

Teachers Picnic.

Owing to the inclement weather last Saturday, the Polk county teachers' picnic has been postponed to Saturday June 1. A full program has not been handed in for publication, but we are assured by members of the committee that a very interesting program will be prepared, and special efforts made to have one of the most live picnics ever held in the county.

Graduating exercises.

"Two scenes from the life of Benedict Arnold," Eloise Phillips, Dallas schools.

Oration, Jennie M. Powell, Monmouth school.

Oration, "The Elements of Success," Clarence Wagoner, of the Independence schools.

Music, followed by general exercises.

Recitation, Bernice Sears, McCoy school.

Recitation, "The Quarrel," Sadie Myer, Smithfield school.

Song, Mary Stengel, Monmouth school.

Recitation "The Wayside Inn," Bessie Holmes, Edna school.

Quartet, Ella Fennell, Alta Estes, Harry Clodfelter, Joshua Talbot.

Drills—Tambourine drill, pupils of McCoy schools.

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REPORTS.

OAK VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For the month ending May 24, 1895:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Number days taught, attendance, tardies, enrolled boys and girls, total, average number belonging, daily attendance, per cent of attendance, number visits by directors.

O. D. IRELAND, Teacher.

MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

For the month ending May 24, 1895:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Number days attendance, absence, tardies, enrolled, average daily attendance.

Those neither absent nor tardy were: Inez Zumwalt, Lillie Taylor, Essie and Hattie Atwater, Freddie and Mildred Clemons, Nellie Phillips, David and Lesa Redd-copp, Frank and Maggie Kemp.

TRACY STAATS, Teacher.

ELKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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Albert Tedrow, Louis Tedrow, Jimmie Tedrow, Henry Muscott, Elmer Masterson, Cora Harmon, Nita Holman and Emma Moggsford were present every day during the term.

E. M. SMITH, Teacher.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Ex-pressions.

(Transcript.)

Mr. R. C. Craven and Miss Wood reached their destination in Mis-souri in safety, and were heard from last Friday.

The people of the M. E. Church South, are getting ready to erect their new church building.

Quite a number of Dallas people have completed the Chataquan course and some of them will probably attend the Chataquan assembly at Oregon City in July.

Prof. Swann has recently purchased a bicycle and he ride, rides, rides, hardly stops to eat his meals. He supposed, of course, everybody and everything would recognize the fact that he had a new wheel and give him full sway; but when he ran into a tree and it knocked him off and skinned his face, he realized that it was more permanent than his wheel.

The Woman's Missionary Society convened Wednesday afternoon in the Christian church, for the purpose of holding a missionary con-

vention. Prominent officers from abroad were present and held an interesting session.

(Itemizer.)

There were nine bids for the erection of the new schoolhouse at Su-ver, ranging from \$542 down to \$419, the contract going to R. B. St. John, of McCoy.

Miss Emma Riggs, of Crowley, is up in the Walla Walla country recuperating from the ill effects of the grip, that tastered upon her last winter. She is enjoying the mountain air around Lixie and feeling better.

C. C. Yeater and Miss Elnora Owen, of the Bridgeport vicinity, are now two of the happiest mortals alive. The former used to think he could go it alone all right and the latter that an old maid's life would be good enough for her, but something kindled a little flame of mutual magnetic attraction and they became arnly convinced that each was made for the other and so they are married.

There is to be a picnic at the Ballston grove June 8th.

The Polk county pioneers will hold their annual reunion in Dallas on June 11th and 12th. They are getting up an interesting program.

Rev. E. A. Ross, the evangelist, and wife have arrived and next Sunday will begin a two week's meeting. The people of Grants Pass presented him with a fine gold watch in recognition of his labors among them.

Wm. Parker and Miss Ann Powell have been reemployed to teach the Ballston school for another year.

(Observer.)

"Grandma" Linville is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Cosper.

W. W. Bretherton, tax agent of the Southern Pacific Company, was in the city this week arranging the company's taxes. They pay nearly \$3000.

PROBATE MATTERS: In the estate of Geo. Thorp, deceased, proof of will filed and bond for executor, Joseph Thorp, approved. In the estate of Cordelia Staats, will admitted to probate.

A real wild bear was seen by Stell McCarter, who lives a few miles west of town, on last Thursday morning killing a hog. The bear was holding the hog with one paw and beating it on one side of the head with the other. The hog was killed and one shoulder eaten out off before Stell could get assistance.

The Itemizer in its last issue says "Judge Burch (and mentioning several other old settlers) is a resident of Riekkreal." Now Judge Burch has resided in Polk county and at Riekkreal for over forty years, and has been prominent in our county affairs for many years. Of course, as the Itemizer terms it, "the people want the news, and must necessarily read that paper."

Adjust Family Differences.

Bad temper is often merely bad digestion.

Many quarrels attributed to perverse dispositions are due to disordered livers.

Ripans Tabules adjust family differences, and would prevent them, which is better, if taken in time.

Ripans Tabules, taken after meals, morning and evening, for a while, regulate the system and sweeten the temper.

MONMOUTH.

Still it continues to rain. No sign of a drouth.

Uncle Frank Powell is putting a new roof on his barn.

Prof. Ginn has moved into the Cressy house north of the O. S. N. S. grounds where he will remain during the summer.

Have you noticed the broad smile on Prof. Wann's face of late? It is due to the fact that a new professor has taken up his abode with him and expects to remain there.

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The Novello quartette returned from Portland in good spirits and very much pleased with the hearty welcome they received. They seem to be more in love with their party than before.

The Monmouth amateurs give their drama at the opera house in Independence this evening. We speak for them a full house.

William Boots and wife were at McMinnville last week visiting friends.

There are quite a number who are going from Monmouth to the unveiling of two monuments by the "Woodmen" at Salem.

HEX & REX.

PARKER

Speed Bevens is peddling delicious steak through these parts.

The S. P. Co's carpenters will commence work on the depot building tomorrow. They will raise the building and put a new foundation under it.

Chas. Brown, one of Parker's old time boys, who is at present studying dentistry at McMinnville, was visiting friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

The Suver literary society closed Saturday night to meet the first Saturday in October.

A number of the young folks of Suver attended church and Sunday school here last Sunday.

On account of the recent rains work on the hop yards has been postponed for a while.

Clud Boone, says he thinks his name will be "Demis" before long.

One of Suver's young men was recently seen taking a westerly direction, just hitting the high places in the road, as if some magnetic attraction had hold of him. For further particulars call on "Grant."

LITTLE JOKER.

BUENA VISTA.

Gardens and grain are growing nicely since the big rains.

E. N. Hall, our road supervisor, is doing some fine work on the new road between here and Independence.

Rev. Yost failed to meet his appointment here last Sunday.

M. N. Prather and family will soon move to the Prescott & Venes-logging camps on the Luckiaun.

Mr. Ranzel, of the Luckiaun hills, was in town Monday.

John Sullins is slowly recovering from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McClain made a flying trip to Portland last week to attend the bedside of a sick relative.

The rain Friday night and Saturday caused some disappointment to many of our people who had prepared to attend the Independence picnic.

BRUNO.

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 in paths are more numerous than people not superstitious have any idea of. Curses 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.

Tapstry Wall Paper.

The most expensive wall paper is tapstry, 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 \$35,000 and represent the trial of Marcus Aurelius, the coronation of Marcus Aurelius, Marcus Aurelius rebuking Faustian 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 Anoy man, and I have seen two Chinamen 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 \$20 for evidence which shall convict a boy for stealing family cats and \$30 for evidence which will convict any medical student of practicing vivisection on any such cat.

P. Ellveit of Dohlen, Saxony, proposes the manufacture of glass pipes by rolling down molten glass in grooves or flutes, and using a core to complete the formation of the pipe or tube.

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 Chim 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 Chim came in. The only other occupant was a real dude, of the one cigarette, cigarette pattern.

"Where are you going, John?" said the duds' beamingly as Chim sat down.

"I am going to Denver, sir. Whither are you destined?" replied Chim in the most graceful manner. Well, sir, his duds felt collapsed, and as soon as he could escaped. The fact is we, in our litigious, 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 left him into the office as soon as he called 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 head aches.—New York Recorder.

The Pronunciation of Arkansas. I have traveled in Arkansas, and it is said there that the legal pronunciation is Arkansasaw. In the antebellum days, about the time Kansas was admitted as a free state, there was agitation in the state legislature of Arkansas in regard to the state name being mistaken by its similarity to the name of Kansas. One very zealous member of the house moved that the legal pronunciation of the state should be Arkansasaw. The proposition was seconded, and passed by a large majority.

So the story goes. To travel the state and say Arkansas and not Arkansasaw marks a person among the natives as being a tender, not to their soil. As a rule all southern people say Arkansasaw, and that I believe, is why the pronunciation is still kept fresh, as I know that the schools of Kansas and the west teach the pronunciation Arkansasaw.—Baltimore Sun.

National Aims. It is a strange thing that the national airs of great countries are short, while those of little countries are very long. For instance, "God Save the Queen" is 14 bars, the Russian hymn 16 bars, and "Hail, Columbia," the foremost among the American airs, has 28 bars. On the other hand, San's national hymn has 76 bars, that of Uruguay 70, Chili's 46, and so on. San Marino, the smallest republic in the world, has the longest national hymn. The national hymn of China is so long that, when people want to hear it, they have to take half a day off to be able to listen to its strains.—London Million.

Very Thin. The Berlin gold beaters at the Paris exposition showed gold leaves so thin that it would require 282,000 to produce the thickness of a single inch, yet each leaf was so perfect and free from holes as to be impenetrable by the strongest electric light.—Exchange.

Parisian shopkeepers say that photographs of actresses and society women are sold in large numbers, but that pictures of public men are rarely purchased.

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