

## TEACHERS' MEETING

LOCAL INSTITUTE HELD IN ATHENA SATURDAY.

Superintendent Welles Delivered an Address Containing Advice to Teachers and Boards.

The local teachers' institute held in Athena Saturday was well attended by teachers from Pendleton, Adams, Helix, Athena and Weston. In addition to the teachers many patrons of the school attended both forenoon and afternoon sessions of the institute.

A male quartet pleasantly entertained those present with several choice vocal selections, these numbers being features of the program.

George A. Marquis took a prominent part in the meeting and made an able address. Assessor Strain was present and received the endorsement of the teachers present to his proposed plan of having the inheritance tax money diverted into the state school fund.

The meeting was addressed on topics pertaining to advancement and progress in teaching, by L. R. Traver, Chas. R. Duto, G. A. Marquis, D. L. Gubser, Frank K. Welles and W. O. Read. The following teachers were present:

D. Lynn Gubser, Nellie M. Stevens, Vivian Sweeney, Anice Barnes, Luella Craigen, Esther Compton, Viva Warren, Stella O'Hara, Charles Pinkerton, George Marquis, S. E. Darr, O. A. Cannon, Lizzie McKenzie, Amy McDaniel, Mary Gibbons, Jennette McKinnon, J. R. English, Lillian Dolson, Fannie J. Scott, W. O. Read, James Scott, Bada Carlstrom, Nellie Darr, P. S. Rogers, Chas. R. Duto, Bertha Staehling.

The following teachers and visitors came from Pendleton:

Superintendent Frank K. Welles and wife, City Superintendent L. R. Traver and wife, Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Huff, Mrs. E. M. Churchill, C. P. Strain, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Hall and Charles Witenhiller.

Following is a summary of an address delivered by Superintendent Frank K. Welles:

It is quite a common custom among teachers, when in search of a school, to apply for several schools at the same time. I have known instances where teachers have secured the addresses of different school clerks, and have written letters to 10 or 12 districts, making application for the school.

This practice is a bad one for the districts, for if a board should elect a teacher who has thus applied promiscuously for several schools, the chances are that the teacher may have been elected in one or more places, and the district will be disappointed.

On the other hand, this practice is bad for the teachers themselves. The impression goes out that the country is full of teachers. Suppose that every teacher in Umatilla county should make application for ten different places; there would apparently be some thing like 1500 or 2000 teachers in the county, when in reality there are just about enough to fill the schools, and none to spare.

This way of securing schools also hurts teachers' salaries. As there appears to be so many more teachers than there really are, boards of directors naturally take advantage of what they believe to be an over supply of teachers and expect to get teachers correspondingly cheap.

The fault in this system does not lie wholly with teachers, however. If boards of directors would set some time early in the year for employing teachers, and then make a contract with someone, those applicants who were rejected would have plenty of time to look around and secure some other place before the school begins, and the seeming necessity for applying for several schools at one time would be avoided.

I know there are many teachers who do not make applications promiscuously over the country, who do not think it right to do so. Whether it is justifiable or not, if you have applied for more than one school, and secured a place you should immediately notify all the other schools for which you have applied that you are engaged; that you have signed a contract with some district so that they will not be depending any longer upon you.

This rule will also apply when you make application to me for a school. It is true that many of these things can be learned through correspondence, but I think by far the better way to secure a school is to make a personal application.

I think your chances of securing the place are very much better if you talk the matter over with the board, and it is much more satisfactory in every way.

It has been my experience that teachers' recommendations that are addressed "To Whom it May Concern," are of very little practical value in so far as they vouch for the ability and success of the teacher.

The reason such recommendations are not worth much, is because they are many times untrue. They all contain practically the same pretty phrases, and high sounding compliments. They are worded in various ways, yet the substance is usually the same, though the ability of those carrying such papers is very different. It is impossible to write an accept-

able recommendation of this kind without following the same old formula, and for this reason I am opposed to giving such recommendations. I cannot favor some with such papers and refuse others, neither can I afford to cheapen my influence by issuing a lot of worthless recommendations.

If you deserve a recommendation and are in need of it, ask me to write direct to the parties to whom you wish to be recommended, and a personal letter so written should be worth something to you.

### Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the school superintendent of Umatilla county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county certificates, at the court house in Pendleton, Oregon, as follows:

For State Papers. Commencing Wednesday, February 14, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 17, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

For County Papers. Commencing Wednesday, February 14, 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 16, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

Primary Certificates. Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

Frank K. Welles, Sup't Umatilla county.

### School Report.

Following is report of District No. 45, for month beginning Jan. 2 and closing Jan. 26:

Whole No. days taught, 20; No. pupils enrolled, 21. Those pupils who are especially noted for good scholarship and are on the roll of honor are as follows:

Grady Herndon, Pearl Pinkerton, Agnes Cannon, Eva Schrimpf, Floyd Pinkerton, Clarence Foster, Lawrence Pinkerton, Floyd Ferris, Zola Ferris, Hattie Pinkerton, Ruth Stewart, Dora Ferris, Louis Stewart. Visitors for month, Aurella Ferris.

Lillian Downs-Dobson, Teacher.

### POLITICAL DATES.

Dates of Important Events to Be Observed During Campaign.

The following political information which has been compiled from statements and decisions of the attorney general will be highly important and useful to the voters of Oregon during the coming campaign, owing to the confusion resulting from the passage of the direct primary law now in effect.

The registration book for primary elections which are now open, will close at 5 o'clock April 10.

Registration books closed for the general election May 15.

County clerks must give notice of primary election not later than March 21.

Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballots for state, congressional and district offices, March 30.

Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4.

Date of primary nominating elections, April 20.

Canvassing votes for primary elections for state offices, May 5.

Last day for filing initiative petitions, February 3.

Last day for filing pamphlets for opposing measures, February 5.

Number of signatures necessary to initiate laws and amendments, 7489.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state officers by assembly of electors, April 19.

Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4.

Last day for filing petitions for county officers, May 19.

General election, June 4.

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## WESTON AND ADAMS

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR SISTER TOWNS.

Incidents, Events and Personal Mention Found in the Leader and Advance.

### Weston.

(Leader.)

W. B. Miller, formerly of Weston, is dangerously ill at his home in Pendleton, and it is feared that he cannot recover.

Mrs. A. S. McGrew continues to improve at Perrydale, and it is hoped by her children that she will soon be out of danger.

The numerous friends of Prof. G. A. Peebles at Weston will regret to learn of his serious illness from diabetes at his home in Salem.

J. C. Oldham, who is undergoing treatment at Walla Walla for cancer of jaw, is reported to be doing well under the care of a specialist. It is now thought that the malignant growth will entirely disappear and that he will recover.

W. L. Smock and family arrived last Monday from Utah, bringing a carload of personal property. Mr. Smock, who is a relative of J. B. Blomgren, a prominent mountain farmer, visited the Weston country last fall, and decided then to make it his home.

The decision of the lower court in the case of T. J. Price vs. the O. R. & N. Co., suit to recover damages caused by too small a culvert in the embankment near the Price place, and a flood, has been reversed by the supreme court and the case remanded. Plaintiff obtained a verdict of \$900 in the lower court and defendant appealed.

Weston Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F. conferred the initiatory degree upon one candidate and the third degree upon four candidates last evening. The four new members are Ralph Tucker, J. W. Clark, John McKinnon, Thomas E. Gould. Luncheon was served at the close of the session.

Execution was issued in Justice Wood's court upon a judgment in the case of R. H. Graves vs. W. A. Whitlock for \$75 and \$25 costs. The suit was brought about 18 months ago to collect certain wages due for the care of stock, and plaintiff was given a verdict for the amount stated. Defendant appealed, and his appeal has just been dismissed by the circuit court.

A heavy shipment of lumber ordered by G. W. Proebstel for the new church of the German Baptist Brethren, arrived Wednesday at the depot. The principal items are 40,000 feet of lumber and 28,000 shingles, besides a lot of moulding, sash and dimension shingles. Contractor Ashworth is now busy preparing for the work of construction, and ere long a commodious and creditable house of worship will be ready for the worthy denomination which has made its home at Weston.

### Adams.

(Advance.)

Robert Coppock and daughter, Miss Mattie, of Athena, spent Saturday with friends, in this city.

Sergeant Major Schoof, an ex-officer in His Majesty's armies in Boer war, was in town Wednesday for a short time.

Mayor Lienallen was called to Pendleton yesterday in connection with the Flack will case. This has some very interesting features.

Yerk Dell and Wm. Dobson, of Athena, came down Wednesday to visit the K. of P. lodge at this place. The lodge is having degree work every night now.

David Williams, the Athena grain buyer for the P. C. E. Co., was a visitor in town Monday. He says that prospects for a heavy yield this year are better than ever before.

Adams Rebekah lodge last night had an old fashion jolly time. Three candidates were initiated in amplified form and after the degree work was finished, a light lunch of coffee and cake was served. A good time was enjoyed by all.

W. J. Turner, the farmer from Birch creek was a caller at this office Wednesday. He says that the weather has been very favorable for crops in that part of the county. While considerable snow has fallen, yet it has come a little at a time and melted, going into the ground, scarcely any water running off the land.

**Work Nearly Done.** The Furnish irrigation project, which will irrigate 30,000 acres of land in the Eobo vicinity, will be completed by February 15. Several hundred acres will be seeded this spring on the new land under this ditch.

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