

County School News

To Teachers, Jackson County, Oregon:

For the purpose of increasing interest in hygiene and giving drill in composition, an essay contest has been arranged. As the state school law requires that hygiene, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics, must be taught in all schools, the contest is open to all grades.

The children in grades below the seventh may write upon any hygienic subject. The essays in these grades should be short and show definite and practical knowledge.

The prize is \$5.00.

In the seventh and eighth grades and the high school the essays may be written upon any topic bearing upon the effects of stimulants or narcotics upon the body, the mind, or upon the efficiency of the individual, and his relation to society.

These essays should be based upon scientific facts and show originality and study. The maximum number of words is 1500.

The state grade prize is \$10.00, and the national \$25.00.

The state high school prize is \$15.00, and the national \$50.00.

Some of the essays may be read in school or at Parent-Teacher meetings and the best essay in each of the three grades of contests sent to Mrs. G. L. Buland, 606 Maple, St., Portland, Oregon, by May 1.

If you desire reference material on these subjects you can get it from the State Library at Salem, they will send out or loan libraries upon application just for this contest. Inexpensive material may be had from the following companies or societies. Some of these pamphlets I now have on file in this office and shall be glad to loan them:

Anti-Saloon League of America, Westerville, Ohio.

International Reform Bureau, 206 Pennsylvania ave., Washington, D. C.

National Temperance Society, 737 Fourth ave., New York City.

Prohibition National Committee, 106 North La Salle, Chicago, Ill.

Scientific Temperance Federation, 23 Trolly st., Boston, Mass.

The State W. C. T. U., Dekum Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

The essays sent to Mrs. Buland will be examined by judges selected by State Superintendent Churchill, the State Board of Health, and the Oregon W. C. T. U., by the latter of whom the prizes will be awarded.

I trust that teachers will induce the students to take part in this contest and that Jackson County may have the honor of producing some of the prize-winning essays.

Very Truly Yours,

G. W. AGER,

County School Superintendent.

The North Phoenix school, taught by Miss Alice Cromar, has recently been standardized. This makes the fifteenth to fill the qualifications. The following are the schools and the names of the teachers,

Neil Creek, F. A. Broomfield; Valley View, W. H. Ashcraft; Willow Springs, Miss Hazel Taylor; North Phoenix, Miss Alice Cromar; Foots Creek, Mrs. Bertha McKinney; Pilot Rock, Mrs. Pina Benedict; Wagner Creek, Glen Wardrip; Soda Springs, Miss Hazel Shaver; Galbs Creek, Miss Maud Miller; Pine Grove, Miss Harriett Minthron; Beje View, W. E. Buchanan.

Arbor day was set aside for Febru-

ary 23 but the unusual fall of snow made it impossible to observe the day in the usual manner, by outdoor cleaning and planting. Many of the schools have postponed the celebration until more favorable weather. Mrs. Bertha McKinney of district 32, writes that they had indoor exercises, readings on tree-growing and planting and others on forestry and forestry laws. Miss Julia Sidney and her pupils observed the day pleasantly in spite of the big snow. The schoolroom was cleaned up and a sketch given of the life of Mr. Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. Forestry and its laws and purposes were discussed, closing the program with a salute to the flag by the children in chorus.

A spelling contest is to take place on the first of May for the purpose of completing rules to aid the scholars. An effort has been made in filling out the lists of words to eliminate those which are of little use to the children in the grades. A child who can spell the words of these lists should have little trouble in passing the eighth grade examinations.

CENTRAL POINT NOTES.

The following list of words is one which George T. Richardson of the University of Oregon gave to his freshman class in English composition, to get a line on orthographical vagaries and idiosyncrasies. They unanimously decided to shorten "acomodate" and they named many other words. The only word to escape unscathed was "whether." No member of the class of thirty was in complete harmony with the dictionaries on the whole thirty-two words.

One of the teachers training girls of the high school, clipped the list from the university paper and brought them to school and they were given to the different English classes without preparation, with the following results:

No. in class	Fresh Soph. Jun.			
	U. of O.	men	mor's	Sen.
Accomodate	21	10	7	8
Athletic	7	3	2	1
Definite	8	5	4	6
Disappoint	12	4	2	4
Embarrass	16	9	8	6
Excel	11	8	3	7
Necessary	4	1	1	0
Possession	10	2	0	0
Principal	8	0	4	3
Professor	7	1	3	3
Receive	11	10	2	1
Relieve	6	1	1	2
Separate	9	2	0	4
Suspicious	4	2	3	3
Till	1	1	0	3
Truly	3	0	0	0
Altogether	9	0	2	2
Business	4	3	1	0
Disappear	11	3	2	2
Eighth	6	3	1	1
Especially	3	7	1	0
Loose	3	1	1	2
Parallel	5	8	1	2
Preparation	8	1	1	6
Privilege	11	6	4	9
Pursue	13	10	6	8
Recommend	11	7	1	4
Selze	15	11	6	6
Surprise	4	0	0	1
Temperament	14	1	3	6
Too	1	1	1	1
Whether	0	1	1	3

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County School Superintendent Ager was among those from Jacksonville who attended the basket ball game.

The special election to be held at Ashland for the purpose of voting \$15,000 in bonds for the purchase of Chau tauqua park which had been set for Saturday, March 3, has been postponed to allow more time for consideration.

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