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KLAMATH FALLS, THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1909.

SUPERINTENDENT SWAN'S REPORT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

The County Superintendent has just completed his annual report to the State Superintendent and the various items gleaned from this report show a healthy condition of the schools of the county and an increase over last year in every item but expenditures. The schools last year in order to maintain the length of school that was thought necessary encroached on this year's apportionment in several instances. There has been an honest attempt to keep down expenses this year and hold them within the apportionment, but it was impossible in all cases. Several districts have resorted to special taxes and several have gone short of the amounts needed and have come out in debt. There is a feeling in several parts of the county that the county fund should be somewhat increased so that all the property of the county would stand behind all of the schools of the county. There are now large areas in the county that are not in any school district.

The total number of children between the ages of four and twenty years reported this year is 1829—881 boys and 947 girls. Last year the number was 1,752. The total enrollment in the schools of the county this year was 1,244 as against 1,059 last year. The average number of days taught in each school this year was 136.7 as against 150 last year. The total number of days' attendance this year was 142,432; last year 119,511. The percentage of attendance this year was 94.3 per cent. The number of teachers employed this year was 66; last year 56. The number of eighth grade diplomas issued this year was 74; last year 40. The total receipts for school purposes this year were \$40,005.13; last year \$45,948.44. The total disbursements this year were \$37,644.45; last year \$45,093.74. There is a cash balance this year of \$2,360.73. Part of this is money received from the sale of bonds and now being used for building; a part is special tax money. If all the outstanding warrants were deducted the school funds would show a deficit, in spite of the fact that there has been a less number of days school taught this year than last. Another fact that shows care on the part of the directors is the large comparative amount paid to teachers this

year. This year the teachers of Klamath county received \$25,510.52; last year \$20,571.79, although the total disbursements were more than \$7,000 greater last year than this year. The average salary of male teachers was \$65.40; female, \$56.25. The average salary in one-room schools was \$60; average salary of principals, \$95; of assistant teachers in buildings of more than one room, \$61.15. The County Superintendent visited 30 of the 32 districts of the county and traveled approximately 1,400 miles in discharging his official duties.

There is a good outlook for the schools for the coming year. One new schoolhouse is in the process of erection and four other rural districts are planning to build before the year closes. Another district has bought a building and is remodeling it for school purposes, and another is overhauling the present building, repairing and painting it. At the County School Superintendents' convention and the State Teachers' association resolutions were passed in line with the suggestions of Superintendent Ackerman—that three things be especially emphasized this year: better work in spelling, better ventilation and sanitation, and more thoroughness. The Klamath county schools will undoubtedly fall in line with these suggestions.

The annual teachers' institute will be held during the first week of November unless circumstances should change the plans. The visiting instructors expected will be Superintendent Ackerman, President Resler and Prof. L. R. Alderman of the University of Oregon. In addition, plans are being matured for having some demonstration work done by the teachers of the primary department of the Klamath Falls schools. Superintendent Swan has discovered a lack of uniformity in the reports of the district clerks in regard to outstanding warrants. Some have reported the outstanding warrants as disbursements, others have not reported them. He is preparing a letter to the clerks in which he will instruct them not to report anything but the actual cash disbursements. If there are outstanding warrants they are not to be included in the disbursements for the year. He will also call attention to the evident practice of some clerks of paying out money without a warrant drawn on them. They do this at their own

risk, and are liable for the amount unless they have the paid warrants as vouchers to show for the payment. When the directors examine the clerk's books they should check them from these vouchers and no payment should be approved without the voucher or a reasonable excuse for its absence. The practice of paying without warrants has resulted in several cases of mistakes in the reports.

Teachers' examination will begin in the High School building August 11th. The next eighth grade examination will occur September 2d and 3d.

Eccentric Count Bertrand.
Count Bertrand, who lived in Paris, was a very eccentric man, and to one of his eccentricities he ascribed his long life. Once a year he would be taken himself to bed and stay there for three months. On these occasions he would see no one but his servant, who brought him his meals, and even him he forbade to speak. Just before the Germans began the siege of Paris the count went to bed, and the servant, true to his injunctions, said nothing of the events going on around him. One day the bread proved so bad the count demanded an explanation, whereby, of course, he learned that Paris was encompassed by the enemy. Springing out of bed, the count paced the floor, repeating, "What should a Bertrand do under such circumstances?" Suddenly he stopped, exclaiming, "We should go to bed!" and to bed he went and stayed there until the siege was over.

Willie Objects.
Among the representatives in congress is one whose lack of personal comeliness is the basis of personal banter from his facetiously inclined colleagues. "Why, Willie," said one of them to the four-year-old son of the congressman, "how much you resemble your father?" "Yes, sir," responded Willie, with an air of resignation. "Everybody says that, but I don't think I deserve it."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Getting a Start.
"Did you secure tickets for the play, hubby?" inquired the New York wife. "I hear they are in demand." "They are, but I managed to get seats for two months from tonight. And, by the way—" "Well?" "You might begin to get ready now."—Kansas City Journal.

The Annual Reoster.
"Do you know the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?" "Yes, indeed," answered young Mrs. Torkins. "All I have to do to see the difference is to observe Charley at the beginning and at the end of a baseball season."—Washington Star.

The Unhatched Prophet.
A visitor to Carlyle's birthplace back in the seventies said to a native: "Smart man, that Thomas Carlyle." The native granted. "Him smart? Why, I went to skule w' him."

The soul is the perceiver and revealer of truth.—Emerson.

Public Library Benefit Report.

The following is the report of the entertainment given by Prof. W. Eugene Knox for the benefit of the Public Library on Tuesday evening, July 27, 1909:

Total receipts from sale of tickets \$55.75
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