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## TRUANT LAW FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

School Board Will Enforce Provisions of Law Recently Enacted.

The school board for District No. 7 held its regular monthly meeting at the office of Clerk C. E. Maybee on Tuesday evening and discussed school matters the most important of which was the truant law recently enacted by the state legislature, regarding the employment of children of school age, and the compulsory attendance in school of children of such age. We quote from the law as follows:

An act to amend an act entitled an act regulating the employment of child labor, and for the attendance of children at school, etc.

Section 2. No child under 14 years of age shall be employed in any factory, store, workshop, in or about any mine, or in the telegraph, telephone, or public messenger service.

Sec. 3. No child under the age of 14 years shall be employed in any work, or labor of any form, for wages or other compensation to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public school of the town, district or city in which he or she resides are in session.

Sec. 4. Attendance at school shall be compulsory upon all children between the ages of eight and 14 years in all cities, towns and villages of the state of Oregon during the whole of the school term in the city, town or village in which the child resides, and upon all children in such city, towns and villages between the ages of 14 and 16 who are not employed in some lawful work.

Sec. 6. No child under 16 years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any employment enumerated in section 2, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file and accessible to the school authorities of the district where such child resides, and to the police and board of inspectors of child labor an age and schooling certificate as hereinafter prescribed, and keep a complete list of all such children employed therein.

Sec. 11. Any person or corporation who shall employ a minor contrary to the provisions of this act, or who shall violate any of the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than \$10 nor more than \$25 for the first offense, nor less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the second offense, and be imprisoned for not less than 10 nor more than 30 days for the third and each succeeding offense.

Sec. 12. Any parent or guardian who shall violate any of the provisions of this act or allow any child under their custody or control to be employed contrary to the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$5 and not more than \$25.

It is the purpose of the school board to rigorously enforce the provisions of this and other laws bearing upon non-attendance and truancy. For this purpose a "truancy officer" will be employed who will daily look into each case of absence not satisfactorily explained to the teacher or superintendent, as well as the non-attendance of all children of school age. Parents and others contributing to the "delinquency" of children are also punishable by heavy fine, as the following section of the Act of 1905, page 298, explains:

Sec. 1. In all cases where any child

shall be a delinquent child or a juvenile delinquent person as defined by any statute of this state, the parent or parents, legal guardian, or person having the custody of such child, or any other person, responsible for, or by any act encouraging, causing or contributing to the delinquency of such child, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon trial and conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$1000, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The court may impose conditions upon any person found guilty under this act, and so long as this person shall comply therewith to the satisfaction of the court, the sentence imposed may be suspended.

It was necessary for the school board to again rent buildings where overflow schools may be held until such time as the new south school will be ready for occupancy, which will probably be about Thanksgiving time. The buildings rented are the Moss building on E street, the Booth and the Alice Rogers buildings on F street between Fourth and Fifth.

A petition signed by about 30 hop growers and others asking the postponement of school opening until September 17, on account of the scarcity of hop pickers, was presented but no action was taken.

Improvements to school buildings were reported as follows: New plumbing in the East school, and in the Central school the removal of the partition between the two rooms on the second floor in the east wing, making one large room for the high school students and for assembly purposes. The following assignment of grades has been made:

City Superintendent, Prof. R. R. Turner.

High School.  
Principal, A. E. Harrison.  
Assistant Principal, Miss Nona Bridges.

Assistant Principal, Miss Ada E. Walker.

Central Building.

Eighth grade, Miss Olga Olson.

Eighth grade assistant, Miss Ethel E. Jonereau, also special studies.

Seventh grade, Miss Minnie Tuffs.

Seventh grade, Miss Ernie Rathborn.

Sixth grade, Miss Emily A. Rodeny.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Bessie Merritt.

East School.

Sixth grade, J. A. Bish.

Fifth grade, Miss Blanche Crane.

Fourth grade, Miss Alice M. Horton.

Third grade, Miss Nellie Eaton.

Second grade, Miss Lillian Peck.

First grade, Miss Anna Thompson.

South School.

Third grade, Miss Azella Mulkey.

Second grade, Mrs. Mollie Belding.

First grade, Miss Maude Kelly.

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Fourth grade, Miss Lucie George and Miss Nellie Bemant.

Fifth grade, Juliette V. F. Parmore.

For Fire Insurance

The O. F. R. A. of McMinnville are the cheapest and have 12 years standing without a peer in Oregon for settling fire losses. That tells the tale. Don't be deceived by other agents who have selfish motives. In no event will it cost you more than the standard stock companies charge per annum. H. B. HENDRICKS, Agt Grants Pass, Ore. 7-27 if

Claude Williams and Claude Trimble returned last Friday from a very successful hunting trip at West Fork. Claude Williams left this Wednesday for Eugene, where he will spend the winter.

## FOUND NO CHANGES IN HIS OLD HOME

Grants Pass Citizen Visits His Birthplace After Absence of 50 Years.

J. K. Pigney has returned to Grants Pass after an absence of three months, during which time he visited in Montreal and made a trip to Europe spending five weeks in England and a week each in Scotland and Ireland. It has been 50 years since Mr. Pigney left his boyhood home in the North of England and since that time there have been no changes in the little town of 500, except in the inhabitants, there being a new generation, the children occupying the homes of their parents who were children in Mr. Pigney's boyhood. Of all his old childhood friends there are left but eight whom he could locate. He has two sisters living there, girls of 8 and 16 years when he left England. Now the younger one is a grandmother with 80 living grandchildren.

In the home town, he says, two buildings have been torn down and other buildings erected, and two other buildings were torn down and the lot left vacant. These are the only changes in the town for the past 50 years. At Penrith, County of Cumberland, a city of 100,000, he could see no change except a new depot. In Liverpool and London and the manufacturing and mining towns there are of course great changes and the progressive spirit is very apparent.

Mr. Pigney's sisters thought he had come to England to spend his remaining years, but he says he would not go there to live for any amount.

## OIL IS STRUCK EAST OF MEDFORD

An Irrigating Well on the Miller Place Develops into Good Oil Prospect.

Oil has been struck on the place of G. Miller in East Medford. Mr. Miller owns three acres of land in this section which he has planted to orchard and strawberries. On this place is a well of water and Mr. Miller was having an electric pump installed recently for irrigating purposes. The pump could not be made to work and on investigation it was found that there were several feet of oil in the water, which, when tested was found to burn readily. When Mr. and Mrs. Miller first came to this place the taste of oil in the water was very strong but after continued use the taste became less noticeable, but there was always a light oily, scum on the surface of water taken from the well and to anyone drinking the water for the first time the presence of oil was strongly apparent.

Besides owning the three acres on which the well is situated, Mr. Miller, with eight other men, has a lease on the surrounding land adjacent to this section and they also own a valuable coal mine. Should this oil strike prove permanent, as there is every indication of it doing, it will realize a neat sum for the possessor and be a splendid advertisement for Southern Oregon.

## Calhoun's Nugget Weighed \$3.75

The gold nugget guessing contest carried on by the Geo. S. Calhoun Co., closed Monday, when the nugget was awarded to G. W. Wentner, his guess being \$8.75, which was the exact weight of the nugget. The second nearest guess was \$6.80 made by L. W. Richardson, of the Richardson confectionery store and the third nearest guess was \$3.90 made by J. W. Light of Lelaud. Mr. Calhoun is one of our most up-to-date business men and he conceived this novel way of advertising the nugget hat, carried by his establishment by giving each purchaser of a Nugget hat, a guess on the weight of a gold nugget, placed in a jar of water, the one guessing nearest, to receive nugget. By placing the nugget in the water made it appear somewhat misleading, as the jar magnified it, causing it to appear much larger than it really was.

## Best Equipped Blacksmith Shop in Southern Oregon.

One of the most up-to-date shops in Southern Oregon is the blacksmith shop of James Trimble on I street, and Mr. Trimble has recently added

new machinery and equipment that places his shop on a par with any blacksmith shop between Portland and Sacramento. One of the latest additions is a trip hammer, which is run by electric power and is very simple in its operation, it being necessary only to press a lever with the foot and the massive hammer pounds away with a force that does the work, at one heating of the iron, that it would require five men to do. It can also be regulated by a very slight pressure on the lever so that the blows of the hammer can be made very light when lighter work is desired.

Mr. Trimble has also installed a new blower, which is a big improvement over the old ones usually found in blacksmith shops. This blower is run by electric power, as also the drills and other machinery. By the addition of this new and up-to-date machinery and the use of electric power instead of the old, tiresome hand power, the work of the shop has been simplified to such a degree that Mr. Trimble is able to perform the duties of the shop with much less help and in a shorter time than formerly and his work is first-class and up-to-date in every respect.

## GRANTS PASS PEARS SELL FOR \$2.26 BOX

Fruit Growers Union Receive Returns From Initial Shipment.

The car of Bartlett pears that the Grants Pass Fruit Growers Union sent to Rae & Hatfield of New York, was sold promptly at \$2.26 a box. Owing to the high refrigerator car and freight charges, the former being higher than was anticipated, the car will net the Union \$1.15 a box. In a letter Rae & Hatfield complimented the quality of the pears but said the packing was not up to the standard, one of the faults being that some of the boxes were too flat and the pears became loose in the box and the boxes were underweight.

This though is the highest price ever received in Josephine county for pears and is a fine indorsement for the Union, in view of the fact that three orchardists would not ship with the Union and sold their pears to a Portland house for 60 cents a box, which netted them about 50 cent on each

box. Had the bearing pear trees in this county been properly cultivated, pruned and sprayed there would have been fully eight cars of fine Bartlett for Eastern shipment instead of one car. Now that the farmers are certain of securing through the Union profitable prices for their pears hereafter, they will take good care of their trees and not allow thousands of boxes of fine, large Bartlett and other pears to be ruined by the scale and other pests.

## Drilling Contest.

On Labor Day, Monday, September 3, a rock drilling contest took place at the A. A. C. grounds at 2:30 p. m. The contestants were Brinkerhoff and Harrington and was won by the former, he drilling 35 3/8 inches in 15 minutes, while Harrington drilled 29 3/8 inches in the same time. Considerable interest was manifest in this contest, although the attendance was not so large as was expected. The drilling was a single handed, straight away contest for a stake of \$500, \$250 a side.

The Classified Ad columns of the Courier contain many items which will be of interest to you and you should make it a point to read them each week.

Furniture, Carpets, Lace Curtains and Portiers, Mattresses, Pillows, Cots, Mirrors, Linoleums, Window Shades, Pictures and Picture Moulding, Clocks, Wall Paper, and Trunks.

Stoves and Ranges, Graniteware, Agatware, Tinware, Woodenware, Willoware, Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Cutlery, Fancy China, Baby Carriages and Go-Carts.

## THOMAS & O'NEILL HOMES FURNISHED COMPLETE

SOMETHING NEW Every Week

Housefurnishing is our business, it's a specialty with us, we know how and buy accordingly, everything for the house. A visit to our store, the largest in Southern Oregon, will convince you.



Satisfaction Guaranteed Our Moto

MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT—Could you possibly ask more. An inspection of our stock is an object lesson to any Housekeeper. We are pleased to see you

WOOD BEDS, 6ft high, full size, with neat carvings, Regular \$5.75, this week \$3.75. Iron and Brass beds from \$39 down to cheapest

This wardrobe closet in golden oak finish, regular \$9.95 for \$7.50.

Our lines of Bed Lounges and Couches are unsurpassed for genuine worth, choice coverings and best construction—all prices.

WASH BOILERS—best charcoal tin, heavy copper bottom 98 cents

This fine patent dairy pail extra heavy usually 85 cents, for 45c.

Heavy XXX tin pails usually 45c, for 35c, pails like picture 10c.

Other offerings in tinware just as interesting

Plenty of others

Granite Preserve Kettles 25c to 60c

5c Asbestos Mats saves food and dishes—can't burn

Stove brushes for 15c, a fine brush for a little price

Vegetable Brushes, a great labor saver only 5c, worth double

Lunch Baskets 10c to 60c—hard wood metal bound bushel picking baskets, 45 cents

Tumblers, Blown Flint glass nicely engraved, a nice assortment to choose from—45c a set

Syrup pitchers, more new patterns both plain and decorated, 25c to 45 cents

Window shades—if you want something special in shades, let us figure on your house bill.

A big reduction on Framed Pictures this week. Let us frame your pictures, you will be pleased at our prices.

Toilet Sets—nicely decorated \$2.98, necessity in a good bedroom

Goblets—Choice figured patterns, 45c set

Salt Boxes—A very convenient kitchen necessity—50c

House cleaning time means washing lace curtains, a good stretcher is necessary—\$2.00 \$2.75 \$3.50

One only of those LEONARD REFRIGERATORS left—it goes at cost—who gets it? More new Vases in. Baby Go-carts cheap this week.

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