nella Holman,	"
Hattie Mulkey,	"
Sadie Briggs,	"
H. M. Freeman,	"
Roxie Heater,	"
Emma Kramer,	"
Mary Coats,	"
Gra Morehead,	"
A. J. Shipley,	"
L.olin L. Swann,	"

The lecture in the evening by Dr. Irwin was well attended. His subject was "Faith and Purposes." He says that there are three classes of persons in the world. 1. Have no purpose. 2. Live only for this earth. 3. Have no purposes that run like golden threads through all the rays of life.

What do we want to do is important to us. Get an education and then seek for truth that will not only embellish it but give it stability.

Faith is the pioneer of every achievement and enterprise. Relations to each other are held by faith. Destroy faith and you see families scattered to the four winds.

Our most desperate sin is human selfishness. It has made wonderful strides in the world. Selfishness governed such men as Alexander the Great.

Young man, young woman have faith in the good and noble, have a noble purpose in life, and be not wanting in the executive ability to follow that purpose to the end.

W. I. REYNOLDS, Pres.
LEOLIN L. SWANN, Sec.

A teacher who was in the habit of having her children tell stories on Friday afternoon, had a most excellent one told by a little boy from Hawthorne's Wonder Book, which had been read to him at home.

"O, they were different from mine," answered the boy modestly, and dropped the subject. "But how were they different," continued the mother. "O, I can't tell you; they were just different; that's all."

"Well, mother it sounds awfully silly, but it seemed to me that mine was like the bass on the organ, and theirs were the little ting-a-ling notes way up to the top." Teachers who think children cannot be made to feel the difference in quality of literature have an illustration here.

REPORTS.

MILL CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL.
For the month ending March 29, 1895:

Number days attendance.....	658 1/2
" " absence.....	141 1/2
" " enrolled.....	40
Average daily attendance.....	33
Number neither absent nor tardy.....	8
" of visitors.....	5

Absence due to an unusual amount of sickness among pupils.
MAMIE L. STANTON, Teacher.

BEVERLY PUBLIC SCHOOL.
For the month ending April 5, 1895:

Number days attendance.....	411
" " absence.....	29
" " tardy.....	3
" " enrolled.....	23
Average number belonging.....	22
" " daily attendance.....	22
" " visits by directors.....	3
" " by others.....	25
Full number of visits during term.....	58

This month closes our spring term. Every pupil passing in the higher grade, none averaging below 85 per cent. During our six month's school we have had a successful entertainment, the proceeds of which enabled us to rent an organ for the whole term. The last day, Saturday, the pupils and patrons gave the teacher a surprise picnic dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all, and she can say that a more pleasant neighborhood to teach in will not be found in the county.
LIZZIE R. McCOWEN, Teacher.

HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For the month ending April 5, 1895:

Number days attendance.....	431
" " absence.....	228
" " tardies.....	33
Average number belonging.....	22
Number neither absent nor tardy.....	9
" enrolled, boys 16, girls 21.....	35
" total.....	35
" cases corporal punishment.....	0

The great number of absences is accounted for by the recent rains having risen the creek over which the children have to cross.
J. WOOLETT, Teacher.

PROGRAM.

The following is the program for the teachers' association to be held at Bethel May 4, 1895:

Song..... by Association
Reading..... Mrs. J. C. Taggart
Recitation..... by pupil of Bethel school
Spelling..... Miss Anna Powell

INTERMISSION.
Song..... by Association
Geography..... Prof. Wm. Parker
Song..... Bethel school
Myths and Fairy Tales; their use and place in public schools. W. L. Reynolds

After the reading of each paper, there will be a short general discussion.

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News Items and Editorial Expressions.
(Itemizer.)
Bids for furnishing wood for county were presented by Geo. Selby, Gus Forsell, F. M. Collins, R. H. Chapin, D. Van Patton, John Dunlop, Dan Syron, Albert Meier, J. W. Elliott, Henry Fern, Henry Vogt and Chas. McDonald, the lowest bid per tier for oak being 90 cents and the highest \$1.25 and for fir the lowest \$1 and the highest 1.40.

The Montgomery school, west of Lewisville has excellent water arrangements. On a hillside across the road 330 feet away is a spring which the directors had dug out to a depth of six feet and walled up. A galvanized pipe runs from there into one corner of the school room, being laid twenty inches under the ground, a forty foot pipe takes the waste water away. What other country school in the county has water half so convenient.

Under a mistletoe bough at the home of Chas. McDonald, near Dallas, last Wednesday, Rev. T. V. B. Embree pronounced the magic words that changed Miss Maggie McDonald into Mrs. L. D. Oliver, of Portland. The bride was born and raised among us and the groom has every appearance of being a worthy gentleman. They first met in California where Mr. Oliver was a commercial traveler.

Miss Bertie Whiteaker has gone to teach in Wasco county. W. McGhie, who lives north of Red Prairie, has 400 acres in wheat and will make the business pay if any one can.

Perhaps one-third of all the farmers in Polk county have more land than they can profitably cultivate or use any other way. If all such would dispose of the unprofitable surplus to people who would utilize it, a benefit would accrue all around. Oregon needs more population and a better development of its resources.
(Transcript.)

County taxes are coming in at the rate of \$1,000 to \$5,000 daily. Who says there is no money?

Frank Rowell has put a boom into the mill pond near town, preparatory to floating his wood from the mountains. He has about 300 cords and it will take about three weeks to get into town.

The Telephone Register, of McMinnville, says that the parties are in San Francisco who will soon start up the Dallas Woolen Mill. God speed the day.

Tommy Morrison inventor and manufacturer of the "Morrison Hop Press" is making some improvements on the machine of last year. He has replaced the pinion gears with heavier ones, and the press will run some slower, but without so much exertion on the part of the pressman.

There has been a male quartette organized in Dallas, the singers being Gus Bassett, 1st tenor O. J. Cosper, 2nd tenor, B. F. Mulkey, 1st and Geo. C. L. Snyder, 2nd bass.
Prof. Sanders will soon leave for Hillsboro.
(Observer.)

Born, on Monday, April 6, 1895, to the wife of Geo. Chamberlain, a son.
"Grip" is gripping the people about Dallas these days.
Mr. C. C. Smith, for many years a resident of this city, died at his

home April 5, 1895. During the many years he lived here he was held in the highest esteem by our citizens, and his many friends will mourn his demise. He leaves a wife and one child.

The moral wave that has struck Portland bids fair to fatten only a few shyster lawyers. The howl of charity has already gone up from the other classes of people.

Delegates of the Epworth League convention are here from all quarters of the Salem district consisting of all the counties between Eugene on the South, and McMinnville on the North. The convention has got right down to work, and will continue its meetings over next Sunday.

Attorneys Daly, Sibley & Eakin, are correcting up those county ownership maps.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

Six inches of snow reported on the hills about Ashland last Thursday morning.
A Pleasant Hill farmer says he shipped 11,000 pounds of hops to New York and received in payment \$9.80. A neighbor who shipped 8000 pounds to a New York house received a dun instead of pay for about \$50 or \$60. The commission firms claim, of course, that freights, commission, storage, etc., has consumed the farmer's hop crop.

A young man from Rogue river valley stole Don Doe, Bob Anderson's race horse, and a sorrel mare belonging to Tom Walters, at Bonanza, last week, and left the country. He was tracked by Silas Kilgore and Perry Murphy to Tom Way's place on the Klamath, where he sold the race horse for \$10, and went on with the mare. No further trace of him has been found.

Our Jacksonville correspondent writes: Some miners prospecting on the head of Forest creek, about nine miles from Jacksonville, uncovered two ledges this week from which they obtained very flattering prospects. The ledges are about 700 feet apart and will average 18 inches in width and free milling ore. They lie between walls of slate and prophery, which is considered a good indication. Actual tests of the ore taken out show that it will mill \$50 per ton. The names of the discoverers are surprised by request and more information concerning these discoveries may be expected next week.

A rich pocket of ore has been struck in the virtue mine. Several thousand dollars are said to have been taken out in large nuggets the past few days. When questioned concerning it Supt. McNally only smiles, but enough has been gleaned to warrant the assertion that it is the biggest strike that has been made there for a long time.

There is a school district in Wallowa county which has only nine legal voters, four male and four female persons of school age, and at the last term of school taught there was an average attendance of three. The school building is counted as worth \$15, and the furniture valued at \$5. Can any other county beat this?

Stockmen say 3 and 4-year-old cattle, fit for feeding for beef next winter are very scarce in Lane county. During the last two seasons a large number of young cattle have been bought and sent to bunch-grass ranges.

While dressing chickens last Saturday Al Emerson, of Heppner, found two gold nuggets in the craw of one chicken, one of which was almost as large as the little finger-nail. The chickens were raised on a branch of water near Hardman.

It is reported that a number of bogus dollars, of 1879 date, are being circulated about Pendleton. They are a good imitation of the genuine coin, but considerably lacking in weight, and the milling and lettering are said to be stamped a little sharper than is done in Uncle Sam's dollar factories.
Byron Barnard has bought up all the cattle that he can find for sale around Fossil, and left Wednesday for Prineville, where he is informed 1000 head can be bought. During the past 10 days he has had men buying for him in Grant and Crook counties, and will probably get 3000 in all, which he will ship to Montana from Arlington and Heppner.

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