

Box Butte County School Department

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The eighth grade examination papers for the examination taken week before last will not be examined by Saturday, March 27, and will probably not be mailed before the following Saturday, April 3rd.

J. E. Andre closed a five months' term of school in the Hansen school district No. 51, last Tuesday. This is Mr. Andre's first term of school and it has certainly been a success. We predict a bright future for him if he continues the work, which we hope he will. He spent a few days in Alliance this week on business and meeting his friends whom he met while attending the Junior Normal at this place last summer.

Supt. Elliott of the Chadron public schools stopped in Alliance Sunday for a forenoon visit with friends. He was returning home from Broken Bow.

The Marsland schools are closed this week on account of small pox. There is only one case, however, and it is hoped that it can be kept from spreading and that schools can open again Monday. The teachers, Misses Nation and Kennedy, are spending the week at their homes in Alliance.

Mr. Kelley's school in Dist. No. 9 was dismissed Monday and Tuesday of this week that the pupils might attend church which was held at the Catholic church in Alliance those days.

G. M. Burns of Dist. No. 48 near Marsland was in Alliance on business Saturday, returning Sunday. Three pupils from his school took the eighth grade examinations last week.

John Wiltsey of Hemingford returned from Lincoln Saturday where he spent six months in the Lincoln Business College. John is one of the eighth grade graduates of last year and we are pleased to see him striving to make a noticeable mark in the business world. He will return next fall to resume his work there and will probably finish the course.

Deputy State Superintendent Perdue of Lincoln and E. O. Garrett of Fremont stopped over in Alliance Saturday on their return home from attending the North Platte Teachers' Association at Bridgeport.

Prin. H. H. Reimund attended the Platte Valley Teachers' Association in Bridgeport last Friday and Saturday. He reports a very enthusiastic meeting which is always noticeable of the Bridgeport meetings.

Mr. Bullgrin of Waco, York county, Neb., was a visitor at the superintendent's office Saturday. He has taught several terms in York county and as he owns land in this county, will perhaps teach a term here next year. We are glad to get such teachers as Mr. Bullgrin in line for next year's work.

School directors of districts that are in debt should ascertain the amount of money in the hands of the county treasurer to the credit of their districts at the close of each month and should issue an order for the amount and apply to warrants in order of their registration. Now is the time, directors, so get busy and stop the interest.

Ex-County Superintendent Baumgardner was in Lincoln last Wednesday on his way to Sioux City where he went to inspect some public school work in manual training. John is attending the Chicago University and will complete his course there next August. He sends best wishes to his many Box Butte friends.

Weak school districts will be pleased to note that the bill asking for an appropriation of \$75,000 state aid for weak districts has passed both houses, has been signed by the governor and has therefore become a law and so the amount of state aid asked for last fall will be received perhaps in June this year.

The school house in Dist. No. 12 has recently been enclosed by a good substantial fence. This was a good move and should be followed by other districts in the county, especially those who recently built new schoolhouses. Let us take the best care of those school buildings as it will be a saving to the taxpayer and it also adds much to its looks in a community. This is a time of progress and we should make it noticeable, especially in our schools.

Some of the Alliance Normal Training class have completed nearly all of the examinations required for a county certificate and with good grades. The Normal Training in the high school is proving very satisfactory and the present legislature doubled the appropriation for the next two years.

The Alliance Declamatory contest will be held at the Phelan opera house next Wednesday night beginning at eight o'clock. The contest is an annual affair which precedes the district contest that convenes in Crawford on the Friday night following. The contest is composed of the best high school talent our city affords which accounts for there always being a crowded house. A small admission of twenty-five cents will be charged to defray expenses necessary in holding the contest.

Eighth Grade Examinations

Seventy-one pupils took the county eighth grade examinations held in Hemingford, Marsland and Alliance March 18, 19 and 20th. Many of these were pupils from the country who expect to complete the eighth grade course this year and receive their diplomas. The papers have not been examined yet but we expect to be able to mail grades earned by next Saturday as the examiners are hard at work. With seventy-one pupils and ten subjects each, it means 710 papers to be carefully gone over which is certainly not an easy task.

There will probably be 120 eighth grade graduates in the county this year which will be twice the number that graduated last year. The eighth grade in the Alliance public schools and the eighth grade in the St. Agnes' Academy have not taken the examination. There are about fifty eighth graders in those schools.

Aprons Not Claimed; One Lost

At the present time there are seven aprons unclaimed that were entered in the boys' and girls' contests held in Hemingford in February. We want the owners to find their aprons and ask that you write to the county superintendent describing as nearly as possible any apron that has not been returned. The names of owners were lost in most of these cases before the aprons were entered.

We regret that one apron has been lost or perhaps some one has taken the wrong one. It belongs to Nell Phillips of Alliance and is a small, plain, white lawn apron, machine sewed. If any one can locate this apron please send to the superintendent's office.

Compulsory School Law

It is natural for those against whom law is enforced to calumniate those whose duty it is to enforce the law.

Law is provided to protect man from impairing himself or others. The class of people which most often violates sanitary and school laws are those who profit most by their enforcement.

Many persons are suffering an immense handicap in the struggle of life because they have not availed themselves of the education provided for every child of school age and they do not realize the cause of their failure to succeed in competition with the educated. The law requires that every child between seven and fifteen should attend school at least two-thirds of the school terms. This law should be rigidly enforced. For parents to habitually disregard this law is to be guilty of crime, not only against the laws of the land but also against the child. If some parents tried as hard to keep their children in school as they do to excuse their absence there would be few children out of school.—School Review.

Is a Consolidation Feasible?

There is considerable talk of the consolidation of school districts in several localities of this county and we see no reason why some of them would not be the most feasible plan for providing the best school advantages possible.

We need to but slight those people who are doubtful of the feasibility of this plan to districts and localities where it has been tried. Last year districts No. 3 and 62 showed the following financial report: No. 3 started in the school year out of debt, with a "shell of a school house," home made furniture, and an antique collection of school books, many of which migrated to the "wild west" in prairie schooners twenty-five years ago. At the close of the seven months' term of school the conditions had not been bettered in the way of modern conveniences and the district was \$100 in debt.

District No. 62 also held a seven months' term of school in an old dilapidated sod school house starting in the school year out of debt and at the close of the term found itself \$120 in debt.

Both districts having voted a twenty-five cent levy and being so much in debt it was thought that no school could be held in either district the present year as it would take all of the available funds to pay the indebtedness and get money enough ahead to start school next year.

This idea was dismissed, however, when the plan for consolidation was submitted. The two districts are now consolidated and are known as district No. 3, which consists of eighteen sections of land, being three miles wide and six miles long, and a total valuation of \$75,169.00.

The district was bonded for \$500, a new school house was built and a system of new books was installed. The financial report of this district for the ensuing year will show no indebtedness aside from the \$200 bond, after a seven months' term of school at \$50 a month.

School districts that will have to build a new school house this year should consider the feasibility of a consolidation if there is a possible chance as it will lessen the expense in each district and an eight months' term of school can be maintained where a five months' term is the longest that can possibly be maintained under present conditions.

Special Notice.

It is urgently requested that all singers interested in the temperance cause come out Sunday evening, April 4, and lend their assistance in the chorus singing at the Opera House. Meeting commences at 8 o'clock sharp and will be addressed by Ex-Senator Patrick of South Omaha. The chorus will be directed by Prof. Reimund and assisted by the High School Orchestra. This will be the last temperance meeting before election and you should do your part to make it a decided success.

HEMINGFORD HERALD.

HEMINGFORD, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEB., APRIL 1, 1909.

Mr. Bryan

A western banker, who has in three presidential campaigns voted against William J. Bryan, recently remarked: "While I do not agree with Mr. Bryan in the policies he advocates, I am free to say that I regard him as the most important citizen in the country today. As an ever ready protestant against the encroachments of special interests he is rendering invaluable service to the country and but for him some of these special interests would run away with us."

This was certainly a high tribute from a political opponent and the correctness of the tribute will, we believe, be generally approved. That this is the common opinion may explain the oft repeated remark, that although defeated for the presidency three times, Mr. Bryan's hold upon the American people today is stronger than ever.

It is safe to say that thousands of men who voted against William J. Bryan confidently look to the defeated candidate for the presidency for some measure of protection from imposition by the beneficiaries of the trust system.

In this view, then, Mr. Bryan occupies—so far as public interests are concerned—a position second in importance only to that of the presidency.

As a great Commoner in whose purity of purpose men of all parties have absolute confidence, William J. Bryan has a great opportunity to render service to his fellows. That he will grasp this opportunity no one will doubt. He will do it from the lecture platform; he will do it in newspaper interviews; but best of all he will do it through his own publication—The Commoner—a paper that is steadily forging to the front because through its columns the American people may continually keep in touch with Mr. Bryan's opinion upon public questions and with his efforts for the public welfare.

Mr. Bryan has again assumed editorial charge of The Commoner and he will give active, personal attention to the editorial department.

Men of all political parties have a deep and abiding interest in the fight which Mr. Bryan is to wage through the columns of The Commoner. It is a fight for the public welfare; a fight against the encroachment by special interests upon the public interest; a fight for the protection of the men who, in professional office, on the farm, in counting room or in workshop give honest toil for their livelihood. It is a fight to preserve popular government as the fathers founded it.

In the initial number of The Commoner printed in 1901 Mr. Bryan said: "The Commoner will be satisfied if, by fidelity to the people, it proves its right to the name and because it is giving this proof in abundance The Commoner deserves the support of the American people."

Feeling that a wider circulation of The Commoner in our section will materially advance the democratic cause, and that a large per cent of our readers, as well as others who should be regular readers of our paper, will take pleasure in helping to increase The Commoner's influence in this community, we have made special arrangements with Mr. Bryan whereby we can furnish The Commoner and The Herald at the exceptional low rate of \$2.10 for both for one year. This special rate holds good for a limited time only. Orders should be sent direct to this office.

No Reformers in It

Mr. Bryan, in the Commoner, points out that Mr. Taft's cabinet is composed of trust attorneys and reactionaries. From Secretary of State Knox, ex-attorney of the steel trust, who as attorney general advised the killing of the only anti-trust bill passed by the house in recent years, down to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel, who at the time of his selection for the cabinet was attorney for the Standard Oil trust, all of President Taft's cabinet advisers are men of strongly marked corporation proclivities. As Mr. Bryan remarks, "there are no reformers in it."

Thus early in his administration it has become apparent that President Taft's regime is to be of the ultra-conservative order and that great care will be taken not to tread upon the toes of the trust magnates and special privilege beneficiaries who contributed so liberally to the Republican campaign fund.

Wanted—To rent, a house of about six rooms in edge of Alliance, with a small amount of land. Leave word at Herald office. 16-1w

Beal Bros. can furnish best quality alfalfa seed. Samples at their office.

Hemingford Happenings.

Mr. Everett is on the sick list this week.

M. Hutton went to Crawford on land business Friday.

Ethel Campbell is working at the hotel at present.

Bud Thompson is loading a car load of spuds this week.

Joel Sheldon moved his family out to the ranch again Friday.

Mrs. Eggart is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Curry, for a week.

Mrs. McIntyre went to Rushville on account of her mother's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh returned from their trip to Lakeside Monday.

Mrs. Joe Romer went out to visit with her folks over Monday night.

Mrs. Fudgness is quite ill at present, Dr. Quincy going out there Friday.

Emma Annen went out home Saturday to spend Sunday with home folks.

Norbt Phronapfel went to Bridgeport to buy a car load of hay Thursday.

W. M. Evans and his daughter, Mrs. Anderson, were seen on our streets Monday.

Mr. Nelson, the leader of the telegraph outfit, was here on a short visit Saturday.

Grandma and Grandpa Curry came in from Sioux county for a visit with Wm. Curry's.

David Barnes came up from Elm Creek for a short visit with his friend, W. M. Fosket.

Little Etta Wright fell and broke her kneecap Thursday, but is improving very rapidly.

Frank Hanna went to his home at Petersburg Friday to see his mother, who is very ill.

Sylvania Potmesil went to Alliance Thursday to see her sister, Alice. She returned Friday.

Dick Kenner, who has been visiting out at the Beaumont home for the last week, returned to his home Friday.

Mrs. A. M. Millett went to Casper, Wyo., Wednesday for a short visit with her son, Wannie, who owns a drug store at that place.

Grandma Hollinrake died at 10:30 Friday after an illness of a month. She was taken back to her old home in Iowa for burial Saturday.

Bert Carr went home Thursday to work on the new switch board for a couple of days, the weather being so stormy that he couldn't work on the line.

Tom Katen returned from his trip east, where he went several weeks ago with a car load of cattle. While there Mr. Katen went to visit with his daughter and son.

The first base ball game of the season was played Sunday between Hemingford and the telegraph team. The result was four to five in favor of Hemingford.

Attention is called to the page ad of the Nebraska Land Company in this week's issue of The Herald. Mr. J. C. McCorkle, the manager, has done a great deal for the development of Box Butte county in the last three or four years and many new settlers thank him for opening their eyes to the value of our land and the low price of same. Mr. McCorkle is preparing for a big business this summer and is prepared for all prospective buyers with a large list of lands in tracts of all sizes. The Nebraska Land Company has made local investors a great deal of money in the past and has the confidence of all.

"The National Biscuit Co., manufacturers of 'Uneda Biscuit' has come back to Nebraska for business and through the N. W. Ayer Advertising Agency is placing big ads in as many of the country's weekly papers as will run their ads at cut throat prices. The Standard was solicited for this advertising, but we turned it down. We were then offered a raise of \$15 above the original offer, but still refused. There can always be found suckers in the newspaper business who will howl as loud as a coyote about cut prices at an editorial meeting, then return home and break confidence at the first opportunity. They are warts to the profession.—Rushville Standard."

In connection with it we might state that The Herald was offered the same ad both by letter and by wire but we turned it down, preferring to give local advertisers the space at regular rates. We do not find it necessary to take ads of this kind as some local papers do.

COL. W. M. FOSKET Auctioneer

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