

Public School Notes.

The teachers of the public school would like to impress upon the minds of the parents in the city the importance of rhetorical work and if possible secure their cooperation in their efforts in this direction. Probably no other part of public school work is neglected so much as this and in a large measure, oftentimes, this is due to a lack of interest taken by the parents. The work is considered rather superfluous and unessential and therefore neglected. We would feel grateful for your support and help in this most important branch of the work.

The enrollment at the public school is now over 200 and still they are coming. Next Friday ends the first month and by the beginning of next month pupils will probably be nearly all in.

The fourth grade will after this week occupy a room in the old academy building which the directors have leased for that purpose. Miss Lou Merchant of Carlton will be the teacher in charge.

Teachers' Column.

Candidates for teacher's licenses in New York state are examined in American History, Arithmetic, Civil Government, Current Topics, Geography, Drawing, Grammar, Methods and School Economy, Physiology and Hygiene, and Orthography.

BLACKBOARDS MUST GO.

There is no feature of the school-room that makes it look so "schooly" or makes schooliness so repellent as the blackboard. Chalk marks are as distinct on any other dark surface as on black and there is no need here of clinging to hideousness. The blackboard offends the home sense of the teacher. A revelation in breaking upon some school authorities least bound by tradition that is resulting in the choice of tasteful colors for the writing board. Some tint that is warm, soft, dark and rich, laid in a broad band round the classroom, would add homeliness instead of "schooliness" to the place in which children's tastes and faculties are to be developed. Oculists should be consulted as to the color selected. It should be a restful tint. Then the other colors used in the room should be brought into harmony with it.—Teachers' Institute.

THE FIRST DAY.

The best way to begin is by beginning. Don't prepare to get ready to begin, but go right to work.

After a hymn or a song and such other opening exercises as you expect to continue on the daily program, get your pupils to write their names with parents' or guardians' names and residences, and their grade in each study, on slips of paper distributed for the purpose, and pass them to the desk. Write your own full name and address on the blackboard, and let those who wish to copy it. While this silent introduction is going on, get similar information by word of mouth from those too young to write.

The papers gathered in and the school called to order again, tell the pupils that you will have certain plans for the year's work that will be taken up in due time, but that you intend to begin very much upon the plan to which they have been accustomed. Examine them as to what that plan is and prepare with their help a program for the second day. There may be schools so unruly as to make this much of freedom untimely and disastrous. With the average school, however, it will go far toward establishing a good understanding and a spirit of mutual helpfulness.

Set a copy on blackboard and have penmanship on loose sheets of paper while you examine slips, call groups together and assign work for recitation.

After recess, resolve the school into a committee of the whole to consider what may be done in the way of improving the school premises, both building and yard. Consider all suggestions, accept all offers of material and help, suggest further measures and give the pupils something to think over in this line. Decide what committees and officers must be appointed and write the titles upon the blackboard. Lead the pupils to consult at noon among themselves as to the best persons for certain committees and certain offices. Then to study and recitation again, with the next day's program as a rough guide.

Open in the afternoon with a song and follow with a discussion of the songs they know, of which make a list. Also ascertain what has been done in the way of calisthenics or other forms of physical exercise. If it rains at recess, get some school leader to put the pupils through such drills as they may have learned.

Occupy a portion of the afternoon in study and recitation preparatory to tomorrow's program. Devote the last half-hour to the election of committees and officers who will take charge of the room and grounds and discharge all mechanical functions in the school administration, such as keeping pencils, pens and other material in order, distributing same, etc.

Adjourn at three only to go to work upon the improvements decided upon. Utilize all your pupils if possible, even the youngest, who can fetch and carry.—Teachers' Institute.

They Won't.

H. H. Gilroy, reading clerk of the United States senate, was in Roseburg this morning. In the conversation had with him, he said it would be unfortunate for Oregon should the Republicans fail to stand by Hermann in our next political campaign.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

SCHOLLS.

Hop picking has about ended in this vicinity.

Mrs. Melle LeRue and children were visiting at Hoodview Saturday.

Mr. George Groner and Estrella Erick made a pleasure trip to Riverview cemetery Sunday.

There was quite a number of Tigardville residents attended the tabernacle meeting here Sunday.

Lester Wallan of Oswego is visiting Earnest Hanson this week.

J. D. and Frank Rowell did business in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Peterson and children from Portland are visiting at Mrs. Adams' this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Groner and Miss Blanche Cahow and Mesrs. Frank and Bert Rowell and Misses Agnes Ross and Cassie Rowell attended a party at Mrs. Geo. Robinson's at Farmington Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRue Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brooks and daughter Ora and son Rolla have returned from California where they have been residing the past year.

The tabernacle meetings which the Evangelicals are carrying on here are being well attended. They have some brilliant and impressive speakers among them and the singing which is conducted by Prof. Strayfellow is very good.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Koerber and children and Geo. Gonyly were in Newberg Saturday.

J. D. Rowell and Prof. French attended the Newberg fair Wednesday.

Messrs. Henry, Will and Ernest Hanson and John Dagan returned from the hop fields in Yamhill county last week.

Miss Aurilla Stainacker of Hoodview was the guest of Melle LeRue Saturday and Sunday.

A number of Scholl's bright young hopefuls one night last week planned an excursion up the mountain, but it seems it turned out a little different from expectations as they returned a rather dejected looking set. Be careful next time boys whom you are taking into confidence "for the best of friends will receive you" and it isn't so pleasant when the tables are turned, now is it?

Master Eddie Sutherland of McMinnville is visiting his grandparents at this place.

GLENWOOD.

G. T. Varley returned from Marion county Thursday.

Mr. Frank Allen and Sam Varley have made their tortunes picking hops and returned home.

G. T. Varley and Joe Graham expect to start to Washington soon.

Mr. Ed. Hughes visited friends on the Nehalem Friday and Saturday.

Miss Cora Scofield and Brother Walter returned home Monday.

Mr. M. L. Donahue of Glenwood was hurt pretty badly by a car while working in Portland, but is getting better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Wilson of Nehalem have returned home from St. Paul where they have been picking hops.

Mr. Frank Allen made a business trip to Forest Grove last Saturday.

GLENCOE.

Wm. Miller was doing business in Portland the fore part of the week.

Ulysses Jackson and family went to Portland on a visit last Sunday.

John Dorland, deputy postmaster, is having a slight attack of malarial fever.

Steve Meek lost a valuable mare last Sunday with the bots.

Thomas H. Willis of Mountaineer was doing business in our city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mays were in Portland in the latter part of last week.

Julius Walker has sold his farm and intends to move to Woodlawn.

Charles Watters and wife were visiting relatives in Clackamas county the fore part of the week.

Charles Kramer of Blooming was doing business in our city the fore part of the week. He also traded horses while here.

The hop pickers have mostly all returned home with a few shining half dollar pieces in their pockets.

Charles Roberts of Shady Brook who got his leg crushed in a hay bailer last week is getting along finely.

Mrs. B. P. Cornelius, wife of our county judge, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Mays, of this city Monday.

Mr. Isaac Smith of Tillamook is visiting relatives in this vicinity. He reports an abundance of trout in the Wilson river.

Pap. Goodin thinks that it is not so bad a thing after all to have a broken arm for he gets out of all work now.

George Gibson who has been absent from this place for the past eight months returned last Sunday.

A couple of boys took a shot at some dogs belonging to William Batchelder and killed one and crippled another last week and Justice Knight taxed them fifteen dollars apiece for their fun.

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The Secret of Success.

Caples & Thomas are in receipt of the following flattering letter from Tootle, Wheeler & Motter, the great wholesale house. It refers to the notice of the Forest Grove firm's success which appeared in last week's HATCHET. The "buy-cheap-sell-a-heap-and-keep-forever-at-it" plan is as satisfactory to the manufacturer as it is to the dealer and consumer:

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MESSRS. CAPLES & THOMAS,
Forest Grove, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

We notice in the Washington County Hatchet, a bright sheet bearing the motto, "We'll hew to the line let the chips fall where they may," evidencing both honesty and courage, a line which if followed out there will be no doubt of the chips falling on the right side. But we wish to congratulate you upon the notice in the paper which indicated that you are doing a large business in that country and doing it on principles that are sure to win, that is, on a cash system. It is a source of gratification and pleasure to the jobber to hear of a plan of this kind followed for it certainly is the right way to success.

Your friends,
TOOTLE, WHEELER & MOTTER.

Obituary.

Christian Carl, born in Saxon-Gotho, Germany, September 22nd, 1828, died in Glencoe, Oregon, September 19th, 1895, aged 66 years, 11 months, 27 days, of heart failure. The deceased was well known in this vicinity and was respected by all who knew him. He was a Union soldier in the war of the rebellion and had two honorable discharges to his credit. Death struck him instantly while sitting in his chair, without a moment's warning, and when his wife gave the alarm the neighbors rushed in and he looked as though he had fallen asleep instead of being stricken with death. The remains were taken to Portland and buried at the Lone Fir cemetery. The funeral services were held at Holman's Undertaking Parlors and conducted by the G. A. R.'s and were very impressive. The American flag he loved so dearly in life, draped in mourning, paid a tribute to a fallen comrade, an esteemed brother and a worthy patriot.

Hop House Burned.

The hop house of Wilcox Bros. in Scoggin Valley was burned Friday. While drying hops a lantern hanging to the ceiling was knocked down, broke and set fire to the hops. The building and its contents, including a day's picking of hops, was burned. Loss about \$500.

P. G. C., Ed Curtis reports visiting Delphos No. 39, K. of P., at Forest Grove accompanied by members from Simonides lodge No. 37 of Cornelius, fully one hundred members were present and representatives from Hillsboro, Glencoe, Corvallis and Portland, Simonides, Orpheus, Columbia and Castle. The third was conferred in splendid style by the team of Delphos, than which there are few superior in the Domain. After the work a substantial "feed" was served, and speeches and good feeling filled the house until the signal to extinguish the electric lights warned us to disperse.—Portland Frater.

Portland Market Report.

REVISED WEEKLY.

The following are the latest quotations of the local market.

Wheat—Market weak and declining; Willamette valley, 77 1/2 to 80c. Walla Walla, 77 to 79 1/2c. nominal.

Barley—Prices steady; good feed quoted at \$1.00 and 11.

Oats—Dull; No. 1, white, 21 and 23c; gray, 20 and 22c for choice.

Hay—Choice timothy, \$2.00 to \$2.00; choice chest \$1.50 to \$1.60 per ton.

Hops—Choice, 5 to 7c; medium, 3c, nominal.

Flour—Market steady with an upward tendency; snowflake, \$2.75; Portland, \$2.75; Dayton, \$2.50; Gold Drop, \$2.75; Graham \$2.25 to 2.35; Middlings—Bran, \$11; shorts, \$12.50; ground barley, \$14 to \$15.00; chop feed, \$12 to 13; chicken feed, 9c per cental.

Hides—Firm; 13 to 14 1/2c for dry.

Wool—Valley, well command 12 1/2 to 12c and Eastern Oregon 7 to 10c; choice light, 13 to 12c in San Francisco.

Smoked Meats and Lard—Large supply with small demand; sides, Eastern, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2c; hams, Eastern, 11 to 12c; pure lard, 8 to 9c; country cured sell at lower prices.

Butter—Firm; brine, 22c per roll for No. 1; store, in rolls, 20 to 22 1/2c per roll; for choice dairy, 20 to 22c per roll; creamery, 40 to 45c per roll.

Cheese—California 7 to 8c per lb; Young America, Oregon, 10 and 11c; Oregon full cream; medium to fancy, 8 to 10c; New York cream, 13 to 14 1/2c.

Dried Apples—Evaporated, bleached, 4 to 5c per lb; evaporated, unbleached, 4 to 4 1/2c; sundried, sacks and boxes, 3 to 4 1/2c.

Dried Plums—Pitted 4 to 5c per lb; machine dried, 5 and 6c; prunes, Italian, large, 5 to 7c; French, 3 to 7c.

Onions—New California, 1 1/2c per lb; Oregon, fancy, \$1 per sack; inferior, 40 to 50c per sack.

Pears—Evaporated 5 and 6c; sun 3 and 4c.

Poultry—Chickens, old \$1.50 to 2 per doz.; broilers, \$1 to 2.50 per doz.; live turkeys, 10c per lb; old ducks \$2.50 to 3.50 per doz.; young ducks, \$3.50 to 4.50 per doz.; young geese \$5 to 6.50 per doz.

Eggs—Firm, 30c.

Wheat bags—California, 5 1/2c; hop cloth, California, 1 1/2c; California, 10 1/2c.

Potatoes—Oregon 40 to 45c per sack.

Cordage—Manilla: Sizes, 7-10 and upwards, 5 1/2c; 3/4 to 1 1/2 in, 9c. Sisal: Sizes, 7-10 and upwards, 6c; 3/4, 5 1/2c; 1/2 to 3/4, 7c.

Salt—Liverpool, 100, strong at \$13 and \$13.50 per ton; 100, \$12.50; 200, \$12.

Fruits and Vegetables—We quote: Grapes, 65 to 70c per box; Oregon peaches, 30 to 35c per box; apples 25 to 30c; Oregon tomatoes, 20 to 25c; apples, 30 to 35c per box; watermelons, \$1 to 1.50 per doz; cabbage, 1 and 1 1/2c; sweet potatoes, 1 1/2c per lb; cucumbers, 50 per doz.

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PETITION FOR THE NICARAGUA CANAL

To the Honorable the Senators and Representatives of the State of Oregon in Congress,

GENTLEMEN:

Your memorialists and petitioners are citizens of the United States and also citizens of the State of Oregon, and they have the honor to exercise one of their constitutional prerogatives in thus addressing their representatives in the Congress of the United States.

We, your petitioners, are of the opinion that the time has arrived when the people of the United State should take final executive action and forever settle the question as to the construction of the inter-oceanic canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans through territory owned and governed by the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, whose territorial and sovereign interests are directly concerned, and whose explicit concessions, granting the exclusive privilege to the people of the United States to build and to operate the Nicaraguan canal have been provided and guaranteed as we are informed.

Therefore, your memorialists do most earnestly petition and request our senators and representatives in congress to take prompt and united action to the end that the government of the United States may on its own account proceed to build, finish, and control the Nicaraguan canal, for the following reasons:

First. The magnitude and national importance of this great enterprise can no longer be delayed without impeaching our sincerity, resulting in humiliation, if not dishonor, to the people of the United States.

Second. The construction and ownership of the canal by the United States is dictated by the principles of the soundest statesmanship, by consideration for our future safety and the safety of all the republics of America in their future relations and dealings with the other nations of the globe, promoting to the utmost degree the harmonious and intimate intercourse of all the republican governments which now occupy the Western Hemisphere, and will constitute our Gibraltar of the West for the protection, development and improvement of every American state, giving an imperishable activity to American commerce and an indestructible bulwark to republican governments.

Third. Climatic conditions, the location of civilized races and the history of maritime nations all point eastward and westward as the great highway for the bulk of the commerce and intercourse of the world. What the Suez canal has accomplished for commerce between Europe and Western Asia, the Nicaraguan canal will immediately excel in its important commercial results to the Pacific and Atlantic states in both North and South America.

Fourth. The speedy construction of this work under the authority and administration of the government of the United States suggests the importance of creating a department to be known as the Department of Commerce, coordinate and equal in all of its functions and duties to the Department of War or the Department of the Interior. Such a department, created to promote American commerce, should be subjected to such requirements and regulations in its administration and management of the interests of the United States in the said canal that our commerce, Eastern and Western, would receive a powerful impulse.

Fifth. In conclusion your memorialists do most earnestly invoke and request the enthusiastic activity of our senators and representatives in congress in bringing this important matter to a final and favorable conclusion to the infinite benefit of our fellow citizens of this commonwealth whose personal interests in the completion of this great inter-oceanic highway we justly regard as one of the most important duties of our faithful representatives to prosecute and defend during the next session of congress. And your petitioners will ever pray.