

Tillamook County Schools.

The following is a brief synopsis of the County Superintendent's annual report to the State Superintendent, made August 1st, 1902:

Number of children of school age in the county 1,683
 Whole number of pupils enrolled during the year 1,282
 Number in county not in any school 401
 Number of legal voters for school purposes 716
 Average length of term 6.4
 Number of library books on hand 576
 Number of library books purchased during year 266
 Pupils enrolled in private schools 148

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Money in District Clerks' hand, March 4th, 1901.....\$2,160.93
 Special Tax Levies..... 13,307.73
 County School Fund..... 6,453.09
 State School Fund..... 2,114.38
 Tuition 83.70
 From all other sources..... 817.20

Total.....\$22,937.03

DISBURSMENTS.

Paid teacher's wages.....\$14,309.09
 Paid rent of rooms..... 90.25
 Fuel and supplies..... 712.53
 Repairs on houses and grounds 511.41
 For new school houses and sites 159.06
 Principal and interest on bonds and warrants..... 1,559.89
 Insurance 104.31
 District clerk's salaries 304.67
 Paid for all other purposes ... 1,083.96

Total.....\$18,835.17

Money reported in hands of district clerks \$4,101.86
 Estimated value of school houses and grounds..... 23,245.00
 Estimated value of school furniture and apparatus..... 5,924.00
 Insurance carried on school property 12,210.00
 Average monthly salary of male teachers..... 40.15
 Average monthly salary of female teachers..... 32.24

It will be noticed that the average length of term is much longer than last year. It should be borne in mind that the school year just closed was more than 12 months long, extending from March 4, 1901, to June 13, 1902.

It should be favorably noticed that quite an addition has been made to the school libraries of the county. This is encouraging as the value of a few well selected library books in the hands of the pupils cannot be over estimated.

The clerks' reports show that there are 401 children not attending any school. But it should be remembered that but few children between the ages of four and six years are admitted into the schools, deducting these an excellent record is shown.

There is a slight increase in the salary paid male teachers, last year being \$39.06, and this year \$40.15, while there is a very slight decrease in the salary paid female teachers, being \$32.24 this year to \$32.29 last year.

Real Estate Transfers.

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Sarah E. Price to Sarah Paul, warranty deed, W 1/2 of W 1/2 of Sec 15, tp. 6 S, R. 9 W. 40 acres. \$100.
 John J. Perry and wife Stella J. to Elizabeth Burdick, Warranty deed, Lots 7 and 8, block 8, W. D. Stillwell's 2nd addition to town of Tillamook, now City of Tillamook. \$300.
 Nels Thompson and wife Annie M. to A. E. Imbler, warranty deed to 50 x 7 1/2 feet in Nw cor., block 4, Thayer's addition to town of Tillamook, now Tillamook City. \$300.
 Louis Olsen to George H. Benson, warranty deed to lots 1 and 2, block 2, R. R. Hays addition, Tillamook City and lots 7 and 8, block 2, Central addition to Tillamook City. \$225.
 Jacob S. Elliott and wife to Tracy R. Elliott and wife Blanche, agreement for deed for 13.80 acres in Ne part of lot 1, sec. 7, tp. 1 S, R 9 W. \$483.
 Claude and Estelle Thayer to H. A. Brooks, bond for deed to lots 7 and 8, block 42, Thayer's 5th addition to City of Tillamook. \$135.
 T. S. Townsend Creamery Co. to J. C. Holden, Warranty deed to Nw 1/4, block 5, City of Tillamook. \$1,650.
 Also six mortgages securing in the aggregate \$4,435.

Indian War Veterans.

Independence, Ore., August 16, 1902. At an adjourned meeting of the Indian War Veterans of 1855 and 1856, held at Independence, August 16, 1902, the following proceedings were had:

On motion of Major James Bruce, of Benton County, Ben Hayden was chosen chairman.
 On motion of James Hays, of Corvallis, J. R. Cooper, of Independence, was chosen secretary.
 On motion of Major Bruce, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with all the County Clerks within the State and ascertain the number of Indian War Veterans and their dependent widows in their respective Counties and report the same to the Adjutant General at Salem.
 On motion of D. L. Hedges, the Secretary was instructed to transmit a copy of these proceedings to all the newspa-

pers within the State with request to publish the same.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at Salem, Wednesday, October 1, 1902, and all Indian War Veterans are cordially invited to attend.
 BEN HAYDEN, Chairman.
 J. R. COOPER, Secretary.

Shielded By Tracy.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 23.—An other remarkable instance of the truthfulness of Outlaw Harry Tracy developed today, when it was discovered that the barrel of the rifle which Tracy had when he was killed was not the barrel of the rifle which Tracy used in making his escape. This fact destroys what seems to be a probable clue that would lead to the detection of the person who carried the rifles into the prison.

Tracy told a number of persons that he would exchange the barrel of his rifle for another in order that no one should discover where it came from. While he was at the Eddy farm, near Davenport, a day or so before he was killed, Tracy told Eddy that he had placed another barrel in the stock of his rifle. He said at the time that the barrel did not fit the stock, and he found it necessary to use a piece of leather to make it firm. This story of Tracy's was given no particular attention, but Eddy related the circumstance to Attorney H. A. Myers a few days ago, and on his visit to Salem today Mr. Myers told the story to Governor Geer. Governor Geer went to the penitentiary and examined the rifle, whereupon he found the facts to be just as Tracy had stated them. The barrel now in the stock is a very poor fit, and could not be made serviceable without the use of a piece of leather. The barrel which belonged to the stock was probably thrown into a stream of well, where it will never be found. The barrel now on the stock was taken from a stolen rifle. The number was stamped upon the barrel, and there was no means of identifying the stock.

Brakeman Crushed to Death.

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 24.—W. R. Valley, aged 30 years, a brakeman on the Southern Pacific, was crushed and instantly killed between two freight cars at Steinman, eight miles south of here, early this morning. One car on the south bound freight train had left the track at the switch at Steinman station. The train broke in two and the air was released on the front end of the train and the drawhead of the car which was off the track dropped down lower and permitted the car in front to back against the derailed car. The brakeman was caught between these two and crushed. Another brakeman on the train gave him warning to look out, but the warning came too late; instead of slipping out from under Valley raised up and so was killed. The remains were brought to town, a coroner's inquest was held and the body was sent to Pendleton on the evening's train for burial. The deceased has relatives in Albany.

Must Raise Grass.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 25.—Hon. Ira Purdin, a prominent farmer of this place, said today that his yield of oats this year is as large per acre as he ever raised in Washington County, but that his wheat crop is much lighter than usual on account of the Hessian flies destroying so much of it. He is of the opinion that farmers in this section of the country will have to begin raising more grass, and more stock, from the fact that he thinks the Hessian fly is on the increase, and this will be the only means of completely getting rid of the pest. The location of the condensed milk factory at this place will cause a demand at once for the very class of feed that the Hessian fly will not disturb.

Jumped from Suspension Bridge.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 24.—An unknown man jumped from the center of the suspension bridge at 8 o'clock to night and was drowned. He was seen by Mr. and Mrs. George Zinsler, who were crossing the bridge, and by two others who were close to him. He pulled off his coat, threw it over, mounted the rail on the north side of the bridge, said "Good-by," muttered a few unintelligible words, and, before the men could seize him, jumped into the river 50 feet below. He looked and talked like a Japanese. He sank immediately, came to the surface and struggled frantically for a few minutes, shouting something that could not be understood. Two boats put out to his rescue, but he went down before they could reach him. The river is about 150 feet deep at that point.

Two Vices Make One Virtue.

John Smith number one stole one chicken. He was sent to jail for thirty days, relates Judge.

While there he reformed and became another man. He became John Smith number two.

John Smith no. two organized a chicken trust, took 2,000,000 chickens as his fee for organizing it and sold the chickens when the market was the highest.

Thus he was enabled to endow the jail with a library.

This goes to show that if we ponder properly over our misdeeds we may readily see where we did not make them big enough.

Negro Kills White Wife.

At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon a fatal shooting affray occurred on the second floor of the Boston saloon, a disreputable resort on the Southeast corner of Second and Everett street, Portland, Oregon.

As a result Annie Smith occupied a slab at the Morgue, with a 38-caliber bullet in her breast. George Smith, her slayer, is at the police station.

The woman has a pathetic past. Her parents who are named Hess, reside in the suburbs of Portland. A few years ago Annie Hess was a pure girl. She had a fair education and was good looking. Step by step she descended the ladder of iniquity, until she reached the lowest depths of depravity. About two years ago she married the negro, who not satisfied with robbing her of every vestige of respectability, has taken her life as the crowning act of the unnatural affiliation.

Smith has for many months lived from the wages of sin, as gathered by the white slave, in the filthy cess-pools of North End immorality.

Only three weeks ago Smith was arrested on complaint of Fay Severe, for the use of abusive language, when told to leave her house where Mrs. Miller was at the time stopping.

At the hearing of this case Smith confessed to being a vagrant, and sharing the spoils of his wife's shame.

Smith is an important witness in the murder case where a man was found dead in the vicinity of the Willamette Iron Works, and two negroes arrested for the crime. It was thought at the time that the sentencing of Smith would tend to make him obstinate, and he would refuse to give the evidence desired at the hearing of the case.

Oscar Collin was an eye witness to the shooting, and made the following statement of the affair.

"I was in the room of Annie Smith when a knock came at the door. The woman opened it and found her husband standing there. He spoke in a calm voice, stating that he had brought her the key, so that she could go to his trunk and get some of her things which still remained there, after the separation of a few weeks ago. Without any warning he flashed the revolver and shot her in the breast in the vicinity of the heart.

"After the shot the woman staggered back into the room, exclaiming she was shot. The murderer then ran down the stairs."

A woman called Daisy, who occupied a room across the hall from Mrs. Smith, stated that Smith had come to her room and brought her a drink. He then stepped into the hall and she heard him knock at his wife's door, and a moment later a shot, and then the running down stairs of Smith.

Policemen Kitzmiller and Roberts arrested the man, who had run around the corner and was doubling back to the scene of tragedy. The revolver, still warm, with one chamber empty, was found on his person.

Smith claims that while standing at his wife's door someone shot her over his shoulder, and his run out of the building was made in an effort to capture the murderer, who ran down the street.

General News.

Cholera official statistics show a total to date of 24,266 cases and 18,040 deaths at Manila. The actual number of cases and deaths is greatly in excess of the official reports. In Manila there were eight cases reported last Saturday. In some of the provinces of Luzon, the cholera situation is bad, 414 cases and 317 deaths were reported from the Province of Ilocos Norte, last Saturday.

Ten members of the native constabulary were ambushed last Tuesday at a point near Magdalena in the Province of Sorsogon, Luzon, by a band of 60 ladrones. The latter were armed with rifles and bolos, and a desperate fight at close range took place. One member of the constabulary was killed, two were wounded and three were captured. Seventy constabulary have taken the field in pursuit of the ladrones.

The pope, in discussing the Taft Commission with members of the Vatican, is quoted as saying the commission's first step would be in the direction of permanent diplomatic relations between the Vatican and America and that he hoped the result of the Philippine negotiations would lead, at an early date, to the appointment of a permanent representative at the Vatican.

As a result of an agreement between Governor La Follette and friends of Senator Spooner, the fractional fight in Wisconsin is to end, assuring Senator Spooner's return to the Senate. La Follette has been forced to surrender, in face of Spooner's overwhelming following. Under the agreement La Follette will not oppose Spooner, and the latter's friends will support the state platform and Governor.

President Roosevelt will be asked to call a special session of Congress to take action to end the coal strike. This was decided at a meeting of the Central Federated Union, representing 250,000 workmen. A mass-meeting under the auspices of labor unions of New York City and vicinity will be held, at which

resolutions will be adopted urging President Roosevelt to convene Congress immediately and decide upon plans which will bring the strike to a speedy termination.

"Before the present year has ended, Alaska will be connected with the United States by wire, and before the expiration of two weeks, many hundred miles of telegraphic communications will have been established between the remote towns of that territory and the Coast cities," says General Greely, Chief of the Signal Corps, who has just returned from Alaska. "The telegraphic system will, for the first time, make it possible for intercommunication to be had at small expense between those portions of the territory where previously correspondence could be had only by mail, and where letters and answers could not be exchanged more than two or three times during the year."

By a vote of 117 to 12 the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias of the world, at San Francisco meeting, decided to suspend John A. Hinsey pending decision in the cases against him in the lower courts of the order. Hinsey was formerly president of the board of control and is an ex-imperial prince of the Knights of Khorassan. While on the board of control he was charged with actions and methods which led to the secretary of the order losing \$618,000. A special session of the supreme lodge had to be convened in Chicago last year to consider the case and the facts were published extensively at the time. A specification of the charges covers 50 printed pages.

W. L. Smith, of Clayton, the man accused of feigning drowning for the purpose of defrauding the Modern Woodmen of America into paying over \$5000 worth of life insurance, is not only alive but has been placed under arrest by the officials at Kalispell, and is now resting peacefully in the Spokane County Jail. It is stated at the Sheriff's office that Smith has admitted his guilt, and has practically assured his conversation on the charge of which he is accused. J. H. Todd, the man who is alleged to be Smith's confederate, and to have circulated the news of the latter's pretended death, is also in the county jail, and is said to have confessed the whole plot.

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