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INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS.

The First Day's Attendance Larger Than Any Previous Year.

THE OUTLOOK VERY ENCOURAGING.

The Independence public schools for 1895-96 opened promptly at 9 o'clock Monday morning, October 7. The attendance was larger than that of any previous year on the first day of school. Each department has a large enrollment, in fact, the primary and one or two other lower departments are almost crowded. The Eight grade, the graduating department, has a much larger representation than ever before, besides a number of pupils who are taking a high school course. Before assigning the pupils to their respective departments the entire school was congregated in the hall and addressed by Director Shinn and Principal Hayes.

Mr. Shinn congratulated the pupils upon their bright and neat appearance and extended them a cordial welcome in behalf of the school board. He said the work in which they were now engaged was simply preparatory for their life work in the future, and he hoped each pupil would improve the present opportunity by industry and diligence in their studies. They had made marked advancement in their studies last year and could easily advance onward the coming year. The school year would consist of eight months only and each pupil will have to crowd nine months work into eight. It was the duty of the pupils to be obedient to their teachers and to accord to each other equal privileges. The rules of the school would be impartially enforced and the interests of all would be paramount to the interests of the few. A few insubordinate pupils, if such there should be, would not be permitted to demoralize the school. The board of directors had the best interests of the whole school at heart and no effort would be spared on their part to advance the mutual interests of each and all.

Principal Hayes welcomed the pupils in a few brief words and said that he hoped the labor of the pupil and the labor of the teacher would be mutually pleasant and helpful. The rules of the school must be observed to the end that harmony and good order may prevail. He hoped the relationship between teachers and pupils would be as amicable during the present school year as it had been in the past. Mr. Hayes then suggested that the pupils march to their respective departments to the music of the piano.

The roll call showed 280 pupils present. The department teachers are as follows: Primary, Mrs. Tuck; second grade, Miss Mulkey; third grade, Miss Cochran; fourth grade, Miss Hall; fifth grade, Miss Goodrich; sixth grade, Miss Longacre; seventh grade, Miss Hill; eighth grade and high school, Principal Hayes. Miss Longacre, who has been teaching in Portland, was not present to take charge of her department. This caused some confusion and considerable disappointment. Miss Longacre wired the directors Monday forenoon that she would be on hand Tuesday noon to take charge of her school. The visitors present were the board of directors, E. C. Pentland, T. Layton Jenks and A. Nelson, J. T. Ford.

SPECIAL EXCURSION.

The Oregon Industrial Exposition has made arrangements with the Southern Pacific Company for special excursion rates from Parkersburg, Independence, Derry, Crowley and McCoy to Portland at a \$2.75 round-trip rate per passenger, including the admission into the exposition building. The excursion will run on regular scheduled time in special cars on Wednesday, October 16, and return on Saturday, October 19th. Persons wishing to attend the exposition should avail themselves of these cheap rates.

DIED.

PIERCE.—In Independence, Or., Saturday morning, October 5, 1895, Ada Leona, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pierce, aged 2 1/2 years.

The little girl's death was caused from severe burns received the evening before, a full account of which will be found in another column. The funeral was preached at the G. A. R. auditorium, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. R. Baldwin, officiating. The sermon was an eloquent and thoughtful discourse from the 14th chapter of Amos, last clause of 12th verse—"Prepare to meet thy God." A large congregation was present, and every one present seemed to realize the solemnity of the occasion and to appreciate the deep affliction of the bereaved family. The casket was adorned with beautiful flowers, the gift of many kind and sympathetic friends. The remains were taken to the Odd Fellow cemetery for interment.

VAN ORSDEL.—Near Independence, Or., Friday evening, October 4, 1895, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Van Orsdel, of inflammation of the bowels, aged two weeks.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday forenoon, and the remains taken to the Odd Fellow Cemetery for interment.

POLK COUNTY'S WEALTH.

Summarized From The Assessment Rolls For 1895.

The following summary shows the assessable wealth of Polk county as returned by County Assessor Beckett:

	Value.
108,191 acres of cultivated land	\$1,900,713
190,297 acres unimproved land	607,988
44,098 acres railroad land	21,507
Improvements on dedeed lands	190,330
Town and city lots	237,942
Improvements on town and city lots	240,930
Improvements on lands not dedeed or patented	6,190
89 1/2 miles railroad bed and rolling stock	208,707
98 1/2 miles telegraph and telephone lines	6,000
Merchandise and implements	208,065
Money	16,800
Notes and accounts	408,407
1500 shares of stock	112,500
Household furniture, carriages, etc.	155,564
4577 horses and mules	124,315
4546 cattle	46,831
22,760 sheep and goats	29,693
6509 swine	14,418
Gross value of all property	\$4,523,000
Exemption	\$ 379,437
Total taxable property	\$4,143,563
Number of polls, 2428.	

The average value of cultivated land per acre is \$17.56; unimproved land, 3.79; railroad land 48 cents. The average value of shares of stock is \$75; of horses and mules, \$25.63; sheep and goats, \$1.04; swine, \$2.21.

THE SILVER-TONGUED ORATOR BRYAN.

A Classical Graduate at Seventeen and Today One of the Greatest Orators of the United States.

Daily Oregonian.
 William Jennings Bryan, who is scintillating in the closing bursts of the free coinage skyrocket, was born in Salem, Marion county, Illinois, March 19, 1860, attended public school till 15, spending vacations on the farm. He was graduated with highest honors from the classical course of Illinois college, Jacksonville, just after his 17th birthday; studied law with Lyman Trumbull and moved to Lincoln, Neb., in 1887. He was elected to the 52d and re-elected to the 53d congress as a democrat. Bryan's speech on the Wilson bill was one of the ablest and most eloquent presentations of the free trade doctrine ever made anywhere. His private life is said to be crowned with more than aver-

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age attraction and usefulness. It is a cause for regret when any man of his youth, promise and ability permits himself to be identified with efforts to debase the currency of his country.

A Good Proposition.

Independence is now well prepared to accommodate almost any state or county organization with a meeting room, since the building of the G. A. R. auditorium; and while there are a number of important gatherings to be held there next spring, it might not be out of place to suggest that the next county republican convention be held there. We all know that our court house room is not suitable.—Dallas Observer.

OLD YAMHILL ON HER METTLE.

Old Yamhill is on her mettle, and just to show the kind of stuff she is made of, she challenges all creation this side of Sugar Tree Hollow and "north of the 42d parallel." The head and front of the grand old county's hot indignation was caused by the pig-headedness of that "agricultural 'hoss' show" over at Salem last week in awarding the first prize for the best county exhibit to Linn county. First prize to Linn county, indeed! That parvenue, upstart, unknown commonwealth. In what cast away corner of the Willamette valley is it located, anyhow? Who ever heard of Linn county until this eviled and unremitted prestige was thrust upon her by a stupid lot of incompetents yclepted, through mistaken courtesy, members of the Oregon State board of agriculture. Old Yamhill, like another Sampson, has been shorn of her beautiful locks through mistaken confidence and in the house of her friends. Why, didn't everybody predict that she would win? Of course they did. It was a 3 to 1 bet either for money, red apples or pumpkins. Transcript said so, Telephone-Register said so, the Reporter said so, and so said all the little penny-a-liners from Chehalis to Willamina and from July to eternity. What right, then, has Linn county to step in and humble the pride, moult the tail feathers and knock the turkey gobbler strut out of old Yamhill, the proud and glorious commonwealth where all of Oregon's great men made their first start. Yamhill don't won't stand it, Yamhill is not goin' to stand it. Not much! She is going to ship all her surplus products to the Portland exposition and just beat the daylight out all creation with her stupendous exhibit. That's what Yamhill is going to do.

ADA PIERCE BURNED.
A Fatal Accident that Cast a Shadow of Gloom Over The Entire Community.
 A very sad bereavement happened to the family of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pierce in this city last Friday afternoon. Their little two and a half-year-old girl was burned to death, dying at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon while Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were temporarily absent from home, their children and some others were playing in the back yard and thoughtlessly

built a bonfire of dried leaves, and little Ada Pierce, happening to run too near the fire, her clothing caught and in a few moments she was enveloped in flames. Her brother Georgie, aged 11, and one or two other children made frantic efforts to subdue the flames, but with out avail, the brother burning his hands badly in his efforts to rescue his little sister. The child was badly burned about the face and breast, the flesh on one arm was cooked almost to the shoulder. Her clothes were burned off, and she lingered in awful agony until five o'clock next morning when death mercifully came to her relief. The family is prostrated with grief, this being the second child they have lost in this manner. The entire community is in sympathy with the family in their sad bereavement. The Woman's Relief Corps rendered action and sympathetic assistance at the funeral and burial services.

The Statesman says that Salem does not pay her councilmen any compensation for their services. It seems to us to be only just that a city of Salem's population, the capital of the great state of Oregon, should pay the members of her common council, at least, something for their services. It is not right to ask men to give their time and services to the public without compensation.

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