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### The Institute.

The eighth annual session of the county teachers' institute convened at one o'clock p. m., Tuesday, October 29, 1897, at the public school building in this place.

The session was opened by Supt. Byrd, and was followed by State Superintendent Irwin who outlined the working plan of the institute. Mr. Irwin's remarks were full of educational hints and good advice to the teachers.

President Campbell was then introduced as instructor. He first took up number work, and his methods of teaching this important branch were clear, logical and appreciated by the teachers. Mr. Campbell then took up the subject of language, which engaged the attention of the institute during the remainder of the afternoon.

The evening exercises were conducted in the church and opened with a chorus by the Burns choir. Mr. Campbell delivered an eloquent lecture on education, our free institutions and free government. The exercises closed with a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs. Speigle and Sayles.

Wednesday, the subjects of language, arithmetic and geography were presented and discussed. Mrs. Irwin's remarks in the afternoon on school management were highly appreciated by teachers and all present.

The evening exercises at the church were opened with a chorus by the choir, followed with a solo by Mr. Sayles. State Superintendent Irwin was then introduced by Supt. Byrd, and taking the subject of education, his forcible and logical style of reasoning and clear presentation of this subject to his hearers held them in closest attention for about two hours.

Supt. Irwin and party left here on Thursday morning for Malheur county to meet an appointment and promise to be with the county superintendent and assist in conducting the teachers' institute of that county.

Teachers and citizens of this county regretted their necessary departure as they hoped to hold them here for two more days.

Thursday the branches taken up were directed and conducted principally by Messrs. Peebles, Dillard, Hendricks and Griffin. Friday morning the subject of theory and practice was taken up and discussed freely by all. Mr. Peebles was unwell and regretted very much his inability to be present, as theory and practice is a subject in which he is very much interested. The following teachers were in attendance:

- Mrs. Clara Marsden,
- Mary Griffin,
- May Worthington,
- Leona Parker,
- Miss Bessie Harker,
- Day Canyon,
- Edith Gorham,
- Effie Hutchinson,
- Gabrielle Delmas,
- Libbie De Coudress,
- Lela McGee,
- Mary Ziegler,
- Phoebe Kelley,
- Rose Dickenson,
- Mr. J. M. Peebles,
- H. A. Dillard,
- Gerald Griffin,
- Curtis Bartlett,
- Clarence Drinkwater,
- Chas. Newell,
- Chas. Cochran,
- W. R. Rutherford,
- G. O. Hendricks.

The following teachers were excused because of distance: Misses Annie and Rose Walls and Mr. J. E. Albersson. Miss Mary George, sick; Eugene Boone, not in the county at this time, and Miss Letty Smith has already attended an institute held in Eugene. Miss Alice Gorham was also excused because she had no way of coming.

No excuse has been received from the following: R. M. Brooks, C. H. Leonard, Ida Marshall, Lucinda Marshall, Julia Clark, Rosa

Miller and Belle Cochran, four of the above have lately married and may contemplate quitting the profession.

Now, in conclusion, the county superintendent wishes to add his appreciation of the work accomplished in the institute, and also the work in the school room done by the teachers, and earnest interest taken by the teachers of this county in the advancement of education, and recommends all teachers to take one, or more, live educational journal. And further, he thanks them for their attendance at the institute, only three or four being absent whose duty it was to be present.

H. A. DILLARD,  
Secretary.

### An Oregon Geyser.

Lying south and east of Vale is a low range of hills, varying in height from 200 to 1,000 feet above the valley, and which forms the lower watershed between the Owyhee and the Malheur rivers. This range is of aqueous formation, being gray sand stone, porphyry and conglomerate. Southeast of the city and a distance of half a mile, the range reaches its greatest elevation and approaches the south bank of the Malheur in abrupt cliffs and steep hills. The lower stratum is conglomerate with sand stone above. Close to the water level is a capping of talc or ocher, and from this springs of boiling water flow—not in large volumes, but in a hundred tiny, thread-like rills.

Just south of where the lower springs gurgled up, and which is almost due east of the city, is a mesa, slightly elevated above the streets of the town. About two months ago this mesa and 40 acres of the adjoining hills, were purchased by J. N. Fell of this city from Chas. Aultschul.

Mr. Fell at once began prospecting for hot artesian water, and during the past month has met with varying success. After sinking several holes and expending about \$1,000, the men yesterday about 4 o'clock at the depth of 42 feet struck a strong flow of boiling water, which, on removing the drill from the casing, spouted into the air fully 40 feet, and at this time seems to have increased both in volume and force. Viewed from the city this morning through the frosty air, it has the appearance of an escape pipe from a giant steam plant.

It is a genuine geyser, assisted by its birth by man instead of nature, but a geyser none the less; no intermittence but with a strong, steady flow that fills the 24 inch casing to limit, from the mouth of which it leaps 40 feet into the air, carrying small rock and gravel to a considerable height.

It has been visited by scores of people from the surrounding country, and is undoubtedly the greatest natural curiosity in Oregon.

What its ultimate uses will be to Vale is difficult to say, but it has possibilities if properly utilized that insure immense advantages to the city. At present it will be piped into town and its waters used for domestic purposes, heating and to supply a large matatorium. Mr. Fell will erect at once.—Advocate.

When a mosquito has gorged himself with human blood he dies within a few hours.

A single sunflower stalk at Burns, Kansas, carried the unprecedented number of 233 blooms at one time.

A humble bee stung Ike Williams, of Catlettsburg, Ky., on the hand. His arm and body to twice its size and he died in 48 hours. A fall from scaffold at Watertown, Mass., caused the body of Joseph Morris, a bricklayer, to assume the rigidity of death. It was conveyed to an undertaker's room, and was being prepared for burial when the supposed corpse kicked the sides out of the coffin, arose, and walked home.

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