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What Will the Harvest Be?

Next Monday the old school bell will begin work once more after its summer vacation. To many pupils it will peal as merry as a wedding bell; to others it may sound more like a funeral note. To the old as well as to the young the opening of a new term of school is one of the interesting events of the year. In nothing else does the government come so close to the average citizen. If the school year is a successful one, the cost can scarcely be too great when the good to the future state and the life effects on the future citizens are considered; if the school year is a failure, all eternity cannot repay the loss. Any school but the very best possible is dear at any price.

Parents do not get the same boys and girls back at the end of the school year that they sent to it at its beginning. Every day a change for the better or worse occurs. To the school is largely committed the physical and moral welfare of the child as well as its intellectual growth.

Parents should insist that the school authorities take every means possible to safe guard the health and morals of their little ones.

Parents should insist that none but carefully prepared and experienced teachers are employed. If there is need anywhere in the world for the expert, it is in the school room.

Many parents will not trust the feeding of their swine very long at a time to their most trusted employee. But when a teacher of their children is to be employed they expect their directors to hire the cheapest obtainable regardless of fitness.

Parents should become personally acquainted with the teacher of their children. The parent and the teacher should be allies. Each can assist the other. Of the detailed work and management of the class room, the teacher is the better judge. Few people would presume to tell a banker how to conduct his business or a physician how to care

for his patients but many persons who never have taught think they can tell the teacher how to teach school. Yet there are many ways in which the parent can be of real assistance. A personal visit to the school and a talk with the teacher will be for the child's good.

There are three factors in every school—pupils, teacher and parents. In a successful school all must work together.

Prospects are unusually bright for a pleasant and profitable year. When the old bell sounds forth the call next Monday will you be too busy to pause a moment to wish those starting on another voyage God-speed?

The fire Saturday night revealed in a very forcible way what has been no secret to a number of persons for sometime, i. e., the need of regular meetings and regular practice of the members of our fire department. Of course the need of such drill is not nearly so great during the wet season, but had it not been for the recent rains, the fire would have gotten entirely beyond control long before the water was available. It was fully fifteen minutes from the time the alarm was turned in before a stream of water was turned on and had the roofs of nearby buildings not been soaked wet from the rains, it would have been impossible to have saved a number of buildings from destruction.

The boys responded promptly enough but showed lack of organization and it took entirely too long to get the hose ready for turning on the water. A few weeks before when it was desired to use the hose it was found to be wound on the reel in reverse order thus showing extreme carelessness on some one's part and one which would have been very costly had there been a fire.

Arrangements should be made for regular practice runs, especially with the hose cart and to different hydrants and the time necessary for getting a stream of water playing on an imaginary fire taken. It should also be made the duty of some one to frequently test the different hydrants to see that they are in proper working order.

Of course, everyone knows that the fire men receive next to nothing for their services. They have been very generous with their services in the past. But generosity will not take the place of organization and drill in a crisis.

The News has no desire to blame or find fault with any member of the department and does not know if any one in particular has been responsible for the lack of preparation. It might be well for the common council to appropriate a certain amount for each fire that the department puts out, the money thus paid to be used by the organization as may be needed to bring about the greatest efficiency of service.

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Shelburn Items

Mrs. Frank Gooch and two daughters are at Vale, visiting relatives.

Lillie Vandair, who has been living with Com and Alta Osborn this summer, started for her home near Vale, Monday. Com went as far as Portland with her.

A number of persons have returned from the hop yards because of bad weather and too many pickers. Among those are Marion Tindall and family, Mrs. Steidel and two daughters, L. A. Darby and Carl Galloway.

Stanley Taylor spent Saturday and Sunday near Silverton visiting relatives.

Frank Gooch, who has been home for a few days, returned last week to his work at Gooch.

The hail and thunder storm which struck here Monday did much damage to the fruit trees and gardens. Several old farmers say it was the worst storm of its kind they ever witnessed in this locality.

Asa Hiron is constructing a building in which to keep his water tank. He expects to have his water system completed soon.

Dr. Beauchamp of Stayton called on Mrs. Wyman last week. She had another bad spell which makes three this summer.

During the last week several farmers near here have been loading cars with oats.

WOOD BEE

Thomas Topics

The nice rain, which will make the late gardens grow, was welcomed by the farmers.

Mrs. John Carey and daughter were visitors in this neighborhood last week.

J. F. Sommer made a business trip to Jefferson last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crabtree visited at J. H. Kelly's a few days.

Robert Devaney loaded a car of oats here last week.

A large number of people from this vicinity have gone to the hop yards.

Dick Kelly and son came from across the mountains last week and intend making this their future home.

Mrs. F. F. Price was on the sick list last week.

J. N. Jones made a trip to Albany Friday.

Mrs. John Shiverly of Silverton, who has been visiting her brother, Frank DeWall, has left for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWall at Albany.

Dick Miller and family of Prineville were called here on account of the illness of Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. A. B. Kelly.

W. E. Price of Grant county, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore of Woodburn, are visiting at the residence of J. G. Holt.

Fred Mespelt and wife and Ernest Smith and wife were Albany visitors Friday.

Dick and Arthur Kelly went to Mill City Thursday on business.

J. T. Sommer has commenced with a force of carpenters, to build a nice bungalow on his farm.

ROSALEE.

Santiam Farm Topics

We are all here loaded for bear Mrs. Alice Sanders of Lacombe was down on a business trip to her farm, renting the same to Clifford Griffin, who is thinking some of taking in a new cook soon as he winked at a blind woman at the fair.

David Harshbough came over to the Santiam farm and invested in ten bushels of fine vetch seed, preparatory to sowing in a few days while the ground is in fine condition.

Uncle Geo. Sutherland is keeping Batchelors Hall while the good wife, daughter and son are gone to the hop yards.

Mrs. Neva Sturges of Burnes, came down Thursday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Griffin, also to visit her relatives in Lebanon and Scio.

Geo. Griffin sold a fine brood mare Monday to Henry Walker of near Lebanon for \$150.

Miss Nellie Young will open up our school in district No. 77 about the 18th of this month.

The Pie Eater and good wife were in Albany Tuesday, visiting with the wife's sister, Mrs. R. Morris and found her daughter, Eva, somewhat ailing with a bad leg.

The pie eater's magazine exploded and he failed to get any bear.

The pie eater is a little blue since the wind and hail storm which was the worst ever witnessed in Oregon, as it tore up my fruit trees, destroyed all of my grapes, fully 100 bushels of tomatoes, cabbage, pumpkins, corn, squash, pears, apples, prunes, and quinces and almost ruined all my berry vines as all tender shoots are cut off. I am damaged at least \$250. The old man kinder wishes he had a little butter on the other side of his bread since the storm, as he never saw anything like it since Adam and Eve was in the garden of Eden.

PIE EATER.

Fire Saturday Night

The first fire Scio has had within the fire limits for many months occurred on Saturday night. It was most fortunate that it did not happen until after the heavy rains had begun. As Mr. Gooding was returning from the post office, he noticed the light and at once rang the fire alarm. The firemen quickly responded and made the run to the scene of the fire where it was found to be a barn belonging to Mrs. J. H. Hassler. The hook and ladder company prevented the fire from burning the Wann home while the hose company was trying to get a line of hose laid and a stream of water ready to turn on the flames. This took some time as it found that no water could be obtained from the first hydrant tried and it was necessary to go to another hydrant. The fire had practically burned itself out by the time the water was available. The loss was not heavy as the barn was unoccupied and was quite old. How it started is a mystery as no one had been using the building. Most of the neighborhood was down town when the fire started.

In Justice Shelton's Court

Sam Shanks of near Larwood plead guilty to violating the road law which requires all drivers of traction engines to lay heavy plank on bridges before crossing same. He was fined \$10.00 and costs amounting to \$15.00. It is said that there are other drivers who are violating this law and who are likely to be arrested soon. Perhaps more care will be exercised hereafter in complying with the law.

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