

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE YEAR.
But Board Does Not Act As a Harmonious Unit—Much Rancor.

At a meeting of the district school board last Saturday night the school was ordered closed for the year, though the board was far from harmonious in that action. Chairman Awbrey and Director Cottor favored the closing of the school as a measure of safety against smallpox, reports of a fresh outbreak in Prineville having been received. Director Wiest opposed such action on the ground that there was no smallpox in the district and no probability of its introduction here, and that the board had no warrant to close the school under these circumstances. His opposition was disregarded. He tried to get on the record a protest against the action of the majority, but that, too, was overruled.

The point of this action lies in the fact that the term of school is thus cut short three weeks and, it being by order of the board, the teacher expects to collect pay for the full time. The term really closed only a week earlier than the date mentioned in the contract, but the teacher had lost two weeks of teaching by reason of illness last winter and it had generally been understood that he would make it up at the end of the term. Closing the school on the allegation that the public health required it or made it advisable, left the teacher to claim pay for three weeks that he has not taught, aside from the week May 4-8 that the school had been closed by agreement of the board on account of the smallpox scare. Director Wiest construed this as too much of a graft and not at all warranted by the conditions prevailing and he said so in plain words. His construction of the motive for the action of the majority was resented with at least equal bluntness.

But the teacher, Arle C. Hampton, recognized the action of the majority of the board as authorizing him to quit and he left town Sunday noon for his home in Polk county. He went by private conveyance to The Dalles. His pay for the three weeks that he did not teach is, however, held by the district pending a decision of the county superintendent, and possibly the state superintendent, on appeal from the county officer, as to the legality of payment. It is said that payment for the three weeks will be resisted in the courts by the minority interest on the board if it shall be found necessary to go so far to prevent it.

The majority of the board had entered into contract with Mr. Hampton to teach here again next year but the friction over the matter had made his position before the board and in the community so unpleasant that he expressed doubt about returning next fall.

On suggestion of Mr. Hampton that some provision be made for starting a school library, for which purpose he had raised \$33.50 by an entertainment last month, the board appointed J. M. Lawrence to take charge of the fund and to name the other member of a committee of two to carry out the project. It is expected that the school library will be in place by the time school shall open in September.

Cultivation of Alfalfa.

The editor of the Moro Observer has made a discovery in Sherman county. It came to him with all the freshness of an inspiration. It led him to dig up some useful information, however, and it may be turned to account by people of this section. Here is the Observer article:

"Coming up from Biggs on the 3d our attention was attracted to several fine looking fields of alfalfa below Wasco. We learned that the

experiment has been a very successful one in producing alfalfa hay for cows in that section upon dry soil. But one crop per annum, however, can be depended upon. In casting about for a good hay crop it may be well to hunt up alfalfa talks. We have never done so because it is generally admitted that the plant requires much water, etc. But after seeing what we saw below Wasco last Sunday we have begun to study alfalfa, and we learn from Prof. Cottrell's experiments that water kills alfalfa. Of course it thrives best on heavy soil, and, while it requires considerable moisture, under no circumstances may water be left to stand on alfalfa for longer than one hour. Prof. Cottrell is the agriculturalist at the Manhattan school, and his writing is the product of very careful observation of the life of the plant, and of its natural friends and enemies. Alfalfa puts a lot of money into the pockets of Kansas farmers, and it is not unlikely that the per cent of income from this crop would be increased materially if every producer in Sherman county knew what is set forth in the work with alfalfa, of the Kansas Agricultural College.

"A few selections from it may serve to give an idea of what the book contains. Prof. Cottrell states that moisture is an absolute necessity to the growth of the young plant, but too much soaking is as dangerous as drought. A soil which will hold a good supply of water without being soaked, is what is wanted. The surface should be well loosened and furnished with nitrogen, which can be accomplished by planting soy beans or something of like nature before seeding with alfalfa. The plant is itself a great nitrogen producer when it is once growing, but it needs careful nourishment when getting rooted.

"Before planting alfalfa it is a good idea to raise a crop of soy beans, cow peas, Canada field peas or clover. These stock the soil with nourishment and help to kill weeds. It is stated that it is better to work for two or three years with a field before putting in alfalfa than to plant the seed in unfitted soil. No rule will fit all soils, sandy ones often requiring packing, which may be secured by pasturing with cattle or with a subsurface packer. Sow whenever the soil, moisture, seed and weather are in proper condition. Do not sow until you have all of these just right, if you have to wait a year or two. Alfalfa yields crops for many years from one seeding, and several crops each year. A poor stand means a low yield every cutting every year, so long as the alfalfa stands.

"No stock should be let on the field during the first year. After it has once become firmly started the crop is safe for ten years. It will produce profitably with ordinary attention for that length of time and under salubrious conditions can be made to yield well for from twenty-five to 150 years. Cutting is the tonic for the plant. If sickly, cut it. If beginning to bloom, cut it. Upon the cutting depends the vigor of the subsequent growth. A stand of alfalfa is not thickened by self-seeding, as is the case with red clover. The number of stems to root may be largely increased by disk, but not the number of roots."

The interior department has decided upon another forest reserve for Oregon, this time in Southern Lake county, in the Warner Mountain country. By direction of Secretary Hitchcock, the vacant public lands in a tract of over 990,000 acres in Lake county, and 44 1/2 townships adjoining, in Northern California, have been temporarily withdrawn from all entry, with a view to their examination to determine the advisability of creating a forest reserve about the town of Lakeview. The Oregon lands withdrawn are: Townships 34 to 41 inclusive, ranges 16, 17 and 18; town-

ships 37, 38 and 41 range 19; townships 36 and 37 range 20; townships 36 to 41 inclusive, ranges 21 and 22, all south and east. The township in which Lakeview is located, and the townships immediately north, south, and west, are not included in the withdrawal.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 27, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. M. Lawrence, U. S. Commissioner, at Deschutes, Oregon, on Friday, June 12, 1903, viz:
FRANK GLASS, of Bend, Oregon:
If H. No 272, for the S1/4 NE1/4 and N1/4 NE1/4 sec 20, T17 N, R 12 E, W. M.
He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
W. H. State, Chas J. Cottor, Ovid Kilby and J. E. Brigham, all of Bend, Oregon.
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MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, May 19, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1892, 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, 1894, the following named persons have on Oct. 17, 1902, filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:
Austin W. Culp, of Crook, county, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1276, for the purchase of the S1/4 sec 4, T17 N, R 20 E, W. M.
William G. Killingsbeck, of Culver, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1276, for the purchase of the NE1/4 sec 9, T17 N, R 20 E, W. M.
Samuel A. Davis, of Culver, county of Crook, state of Oregon, sworn statement No 1271, for the purchase of the S1/4 NE1/4, and E1/4 NE1/4 sec 1, and NE1/4 NE1/4 sec 14, T17 N, R 20 E, W. M.
That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claims to said land before J. M. Lawrence, U. S. Commissioner, at Deschutes, Oregon, on Friday, the 24th day of July, 1903.
They name as witnesses: William G. Killingsbeck, Henry M. Davis, Samuel A. Davis, Frank M. Loveland, Austin W. Culp, all of Culver, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 24th day of July, 1903.
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2:55	DeMoss	10:00
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