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OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

apportionment of county ool funds has just been made on e basis of 25 cents a child. This will bring the total rate for this year up to $3.30 a child, within 15 cents of what it was last year. However to do this it has been necessary to pay out the last dollar in the fund while in previous years the several hundred dollars realized from the delinquent taxes after September 1 has been allowed to wait to swell the Spring division.

The public schools of the county are now needing all the assistance that can be given them. Other departments of county work are in good running condition having been well provided for. To meet the requirements of the law the levy for schools cannot be less than five mills and it should this year be made at least six, and as much more as the other needs of the county will admit of without increasing too much the burden of taxation. The public will realize an advantage from the additional expenditure out of proportion to the present outlay.

This year's tax admitted only of short terms with time barely to get fairly started into work. An extra month added to the usual three months' term would double the efficiency of the average school. There is need now of more schooling and it would be real economy to provide for it. The harder the times the more incumbent it is to provide for the public schools.

City election is near at hand and nearer still the caucus to nominate condidates for the various city offices. To the integrity and ability of these men will be entrusted the administration of affairs which closely concern every citizen and taxpayer. The choice of nominees should not be left to a few but every one entitled to vote should be present at the caucus prepared to act intelligently and have a voice in the proceedings.

Court House News.

Probate—In the matter of the estate of J. P. Vaughn, deceased; petition filed asking an order to sell real estate; citation ordered to issue to the heirs and Maud Vaughn appointed guardian at litem of Roscoe J. Vaughn, minor; inventory filed showing value of estate to be $250.

In re estate of L. L. Williams, deceased; Sarah J. Williams appointed administratrix with bonds at $1,000; household and kitchen furniture and six months' provisions set off to widow for support of family. Administratrix authorized to sell property at public or private sale.

In re estate of Jacob Keim, deceased; estate closed of record and executor discharged.

In re estate of David Munroe, deceased; assignment of Ellen Flitt of her interest in said estate to Robt. Imbrie filed.

In re estate of R. D. Malone, deceased; final account approved, balance cash now on hand $24 ordered paid to E. C. Brown or preferred claim and, upon filing of his receipt for same, estate to be closed of record.

In re estate of Wm. A. Porter, deceased; final account approved and a dividend of .349 per cent. ordered paid on claims, and upon filing receipts for same, this estate will be closed of record.

In re estate of Mary R. Walker, deceased; petition filed praying for an order to sell real estate; citation to heirs ordered to issue returnable Monday, Feb. 1, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

In re estate of James R. Shipley, deceased; report of sale of real estate approved and admr ordered to make conveyance to purchaser.

In re estate of Nancy Spaulding, deceased; administrator ordered to deposit $291.30 with the clerk of this county for the benefit of said fund, the admr herein will be fully discharged from further liability herein.

Marriage License—George M. Hines and Emma J. Lilly.

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THE WORLD'S CHRISTMAS.

The day that commemorates the coming of the Prince of Peace finds this year all civilized nations in harmony one with another, and rumors of wars bring little disquiet for arbitration and not the wager of battle now adjusts the differences of nations.

Mighty advances in the art of destruction have made wars successions of massacres and have divested victory of all the glory which surrounded it when battles were won by personal prowess. Inhumanity still holds sway in the dominions of semi-barbarous Spain and Turkey, but the sympathy which now finds world-wide expression will soon rise above expediency and civilization will intervene to right these monstrous wrongs. Distress has come upon many lands, but the open hand of charity has been generous to relieve.

Not all the prophecy which the angels sung to the shepherds of the reign of the Christ-child who was born that night in the Bethlehem manger has yet been fulfilled, but the world is fast approaching that day to which hope for nineteen hundred years has been looking forward with ardent joy when peace shall reign on earth and good will prevail among men.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

"Christmas comes but once a year" and foremost among its gaieties and merriment is the old custom of the mistletoe, sweet link to the superstitions of the past, a pleasing rememberance of our hale old Druid forefathers." Kissing's no sin" the poet sang but for the rest of the year it is often inexpedient.

Science, that great discomforter of man, not content with finding appendicitis in the luscious grape and making a bare-footed walk through damp grass at unreasonable hours the only road to health, has discovered in the art of osculation a new danger, contagion. The poet's dream of breathing out the soul in the kiss of affection is banished by a scientific dictum that there is no soul about it but bacilli, most likely noxious at that. Sad end to a pretty fancy.

But there is no bane without its antidote and as yet the dangers of salutation seem to be confined to the lips. Science yet admits of the kiss upon the cheek and this change of the point of contact seems to circumvent the microbe host. Kissing upon the lips may have been a fruitful source of disease but thousands have gone to their graves in blissful ignorance of it, and thousands of others will glady brave the danger and if need be die happy. For these are here quoted the old French dancing master's instructions: Be not abrupt and impetuous, for all romance is banished when the teeth jar together and the lips are bruised in the contract. Just a fond glance into the eyes, then deliberately let the lips touch each other, a playful motion and—bliss. Merry will be

AT THE 'VARSITY.

Mr. George Johnson will spend his vacation in Portland.

Mr. John Miller is now a regular contributor to the Index.

Miss Laura Luce left for her home in Hillsboro Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Scott spends the holidays at her home in Lafayette.

Prof. Lloyd will be in readiness to take charge of classes at the opening of the winter term.

Mrs. F. R. Cook and her sister Miss Parker will spend the Xmas recess in Portland.

Prof. Whittelsey and Prin. Bates will be in Salem Thursday helping Prof. Robertson.

Mr. Hugh Geiger has organized a very strong foot-ball team which, it is said, will never taste defeat.

The December number of the college journal will appear this week. It is said to be an improvement on the November issue.

Mrs. Coursen will have charge of Mrs. Reed's classes the first six weeks of next term on account of Mrs. Reed's absence in the East.

Mr. Clarence Hartley, of Greenville, was mingling among his many P. U. friends Tuesday. Mr. Hartley expects to enter school next term, so now will be a prominent member of the fin de siecle class.

The editor-in-chief of The Index is sedulously pursuing his electric history, even to the neglect of attendance to classes. Why do students give most attention to studies which are easiest for them?

Gamma Sigs had a lively meeting last Saturday night. Several new members were initiated and a most excellent programme was rendered. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday night of next term at which the election of officers for the spring term will be held.

Tuesday evening was the time and the auditorium was the place when and where the Senior and Junior classes spread themselves before the learned citizens of Forest Grove. Long before the time set for the performance to begin a large, impatient audience awaited the arrival of the performers. They were finally rewarded and the two classes took their places amid wild vociferation and plaudits. The exercises were opened by an invocation by Rev. Starr, after which Mrs. Wells prettily sang a solo. The audience then lost its control and was held spell-bound by the renowned orator C. E. Bradley. (The reporter was also under his hypnotic influence, so could not catch his theme). The stately Miss Lorena Gleason then read a carefully prepared essay on "Capital and Labor." Misses Lee and Parker then rendered in a masterly manner a piano duet. The electric lights began to grow dim as the next performer Mr. H. H. Hartley took the platform. The dimness of the electric lights was soon accounted for by the dazzling radiance of the speakers face. He spoke of his experience as a pirate and gave good advice about going to *see*. The audience was then electrified and entranced by the matchless eloquence of Mr. P. C. Bauer. He spoke of the growth and developement of the Democratic party and gave indirect quotations. Miss Eugenie Tompkins with exquisite execution rendered a piano solo which concluded the programme.

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Christmas at Verboort School.

Verboort school held very interesting Christmas exercises Wednesday evening. The large room was filled to its utmost capacity with parents and friends, and the entertainment spoke well of the pupils' progress and did credit to their teachers. Two large Christmas trees loaded with presents added to the interest and no one was forgotten. The program follows:

Overture	Band
Christmas Greeting	All
Minnie's Christmas	Bertha V. Der Zand
Recitation	Edward Sohler
Christmas Chimes	Hattie Herb
Sweet Oregon	By Four Girls
The Pants that Mother Makes	Tony Sohler
Santa Claus	Dialogue
About the Size of It	A. and E. Van De Hey
The Blind Boy	Dora Vandervelden
The Blind Child	Annie Gleason
Guilty or Not Guilty	Waltherla Bernards
Little Robert Reed	Eddie Van Dehey
The Boy that Laughs	Joseph Bernards
O'er the Plains of Bethlehem	Chorus
School	Mary Sohler and A. Evers
Band.	
A Mortified Mistake	Etta Van De Hey
The Little Bird Tells	Agn. Reiling
To My Sister	Annie Gleason and Hattie Herb
The Bird's Funeral	Dialogue
A Boy's Troubles	Harry Gleason
Sockery Setting a Hen	Pius Moore
Memory's Jewels	M. Jansen and D. Van D. Veld
Twinkle Little Star	Willie Jansen
Where are the Coming Men	Bertie Gleason
Brag	Dialogue
The Beautiful Hills	Chorus
Band.	
The Guide Post	Christina Heesacker
"Long, Long Ago	Chorus
Recitation	Chas. Gleason
Spider's Web	Chorus
Curiosity	Dialogue
Home is Sad Without a Mother	A. and M. Van De Hey
Santa Claus	Rose Reverman
Star of Bethlehem	Geo. Gleason
Band.	
Old Watch	W. Osterman and F. Reverman
Star of Christmas	John Van Der Convering
Parting Song	M. Jansen and D. Van Dervelden
Invitation to Santa Claus.	
Distribution of Gifts	Band

County School Notes.

State teachers' association meets in Salem next Monday evening.

Brooklyn, N. Y., teachers are not allowed to accept presents from their pupils.

California law makes it a misdemeanor for parents to make complaint to teachers in a threatening or insulting manner.

A New York school board has instructed its teachers to prohibit the wearing, during school hours, of motto buttons by their pupils other than those of political significance.

Toronto, Canada, has decided to discontinue its present system of awarding prizes and will hereafter grant certificates of merit at the close of the year.

A teacher's is a responsible position in China. Recently a man committed murder and the teacher was also sentenced to death, for, as the judge said, he should have taught his pupil to repsect human life.

Phillips, Oregon, December 14. Report of school in district 54. No. of pupils enrolled 84. Average daily attendance 66. No. of visitors 24. No. of pupils belonging at close of month 82. —J. H. Hanson, principal.

The movement against married women teaching school is gaining ground. In Brooklyn, N. Y. schools no teacher is employed who has an able-bodied husband under fifty years of age.

Eastern school authorities are doing away with the old water pail into which the dipper was thrown every time a child had taken a drink. In its stead is used a jar from which the water is drawn through a spiggot. It is a wise change.

Report of Arcade school district No. 59 for the month ending Dec. 19. No. girls enrolled 12. No. boys enrolled 18. Total No. enrolled 30. No. days taught 19. Average attendance 25. Total attendance 471. No. cases of tardiness 10. Those neither absent nor tardy were: Elsie Jones, Belle Jones, Ellie Miller, Claude Davis, Walter Lynn, Earl Luther, Marven Jones, Henry Cypher, Emma Schaer.—Carrie Frutchey, teacher.

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The Municipal league of Boston is an organization which has for its object the better government of the city. President Samuel B. Capen at a meeting of the league delivered an address outlining its work for the coming year. After explaining the reforms advocated by the league Mr. Capen concluded as follows:

Upon the moral side of all public questions this league will ever be found. We are eager for the time to come when we can embody our principles in a list of candidates for the suffrage of our citizens. We know that it is when great principles are seen in men whom the people trust that the people are stirred through and through, enthusiasm is aroused and evil is destroyed as by a breath from the Almighty. We want more pure, honest, God fearing men in public places. The religious citizenship of the city, Protestant, Catholic, Hebrew, must combine its ballots and strike down every evil. Those whom we represent hold more than the balance of power; they hold the majority of the ballots of the city, and we hope to use them at an early day as never before for righteousness and truth and God.

The splendid words spoken by Archbishop Ireland in the Boston theater last April need to be ever before us:

"Let the country always elect as its guardians its best and worthiest sons; let voters seek them out and give them honor. Never should voters choose incapable men; less yet, dishonest and immoral men. The party placing on its ticket dishonored names should be overthrown in inglorious defeat and learn the stern lesson that insult is never offered with impunity to the sacredness and purity of the republic."

Until that time comes we mean to inspire all as God gives us strength and opportunity to attend to their public duties. It means work, constant and unremitting, from our citizens. We cannot do our whole duty to the state by spending five minutes twice a year in marking a list of names in a polling booth. There is preliminary work of education to be done for ourselves and others. There are great problems to be solved; there are great civic ideals to work out.

And in this great work of the education of our citizens we must depend very largely upon the press. Most gratefully would we recognize the immense help we have already received from the daily and weekly papers. They have not only given large space in their news columns, but almost every paper has commended our efforts in its editorial columns. We are confident that we can depend upon the press still to help us in our efforts. We want all to know the city's needs and to note the abuses. "Ignorance is the mother of indifference."

Eternal vigilance is not only the price of liberty, but of pure politics and clean officials. We believe our press, as a whole, will still aid us in our efforts to arouse a civic pride which seems to be dormant in so many of our citizens.

May we not appeal for moral support to that large class in our city who, following the common accepted title, are denominated the laboring classes? We have talked with many of their representative men on three or four occasions and have been met with a sympathetic interest. We are striving most earnestly for better government, in which they, with us, are interested.

They have spoken to us most earnest words against the election of weak and indifferent men. We are striving for proportional representation, through which they can have full representation, and when things for which they contend will have respectful hearing in a position of influence. The problems of the next century are to be more and more the problems of human brotherhood. We have not a common ancestry or a common religion, but are of many nations and many religions. We want to fuse all interests together under the mighty inspiration and purpose to have a city in which there shall be no slums to contaminate and destroy, but where schools and public institutions of every name shall be the best in all the world.

Has not the time fully come when, unless all our interests are to be imperiled, many must subordinate their business and their pleasures for the public weal? And out of it will come a purer and a better city and a nobler and higher standard of life.

As a league we recognize no sectarian creed in the public business, but we stand together for public righteousness and truth and upon the common platform of American citizenship. For the third time this league makes this declaration of its principles and enters upon another year of effort.

The lamented Bishop Brooks left the world this sentiment, "No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race." May we not add that no man has come to true citizenship who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to the state?

Advertising the Town.

The Brown County World of Hiawatha, Kan., published an edition recently which was printed on bright yellow paper made from fresh Kansas straw and sunflower stalks. The paper was made in Kansas, especially for this edition. Commencing with this number 300 copies will be sent regularly to the east for the purpose of advertising Hiawatha's various enterprises.

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The Municipal league of Philadelphia has sent a circular to several thousand of the business men of that city asking them to join the league in the effort to secure a business administration of the city government.

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