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Farm Land Banks.

County Superintendent R. E. Baker has just completed the details of a plan for the standardization of the country schools of this county.

He says the country child deserves as good an education as the city child and he thinks that setting a high standard for every teacher and pupil in the county to work toward will promote that end. Indeed the ideal today is to have schools in the country that will not only give to the children of the rural districts as good an education as those of the city receive, but at the same time one that is better adapted to their environment. To "teach your children what they will practice when they become men and women" is an adage as old as the ages. The system that Mr. Baker has decided upon is based upon one hundred credits. Of these the school building comes in for twenty, and it has got to be a thoroughly modern building to come up to the standard. For a modern heating system counts four, and a unilateral lighting system with windows banked all on one side, for four more. As it will take 95 or 96 points to make an "A" Standard School, it will be seen that to fail in both of these points will be to relegate the school to second place.

The school grounds and toilets stand for eight credits and sanitation for ten. No school can reach par on this line, though, unless it has a bubbling fountain.

Furniture and supplies count for 12 points, among which are good desks, black boards, standard dictionaries, case of not less than eight maps, 12 inch globe, flag displayed and three or more standard pictures.

Five credits go for library and two of these are for book case and one for cards and pockets.

Care of the school room counts for ten more, cleanliness and order and absence of defacing marks being insisted upon.

Organization also counts ten, and of these two each are for program report cards and grading, the other two being for system in class work.

Individually the teacher has fifteen points to attain, though none of these are very difficult of attainment. Proper preparation of school work and careful assignment of lessons go for seven, regular school hours for two more and the rest for taking a standard educational journal and paying heed to suggestions of superintendents and supervisors.

Attendance likewise comes in for ten points, half of which are for tardiness and half for an average of 95 per cent or more in being there.

Mr. Baker has had cards printed to be posted in each of the 81 rural schools of the county, and it will then be up to everybody to do his or her share towards attaining to the standard set for a perfect school. No one can make such a school without the help of all others interested. It will require the active aid and cooperation first of the patrons of the district, next of the school board, then of the teacher, and lastly of every pupil, to reach the prize of the high calling set before them.

But, even if not one school should attain the "A" standard, to strive for it will be worth all it costs and more. Aim high and you aim well, even if you fail to attain all you strive for. "Hitch your wagon to a star."—Coquille Sentinel.

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Oregon in Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Mar. 2.—In addition to taking a very active interest in the agricultural development of the country generally, Congressman Hawley, the only Pacific Coast member of the Committee on Agriculture of the House, gives special attention to all matters affecting that section, and, of course, to those specifically belonging to his own state, among which the following may be noted and which will be found in the bill just prepared by his committee.

The item for the control of diseases of orchards and other fruits was increased \$12,000. This will give additional funds for walnut investigations, a coming industry in Oregon, and already well established.

The item for investigating the handling, grading and transporting of grain, and the fixing of definite grades thereof was increased \$13,000, of which \$12,000 will be used to establish a grain standardization laboratory on the Pacific coast, and it is understood that it will be located at Portland.

For a special study of the methods and improvement of corn production \$40,000 has been set aside and this in connection with other items will afford opportunity for more extensively studying the problems connected with corn growing in Oregon.

Provision for \$5,000 is included for investigating the best and cheapest method of clearing logged-off lands, or other lands of similar kind, to determine the value of several new processes for burning stumps in place, and to demonstrate the results of the investigation.

An appropriation of \$175,000 is included for the purchase, propagation, testing and distribution of new and rare seeds, out of which \$100,000 is to be used to distribute such seeds with view to spread the use of new crops likely to be of benefit, and to introduce new crops from abroad. Many of such have been introduced and have proved very profitable, such as the durum wheat, lispedeza, Turkestan alfalfa, and the Department of Agriculture has now under investigation several new crops that promise well.

In order to permit the construction of hotels, summer residences, etc., in the national forests, the following language is carried in the bill: "That hereafter the Secretary of Agriculture may, when necessary for increasing the public benefits or public use of the national forests, rent or lease to responsible persons or corporations for periods of not to exceed 20 years suitable spaces or portions of ground for the construction of summer residences, hotels, stores or any structures needed for recreation or convenience." This will open up various places of interest in Oregon, including the Oregon Caves in Josephine county.

A fund of \$20,000 is appropriated to be used by the Bureau of Soils in determining the agricultural character of lands within the forest raised reserves, so that when settlers desire to settle on land within the reserves and the question whether the land is agricultural or not is raised, it may be determined by the experts of the Bureau of Soils.

A fund of \$33,000 is to be made available to keep the Mediterranean fly out of this country. It is now in Hawaii, devastating the fruits of that island. It lays eggs which hatch in all kinds of fruits, filling them with maggots. It is very prolific and industrious fly, and if it gets into the Oregon, apple, peach, prune, pear etc., orchards, will become an exceedingly dangerous pest.

A new division in the Department of Agriculture has been created, to be known as the office of markets, with an initial appropriation of \$200,000 to study the question of marketing farm products and the conveying of such information to the people.

The appropriation to provide for the classification of lands within the National Forests that may be opened to homestead entry is increased to \$100,000, so that its work may be more properly proceeded with and settlers be advised where lands so opened can be found. Hawley has taken a very active interest in this provision as hundreds of people desire to make homes of lands now enclosed within the National Forests of Oregon.

Oregon will participate largely in other provisions of the bill such as those for farm demonstration, work on the diseases of fruits, plants and grains; work to combat the ravages of fruit and other pests; introduction of new crops, and in many other particulars.

Weather Report.

The rainfall for the month of February was 4.98. Days rainy and cloudy, seventeen; days clear, eleven. Its rainfall for the corresponding month of 1913, was 1.83, a difference of 3.15 more this year.

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