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Box Butte County School Department

ORA E. PHILLIPS, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, EDITOR

School Legislation.

The following bills which have to do with our public schools have passed the legislature, been signed by the governor and are now laws:

TRUANT OFFICERS' DUTIES—PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION—H. R. 47, by Young, of Madison. Section 2 of the compulsory education law is amended so as to provide an effective means for its enforcement in metropolitan and city districts. The law is greatly strengthened and now contains a clearly stated, legal penalty for any violation of the act.

DUTIES OF THE MODERATOR—H. R. 73, by Taylor, of Custer, gives the moderator of a school district power to administer an oath to the director and treasurer of the district of which he is moderator when such oath is required by law in the transaction of the business of the district.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES—(1) H. R. 149, by Carr, of Keya Paha, makes three important changes in our present school law in regard to school district boundaries. First, Upon the petition of any freeholder or freeholders to a board, consisting of the county superintendent, the county clerk and the county treasurer, asking to have any land described therein attached to some other district, said board may make the changes asked for if the petition shows good and sufficient reasons therefor, and the board deems it just and proper and for the best interest of the petitioners so to do; Second, On January 2, 1910, any territory which is not then a part of any school district shall, by the county superintendent of the county in which such territory lies, either be organized into separate districts or attached to one or more adjoining districts; Third, A county superintendent is required to attach to one or more adjoining districts the territory of any school district that fails to maintain a public school for two consecutive years.

(2) H. R. 178, by Bushee, of Kimball. Under the provisions of this bill it is made the duty of the county superintendent to organize one district into two separate districts under the following conditions: First, there must be a petition presented to the county superintendent signed by at least three-fourths of all the legal voters of the proposed new district; Second, the proposed new district shall contain not less than four sections of land; Third, the proposed new district shall have an assessed valuation of at least \$10,000, which assessed valuation shall not exceed forty per cent of the total valuation of the original district at the time the division of said districts is made.

Miss Mabelle Shepherd closed a very successful seven months' term of school in district No. 54 last Friday.

Nearly every school district in Box Butte county has given the teacher a day off next Friday on full pay that they might attend the Northwest

Teachers' Association held in Crawford Friday and Saturday. This fact is also noticed in all of the counties of this district.

Easter flowers at the Gadsby store.

David Daboll came up from Bridgeport Saturday afternoon for a short visit with friends. He returned to his school duties Monday morning.

Misses Lillian Blanchard and Bertha Parkyn of the Hemingford schools were visiting friends and relatives in Alliance Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruth Hacker came down from Edgemont Monday and is spending the week with her sister, Miss Jessie, who teaches in the Berea school.

A law has been passed by the recent legislature placing names of candidates for state superintendent and county superintendent on nonpartisan ballots.

Fred Williams of Silver Burdett Co., A. L. McLaughlin of D. C. Heath & Co., and Luther Mumford of Genn & Co., are among the book men who stopped in Alliance today on their way to the Crawford Teachers' Association.

There was an old-fashioned spelling and ciphering contest at the Carpenter church about fifteen miles west of Alliance last Friday night. The contestants were the pupils from Miss Sylvia Higaman's school against those from T. V. Kelley's school, there being about thirty on each side. Miss Hagaman's school was successful in winning both contests although both schools did well. There were many visitors present and all enjoyed themselves very much. That a basket supper was to be given in connection with the contest was not understood by all who came and only about half of the ladies present brought baskets. They were auctioned off, however, and the proceeds, which amounted to \$12.70, was given to the church. A debate between the two schools will be held at the church Friday night, April 16th. There will also be another basket supper at that time. The question for debate is: Resolved, that city life is preferable to country life, Mr. Kelley's school taking the affirmative.

Meeting of High School Latin Club.

The High School Latin Club held its second meeting, Saturday evening, March 30th, at the home of Hazel Allen. A much appreciated program was rendered in which Ethel Johnson and Lyle Mewhirer distinguished themselves in the delivery of a Latin dialogue.

The two winners of the Latin game, which took up the greater part of the evening, were Katie O'Donnell and Camille Nobe. They were crowned king and queen of the Latin.

The meeting proved a marked success and the enthusiasm shown by the members assures a firm place for the club among the various branches of the high school in the future.

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Declamatory Contest

The declamatory contest at the opera house last night was well attended and was highly appreciated. All the contestants did well but of course only a part of them could win. The winners, according to the judges, were as follows: Oratorical class: Henry Krajoek, 1st; Herbert Nelson, 2nd. Dramatic class: Agatha Gregg, 1st; Ralph Thomas, 2nd. Humorous class: Beulah Smith, 1st; Charles Parker, 2nd. The judges were Prof. W. R. Pate, superintendent of the Sidney schools; Eugene Burton, county attorney; and Jno. W. Thomas, editor of The Herald. Rev. J. M. Huston, pastor of the Baptist church was referee.

The winner of first honors in each class will represent the Alliance high school in the district contest at Crawford tomorrow night. The winners there will represent the district in the state contest next month. We predict that our school will be represented in the state contest.

C. F. Suesser, the Denver pianofuner and salesman, arrived last night and will remain several days. He is stopping at the Hotel Northwest.

Easter flowers at the Gadsby store. J. W. Guthrie left yesterday for Casper, Wyo., on business. The firm of Gray & Guthrie have added more territory to their already large field.

J. E. Joder, whose family left last week for Kalston, Wash., writes us to send his Herald to that address. He and Walter Virgin, formerly manager of the Forest Lumber Co. at Alliance, are with the Crab Creek Lumber Co. at Kalston.

Mrs. A. J. Engstrom of Seneca was shopping in Alliance today.

The board of county commissioners will meet next Tuesday.

Charles Ferris of the firm of Ferris & Essay, whose ad appears in this issue of the Herald, made a trip to Lincoln, Omaha and St. Joe, at which places he ordered a stock of spring goods for their Alliance store, returning a week ago today. They seem to have an increasing business and are preparing to make it still larger.

Theodore Johnson, one of The Herald's Hemingford subscribers, is in Alliance today. He informs us that he will start in about a week for a trip to Iowa, where he will visit for a while, after which, returning west, he will go to the coast for an extended stay. He will probably return to Box Butte county some time in the future.

The 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood is seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. Wood was called home from his engine on the road on account of the lad's condition.

This being Holy Thursday, when, according to sacred history, Christ instituted the blessed sacrament, special devotions are performed at Holy Rosary church.

Commercial club meeting next Monday night. Don't forget. Business of importance. Let every member attend.

Ex-State Senator Patrick's temperance lecture at the Phelan opera house Sunday night had some good things, but we give expression to the general sentiment so far as we have been able to gather it when we say that it was a disappointment to the temperance people. The principal criticism is that it was untimely. The remarks he made on temperance were good, but much of what he said related to other matters and was very much out of place, at least it was so considered by many if not all who heard him.

Jim Feaging is away on a business trip to Idaho.

State Senator Raymond stopped in Alliance enroute to his home in Scottsbluff from Lincoln.

"March winds and April showers bring May flowers." We're waiting for the flowers.

H. A. Lotspeich came over from Minatare the last of last week for a visit with friends.

Mrs. W. S. Wheaton has left the Alliance hospital where she was taken care of during her illness.

The recital given by the W. C. T. ladies at the opera house on the evening before election was well attended, and was a marked success. Those who attended speak in highest praise of the entertainment.

Rev. Jordan and wife leave tomorrow for Bayard, where he has been appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have been residents of this city for a long while, they are highly respected here, and will be missed. The Herald wishes them a happy home in their new location.

Lafayette Pyle of Kewanee, Ill., arrived in Alliance this morning and will visit J. D. Pyle and other relatives while in the city.

Dave Lee, well known in Alliance but who has been engaged in the saloon business in Bridgeport the last year, made The Herald office a call today. He has the reputation of coming nearer keeping within the bounds of the Slocumb law than any other dispenser of wet goods in western Nebraska. He endorses the new daylight saloon law but says the license fees should be cut down in proportion to the number of hours cut off.

The Northwest Nebraska Teachers' association of which Prof. D. W. Hayes is president, convenes at Crawford tomorrow for a two days' session. A very interesting program has been prepared.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. A. F. Bundy, missionary for the American Sunday School Union, will be found at his rooms, 401 Cheyenne Avenue, Phone 519.

Circle No. 1 of the M. E. Ladies' Aid will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Mollring.

Sunday services at the Baptist church. Pastor Huston will speak in the morning on an Easter topic, "He is Risen." Special Easter music at both services, 8 p. m., subject, "If a man die shall he live again?" The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the beginning of the evening service. All welcome.

Special Easter Notice

At Wallace & Swanson's you will find all the delicacies of the season for your Easter table such as fresh strawberries, celery, lettuce, green onions and anything in the fresh vegetable line that is in the city market. Also all kinds of cheese, olives, olive oil, mushrooms and the best brand of canned goods carried in the market. We solicit your patronage and guarantee satisfaction, prompt delivery and courteous treatment. Phone No. 4.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Dr. Allen, dentist, Opera house blk.

I am now ready to make contracts for cement work to be done as soon as the weather will permit.—John Peterson.

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If you have land or real estate to sell, I can sell it if the price is right. If you have not been able to dispose of it, it may be that you have not succeeded because you have not listed it with the right man. Write me and I can sell it. Address Walter Johnson, Ord, Nebr.

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Agricultural Experimentation in Box Butte County

PROF. E. W. HUNT, DIRECTOR

Statement from Prof. Hunt

Nothing better for this department of The Herald could be published this week than the following interview with Prof. Hunt. His investigations here in regard to soil conditions, etc., are certainly very encouraging to those who are interested in this county's agricultural development and fully meet the expectations of the most sanguine. Following is the interview as furnished by our reporter:

"I have been here now for about ten days and have looked the ground carefully over; have carefully examined soil and the sub-soil on many different farms situated in different directions from Alliance and as a result I feel justified in saying that you have here a soil peculiarly adapted to all kinds of agriculture. You have got the soil, there is no question about that, the only question concerns the necessary amount of moisture for the successful production of crops. The plant food that is in the soil has to be dissolved in water before the plants can use it. This water in which the plant food has been dissolved has to be sucked up by the roots of the plants and from it are built new plant tissues. If there is not water enough in the soil to dissolve this plant food the plant will starve.

"There is sufficient moisture if well taken care of to grow any crop. The average rainfall here for the last twenty years has been seventeen inches per year. Of course, in some years it has exceeded that amount and in other years it has fallen short but what is peculiarly fortunate is the fact that seventy-five per cent of the annual rainfall falls during the growing season. If this is carefully saved it is sufficient to produce any crop. What is necessary here is first by deep plowing to create a reservoir for water in the soil and then by proper surface cultivation to prevent the evaporation of the water contained in this reservoir. Every one knows that if you loosen the soil for two inches deep the loosened soil will hold a certain amount of water. If the soil is loosened six inches it will hold three times that much. The problem then for the farmer is to cultivate the ground so deeply that it will take and hold all the water that falls

upon it without any running off and then handle the surface of the soil in such a way as to prevent loss of water by evaporation. Of course, this will take work and plenty of it and pretty near all the time. It will mean that farmers will have to do their work on the farm in season and out of season, instead of on the sidewalks in town, but good honest hard work never hurt anybody.

"If any farmer in this vicinity belongs to the great army of Nebraska farmers who are trying to get rich without work he had better not cooperate in this movement. I don't know of any loftier pride or satisfaction than that which comes from going up against adverse conditions of nature and winning out. I do not know of any loftier patriotism than that which prompts a man to make the most of resources in his soil and in this way add to the resources of his country. I do not know any greater spur to action in this matter than a desire to improve the farm for the benefit of the next generation. Somebody has said that the aim of life should be so to live that each generation may be better than its immediate predecessors. The Box Butte farmer who handles his land in such a way as to answer to this requirement illustrates the highest type of American citizenship."

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Annual Ball

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