Coquille Herald.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 20, 1907.

Our Common Schools

BY C. R. BARROW.

EDITOR HERALD:—We will now take up the subject of writing.

Our friend Hacker says,—"The first Payson copies were of round or oval style." I remember this system and style of writing quite well because it was what my mother learned and used. I do not remember of having seen any of the copy books however, since the Spencerian system had come into general use before I started to school. My mother was quite good with a pen and we children thought her writing perfect, and were very anxious to learn to write like mother, but she condemned the system, and would not permit us to learn or practice it. And besides using the Spencerian copy books at school, she required us to take several terms of writing under special instructors in penmanship who taught the Spencerian system. She considered the oval system, when compared with the Spencerian, about the same as the comparison between the old Allegany stage coach and the modern railroad train, both as to speed and beauty. And she was right. We desire to say however, that the old oval style was far superior to the modern vertical style in every way, and particularly in speed, beauty and legibility. In fact the modern vertical style had not a single redeeming feature about it, not one. It has not a single good point to recommend it. Beyond all question of debate it is an absolute unmitigated curse to the public schools of this country. No boy or girl who learns it can obtain a good business position, with up to date men or firms, and use this vertical system. This is a noted fact every where. It is a parody on penmanship, a disgrace to true education, an insult to common sense, a robbing of the taxpayers, and a most infamous and damnable crime against the poor helpless, innocent children who are forced to learn it, and who in after life find it absolutely useless, and worse than worthless, because they must either learn to write properly or be handicaped in business all their lives. This vertical system has not a single artistic line of beauty and not a single geometrical proportion of correct science in its entire make up. It is not even a comedy on writing, it is worse, it is a farce.

Spencer was the first man in the United States to reduce penmanship to an exact science. He was the first man to apply the true lines of artistic beauty, and the correct science of geometery to penmanship. Every line, space, curve and angle in the entire Spencerian system is based upon, and follows the true lines of perfect art, and the scientifically correct proportions of geometry. I defy any man to successfully deny this statement.

My friend speaks of other systems very like the Spencerian, and they are. Why? Because every other system in vogue then, or that has come into vogue since, has aped Spencer as nearly as they dared to and not infringe his copyright. And the very fact that they have imitated Spencer's system, shows the high esteem in which they held it. In so far as the two styles of copies are concerned, I have used in the Spencerian, both the shaded and the unshaded books.

I was somewhat surprised at my friends statement about the capital letter "S" in the Spencerian system. He says, "The upward stroke, a heavier line naturally and the downward stroke, a shaded line, naturally two distinct characters, are both called the right curve." Of course the upward stroke and the shaded part of the downward stroke, are both right curves. All my friend has to do to prove that is to turn to his geometry. I cannot see how he allowed himself to fall into such an error.

It is a scientific and geometrical fact that if a line curves to the right it is a right curve and if it curves to the left it is a left curve. And it makes no difference whether it is made with an upward stroke or a downward stroke, that does not change the geometric principle or the name of the character. Neither does what it is made with, change the character. You may make it with a hair-line art pen, or with the end of a sawlog, it is a right or left curve just the same if it takes those directions.

Another word of reply on the school book question. Last week one of the Portland papers had an article on the grafting and dishonesty of the school book trust, mentioning some states where investigations were in progress, and intimating that it might be well enough to look into things at home. But for the fun of the argument we are willing to admit there is no such thing as grafting in Oregon. However we moved here from the state of Kansas and if our memory serves us right each state has some of its high officials serving time for grafting.

Geography will be our next subject.

Dean Mill Damaged

Grim death stalked dangerously near the Dean mill Friday morning about 10 o'clock, when the 15-ton fly wheel on the 250-horse power engine shattered into atoms, wrecking ruin throughout the mill. It is estimated the damage to the mill will run up in the thousands.

The engine is a total wreck, and the floor and walls of the building in the vicinity display gaping holes, showing where the remains of the fly-wheel were hurtled in their flight. The valve on the main steam pipe leading from the boiler shut off automatically, or the place would have been filled with steam and water.

At the time that the accident occurred there was no one in the engine room, or casualties would have resulted. In the room overhead, where the pieces of steel flew after penatrating the floor, several men were at work, but all escaped injury by a miracle.

The breaking of the wheel will have the effect of throwing the thirty men who work at the mill out of employment for a time, lumber vessels will lack for a cargo, and the other mills on the bay will be under a greater strain than at present. Mr. Squires will go to Portland on the Alliance, and a new engine will be ordered.—Times.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 12.—The House today passed the reciprocal demurriage bill. The bill to prohibit corporations to contribute to campaign funds was passed. Another bill approved by the House prohibits "treating" in saloons. All these measures have passed the Senate and now go to the Governor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

There will be preaching at this Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday, Feb 24th The intention is to make the Evening services of special interest to the younger people. There will be good music. All are most cordially invited to come and worship with us.

W. C. RUSHING, Pastor.

List your property with the Home Realty Co.

Fancy and Staple Groceries at Land & Lyons.

P. S. Robison, of Norway, was a Coquille visitor on Wednesday.

Gum Boots, Rubbers, Macintoshes and rain coats at J. W. Leneve's

Gold Seal Rubber Boots worth twice as much as any other make at Drane's.

Dr. Tower and several other parties from the bay went to Bandon Monday.

J. A. Luse, editor of the Marshfield Sun, had business at the county seat on Friday.

You can get the best bargains at Land & Lyons. They buy for cash and sell for cash.

BORN. In Coquille, Oregon, February 13, 1907, fo Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, a son.

All winter goods at O. Wilson & Co's will be sold out at cost during he balance of this month.

Land & Lyons carry the best bran, shorts, barley, and middling on the market. Give us a call.

The Enterprise Meat Co. has put in a choice stock of groceries at their Front street market in this city.

Mrs. O. L. Nosler and Mrs. George Hartley, of this place, took Friday's Echo for Fishtrap where they will visit Mrs. D. P. Strang.

The cash customer has the advantage at T. H. Mehl & Cos. They are now giving 5 per cent off of the regular prices to all who pay cash on the spot.

W. H. Lingo of Marshfield, came over last week in search of a good heavy horse team for logging purposes. He went to see J. H. Radabaugh on Thursday.

Jones-Lamb Nuptials.

On Thursday evening of last week there occurred at the M. E. Church, South, in this city, a wedding of more than usual interest, when Rev. H. M. Branham pronounced the solemn ceremony which binds together the lives of two of our popular and well known young people, Fay Jones and Miss Irene Lamb. The ceremony took place at 8:30 p. m. and was witnessed by a large audience, the building being filled to overflowing with admiring friends The church had been beautifully and tastefully decorated with ferns, evergreens and Oregon grape. The bride was dressed in satin taffeta with lace and chiffon trimmings with veil while the groom wore the conventional black.

Miss Clare Sherwood was bridesmaid and Mr. George Gage groomsman. The maids of honor were the Misses Effie Collier, Florence Atkinson, Kitty Wells and Florence Walstrom; and the Messrs. M. J. Hartson, Harry Slagle, John Lamb and James Watson were ushers.

As the bride and groom appeared, Mrs. M. O. Hawkins played Mendelssohn's wedding march and little Mammie Hawkins preceeded them bearing the wedding ring, while during the ceremony Miss Gertrude Wilson rendered in a most pleasing manner the appropriate solo, "Oh, Promise Me."

The happy couple started the following morning for Berkeley, California, the home of Mr. Jones' parents, where they will visit for a short time when they will return here for permanent residence.

The HERALD joins their host of friends in wishing them a pleasant journey, not only on this short voyage but over the entire sea of life.

Teachers Examination.

Following is a list of the teachers who obtained certificates at the examination held by the County School Superintendent Bunch. last week.

Minnie Hermann, 1st, Daisy E. Deyoe, 1st, Chas. H. Zevely 1st, Effie King, 1st Lena Belloni, 1st, Martha Miller, 1st, Mattie Hansen, 1st, Anna I. Weekly, 1st, Helena Hughes, 1st, Anna L. Dudley, 1st, Alice L. Golovson, 1st, Matilda K. Sleep, 1st, Annie Wickman. 2nd, Kathleen Bennett, 2nd, Hellen Landrith, 2nd, Anna K. Roberts, 2nd, Myrtle Frye, 2nd, W. A. Culbertson. 2nd, John E. Bright 2nd, Cora L. Miller, 3rd, Ruby Ellingson, 3rd, Ora A. Deyoe, 3rd, Florence McCracken, 3rd, Perl M. Rezin, 3rd, Alice E. Lehnherr, 3rd, Ale Huenergardt, 3rd, Jennie M. Cossen, 3rd. Georgie V. Leep, 3rd, Mintie L. Doak, 3rd, Mary C. Marsh, 3rd. Claude H. Giles, 3rd. Cora Widby, 3rd, Sylvis Hansen, 3rd Helen Robbins, 3rd, Dora Bigelow, 3rd, Louis Hermann, 3rd, Inez F. Bunch nad Verna M. Weekly took to raise their grades, Alice B. McCormac, primary certificate.

There were fifty applicants, the largest class ever presenting themselves for examination in this county

Pastor H. L. Ford and wife will conduct services in the Christain Church next Friday and Saturday nights, also Lords' day morning and evening. Subjects for each evening as follows.

Friday, Evening. "The Two Builders," Saturday, "The Conversion of a Pious Woman." Sunday 11. a. m. "The True Source of Satisfaction" 7:30 "A Great Bible Question" illustrated by a large chart. Mrs. Ford will sing "The Wreck of the Valencia" a song illustrating the Pathetic experiences of the passengers on the illfated ship on the Pacific coast. Solos each night.

WANTED: By Chicago wholesal and mail order house, assistant manager (man or woman) for this county and adjoining territory. Salary $20 and expenses paid weekly; expense money advanced. Work pleasant; position permanent. No investment or experience required. Spare time valuable. Write at once for particulars and enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent, 132 Lake St. Chicago, Ill.

Fresh olives in bulk at Robinsons.

A new line of warrior's proof corsets in white. and black at Robinsons.

Phone us your orders and they will be delivered at once. Robinsons, phone 131.

See the beautful display of silverware in the window of E. C. Barker & Co.

MARRIED. At Marshfield, February 7, 1907, Lawrie V. McDonald and Pearl M. Vineyard, Judge J. F. Hall officiating.

Garden seeds garden seeds at Knowltons Drug store, a full supply of garden seeds. Both in bulk and in packages.

A crew of men have been at work at the repairing of the boilers in the big mill at Empire for some time and it is thought that mill will be put to running in the near future.

Through a change in engineers at Yoakam's camp, Chas Smalley is nursing a somewhat disfigured face, having gotten in a mixup with the overhaul. Dr. Wetmore is in attendance.

FOR SALE. Fifteen head of choice dairy cows and a span of well broke match bay horses five years old. Weight 1600 each. For particulars address R. S. Tyrrell, Arago, for phone Farmers 75.

Jerry Peart arrived here yesterday with his family after a sojourn of several months in the Willamette valley. They had made R. W. Tucker formerly of this place, a visit just before coming and informes us that he is in poor health and has been since last fall.

The entertainment to be given at the Masonic Hall on Friday March 1st promises both amusement and instruction and a liberal patronage is looked for which will be fully recompensed by the many interesting features of the entertainment.

Sweet, Sour and Dill pickles at Robinson's.

Go to Drane's for "Demont's Best" flour.

Have you seen that new line of neckwear, at Robinson's?

A consignment of pump guns just in at T. H. Mehl & Co's.

You can get the best shoes at the lowest prices at J. W. Leneve's.

Geo. Morehouse was down from Gravel Ford a day or so last week.

C. A. McKillips, the sewing machine man of North Bend, is in town

W. P. Fuller's prepared paints, oils and varnishes at J. A. Lamb & Co's.

Jack Miller, of Myrtle Point, is again a member of the crew on the steamer Dispatch.

Garden seeds all kinds Onion sets grass seeds and field seed at Knowltons Drug store.

It pays to provide good books for your children to read. The habit of reading prevents worse habits.

Mrs. C. Y. Lowe and Mrs. Trobridge, of Bandon, returned from the bay yesterday and went on to Bandon.

Mrs. Chas. Jackson and children moved over last week to join Mr. Jackson who holds a position with Mr Yoakam

MARRIED. At Bandon. February 13, 1907, W. J. White and Miss Rosetta Danielson, Rev. D. W. Carpenter officiating.

HATS. A full line of the famous John B. Stetson hats just received. All the latest shapes and styles Geo. A Robinson.

Licorice Liver Laxative, the best bowel cleanser. Price 50 cents For sale by R. S. Knowlton, Coquille City; C. Y. Lowe, Bandon.

March 1st has been chosen as the date, when the "Home of the Man Eater" will be presented in Coquille. Don't fail to attend.

Chas. McCulloch, of Bandon, the civil engineer, was in Coquille Friday.

WANTED.—A housekeeper for four children going to school in Bandon. Box 26, Bandon, Or.

Kerr has a full and complete stock of groceries and is looking every day for the best selection of fall and winter clothing ever.

NOTICE

I have at my place on Hall's creek 4 miles above Arago. 1 team, 2 cows, 3 calves and some carpenter tools that must be sold soon. Any one needing any of these things should call and see me. B. B. PAULL

NONICE OF FINAL SETTLEME T.

Notice is hereby give that the undersigned has this day filed in the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, his final account in the matter of the administration of the estate of R. H. Charlton, deceased, and that said Court has set Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1907, as the day for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1907.

JAMES FRENCH,

Administrato of the Estate of R. H. Charlton, deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
Roseburg, Ore., Nov. 28, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, George W. King, of Montague, county of Siskiyou, State of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6996, for the purchase of Lots 4 and 5 of Section No. 6 in Township No. 28 S, Range No. 11 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk and Clerk of County Court Coos County, at his office in Coquille, Oregon, on Thursday, the 11th day of April, 1907.

He names as witnesses: J. W. Mast, of Lee, Ore.; R. O. Hatcher, of Myrtle Point, Ore.; E. D. Myers and William H. Myers, of Lee, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of April, 1907.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

Timber Land Act, June 3, 1878.

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He names as witnesses: Lee Mast and William Myers, of McKinley, Coos County, Oregon; Arthur Brown and Henry Hervey, of Lee, Coos County, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of April, 1907.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, Dec. 4th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Robert A. Easton, of Sitkum, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10392, made Jan. 2, 1901, for the N½ SW¼, SW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼, Section 6, Township 28 S, Range 10 W., and that said proof will be made before County Clerk and Clerk of County Court of Coos County, Oregon, at his office at Coquille, Oregon, on April 15th, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: Walter M. Laird, James D. Laird and James Benham, of Sitkum, Oregon, and Jacob O. Stemmler, of Dora, Oregon.

BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.