

COUNTRY SCHOOL CONDITIONS BAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 28.—"I found the country schools in Jackson, Douglas and Josephine counties in very bad condition in some instances, indescribably filthy," reports Mrs. Katherine Kelly, visiting nurse for the state board of health who has been spending some time in the three counties, investigating sanitary conditions in the schools.

"Teachers are negligent and refuse to take the responsibility for keeping the schools up. The supervisors provided for by the last legislature should help out more and keep the schools clean," she stated to Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, under whose direction the inspection trips are made.

Mrs. Kelly reported that the cleanest and best kept school found on the entire trip was in Josephine county, where Miss Vivian Bretherton, aged 18 years, of Portland, who graduated from Washington high school last year, is teaching. The school was very clean, the children were the cleanest of any met on the trip and the students were the most enthusiastic and contented of any. She reports they are preparing to give "The Bridge of the Gods" next Thursday night at the school house.

The worst school, Mrs. Kelly contends, was a two room building in Josephine county, where two sisters are in charge. One has been a teacher in New York for 16 years. There the windows looked as if they had not been washed for a year, and there appeared to be no pretense of ever sweeping or cleaning the floors.

Many cases of contagious skin diseases were found and will be treated by the county health officers to whom the cases have been reported. "Impetigo" is a common skin disease reported. In cases where these diseases are found the condition seems to be general. It is reported.

MUSIC PROGRAM AT FAIR SUCCESS

The Thanksgiving musical program at the Hospital Fair was a superb success. Mrs. Jonas Wolf and Mrs. Quisenberry have charge of the music and last night's concert was under the direction of Mrs. Ed Andrews.

The ladies' quartet, composed of Miss Coffin, Mrs. Searles, Miss McNasser and Mrs. Bauer, sang Rossini's "Charity." It was beautifully interpreted by these charming singers.

Herbert Alford's baritone solo—"He That Dwelleth," was especially fine. This young singer has a wide range and gives wonderful promise.

Miss Ethel Guthrie's "La Paloma," was received with enthusiasm. The song is an old favorite and the singer a new one.

The young ladies' octette, otherwise known as the Rogue River Valley Peaches, sang "The Tack." The name suggests a sharp pointed instrument of torture at the song in their fresh young voices, was like adding cream to sweetened peaches.

Miss McNasser of Central Point, gave a splendid rendition of "The Gypsy Trail." She has a superb contralto voice and many pleasant compliments were heard.

GRIFFIS AND ORTH CLUB CHAMPIONS

Stanton Griffis won the annual Thanksgiving golf tournament and John Orth the clay pigeon match at the Medford Golf and Country club yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Griffis' victory was a very popular one as he has only been playing the game for ten days.

The links are in excellent condition and matches are being played every day.

On Saturday a sweepstake golf match will be played starting at 2 o'clock.

The scores in golf were:
 S. Griffis 69-32-37
 D. Clark 46-5-41
 H. C. Egan 38-5-43
 P. H. Madden 49-5-44
 L. Carpenter 49-5-44
 A. Carpenter 59-14-45
 D. Carpenter 51-4-47
 M. Root 58-20-48

The shooting scores were:
 John Orth 3-3-4-10
 C. Edgell 2-4-2-8
 S. Johnson 2-5-2-9
 Mrs. Patterson 0-1-0-1
 L. Wakeman 0-2-1-3
 P. Hamill 0-1-0-1
 E. Roames 0-3-1-4
 E. Prenton 1-3-4-8

REMARKABLE MAN PASSES AWAY

Wm. S. Stitt, the Central Point orchardist, who died suddenly at Los Angeles last week, age 79, was an unusual character, and greatly beloved by all who knew him. Shy and modest, he made few acquaintances, but those revered him.

When a comparatively young man, Mr. Stitt and his partner, James Watt, conducting a merchant tailoring business, failed owing creditors \$25,000. Though relieved from legal obligation by the bankruptcy act, Mr. Stitt personally assumed the debts of the firm, promising his father just before the latter's death, that he would pay all creditors in full.

Mr. Stitt secured a salaried position with Wilson Brothers of Chicago and for 25 years his savings went to pay the old debts, which he finally accomplished, though doing so kept him a comparatively poor man and prevented his marriage to the woman of his choice.

Mr. Stitt saw active service during the civil war in the artillery. At the siege of Vicksburg he was in charge of one of the heavy siege guns. He was stricken with blindness caused from powder smoke, and army surgeons declared he would become permanently blind unless he had hospital treatment. All field hospitals were full and it was pronounced impossible to send him north.

One of the volunteer nurses, who aided both federals and rebels, a handsome widow who was mistress of a plantation near Vicksburg, took care of the blind officer and personally interceded with the commanding officer, General Burbridge, and prevailed upon him to send the blind soldier north for special treatment. Stitt recovered his eyesight and served until the end of the war. The intercession for the blind man with the general, developed into a romance, that had its conclusion at the end of the war when she became the bride of the general.

For 35 years Mr. Stitt was western representative for Wilson Bros., retiring a year ago. He purchased 26 acres of orchard adjoining the Malden orchard and intended to spend his declining years here. His death was sudden and due to heart failure.

There are 7000 monks on the Mount of Athos, in southern Greece.

PEACHES AND PIPPINS SING FOR HOSPITAL

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the management of the Hospital Fair announces the first appearance of the Rogue River Valley Pippins in a special concert at 7:30 tonight at the Cuthbert building.

The Peaches we have heard once or twice before, but this is positively the first appearance of the Pippins. They have been in training for concert singing under Mrs. Ed Andrews for some time and well deserve their title, for they are, one and all, splendid singers.

The effect of their eight young voices blending in harmony is a most magnificent thing. They will sing several selections, Mr. Theodore Fish and Mr. Ralph Balcom being the tenors. Nola Liddley and George

CHEAP COST OF POSTAL ROAD WORK

Major Crossland of the Postal road engineers states that the award of contracts for cement work on postal roads will not be delayed, but will be made at once. J. S. Howard, Jr., is the lowest bidder, and his bid so much lower than those of others that he will probably be awarded the job.

Major Crossland has made a remarkable record on cost of getting out crushed rock at the Griffin creek quarry and hauling it on the road. The rock cost \$3.1 cent a ton laid down. The cost of quarrying was .303 cent, of crushing .307 cent; hauling, average distance three miles, 22.1 cents. The county equipment was used.

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