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## ARBOR DAY AND PROGRAM

### SUGGESTIONS AS TO ITS OBSERVANCE

Salem, Or., March 26, 1909.

Fellow Teachers: I am enclosing the Arbor Day programs, which, I trust will be helpful in carrying out your plans for that day. Plan for a big day. Have the grounds and the school house cleaned several days before, if possible. Decorate the school room with evergreens and flowers. Have a short program, to which each parent is sent a written invitation. (The invitations may be written by the pupils as a language exercise). Plant one rose bush. The pupils should decide what kind of a rose they wish to plant, and some pupil selected who can furnish it. When you have accomplished this much everybody is interested. Do not stop. Our school grounds need beautifying. Do not try to do everything in one day, but continue doing something along this line until school closes. I suggest that you carry out the following program during April:

First week—Plant one rose bush.  
Second week—Plant bed of violets and one of daffodils.  
Third week—Plant a shrub, lilac.  
Fourth week—Plant vines, ivy to be planted by the outbuildings.

Please have all pupils write me a letter, telling me what they did on Arbor Day, and their plans for beautifying the school grounds this spring. Send me two best ones with your April report.

**Eighth Grade Final Examination.**  
The eighth grade examinations will be held on May 13-14 and June 10-11. Enclosed you will find a "Certificate of Recommendation," which you will please fill out and mail to this office at least 30 days before the examination. The address of the examiner should be given. A copy of the eighth grade rules should be posted in all rooms having an eighth grade. Seventy-two per cent of the applicants at the January examination failed. I should like to make a better showing in May and June, so do not recommend pupils unless they have been doing good work, and you feel certain that they will pass. Give the classes a thorough review. If you have a month for review, divide each text into 20 parts from the first of the book, then give them a searching oral test on the work for each day.

#### Reading.

Are you satisfied with your reading classes? I feel that we are not getting the results that we should in teaching pupils to read. Have your pupils the power to get new words for themselves? Do they read with natural expression? To give pupils power over new words become master of phonics and teach them to all grades. You will find the Sloan First Reader (25c) very helpful. All Primer and First Reader pupils should get the thought from the book and then look at the teacher and express it. I hope that next year I can say that every teacher is teaching

primary reading according to the course of study. Very truly yours,  
WALTER M. SMITH,  
County School Superintendent

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Looking at the picture of Helen Gladys Emery and her mother, in last night's Telegram, one really feels sorry for the Jap.

That Emery girl who is infatuated with the bias-eyed and snuff-colored subject of the mikado, makes one

think of the old question: "Which would you prefer, being a bigger fool than you look, or looking a bigger fool than you are?" The answer is you can't do either.

Julia Kuttner, who skipped with the artist, Earle, is suing for a divorce. They were "affinities," but, as Saxe said of the ladies who attended the masquerade ball as Vestal virgins, "solely for the occasion."

Norman Hackett will be seen in "Classmates" at the Grand opera house soon.

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