

PEDAGOGUES IN SESSION.

The Annual Institute a Gigantic Success—Much Enthusiasm Shown in School Work.

The annual institute held in Tillamook City during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week was one among the most profitable and instructive teachers' conventions ever held in this county. The programme was planned on the theory that an institute for teachers, having for its chief object the amusement and entertainment of teachers, is of little practical value; but that the instruction and inspiration to teachers should be the ultimate aim of every meeting of this nature. If the teachers do not return to their schools a little wiser, with an inspiration to attain higher ideals, derived from meeting and conversing with their fellow workers in the school-room, then their time was squandered and they are practically incompetent for school work and should seek employment elsewhere.

On the opening morning a large number of teachers were present. The lodging houses were full, a few, in fact, experienced difficulty in securing suitable accommodations.

The opening exercises led by Prof. R. C. French, of the State Normal School at Monmouth, were bright and attractive.

The songs were such as are used in the Normal training school and best graded schools, and were intended to give the teachers an idea of what should be the general nature of school songs. There should be singing in the school-room, and the songs should be of a refined nature, embodying a beautiful thought. Such songs are as easily learned by the child, as same really silly song, and when learned there is something acquired which will exert an elevating influence upon the child's nature.

The subject of U. S. History introduced by Prof. L. H. Baker, principal of the Lebanon schools, was well presented. He covered briefly the period from the supposed discovery of America by the Norsemen in 1008 to the period of colonization, giving his method of instruction and some of the events of importance to be taught to the child. No small stress is to be placed upon the condition of Europe in Columbus' time and the motives prompting him to the westward voyage across the Atlantic. Much interest was manifested in the work by the teachers.

Among the school studies most poorly taught is arithmetic, especially the first operations learned by the child on his entrance to the school. Prof. French, in a very clear, concise manner illustrated briefly the steps to be taken in the first two years in number work. It was asserted that no subject is more taught in our schools, and less known than in arithmetic. From this the teachers should be able to work out the plan.

School discipline, by Prof. Baker, created much interest. The teachers were eloquently urged to cultivate a strong personality and by the exercise of an indomitable will power, rule the school. Several necessary qualifications of a teacher were discussed. Among others was thorough preparation for the work, i. e., professional training and study and preparation on the part of the teacher of each lesson to be taught. No teacher has a moral right to go before his class without a thorough study of the lesson, enabling him to teach without the aid of a text-book. In this way he will hold mastery over his class.

Geography, by Prof. French, in the afternoon, was well outlined. By use of a sand board the method of illustrating the slopes of land and drainage was shown. He called attention to the fact that no subject in the common school course is so poorly taught as that of Geography. It is too often a mere reading of questions to the class without any course to live active work. The plan given would lead the child to discover many important facts for himself.

Prof. Baker made a strong appeal for Mental Arithmetic. This led to a very interesting discussion as to the utility of the subject as a separate study. It was asserted that all Arithmetic operations were necessarily mental, therefore, why study Mental Arithmetic? The instructor's opinion seemed to be that it should be so taught as to secure quick, sharp mental work. Pure mental gymnastics in the way of puzzles, catch-problems, long complicated problems, etc., are very questionable as to their value to children.

Primary reading by Prof. French was excellently presented. The use of the word-method was clearly illustrated, and many devices suggested for teaching the child thoroughly. Tuesday was a continuation of the work of the previous day.

Miss Koss brought before the institute a class of children in reading. Her teaching was excellent and from the work the teachers obtained many aids.

Prof. Walker's paper on English Grammar was excellent.

A very interesting talk on N. E. A. was given by Prof. French.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, Ackerman attended with the teachers and being a layman, though up-to-date in his work as a teacher.

On Monday evening the opera house that the city and citizens. Mayor about a week ago a short practical ad-popular means of those who expect to be possible.

Mrs. Ella May... perfect letter, city, who is a...

and having received a number of communications from teachers the past few years he was surprised at the diction, grammar and punctuation used by teachers who were applying for schools. He thought thirty days in a county house would give teachers more practical knowledge of some of the subjects they had to teach than the theoretical information they could obtain from their colleges and high schools.

Mr. T. B. Handley followed the mayor with an able address, and then Prof. G. A. Walker read a lengthy paper on "The Humanity of the Schools."

Vocal and instrumental music helped to make the evening doubly pleasant. The band boys, Frank Kerremar, Miss Ruth and Herbert Cooper. Mrs. Allen, Miss Edith Perkins and Sol Smith contributed to this part of the program.

Again on Tuesday evening the opera house was well filled, but one of the remarkable incidents of that evening was the preponderance of ladies in the audience over gentlemen. After instrumental music by Miss Belle and Charles May and a recitation by Miss Georgia Applewhite, County Superintendent G. B. Lamb introduced State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman. He gave an interesting talk on general lines, contrasting the home teacher with that of the school teacher, and pointing out that it was on account of home teachers taking the part of the pupil that the school teachers had to contend with so many difficulties. He wanted to see the home teachers and the school teachers come closer together, when they would have better results in the district schools. Supt. Ackerman touch upon high schools, and pointed out the advantage of them to the community, and in doing so gave several instances where they had been introduced and successfully conducted. He saw no reason why Tillamook city should not have a high school, and it could if some enthusiasm were aroused to that end. How much better it would be if after a pupil had graduated from the district school, he could take a course of study in the high school, which would be much preferable to allowing that pupil to remain in idleness, even if he did not learn anything at the high school. He spoke of school libraries, and with a little money appropriated every year for that purpose would soon put the district school in possession of a nice library.

He criticized school directors for paying \$80 to \$100 for school charts, when a \$30 one would answer the same purpose. Altogether the state superintendent's address was full of useful and practical suggestion and was attentively listened to throughout.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church served refreshments after the address, when a social time was participated in and in making the acquaintance of Prof. Ackerman.

The reception to the teachers given by Mrs. Drew on Wednesday evening was a very pleasant feature of the institute.

The County Teachers' Association voted to hold its next meeting at Woods on Aug. 19.

The following teachers attended the institute: Tillamook—M. E. Tone, Mrs. Ella R. Hayes, Etta Severance, Suzie Judd, Ida Watson, Dora E. High, Bella Watt, De Forest Severance, Belle May, H. J. Wells, H. S. Lamb, Mrs. May W. Allen, Kathryn Hiner, Ellen Bewley, Mrs. N. M. Ginn, Mamie Means, Maude Sturgeon, Bessie Hunt, Nettie McKinley, Selma Allen and Edith Perkins.

Sand Lake—Alice Barrows. Beaver—E. Helena Wolfe and Olive Baxter. Blaine—M. L. Townsend and Fannie Smith. Hebo—Clara Hadley and Mrs. M. N. F. Dawson. Woods—Minnie Nelson. Shelbyville, Ind.—Clara J. Mitchell. Garabaldi—E. Douglass Koss. Netarts—Ella Alderman. Nehalem—Ida M. High, Esma A. Newell, E. Gladys Newell, Anna M. Sorensen, Teresa Cronen, and Tacy Wilkinson. Salem, Or.—E. A. Harvey. Consonberg—Abbie Coulson. Bay City—W. A. Petseys, Maydelle Kiger and G. A. Walker. Balm—Lizzie Rittenhouse.

Drs. A. D. Rothstain and E. S. Goldstone Scientific Opticians.

Will remain in the town for one week longer from Aug. 2nd to 9th and can be seen at the parlor of the Allen house, Tillamook. These gentlemen are high class opticians from the best English and Continental schools and all those desiring to secure a proper correction for their sight will do well to call and see them. Consultation and advice free. Hours 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

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WILSON RIVER.

The Swedish missionary, Rev. G. A. Osbrink, arrived last Saturday from Astoria and is now holding meetings every evening at the Latimer school house. There will also be meeting at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning next.

A young patriot arrived in the house of Mr. Shaw last Sunday.

BLAINE.

Hello! What is the matter with Blaine? We have a school with 25 scholars, a creamery close to our town, plenty of preaching and Sunday school at our church and plenty of fish in our brook; bears and deer in the hills and there is to be had good claims within range of our school house. Men with families would do well here by giving us a call or you can buy a good ranch for little money, and we have mail twice a week, and it won't be long until we will open a road to McMinnville, a distant of 30 miles. We have a good road to Tillamook city on the north side of the Big Nestucca river and by looking around one can get a ranch with two to five hundred dollars worth of chittam bark, and a person can make from one to three dollars per day. So come to Blaine.

NEHALEM.

Himble & Wheeler mill started up again on Monday, with a Chinese cook in the kitchen.

Blackburn Bros. are hustling the timber, and continue to send down rafts regularly every few days.

Six school-ma'ams took the Walker route for Tillamook Monday morning.

Herman Tohl's young friends gave him a birthday surprise party Saturday night.

There was a loggers ball at Batterson's hall Saturday night.

Wise Bro.'s came up on Sunday on dental and piscatorial business; at both of which they are adepts.

The salmon fishermen are getting a move on, in readiness for the coming season.

Haying is about over; there is a little out yet, delayed by the cloudy weather. Taken all around it has been a good season for hay.

BARNEGAT.

J. Biggs' health is very poor. Reynold's logging camp is running smoothly, with Birch Alderman at the helm.

James Wilson and family have been visiting with friends and relatives at Barneget the past few days.

Mrs. Bramer and Mrs. Carrie Hauxhurst visited with friends up the Tillamook river last Thursday.

Miss Clara Biggs went to the city last Thursday. Bert Biggs was in the city Saturday. Al. Biggs and daughter Mamie visited with his father and brother and family Sunday.

Mr. Leigh Jones, of Hobsonville, and his brother, were over last Sunday and left again Monday. Mr. Jones was looking after their interest in the logging camp.

NESTOCTON.

Mr. Oberg is going to Garibaldi to spend a month or so.

Dr. Mills was a pleasant caller at this place today.

Miss Blake has come home to stay awhile.

Mr. Blake had quite an experience a few days ago. He went out to look for his oxen and ran across an old bear and two cubs. Mr. Blake was excited and the bears were also, the two small ones taking to the trees, and as Mr. Blake had no gun with him he hardly knew what to do. He concluded the best thing to keep those cubs up the trees would be to pull off his clothes and tie them around the trees and go home and get his gun. When his wife saw him coming, bare-headed, she thought something dreadful had happened, and she called to him to know what the matter was. He just had breath enough to say "gun" and "bear." She got him the gun and he went back and killed one of the cubs.

Wm. Schlotter and family will go up to Skookum lake to spend a few days.

Protect Our Food.

The doctors inform us that alum is a poison, and that alum baking powder should be avoided because they make the food unwholesome. Prouninent hygienists, who have given the matter most study, regard these powders as an evil that should be suppressed by state action. In Minnesota and Wisconsin alum powders are not permitted to be sold unless they are branded to warn consumers of their true character, while in the District of Columbia the authorities have under the direction of Congress, adopted to prohibit the use of alum in bread altogether.

Are not the people of other states, as well as those of Minnesota and Wisconsin entitled to warning of a danger which is apparently menacing them at close hand and is not the whole country entitled to absolute protection, as the people of the District of Columbia are protected, by legislation which is entirely prohibitive? Until we can have protection in the form of a statue, how can our state boards of health, state analysis or food

commissions better serve the public than by publishing in the newspapers from time to time the names of baking powders which they find to be made from alum?

Meantime, it will aid the housewife in designating the alum powders to remember that all powders sold at twenty five cents or less per pound are of this dangerous class. Pure cream of tartar powders are usually sold at from forty-five to fifty cents a pound.

TILLAMOOK WEATHER.

July	Temperature.	Maxi-mum.	Mini-mum.	Mean.	Rain-fall.
1	75	45	60.0	0.00	
2	75	48	60.3	T.	
3	68	50	59.0	0.03	
4	60	52	56.0	0.15	
5	62	47	54.1	T.	
6	63	52	57.1	0.00	
7	64	50	57.0	0.00	
8	64	44	54.0	0.00	
9	72	43	55.0	0.00	
10	72	43	57.1	0.00	
11	77	45	61.0	0.00	
12	76	49	62.1	0.00	
13	72	49	60.1	0.00	
14	72	54	63.0	0.00	
15	65	55	60.0	0.00	
16	73	56	64.1	0.00	
17	75	56	64.0	0.00	
18	75	55	65.0	0.00	
19	75	55	65.0	0.00	
20	66	55	60.1	0.00	
21	66	49	57.1	0.05	
22	66	54	60.0	0.03	
23	74	46	60.0	0.00	
24	75	52	63.1	0.00	
25	75	49	62.0	0.00	
26	75	56	62.1	0.03	
27	65	54	59.1	0.03	
28	64	55	59.1	0.04	
29	67	57	62.0	0.04	
30	66	57	61.1	0.04	
31	68	56	62.0	T.	
Sum.	2,156	1,586	1,861.6	0.44	
Mean	69.5	51.5	60.6	0.00	

SUMMARY.—Max. temp., 77; dates, 11th. Min. temp., 43; date, 9th and 10th; total precip. inches, 0.44; total snowfall inches, 0; number of days clear, 14; partly cloudy, 5; cloudy, 12; Dates of frost—Light, 4; Killing, 0. Dates of hail, 0; sleet, 0; thunder storm, 28th. Auroras, 0. Prevailing wind—Direction, N.W.

REMARKS.—T trace. Look for light rain on all quarters of the moon in August, unless there is a strong north western blowing about that time.

28th, 9 p.m., a thunder storm, course from N. W. to S. E., lasting 2 hours and 40 minutes. No rain or hail with it, till after it had passed over and only heavy mist.

CAPT. JOSEPH J. DAWSON, Voluntary Observer.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

Allen House. Portland—James and W. F. Lyons, Mrs. C. M. Codernus, Geo. Landers, Dr. T. W. Brooke and wife, G. A. Osbrink, C. J. Byrne and wife, Lloyd Brooke.

Hopewell—M. N. Bays. Corvallis—Ira Kisor. Yaquina—Capt. Geo. Malany.

Forest Grove—S. W. Ridgley. Florence—M. Morris. Steamer Luella—J. J. Anderson.

Dolph—Mrs. Gurium. Beaver—J. W. Hunes, Miss L. M. Kin-naman.

McMinnville—J. Collier. Lebanon—L. H. Baker. Sand Lake—Frank Atkins, Bert Hoyt.

Dallas—G. F. Brown. Hobsonville—J. H. Cochran, J. G. Phillips.

Bay City—G. A. Walker. Woods—W. H. Romick, Miss M. Weatherly.

Salem—J. H. Ackerman, James Norrie. Monmouth—B. L. Murphy.

Hebo—A. L. Miller. **Larsen House.**

San Francisco—R. F. Edgar. Sheridan—A. H. Frayin. Sand Lake—Eugene Atkinson, Frank Atkinson.

Geiser—J. S. Atkinson. Portland—Chas. H. Chance, J. P. Niedermeyer.

Monmouth—Robt. C. French. Fairview—Susie Judd. Blaine—L. Townsend.

Beaver—Olive Baxter, Abbie Coulson, Lucy Kinnerman, Miss Lena Wolf. Woods—F. Luke, O. H. Soling Minnie Nelson.

Hebo—Clara Hadley. Bay City—P. R. Madison.

Netart—J. W. Hodgdon, M. A. Hodgdon. **The Tillamook.**

Forest Grove—S. W. Ridgley, Geo. Bacon, J. M. Garrison, Frank Meyers. Dallas—Frank Brown, E. E. Gillam.

Portland—A. P. Venan. San Francisco—Robt. Edgar, E. H. Baker.

Tug Roberts—Wm. Bernhart and wife. Barneget—Miss Ida Watson. U. S. Navy—W. L. Field.

Neskovin—C. W. Gores and daughter. Hobsonville—J. H. Cochran, Bay City—Alf Dean, Jno. Roach, Mr. Bynum. Monmouth—Mr. Stienip.

"Isabel, your new hat is absurd; it looks just like a huge flower bed." "Well, you needn't get so excited, Edgar; you don't have to get up before daylight and pull weeds out of it."

"Did you hear what Reginald gave Lucretia for a graduating present?" "What was it?" "A commutation ticket on a down-town soda fountain."

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Told Out of Court.

"Heard a couple of good ones on this trip," announced one of Detroit's traveling men to a Free Press reporter. "At a little town in Oklahoma court was in session and I dropped in while waiting for the train. The prosecution had taken the testimony of a stationary engineer and the attorney for the defense took hold. 'Where were you the day this thing happened?' he inquired.

"'Runnin' a injun.' 'What tribe did he belong to?'

The day before a case had been tried in which a man had climbed to the top of a freight car laid up on a siding. He had no business there, but loosened the brake. The car started down grade, gained speed rapidly for five miles and then turned a somersault over an embankment. His collar bone was broken and he got a verdict for \$500 because a smart lawyer convinced the jury the railroad was guilty of contributory negligence."

Twenty-five years ago Ben Harrison and Dan Voorhees were opposing counsel in a murder case, the former prosecuting, the latter defending. The state of Indiana had found fault with one Bill Smith—that was not his name but "twirl serve"—because Bill had killed a farmer. It was a most unprovoked murder, for Bill and a party of roystering companions had stoned the farmer's house, and when he appeared without the moat to make physical protest they set upon him savagely. He was stabbed to death with a jack knife in the hands of Smith. Harrison was called in to assist the prosecuting attorney. It was a great day at the county seat, and the court house was packed to witness the battle royal between the two giants of the forensic arena. Smith was a very unpromising candidate, for nature and a bad ancestry had made a low-bowed degenerate of him to begin with, and his own efforts had not improved his makeup. While the witnesses were being examined he leered and grinned and spouted tobacco juice vigorously extracted from a quid which, from the swelling in his cheek, seemed to be about the size of an ordinary egg of commerce. Voorhees, calling each juror by his first name—"Bill," "Jim" or "Jack," as was his wont—made a most impassioned plea for the young man, begging his twelve peers to "give him just one more chance." He hung the changes on that text for three or four hours, and the more eloquent Voorhees became the more Smith grinned and expectorated.

When Voorhees had finished Harrison walked close up to the prisoner, regarded him most attentively for a length of time that seemed an hour to the jury and spectators and an age to the culprit, and after he had finished his survey exclaimed in mock contempt of Voorhees' speech: "Yes; give him one more chance!" And the deadly sarcasm in his tone was like a thrust to the heart to the defendant. With malignant deliberateness Harrison sized up the degenerate again for an in terminable length of time, and the jury could not help doing the same. "Give him one more chance!" hissed the cold-blooded, cruel Harrison, and then the flaying began. If ever a man was verbally skinned alive that same Bill Smith was, and Voorhees acknowledged after the trial that his client's fate was sealed when Harrison first nutely called the

jury's attention to the prisoner's utterly depraved appearance and then sneered, "Give him one more chance!" Smith got twenty years, which Mr. Voorhees declared was a light sentence, considering all the circumstances.

"Your worship," said the wily London solicitor, who was defending the stalwart prisoner in the dock, "you cannot possibly convict my client of housebreaking. I submit, sir, with all deference, that neither morally nor legally can you convict him. I will tell you why.

"Mr. Sikes, here, as the evidence clearly proves, did not break into any house at all. He found the parlor window open, as the witnesses admit, and all he did was to put in his right arm and remove some unimportant articles. Now, sir, Mr. Sikes' arm is not himself, and I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offence committed by only one of his limbs."

"Very well, sir," said the cautious Solomon of the bench, "I have heard of a similar defense before today, so I find the prisoner's arm guilty, and sentence it to six months' imprisonment. The gentlemen himself can accompany it or not as he chooses. Mr. Clerky, read the sentence."

Then Mr. Sikes smiled a fourteen-inch smile, for the plan of the defense became apparent as he quietly proceeded to unscrew his guilty cork arm, and leave it in the custody of the court.

Real Estate Transfers.

July 28—E. K. Scovell to Mary A. Scovell, lot 2 and Se ¼ of Ne ¼ of Sec. 12 tp. 3 N. R. 8 W.

July 31—Tomlinson Dec to Perry, Stella, S ½ of lots 7 and 8 in block 8 in Stillwells second add to Tillamook.

A New and Commendable Departure.

Mr. Thayer, lessee of the light plant has established a new, and what is more satisfactory, an impartial rate for lights in the city. While in some cases it has reduced the cost to some yet Mr. Thayer relies upon the consequent increase of patronage and a satisfied feeling of patrons as a remuneration for his loss. Electric lights can now be maintained in the City of Tillamook as cheaply as oil with its danger, dirt and labor.

Despite the low prices of all manner of wearing apparel this year, it will be observed by a study of our public thorough-fares when the bikers are out that bicycle skirts come higher than ever.

"I expect I'll be frightfully tanned," she said. "I'm going to the seashore." "Yes; give him one more chance!" "I was frightfully tanned yesterday," broke in her little brother. "I was out in the woodshed with father."

The Blencoe (la.) Beacon relates that one of Blencoe's smart youngsters, while at the home of a neighbor recently, was asked how the baby at the house was getting along. "Oh, all right," replied the boy. "But, just think, He is only 3 months old and has got away with \$9 worth of condensed milk. He has cost us enough already to buy a good horse."