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MANY SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED

S. F. Notson Writes Resume of Teachers' Institute.

The enrollment at the teachers' institute, held last week, was fifty-five. This is very gratifying when it is considered that several schools had not yet opened. The attendance of teachers who had not begun their terms of school speaks well for the professional spirit of the teachers.

The talks and addresses given by Prof. M. S. Pittman of the Oregon Normal School, were full of thought and encouragement and were highly appreciated by the teachers.

Prof. F. L. Griffin of the O. A. C. gave an interesting and instructive talk along industrial lines. His talk foreshadowed some possible changes in the plan of industrial contests at the state and county fairs.

The primary work was handled in a delightful and helpful manner by Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson. The instruction in regard to phonics will prove of great value if the teachers of the primary grades will follow the plans suggested.

A large portion of the time had been assigned to the work in penmanship. Miss Agnes Jones, representing the Palmer Company, presented the work. She carried the institute by storm and aroused great enthusiasm over the writing work. Every teacher in the county who must teach writing is entitled to the correspondence course to be given by the Palmer Company, free of all cost except the necessary postage on the manuscripts. Every teacher should undertake this work, for it means so much to the pupils of the schools. The Palmer method is not likely to prove a success unless it is properly taught, and teachers who are taking the free normal course will be interested to a greater degree than those who do not, as a matter of course.

Mr. C. H. Jones, of the Oregon Teachers Monthly, directed the singing and gave an interesting talk on the teacher's reading. He called attention to the help which teachers may receive from the Oregon State Library. If you need any help from the State Library, write to Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary, Salem, Oregon.

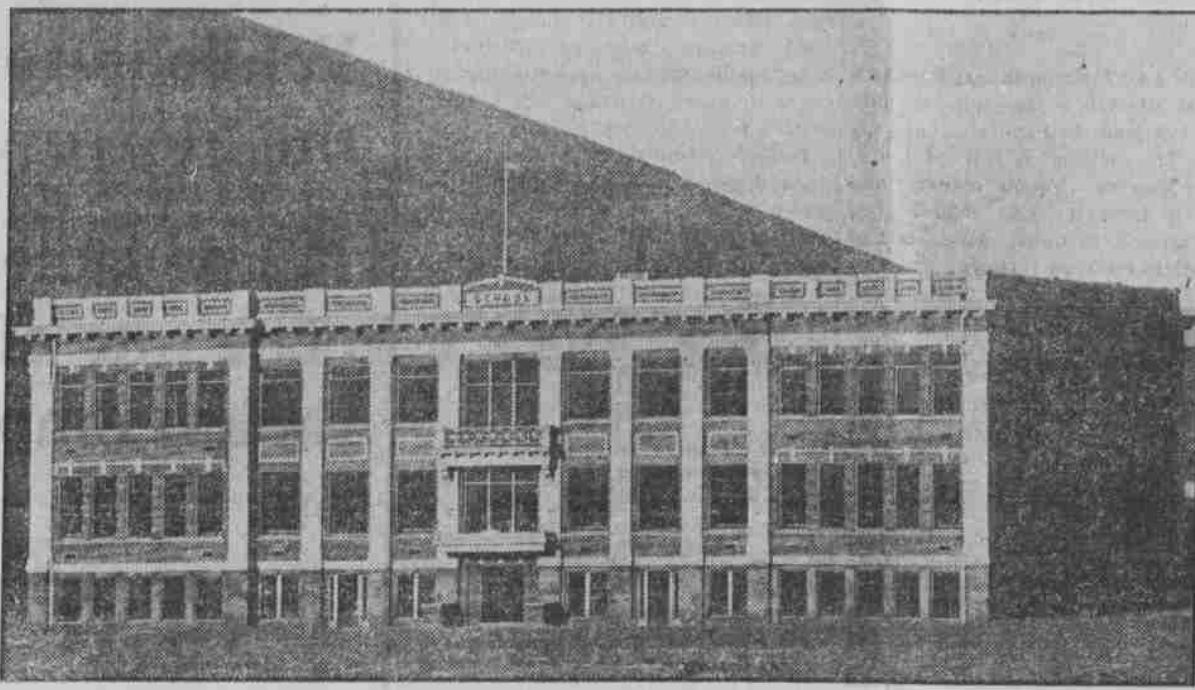
Dr. F. N. Christensen, of Heppner, read a very instructive paper upon mouth sanitation, which was fully appreciated by the teachers. It was instructive to teachers and parents, alike.

Dr. N. E. Winard in a very happy vein, addressed the institute for a short time on Friday.

Every teacher seemed to be highly pleased with the addresses given by State Superintendent Churchill. His talks on the new course of study were timely and instructive. His closing address upon the parent-teacher associations gave the teachers a better understanding of the purpose of the organizations. This movement is being pushed by the Oregon University and the United States Commissioner of Education. They hope to have an auxiliary in every school district before the close of the present school year. In states where the associations have existed for a number of years, much good has been accomplished by them. Forms of constitution and by-laws will soon be ready for distribution by the State Superintendent. The University has a man in the field most of the time now, organizing the work.

The evening addresses by Prof. Pittman and State Superintendent Churchill were listened to with much interest by the teachers and citizens. There should have been more of the citizens present to hear these men. The attendance does not correctly reflect the interest in education, which prevails in this community. The Indian legends told by Mr. C. H. Jones, Friday evening, were enjoyed and appreciated by both young and old. Judging from the many complimentary remarks the solo rendered by Miss Long of the Heppner School, Thursday evening, was fully appreciated.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the institute was one of the most interesting and profitable ever held in the county. The county superintendent was fortunate in securing good instructors, and the teachers in attendance were attentive and responsive.



Heppner's new \$40,000 school building that is now completed, and has been accepted by the Board of Directors, the actual cost to the District, all reports to the contrary, being less than \$34,000. It is a modern structure and ample for all needs.

COST OF BOOKS WILL BE LESSENE

State Board of Education Will Have Books Sold As Cheap in this State As Any Other.

The State Board of Education is doing all in its power to lessen the cost of text books. No text books may be sold in this state by a publisher at a higher cost than is charged for the same books in any other state in the United States.

The state department of education headed by J. A. Churchill discovered a short time ago that the Palmer Writing Lessons for primary grades was selling in other states for 15 cents, while the contract price in this state is 20 cents. The higher book, known as Palmer Method of Business Writing, is selling in Chicago for 16 cents while the contract price in this state is 25 cents. We took this matter up with the Palmer people and after threatening to bring suit on their bond we got them to instruct their agents in this state to notify all dealers that these books would be sold for 15 cents and 16 cents respectively. If any of the children of your community has paid a higher price than this they should take the books back and ask for the difference. The J. K. Gill Company, agents for the publishers, informs me that the publishers will make the amount good to your local dealer.

When Wise Men Disagree.

When the old city flag pole that has graced the First National Bank corner for so many years, was removed on Tuesday morning, a lively discussion was indulged in by a number of old settlers as to when and by whom the pole was spliced and planted. One party emphatically asserted that it was planted more than twenty years ago, as the man who spliced it has not been in Heppner for twenty years or more; while the principal to the opposite view as dogmatically maintained that the pole was spliced by the late Jim Roberts and raised to the position it has since occupied, during the Spanish-American war. Now, both these parties were here when the pole was raised, both are clear headed men, of observing habits and unquestioned veracity, but their testimony is directly contradictory. They flatly refuse to accept each others statements and loudly proclaim their readiness to wager any amount from \$10 to \$100 on the correctness of their own statements.

Now what are we poor "freshies" to do who were not here and must rely, perforce, upon the testimony of those who were? This is what is worrying us just now. If Jon should come along and give us his version of the matter unchallenged by other testimony, we would feel in duty bound to accept it as final without any thought of further authentication. If, on the other hand Bill should

present us with his version, in the absence of contradictory evidence we would feel justified in declaring without equivocation, mental reservation or secret evasion that we knew all about it. But, what a muddle. One flatly contradicts the other, and they each know they are right.

Moral: There is a moral to this little story. It is this: Make a record of all such thrilling events as the raising of flag poles, etc. stating the time when and by whom the event was pulled off. It will save discussion and leave the unprofessional citizen free to make up his mind "without prejudice, or malice aforethought."

School Children's Parade.

The school children's parade will occur Saturday afternoon. The school having the biggest percentage of pupils in line with the teacher will receive the first trophy. There will also be a second trophy for the next highest percentage. A list of the pupils must be sent to the county superintendent not later than Friday evening.

Trophies will also be awarded for the school making the best showing in the line of march, and for the school having traveled the greatest number of miles in coming to the fair. Second trophies will also be awarded for these contests.

Each schoolroom will be considered a unit in these contests.

Portland Business Men Coming to Fair.

At the invitation of the business men of Heppner, and Morrow county a delegation of Portland business men will leave here Saturday morning for Heppner, where they will attend the first County Fair. The Portland Commercial Club is circularizing its members and the business men of the city with a view of learning how many will go. A special train will convey the party if enough business men signify their intention of going. —Telegram

Our Mistake.

In mentioning the various teachers and their respective positions as given in our last week's issue, our reporter made a mistake which we wish to correct at this time. At a meeting of the school board on July 29, 1913, the motion was made and carried that the position of principal in the high school be done away with. In order that our last week's statement may not cause some unnecessary embarrassment we will now state that H. H. Hoffman, superintendent of the Heppner schools, both grammar and high, now performs the duties which were formerly executed by Miss Lilah Clark under the title of "principal."

Reports coming from Corvallis state that the Benton County Fruit Growers Association is having much trouble in handling their fruit crop. They have appealed to the Portland Commercial club to assist them in the labor problem. Carloads of pears are coming into the cannery and the company lacks about fifty women and girls to handle the product. According to the report the cannery can give employment to women from now until Christmas.

New Flag Pole.

The city of Heppner is this week planting a new flag pole on a high eminence at the west end of May street, thereby replacing the old pole which has just been cut down at the corner of the First National Bank.

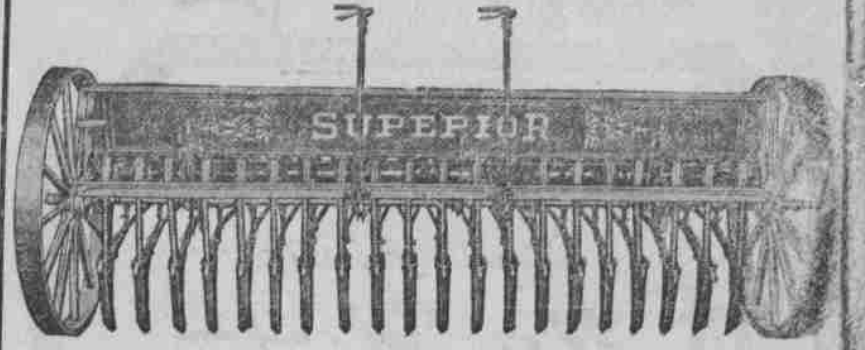
The old pole was raised 17 years ago according to Frank Gilliam, in celebration of Dewey's victory at Manila bay. The movement to get the pole was started by Frank Gilliam and the late George Conser. They were ably assisted in their efforts by other public spirited citizens and the pole was brought from the mountains south of Heppner and planted with fitting ceremonies.

The new pole was cut near the coal mines. Jim Gentry superintended the falling and hauled the pole to town. It was then raised by the efforts of F. N. Frye's dray team and men in the employ of the Heppner Light and Water Co. During the rest of the week "old glory" will fly from the top of the new pole. Long may she wave.

Thresher Burns.

Jack Devore suffered the loss of his thresher Sunday by fire. Shortly after beginning work with the machine there was an explosion of smut which set it on fire and nothing could be done to save it from burning. A team was hooked on and the machine pulled away up the hill from the stack and sacked grain and none of this was consumed, tho a hard fight had to be put up to save it. The wind was favorable and but for this the stacks and threshed grain would have been destroyed. A new machine has been ordered and will arrive in time to finish up threshing jobs Mr. Devore has contracted. There was no insurance.

Representative Allen of Ohio has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the compulsory retirement from the service all wooden railroad coaches in five years; 20 per cent to be retired each year. The Interstate Commerce Commission under the bill will supervise the retirement.



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