

can do likewise. Every school in the state is classified under the present arrangement and it only remains for the teacher to take this classification, combine classes and materially simplify the work.

FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE

Issued by the Board of Education—The Schools to Be Conducted on a Uniform System.

Prof. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction of the state of Oregon, has prepared for the use of the rural and graded public schools of the state, a manual of the course of study.

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ing in each class, his promotion and suggestions to the succeeding teacher. For this purpose registers will be provided which should be scrupulously kept, for a proper classification depends on neatly-kept reports.

PECULIAR WAGERS.

Quite an astounding number of annual occurrences are made the subject of wagering. Years ago, before the vagaries of the weather had brought the four seasons into discredit, wagering that snow would be found on the ground on Christmas morning was very popular.

One orthodox supporter of this hoary legend a few years since, says the London "Daily Mail," wagered all he possessed on one wet anniversary, that there would be rain every day during the prescribed period. It did rain twenty-two days, but the twenty-third rained him.

A well-known bookmaker who lays himself out for what he calls "fancy wagering" has stated that the amount of money which was wagered on the late fight Hon. W. E. Gladstone reaching the age of 90 was simply enormous.

FIRST WEARERS OF BLOOMERS.

Long before the days of bloomers women on the higher level of the Alps wore trousers and no one thought anything about it, says the Kansas City Times.

With the exception of the blacks who endure a life of hunger in the interior of Africa, there is hardly any one in the world who fares so badly as the herdsmen and women of Switzerland.

These women breakfast at 2 in the morning and then answer in response to the cattle lowing at the door of the chalet, legging to be attended to and driven up to some favorite Alp.

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TO PREVENT CRIME

REWARD FOR ARREST OFFERED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Proclamation Against Obstructing and Robbing Railroad Trains and Stage Coaches.

(From Daily July 29th)

Gov. T. T. Geer yesterday issued a proclamation, offering a standing reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of any person convicted of obstructing railroad tracks, misplacing switches, or for robbing railroad trains, stage coaches, etc.

"Whereas, an act passed by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, at its ninth regular session contains the following: 'The governor shall offer a standing reward of \$300 for the arrest of each person who shall place or attempt to place any obstruction on any railroad track, or who shall misplace any switch on any such road, whereby the life of any person passing over said road may be endangered, and for the arrest of each person engaged in the robbing or attempting to rob any person upon or having in charge, in whole or in part, any stage-coach, wagon, railroad train, or other conveyance, engaged in carrying passengers, or any private conveyance within this state; the reward to be paid to the person making such arrest out of any money not otherwise appropriated, immediately upon the conviction of the person so arrested; but no reward shall be paid except after such conviction.'

DO YOU FEAR THE WIND?

Do you hear the force of the wind, The flash of the rain? Go face them and fight them, A savage again. Go hungry and cold like the wolf, Go wade like the crane. The palms of your hands will thicken, The skin of your cheek will tan, You'll grow ragged and weary and swarthy, But you'll walk like a man! —Hamlin Garland.

REAL LIFE.

To sweat, to work, to strive, To expend energy with the swing of the arm. The stamp of the foot, To use the brain to further human thought. To work out giant problems— To do all these things, Is to live! —James Oppenheim.

HE WAS MAD.

"Hopkins is madder than a wet hen." "What's the trouble?" "Somebody called him up at midnight to come down to the police station and bail out his brother." "What was he mad about?" "Why when he got there he found it was only his son-in-law." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TO LOOSEN A TIGHT STOPPER.

Apply hot water to the neck of the bottle, which will expand, while the stopper retains the former temperature and becomes loose. In the case of a bottle containing smelling salts, dip the neck and stopper in vinegar or a solution of citric acid; then place the bottle in a basin of hot water, and the stopper will easily come out.—Ex.

THE HORSELESS CARRIAGE.

It doesn't shy at papers As they blow along the street; It cuts no silly capers On the dashboard with its feet. It doesn't paw the road up all around the hitching-post. It doesn't scare at shadows as a man would at a ghost; It doesn't know the manger, It doesn't waste the hay, Nor put you into danger When the brass bands play.

It makes no wild endeavor To switch away the flies. It sheds no hair that ever Gets in your mouth and eyes; It speeds along the highway and never looks around. For things that it may scare at and spill you on the ground! It doesn't mind the circus, It's not at all afraid; And it doesn't overwork us When the elephants parade.

It doesn't rear and quiver When the train goes rushing by, It doesn't stand and shiver When the little snowflakes fly; It doesn't mind the thunder nor the lightning's blinding flash; It doesn't keep you chirping and connecting with the lull; It never minds the banners They display on holidays, It's a thing of proper manners Which it shows in many ways.

When you chance to pass its stable You do not have to care, Or cluck for all you're able To keep from stopping there! It will work all through the daytime and still be fresh at night; There is no one to arrest you if you do not treat it right! Its wheezing never distresses you As it moves along the way— Farewell, old Dobbin, bless you! You were all right in your day. —(Chicago Times-Herald.

He isn't always happiest who wears the happiest look.

A TRUSTY ESCAPES

JOHN DOWNING, A FIVE YEAR MAN, TAKES HIS DEPARTURE.

While Working on the Highway, He Evades the Guard and Disappears—Reward Offered.

John Downing, a trusty at the state penitentiary, succeeded in evading the guards yesterday afternoon and disappeared. Downing had been a trusty less than a month and made his escape while working on the highway about one mile east of the penitentiary.

Downing was received at the state penitentiary, December 5, 1906, from Multnomah county, under sentence of five years, having been convicted of the crime of larceny. He was made a trusty about the 1st inst., and would have completed his term of service in about eight months. As trusty, Downing was furnished employment with a squad of fellow-prisoners in the improvement of the road which is a continuation of State street. It was while thus engaged that he decamped, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, having succeeded in evading the guard. He failed to again put in an appearance.

Early last evening he was seen in the vicinity of the Ashby farm, about four miles east of this city, and at a later hour was seen walking in the direction of the state reform school. It is presumed the escaped convict intended to reach the Southern Pacific railroad at Turner or some other stopping place. In time to board the California overland or the midnight freight last night. It is not thought the man received any outside aid in making his escape and will be obliged to obtain other clothing to take the place of his prison uniform.

This is the first prisoner to escape under Supt. J. D. Lee's administration and every effort will be made to effect his capture. Surrounding towns and authorities have been notified of the escape and have been furnished a description of the man, who will probably be apprehended and returned to the institution within a few days. A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest and return of the prisoner.

The following is a very good description of the escaped prisoner: Height, 5 feet 11 inches, weight about 180 pounds, brown hair, hazel or gray eyes, feet upon front teeth gone at intervals, walk with sort of hobbling gait, as though his feet were sore, has cut scar on right eyebrow, and one just above, cut scar on left cheek bone, a large red scar on back of left ear, cut scar left side of head, small white scar right side front of head, design of hands clasped with star above in red and blue ink on front of right forearm, design of woman's head in red and blue ink on inside of right forearm, design of boy and girl, ship and church and ring sun in red and blue ink on left forearm, cut scar back of left hand.

THE GREEN'S FERRY BRIDGE.

New Cribbing to Be Constructed to Save the Structure from Danger —A Metal Cylinder.

County Judge G. P. Terrell and Judge George D. Barton, of Linn county, met at the Green's Ferry bridge on the Santiam, two miles above Jefferson, yesterday morning for the purpose of making an examination of the center pier of the bridge, which was reported as being in a dangerous condition. The cribbing of the pier was found to be badly decayed, and is spreading under the weight of the gravel thrown inside to support and strengthen the pier. While this has weakened the structure somewhat, there is no immediate danger, but high water this fall is liable to cause the collapse of the bridge if the structure is not repaired before that time. The two judges agreed to have an examination made of the damaged bridge, and to secure an estimate of the probable cost of needed repairs. It is proposed to secure a metal cylinder instead of the old wooden cribbing, and by means of this make the threatened pier far stronger than it ever was with the old wooden breakwater. Frank Miller, of Albany will be ordered to make an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvements.

The bridge was constructed twenty-two years ago, and the cribbing, which has now outlived its usefulness, was constructed twelve years ago.

AT INSANE ASYLUM

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WING IS PROGRESSING.

The New Spiral Fire Escapes Are Being Erected—Many Excellent Improvements.

The work on the new wing at the state insane asylum is being pushed with vigor, and the indications are that it will be completed by the end of the year, so as to enable the authorities to use the additional room which is so sorely needed for the accommodation of the patients under their charge and control.

The new addition is an extension of the north wing of the asylum, the new structure being 42 by 210 feet, and will be three stories above the basement. The basement and foundation walls, built of solid rock, are about six feet high, and are complete, and yesterday the stringers of the first floor were completed.

The walls are to be constructed of brick, made at the penitentiary brick yard, and are to be made as nearly fire proof as possible. The work of constructing the brick walls is expected to be started next week. If brick can be secured from the penitentiary by that time, and a large force of men

will be put on to expedite operations. The superstructure will be practically fireproof, as little wood as possible to be used in its construction; wood molding will be limited to baseboards of not more than 2 1/2 inches, and in other respects that material will be used as sparingly. All the plumbing is to be placed in an annex outside the main structure, and in every way the greatest care will be exercised to make the building a safe and convenient one.

The new structure will have a ward on each floor, 40 by 150 feet, and a separate waiting or smoking room, 30 by 40 feet in size, will be arranged on each floor, being placed between the old building and the new wards.

The work of constructing the brick-work of the building will be largely done by patients under the direction of Fred Gilson, who also superintended the building of the foundation, Frank B. Southwick has charge of the carpenter work, and with the excellent material supplied, splendid results are being obtained.

The new fire escapes, recently purchased by the authorities, as a safeguard against the loss of life in case of a conflagration, have been received, and are now being put in position. The fire escapes are a decided departure from the old style ladder used on most buildings, and are so constructed as to make them the ideal contrivance for an insane asylum, where the inmates would scarce have the requisite presence of mind or intelligence to descend perpendicular ladder on the outside of a high structure. They are large steel cylinders, constructed on the outside of the building, with a spiral steel slide, running from openings or doorways at the upper floors, to the ground. The inmates of the building, in case of a fire alarm, will be crowded into this cylinder, when they will slide to the ground without their own aid. It is claimed that, with the four fire escapes of this pattern, now being constructed, the entire building can be vacated by the patients in less than five minutes. These fire escapes, sold to the authorities by the Northwest General Electric Co., of Portland, are being erected under the supervision of A. H. Forstner, of this city.

In addition to the spiral fire escapes, the use of the old style iron ladders, some of which have heretofore been provided at the asylum, will be kept in use, and others, of similar style and make are being added, and when the improvements, authorized by the legislature at the last session, are completed, the asylum will be far better fitted and arranged for the safety of its unfortunate inmates than ever in its history.

The asylum now contains 1165 patients, being a slight increase since the beginning of the month, when the superintendent's report showed a total of 1156 patients under care and treatment.

IN TWO NINETEEN

THE STATE TEAM PACE RECORD LOWERED TO THAT POINT.

A Beautiful Exhibition of Speed by Two Horses at the Fair Grounds Track.

The racing matinee at the state fair ground race track, yesterday, was attended by about 150 persons, who were quite well entertained by a program of six events, one of which was a record-breaker, being the team pace by Deceiver and Alta Dill, one-half to beat the state record of 2:26. This time was lowered to 2:19, the last half being covered in 1:06 1/2, and the heat was said to be as pretty a one as ever took place on the state's race course. John Sawyer handled the reins and says the team can go better than nineteen.

The other events were four in number, viz:

Pacing, 2 1/2 class, 11-16 miles, two in three: John A. Crawford, 2:15 1/2; 1st Miss Crescent, 2:15 1/2; 2nd Time—Mile 2:22, mile and sixteenth 2:49; mile 2:18, mile and sixteenth 2:35; Trot and pace, 2:30 class, 11-16 miles, 2 in 3: Lyla, 2:30 1/2; 1st Scapoose, 2:30 1/2; 2nd George D., 2:30 1/2; 3rd Time—Mile 2:54, mile and sixteenth 2:54 and 2:30 and 2:48.

Running, 3/4 mile—Neptune won, Mike Rice second, and Atha's third, time 1:2 1/2.

Kunming, 3/4 mile—Endymion won, with Mark Hanna and Merriam second and third respectively, time 1:08.

The closing event was an exhibition eighth-of-a-mile trot by yearlings driven by R. C. Kiger and I. C. McShier. The "babbs" made a nice appearance in their scramble for the wire.

J. B. and Robert Steison acted as starter and time, respectively.

AN INVITATION.—Gov. T. T. Geer recently received an invitation, from the committee on arrangements for the reception of Admiral George W. Dewey, U.S.N., on the latter's arrival in New York, about October 1st, to attend the celebration, with his staff, on the occasion of the return to America of the hero of Manila bay, and participate in the parade. The governor answered, that he regretted that the great distance and expense would probably preclude his presence on that occasion, but should he be enabled to come, he would gladly participate in the exercises to honor the great naval hero and that he was entirely in sympathy with the movement.

NO GRAPES.

Last year Joe Stadlerman harvested 150 tons of grapes off a vineyard west of The Dalles that he had rented, but this year there will be no grapes of consequence taken from it, as it has not been cultivated.