

## REPORT IS FILED

Shows Condition of Gilliam Co. Schools.

## MORE BOYS THAN GIRLS

Financial Statement Shows Balance in Treasury—Only Four Men Teachers Employed.

County School Superintendent G. T. McArthur has filed his annual report with the state school superintendent at Salem. It is an interesting document and shows the total enrolment of school children to be 746 of which 392 are boys and 354 are girls. The total number of persons of school age, between 4 and 20 years, is 1,112. There were 51 teachers employed the past year, 4 men and 47 women, all of whom are subscribers to an educational paper. The county is divided into 35 organized districts and the number of school houses is 36, two of which were built during the year. (Another is to be erected at Clem and still another in District No. 14.) Every school district except one, was visited by the county superintendent and one institute was held.

The financial statement of the report makes an exceptionally fine showing in that the receipts exceed the disbursements by \$2,776.05; the receipts from the various sources were \$23,067.45 while the disbursements were \$20,291.40. The value of the school houses and grounds is estimated at \$27,305.10. According to the report the average salary paid to male teacher is \$85 and \$56.79 to female teacher.

## Heavens Were all Aglow.

The meteoric phenomenon that shot across the skies in a north-westerly direction in the cold gray dawn Wednesday, scattering rays of light and setting the firmament aglow, was one of the prettiest sights ever witnessed in Condon. The strange apparition resembled a huge sky rocket and the illumination lasted about three seconds. It then burst forth into a number of scintillating balls which gradually disappeared from view. The phenomenon was seen by A. T. Walker, the Portland engineer who is taking the place of Mr. Marble at the local electric plant. He is enthusiastic in his description of the peculiar pyrotechnic effect it gave the sky.

## Improvements on the Flyer.

Thoroughly clean and swept passenger cars on the Condon branch is the innovation which the railroad company will inaugurate before the middle of the month. A compressed air plant for cleaning coaches will be installed here, as the result of an official visit of Master Mechanic J. T. Langley to Condon this week. The cleansing process to be used here is to be the same as that in vogue on the main line.

It is expected that the plant will be in working order by August 15. This improvement will receive the approval of the traveling public.

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## NOT IN THE TORRID ZONE

Condon Has Mild and Equable Climate -- Weather in Summer is Ideal.

That Condon's climate is mild, healthful, and equable is demonstrated by the records of the Weather bureau department. The erratic statement made last week in a Gilliam county paper that the thermometer registered 104 degrees in the shade in Condon is unqualifiedly absurd. Figures giving the maximum temperature for the "oppressively hot days" were obtained from S. C. Dodson, the local observer, and are as follows: July 18, 84°; on 19th 91°; on 20th 93°; on 21st 91°; on 22nd 89°; on 23rd 83°. These are figures that set to naught the pipe dreams of an over-worked editor.

## Weather Man Gives Figures.

The same week that the mercury climbed to 93° in Condon, the maximum temperature in Albany was 92, at Grants Pass 106, at Heppner 102, at Hermiston 108, at Hood River 101, at Mikkalo 103, at Newport 66, at Portland 90, at Roseburg 94, at Salem 95, at The Dalles 100, at Vale 104, at Wallowa 97, at Weston 101, at Baker City 90.

## BUYS SHANIKO HOTEL.

E. C. Rogers, proprietor of the Oregon Hotel in this city, returned Wednesday evening from Shaniko and while there made a deal by which he became owner of the Shaniko Hotel. He will take charge of that hostelry tomorrow. The Shaniko which has about 45 beds, enjoys a good business and has a bar in connection. "Nig" Magee who formerly conducted the Oregon Hotel bar, is at Shaniko and will have charge of the hotel business and bar. Mr. Rogers will devote his time between the two hotels.

## APPOINTED MANAGER GILLIAM CO. MILLING CO.

James W. Church, of Portland, has been selected as manager of the Gilliam County Milling Company in this city. Mr. Church has been engaged in the milling business for a number of years and is well equipped to continue the work of his predecessors at the local mill. He was recently at the head of a mill at Lynd in the Spokane district. He will arrive here Monday to familiarize himself with certain details previous to the departure of Manager G. E. Oshfeldt who expects to leave for Portland next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Church were in Condon Tuesday and apparently well pleased with their prospective new home. Mrs. Church will stay at Hood River for some time the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Albright. As soon as Mr. Church has secured a suitable home his family which consists of two bright little children, a girl and a boy will join him. Mr. Church has been in the employ of the Portland Flouring Mills at Oregon City and in Portland and is qualified to handle the growing business of the local mill.

## To Take Oath of Office.

Professor J. C. Sturgill will assume charge of the office of county school superintendent on August 3. Other county officers with the exception of the assessor took the oath of office the first Monday in July.

## FIRST OF HARVEST

Wm. Ebbert Brings in First New Wheat.

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Forty-Fold Wheat Yields Eleven Sacks to the Acre—Fine Milling Wheat and Tests High.

At the inception of the harvest season there is always a good deal of rivalry among local warehouse men for the distinction of handling the first wheat of the season. This year the coveted honor falls to the Pacific Coast Elevator Co., of which Charles F. Kennedy is local manager. The first load of new wheat was brought to Condon Tuesday and consisted of 119 sacks. The wheat was grown by Wm. Ebbert, who has reasons to be proud for the wheat gave a yield of 12 sacks to the acre. Manager Kennedy in speaking of the wheat says: "It is of the 40-fold variety and has fine color. It is a splendid milling wheat and tested 58 1-2."

## Jury Says "Not Guilty."

A jury consisting of Harry Greenfield, U.S. Carnine, R. Hunt, D. B. Thomas, A. Cowley and D. Cantwell, after having listened to the evidence and arguments in the case of the State of Oregon against Fred Wilson for alleged violations of the local option law, brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Justice of the Peace E. Wheir presided; District Attorney Burdett conducted the prosecution and R. R. Butler appeared for the defendant. R. M. Rogers was the complaining witness. The evidence introduced showed that Frankie and Lloyd Moore obtained beer at the Wilson saloon on July 1st. The defense contended that there was no deliberate intent to disobey the law but that the defendant acted in the matter as to his understanding of the restraining order issued by the circuit judge.

## Commission to Investigate.

Regarding the petition which farmers have been asked to sign for the purpose of obtaining cheaper wheat rates from their shipping stations to market points by the employment of counsel to present their cause before the Oregon State Railroad commission, Commissioner Aitchison is quoted as follows in the Oregon Journal of July 23: "There is no need for the farmers of Eastern Oregon to go to that trouble," said Mr. Aitchison this morning. "It is the intention of the commission to make an investigation as soon as possible into the wheat rates charged by the O. R. & N. and if this investigation shows the rates to be too high, the company will be asked to lower them to a reasonable basis."

## Record for Hot Biscuits.

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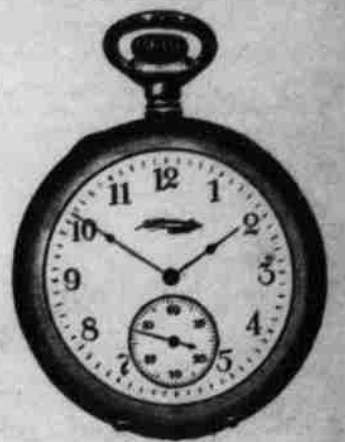
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