

Marshfield's Public School

One of the Best in the State

No surer criterion of the progressiveness of a community can be found than that community's interest in education. Judged by this standard Marshfield has just cause for pride. She boasts of her excellent harbor, the wonderful resources with which nature has surrounded her, the numerous progressive business enterprises in her midst; but if there is one thing more than another of which she is proud, it is her excellent public school.

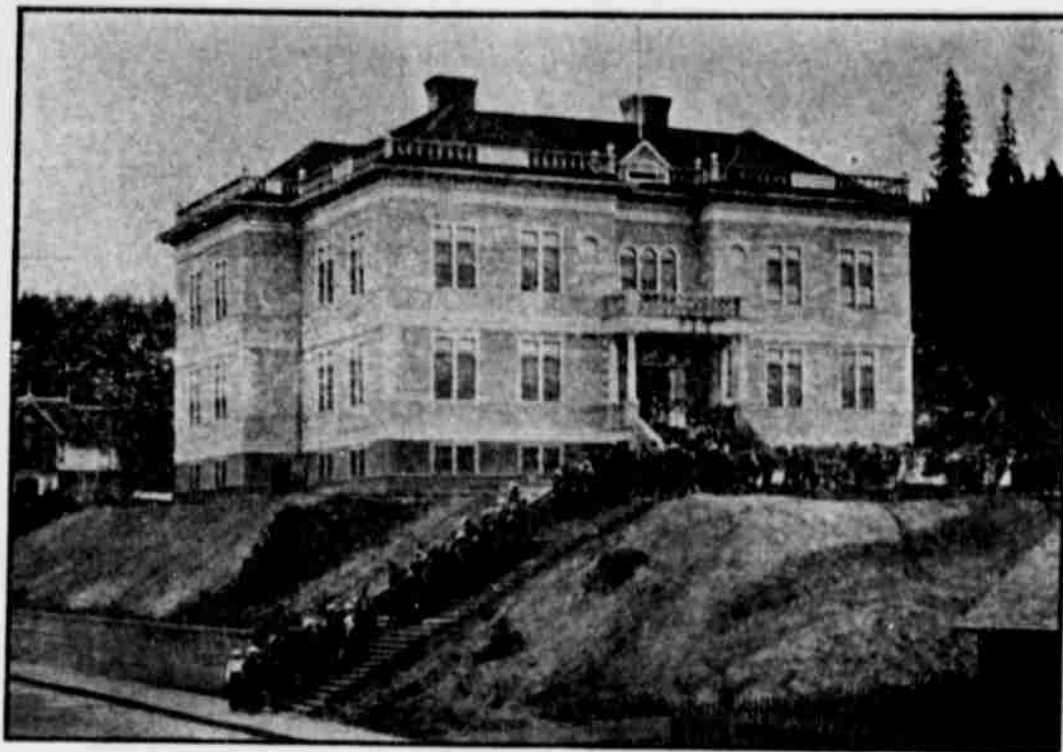
The present school house was erected in 1896, at a cost of about \$15,000. We give with this an illustration of the exterior of the building, but this is entirely inadequate to convey even a moderate impression of the interior, on which the greater part of the cost was expended. The basement contains, in the center, a large furnace and fuel room, with recreation rooms on either side for boys and girls separately. On the first floor there are four class rooms, two janitor's closets, a large assembly hall and front and rear stair ways.

The upper floor has a principal's office, four school rooms and a ample hall-way. The building throughout, excepting the stone basement is constructed of white cedar, all interiors being trimmed in the natural wood with hard oak finish. The walls are finished in brown plaster, with white hard finished ceilings, down to a broad wainscoting of cedar. All the school rooms have black boards extending all the way around between doors and windows. There is in each room an ample hat and cloak room, with teacher's private closet attached. The building, throughout is fitted with electric bells and speaking tubes, and is wired for electric lights. There is in the upper hall, a large "well-hole," which gives a commanding view of the exit to all the rooms, and of the main entrance to the building—a feature of no little value in maintaining order. City water is supplied to stationary wash-stand in each of the basements, and to two separate ones on each of the floors.



Annie Biesen

The school is well supplied with furniture and apparatus. All new furniture that has been put in the building is of the single desk type, and is of the latest and most approved design. There is a fine piano, a well selected library of about 500 volumes, and a J. B. Col's highest grade stereopticon, with slides for the illustration of many of the subjects in the course of study, particularly history and physical geography. In the physical laboratory, there is much valuable apparatus, including among the larger



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pieces, an air pump, a Toepfer Holz Improved Electric Machine, with accessories for both, a heliostat, gravity balance, galvanometer, electric scope, pendulum and pulley apparatus, besides many smaller pieces for illustrating the laws of heat, light, etc. The physical apparatus is all the personal property of the principal, and was largely made by his own hands. Among the pressing needs of the school, are comfortable seats for the assembly hall, and a few more of the modern geography and history charts.

The course of study, besides the conventional primary and grammar grades, includes two years of work in the high school. The latter, since the state course has been made obligatory, has been somewhat crippled, as the previous curriculum, considering our isolation from the state colleges, was better adapted to our special needs. However, the best possible is being done under the circumstances, as the work covers the essentials of the state three years course, though diplomas are given for only the two year course. This has been effected by so strengthening the work of the seventh and eighth grades as to permit the addition to the regular two year course of the important branches, plane geometry and physics, of the three year course. Thus, our school is covering a much broader field than are most of the schools of the state of similar grades.

The first class was graduated from the High School in June, 1897. Since that time, the alumni have increased to forty-five, and there are ten in the present senior class, all of whom, it is hoped, will receive their diplomas next June. Of the alumni and alumnae several are now attending colleges in Oregon, California, and eastern cities. One occupies the responsible position of private secretary in the San Francisco



Prof. F. A. Golden, Prin.

Wells Fargo Express office, one is earning a good salary in the California schools, and others are among the best teachers of our own school, and in other schools of the county. Wherever Marshfield High School students have gone, they have maintained a standing among the best. The high order of the "Banner Day Exercises" of the grammar and primary schools, and the graduating exercises of the High School, is the best possible evidence of the excellence of Marshfield's school. The growth of the school is evident from the fact that when the new building was entered, less than six years since, the enrollment was less than 250 pupils, with only five teachers, whereas the present enrollment for only the first three months of the present year is over 300, with eight teachers.

One, and possibly the chief reason, for the excellence of the school is the fact that neither politics nor "pull" is allowed to enter as a factor in the selection of teachers. The school board places the responsibility of the selection on the principal. They say to him, "Make the best selections possible, everything being equal, giving the choice to home material." Under this policy, though mistakes are not always avoidable, and although salaries are not as high as they should be, the best possible results have been attained.

The corps of teachers at present is as follows:

F. A. Golden, principal; Ellen N. Beams, 7th and 8th grades; Annie W. Biesen, 6th grade; Gertrude E. Engle, 5th grade; Edvarda A. Erickson, 4th grade; Mary Foshay, 3d grade; Margaret M. Anderson, 2d grade; Mrs. P. M. Wilbur, 1st grade.

Prof. Golden is an alumnus of the University of West Virginia and was, at that institution,

class mate of the now famous senator from Iowa, Hon. J. B. Dooliver. Mr. Golden is a teacher of over twenty-five years experience, fourteen of which were in the position of principal of one of the leading public schools of New Orleans, and in the chair of Natural Science of two of the leading colleges of that city. For nearly the past twelve years consecutively he has held the principalship of our school, and it has been under his supervision that the school has been graded and brought to its present state of excellence. Miss Beams is a "native daughter," and was educated at Tualatin Academy and Pacific University, Forest Grove. She took a special teacher's course in 1894, under Prof. A. B. Powell, and has taught five years in Washington Co., four years in North Yamhill and McMinnville, and five years in Portland. She, as well as all the others but one of the corps, holds a life diploma.

Miss Biesen graduated from the Monmouth State Normal School in 1901, and has taught here since that time. Miss Engle graduated from the Ashland High School in 1898, and, two years later from the Monmouth Normal. She, too, has taught continuously since then in our school. Miss Foshay graduated from the Albany High School in 1898, and from Albany College in 1900. She is teaching her first year in the Marshfield school, but has had three years experience in the Albany schools. Miss Anderson and Miss Erickson are "to the manor born" and are both graduates of the Marshfield High School, as also of the Monmouth Normal. Each made a very high standing in both of these schools, Miss Anderson carrying off the valedictory of her class at the Normal School one year after graduating from her home school. Miss Erickson is teaching her first year in the school, and Miss Anderson has taught here continuously since 1898, with marked success.

Mrs. Wilbur was born and educated in the East. She finished her studies at Mrs. Kellogg's Private Boarding School, Ann Arbor Michigan. She has taught



Ellen M. Beams.

continuously in the first primary grade of the Marshfield school during the past twelve years, and now, to think of the primary department of our school, with out Mrs. Wilbur, would be to think of "home without a mother."

The board of directors is composed of Mr. C. A. Johnson, chairman, Dr. J. T. McCormac, and Mr. F. Hugelstein. Each of these gentlemen is serving the public very efficiently for the second term. The district has for its clerk Mr. Jno. F. Hall, and they have found him so