

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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REPORTS.

RICKREALL PUBLIC SCHOOL. For the month ending April 12, 1895:

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL. For the month ending April 12, 1895:

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

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

Otto Messman came up from Portland the other day, where he has been attending medical lectures.

A \$200 monument is to be erected over the grave of Isaac Ball.

C. Kendall, who many years ago sold out his tinware business here to Dave Cosper, is here again and has started a second-hand store in one of Dr. Kirkpatrick's buildings.

At a republican meeting Wednesday evening W. L. Wells, H. B. Plummer, B. F. Mulkey, Wm. Faulk, C. G. Coad and D. P. Stouffer were chosen delegates to a state club meeting in Portland May 22.

Ben Simpson, a pioneer resident of this county, writes from Selma, Alabama, to his son, John, postmaster at Sheridan, that times are distressingly hard in that country.

"Aunt Mehama" Smith, who died at her residence on the Santiam Monday, was the wife of James X. Smith, having been united in wedlock with him on the 29th of September, 1841.

Resolved that we reaffirm our devotion to the temperance cause, the principle of total abstinence and prohibition and our loyalty to both state and national unions.

Resolved that we greatly deprecate the Sabbath decoration so common in our state and the violation of law by saloons and we hail with joy the indications of a better sentiment for sabbath observance and better enforcement of law in our municipalities.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies of Independence for their kindness to the delegates and members of the convention. Also to the officers of the Christian church for the use of their church during the convention.

Frank Rowell and Elmer Reynolds have about finished floating their wood. They lost about 15 cords, which went under the boom in the dam and on down the creek.

The Epworth League Convention of the Salem District, which was held at the M. E. church in this place, was one of those pleasant successes that people delight to dwell upon.

Mr. Frank S. Harding, McMinnville's painstaking democratic postmaster and a printer by whose side the publisher of this paper has put in many an hour, attended the Epworth League last week, and was a pleasant caller at this office.

The La Creole Academy closed on last Friday, after a term of six months. The school has been a marked success under the principalship of Prof. Sanders, and the

OBSERVER trusts the Academy will open up for the next session by Prof. Sanders with renewed energy for good results.

Mr. A. Ferhn will furnish the county with its next year's firewood at \$1.80 per cord delivered.

Muir & McDonald shipped about 20,000 pounds of leather from their tannery to San Francisco this week.

To-day County Treasurer Cosper paid into the state treasury Polk county's tax for 1894. The tax amounted to \$12,164.24.

We note that Montgomery & Co., of Falls City, will supply the lumber for the railroad bridge across the Luckiamute, on the Yamhill division.

Dallas is now a cow town—it is no unusual sight to see 30 or 40 cows roaming the city commons at any time of the day.

We recommend that the coming year be especially devoted to organization.

1. By increasing the membership of our local unions.

2. By organizing unions in all unorganized places in the county.

3. That in farming districts when it is not possible to hold regular meetings, ladies be induced to join the Lady Somerset Union by signing our pledge and payment of thirty-five cents annually as state and county dues.

4. We also recommend local unions to appoint a committee to secure honorary members.

Reading the fact that women are being brought into public work more and more each year we urge the necessity of a better knowledge of parliamentary law and we recommend all unions to have at least once a month a drill in parliamentary usage, using Roberts rules and the helps published by the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association.

We recommend that every union be requested to send to the county treasurer ten cents per member as a donation for county work to be paid any time during the year most convenient for the union.

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Mrs. Turner } Resolutions.

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Mrs. Stoner } Committee
Mrs. Orr } Resolutions.

WORSE THAN CHEWING GUM.

The Evil Effects of Masticating Paper Illustrated by an Old Story.

In the time of Charles XII of Sweden the private secretary of Count Goertz, then minister to England, was strongly addicted to the habit of chewing paper.

The young man's acquaintance on a journey to Conland. He was the son of a landed proprietor named Buehren. Count Goertz took him to Stockholm and gave him a place in the cabinet. At first the young secretary chewed only white paper, but soon acquired a liking for paper even that had been written on.

A peace treaty had been formulated between Russia and Sweden, which the members of the assembly forced Charles XII to accept. The basis of this treaty was a treaty which both states had agreed upon with regard to Finland. The original of this treaty was given by Count Goertz to his young secretary. When it was called for by the assembly, it could nowhere be found. The assembly believed that it had been destroyed by Goertz in order to overthrow the peace policy and give Charles XII a chance to go to war. Goertz was arrested, when his secretary came forward and confessed having masticated the document. He was tried and sentenced to death. The king would gladly have pardoned him had he dared in the face of the angry assembly, but he gave him an opportunity to flee from the country. Buehren went to Conland with a letter of recommendation to the duke

from Minister Goertz. The latter, believing that his severe punishment had entirely cured him of the bad habit of chewing up documents, appointed the young man secretary to his superintendent. When the duke, who was very extravagant in his expenditures, was notified by his superintendent of the hopeless condition of his finances, he asked for a statement of his affairs, and the young secretary was intrusted with all the bills, etc., to make up the statement. He again succumbed to his evil habit and chewed up one of the duke's most important receipts among the duke's papers. In his despair he sought mercy at the hands of the beautiful duchess, Anna Ivanovna, the niece of Peter the Great, and she interceded for him with the duke.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Smart Chinaman. "We have one of the smartest Chinamen in the country at Denver," said a gentleman at the Mansion hotel. "His name is Chinn Foo. He is very wealthy, but to judge from his clothes one would think him a candidate for the poorhouse. I was in the smoking room of a sleeper one day coming from Omaha to Denver when Chinn came in. The only other occupant was a real dude, of the one-eyed, cigarette pattern. "Where are you going, John?" said the dude beamingly as Chinn sat down. "I am going to Denver, sir. Whither are you destined?" replied Chinn in the most graceful manner. Well, sir, his duddlets collapsed, and as soon as he could escaped. The fact is we, in our bigotry, think every Chinaman is an egregious idiot. The contrary is mostly true. They are capable of transacting almost any business, and sometimes exhibit a power seldom possible in an Englishman."—Fort Worth Gazette.

A Tricky Smuggler. "Several years ago," said a treasury agent, "we suspected a man was smuggling diamonds from Canada. We called him into the office as soon as he left the ferryboat, examined the linings of his clothing and his person, from the rim of his hat to his toenails—every place of concealment we could think of—but to no purpose. We therefore came to the conclusion that we were misinformed and on the wrong scent. He went out of the office nonchalantly sucking an orange, which he had laid down while being inspected. A keen-eyed lady detective attached to this department whispered to one of our officers, 'Suppose you try that orange.' It was done, and the man turned white with rage and disappointment when in it was found a small handful of the precious gems. In five minutes more we would have lost him."—New York Times.

Hygienic Care For the Eyes. Bathe the eyes every morning in cold water, keeping them closed. To put anything on the delicate eyeball without the advice of a reputable oculist is madness. For any disorder consult a physician at once. Delay may be fatal. For ordinary fatigue or inflammation a cold cloth will be soothing. Never work or read in too glaring or too weak a light. Rest the eyes occasionally by looking at a distant object. Never sleep facing a window. Many persons do so, and the consequence is weak and lusterless eyes, early awakening and often morning headaches.—New York Recorder.

PROFIT AND LOSS ON FARMS.

The Fundamental Principles of a Consistent and Profitable Farm Practice.

Sir John B. Lewis has said that the advantage American farmers had in the present competition in farm products consisted in the stored quality of their soils, in connection with climatic conditions that enabled them to grow in perfection that kind of the cereals, maize or American corn. Admitting this standpoint of advantage for the American farmer, the direction in which he should look in efforts to improve his methods of practice is thus defined by Dr. Manly Miles of Michigan through the columns of The American Agriculturist. He says:

Broadly speaking, the returns from his soil, and the outcome of his staple crop, maize, should receive prominent attention to enable him to retain the commanding position in the markets of the world to which he is justly entitled from the conditions with which nature has favored him. The first consideration must be to conserve and make available in the production of useful crops the elements of fertility contained in the soil itself, which should be supplemented with the home supplies of manure. The largest returns from the soil can be obtained by growing a variety of crops in succession, among which corn should have a prominent place from its advantages as a cleaning crop, its large yield per acre of cattle food, and the value of the manure from the crop when fed out, in connection with its influence in conserving fertility during its long period of growth by the appropriation of plant food.

Thorough tillage, drainage, a judicious rotation of crops and the home supplies of manure are the agencies that require attention in this preliminary process of crop growing. Having obtained from the soil the largest return in vegetable products under a rational system of management, the next consideration is the disposition to be made of field crops in order to secure the greatest profit from them. It is difficult to place a fair money value on these products, as they could not all be sold if thrown upon the market in the form in which they are harvested. The coarser products would not pay the cost of transportation from a glut of the market, as there would be a demand for but a small proportion of them outside of the farms where they are grown. It is evident that these products cannot all be sold to advantage without converting them into more marketable forms on the farm itself, and as an incident of this conversion should not be overlooked the further advantage of retaining the residue of this process in the form of manure to maintain or increase the soil productiveness. If farm

animals are looked upon as machines that are needed for converting unsalable field crops into marketable products of greater value, and for which there is a larger demand, the true principles of the feeding and management of the live stock of the farm will be more readily understood. Animal products of the best quality, that will command the highest prices in the market, will usually be the most profitable.

The nutritive ration the farmer needs to consider to secure profitable feeding depends upon the relative amount of the several crops he can profitably grow, and their appropriation to secure an appetizing variety in the prescribed rations, so that all can be profitably utilized. This system will determine the available variety of foods, and the farm should be stocked with animals that are the best adapted to the work of manufacturing them all, without waste, into marketable products. The intimate interdependent relations of all departments of farm economy must be recognized and receive due attention, in planning the system of management, in order to obtain the largest profit from the aggregate results. Errors that arise from a too exclusive attention to purely theoretical details of doubtful import will be avoided by keeping practically in view these fundamental principles of a consistent and profitable farm practice.

Value of Chemical Fertilizers. At the Ohio station work has been carried on to ascertain the real value of these called chemical fertilizers, and after considerable thought and experiment it is summed up in bulletin 49 that they should be used only in connection with some nitrogen storing crop.

In other words, nitrogen is too expensive an article to purchase for the soil, and that this element must be supplied by growing crops that produce it, and then the commercial fertilizers can be used with profit. Clover and all of the leguminous crops supply the nitrogen, and they must come in frequently in the rotation to obtain the best effect. Unless we supply the soil in this way with nitrogen the commercial fertilizers will rob the soil for a few years and grow good crops, but will nearly ruin the land in the end.

Canada Thistles. A writer in Garden and Forest describes a novel and effective method for clearing some neglected land of Canada thistles. As an experiment he took a clod crusher, made of 2 inch plank, loaded it with as much stone as the horses could draw and broke the thistles down flat and then plowed them deeply under. The plan succeeded perfectly. It seems that their entire vigor, vitality and substance were then in their roots, as they were ready for scattering the seeds. They were entirely destroyed, and a market gardener raised vegetables on the land the next season.

Negroes and Spells. The superstitious fear of "conjurers" among southern negroes is more widespread than most people know, or than the believers will admit. In the eastern or coast counties this is greater than elsewhere. It is said that this is due to the fact that the last slaves brought from Africa were taken to that section. The bottles filled with dried toads, lizards and other unpleasant things buried in the center of gateways or at paths are more numerous than people not superstitious have any idea of. Cases have occurred where such things were buried on all four sides of a house frequently left by its owner, and the fact was duly made known to the neighbors, and the place was never entered save by the owner until the latter removed the spell. Of course the great mass of the negroes are too intelligent to believe any of these things, and they are doing a vast deal, as they have done, to stamp out such foolish beliefs. The belief in "de rabbit's foot" is quite generally known, and with not a few persons is most sincere. Persons who oftentimes would be ashamed to confess it carry a rabbit's foot.—Washington Star.

Tapestry Wall Paper. The most expensive wall paper is tapestry, some of the older specimens of which are worth thousands of dollars. Only a short while since some magnificent specimens were discovered on the walls of an office in Lisbon and sent to the National museum. They are valued at \$55,000 and represent the trial of Marcus Aurelius, the coronation of Marcus Aurelius, Marcus Aurelius rebuking Faustianus and one of his battles. Each has allegories on one side. The letters of the legends are yellow on a brown ground. No sign or mark to show either age or maker can be found, but they are believed to date from the reign of Don Juan V—1706 to 1750.—New York Herald.

Chinese and Pigeon English. There is no such thing as a Chinese language any more than there is a European language. A Canton man cannot understand an Amoy man, and I have seen two Canton men sitting together with a third one acting as an interpreter. Pigeon English is the common tongue of commerce. It has a vocabulary of less than 1,000 words, but is sufficiently flexible to answer any purpose.—Washington Post.

Only on two occasions has England gone to war to aid a weaker nation. The first was when Elizabeth sent an expedition to the relief of the Dutch and Flemings to help them against the encroachments of Philip II of Spain. The second was the war of Greek Independence in 1827.

The Massachusetts Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers \$30 for evidence which shall convict a boy for stealing family cats and \$50 for evidence which will convict any medical student of practicing vivisection on any such cat.

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