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SCHOOL NOTES

The public school resumed its work last Tuesday with all the teachers on hand to do hard work. The season of vacations is past and from now on with the exception of one or two days school work will be continuous for five solid months.

During the Christmas vacation the carry-all truck made a trip to Boise to receive a new coat of paint. It also has in prominent letters the number of the district, the town, and the state. We'll say it is good advertising.

Due to the bad condition of the road the truck cannot make its regular routes but must confine itself to the main roads. Where a light Ford can't make it what would happen to a truck loaded with 40 of the coming generation?

Another result of our bad roads is very poor school attendance.

In an editorial in the Boise Statesman the other day warning was given that two dollars must not be spent where one will do. It was a good editorial but it did not go far enough; it should have added that one dollar is often foolishly wasted where the spending of two would have meant real economy.

In the state of California, Constitutional Amendment No. 15 passed by a majority of 200,000 in the last election. The amendment provides that the state shall contribute not less than \$30 for each pupil in average attendance in elementary and high schools. The counties must raise at least \$30 for each pupil in average daily attendance in elementary schools and at least \$60 for each pupil in average daily attendance in high schools. The amendment provides that all the money contributed by the state and 60 per cent of that raised by the counties shall be used for teachers' salaries. If such a law were in effect in Oregon, the revenue from the state and county for Nyssa would be approximately \$17,000 or more than enough to pay the total teachers' salaries.

According to the Russell Sage Foundation, Oregon ranks 28th when judged by educational and financial measurements while California ranks second. Not a very good showing for Oregon, is it? In fact some of our backward Southern states do not rank much lower.

The Earth's Crust.
Interesting facts concerning the earth's crust were disclosed by Col. Sir Sidney Burrard recently. "Isotasy" is the particular science which deals with the structure of the earth, and Sir Sidney told how all mountains and heights standing above the sea level are compensated by deficiencies of matter underlying them below sea level, and that all oceans and surface hollows dipping below sea level are compensated by excesses of matter underlying them in the crust.

About Ideal Small Boy.
There is something that always makes me feel good—that is a red-haired, freckle-faced little boy that can whip all in his gang and at the same time is not a bully.—Exchange.

Nature's Busy Workers.
In the great office of nature there are innumerable departments with endless work going on, and the flower that you behold there, gaudily attired and scented like a dandy, is by no means what it appears to be, but rather is like a laborer toiling in the sun and shower, who has to submit a clear account of his work and has no breathing space to enjoy himself in a playful frolic.

After Studying the Sparrow.
We spend considerable time observing the English sparrows and about their character and have about reached the conclusion that, even if that well meaning but misguided British cousin had had sense enough not to bring them over, they would have got here somehow anyway.—Ohio State Journal.

"Picture Brides"
The manner of "picture bride" marriages in California is this: A Japanese sends his picture to his relatives in Japan who select a suitable maiden and in turn forward her photograph to the waiting suitor in America. If satisfactory, the relatives on both sides meet, hold a banquet and the marriage is considered a fact. The wife then joins her husband in this country.

Spider's Silk.
Experiments are in progress in Madagascar as a result of which it is hoped that a fine silk may be produced from spiders' webs. According to recent reports, excellent progress has been made by those in charge of the tests. The thread produced by spiders is declared to be finer in quality, stronger, and more beautifully colored than that obtained from silk worms.

NOTICE OF OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held in the Owyhee Irrigation District, in Malheur County, Oregon, on January 11th, 1921, between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon of said day and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at which time and at the place herein stated, the legal voters and electors of said district shall elect one Director of said District to hold office for two (2) years, and one Director to hold office for three years. That said election shall be held at the time above stated, in the house belonging to John Ray, about two and one-half miles northwest of Nyssa, and situate in section 24, Township 19, South of Range 46, E. W. M.

The board of election, which shall conduct said election are Charles Thompson, J. F. Reece, and John A. Ward.

Dated at Nyssa, Oregon, at the office of the Board of Directors of said District, this 22nd day of December, 1920.

J. BOYDELL,
Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Owyhee Irrigation District.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of Harriet M. Ramsey, deceased, by order of the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, made and entered on Dec. 9, 1920. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned administrator at his office in Ontario, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Done and dated and first published this 17th day of December, 1920.
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