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CULBERTSON SCHOOLS

The High School and Graded Departments Are Finely Equipped With Everything Needed for School Work.

Culbertson has one of the best public school systems in the state of Montana, consisting of the eight grades as in all graded schools and four grades in the High School department, making twelve grades in all.

The editor at the request of Prof. Dale, Superintendent, visited the school on Monday of this week and was much pleased with the interest being taken by the teachers and pupils in their work. The discipline in all departments was excellent and the pupils were all wide awake and alert, answering quickly all questions asked in regard to the lessons.

We started on our tour of inspection with the Superintendent's office, in which is located the large school library and the High School laboratory.

The library is encased in new sectional book cases, and consists of 600 new volumes and about 20 old. There are many books of the latest and best books of reference, classics and works of fiction suitable for school children. These will be issued to the children free of charge; proper precautions being taken for keeping track of the books and their proper care.

The laboratory consists of working models of steam and electric engines; electric lights, electric tester, etc. In this department the High School pupils are instructed in electricity, hydrostatics, Mechanics, light, heat, sound and magnetism.

At present the school is not large enough for the employment of a separate teacher for each grade, so the six teachers employed divide the work among themselves so as to cover the whole twelve grades.

Prof. Dale, besides superintending the work of the whole school, takes an active part as teacher in the High School, being assisted by his daughter, Miss Lily Dale, the latter also having some classes in the Eighth Grade.

In one of the recitation rooms on the top floor we listened to a class in United States History, Prof. Dale being the instructor. The answers were prompt and correct.

In another recitation room on this floor Miss Lily Dale was conducting a recitation in Ancient History, Persia being the subject and the time about 600 B. C. The same alert interest was manifested here.

In the large assembly hall Miss Clara Larson, teacher in the Seventh and Eighth grades, was having a class in U. S. History, the American Revolution being the subject. The bright faces of the pupils showed their appreciation of her efforts.

Miss May Jacobson teacher in the fifth, sixth, and part of the seventh grades, was conducting a class in arithmetic, and the same brightness and animation were apparent here as in the higher classes.

In Miss Selma Johnson's room the pupils range from 7 to 9 years old and are in the third and fourth grades. She was conducting a well drilled class in mental arithmetic and the problems solved would tax many adults.

Miss Ethel Singleton, teacher in first and second grades, was busy with a class of little tots, mostly babies about six years old. Here the infant mind is first awakened to the fact that there is something higher and better in the world

than eating, playing and sleeping. The little ones were learning to count, both in Roman and Arabic characters as well as the written words. The Teacher bright, cheerful and interested herself, imparted the same spirit to her little charges.

This concluded the round of visits to the grade rooms and is an interesting visit for any one to make. In this connection we would say that it is the expressed wish of Prof. Dale and all the teachers that parents and guardians and in fact all citizens interested in school work should visit the school at frequent intervals. It not only awakens interest but shows the teachers that their work is being appreciated and incites them to increased effort.

K. O. Slette, a member of the school board, was making a visit to the school on Monday and a mother of one of the little ones was a visitor in Miss Singleton's room.

Prof. Dale took charge of the Culbertson schools four years ago last October and is now about half through his fifth year. Miss Faye Otis now Mrs. Goettel, had opened the school in September with 17 pupils enrolled for the first month which had increased to 46 by Christmas of that year. Now there are some 200 pupils enrolled though only about 175 are in regular attendance each day.

The attendance by grades is as follows: High School 20, Eighth grade 18, seventh 36, sixth 19, fifth 24, fourth 12, third 17, second 16, first 29.

The Culbertson School District is now known as District No. 17, having recently been set off as a separate school district.

The bonded indebtedness of school District No. 5, issued in 1903 for the purpose of erecting the Culbertson school house, we understand has been transferred to District No. 17, which is perfectly just as we have the school house.

Five thousand dollars of these bonds were paid off last fall with the money received from taxes, there being a 10 mill special school tax levied last year. This leaves only \$10,000 more bonds to be paid, payable one each year. It will not be necessary to have so large a school tax this year and the taxes of our citizens will be correspondingly lower.

In summing up we would say that the Culbertson Public Schools are now in splendid shape and the school house handsomely and economically equipped. New desks a new library and a new laboratory are some of the heavy expenses incurred and paid for recently which will not have to be incurred again for several years.

Cost of Schools.

Helena, March 7.—In an opinion by the attorney general, rendered in response to a query from County Attorney Dignan, of Valley county, it is held that where a school district issues bonds and erects a building, and later this district is divided and the new school house lies within the new district, this district is liable for the payments on the bonds. Where there is money in the treasury belonging to both districts, and raised before the district was divided, the money is to be divided according to the children in each district given by the last census, holds the attorney general.

It Saved His Leg.

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THE BEGGARS' BALL

Rags and Tatters Were at a Premium at the Hall Wednesday Night.

The Hard Times Ball on the night of St. Patrick's Day in Tanner's Hall was a veritable paradise for beggars. "Some in rags, some in tags and some in velvet gowns." Only a few of those in attendance dared to come in their every day clothes as they were heavily hood for their temerity.

Among the notable beggars we mention only a few of those most picturesquely dressed in tatters.

Mrs. J. C. Gregory and Mrs. C. H. Tyler were clothed somewhat similar in the style of about two decades ago, with fried egg hats and hair dressed in a pronounced Grecian Knot. Mrs. Gregory wore crenelinas and a bustle and was clearly the bell of the bowery.

Miss Flossie Freeman led a Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde life as the "Drunkard's Wife" and "Bankers Wife" both at once. The left half was dressed in tatters and the right half in silk.

Ed. Runnels was gaily attired as a sporty old beggar with long hair and beard.

Paul Babcock, the man with the "pretty legs" looked grotesque as a shiftless farmer, while Dr. Johnston and Will Stahl were close seconds.

Many others deserved mention but time and space are limited at this time in the week.

Paul Babcock was appointed Judge, J. T. Clapper Marshall and Dr. Johnston constable which constituted the machinery for collecting fines.

C. S. Stafford was the first victim haled before the august tribunal. He appeared in his usual immaculate attire and was mulct the sum of \$1.57 1/2. He paid a dollar and the balance of the fine was remitted on promise of future behavior.

The Searchlight editor was the next victim and was fined 37 1/2 cents. Just think of an editor being fined for being dressed up. We were proud and happy to shell out, but insist that we were not fined enough. However the slight was partially remedied by their corraling our foreman, W. E. Johnson and working him for 37 1/2 c.

I. L. Brooks only had to pay 28 1/2 cents, which he thought was too little and handed over a big plank.

Dr. Collinson was the most elegantly dressed man with the exception of Mr. Stafford and was fined 90 1/2 cents.

Will Stahl, though dressed as a beggar, was caught wearing jewelry and paid 10 1/2 cents to the fund.

John Moran, Max Gonion and Frank Catlin each contributed various amounts and perhaps others after the reporter left the hall. No ladies were fined while the reporter was present though a critical observer would have thought several were proper candidates.

On the whole the ball was a grand success and all had a splendid time.

Additional Homesteads.

The local land office is being besieged with requests for information regarding the 320 acre homestead law. No applications are being accepted as the provisions of the bill make it necessary that the secretary of the interior shall designate the land that will be subject to the new law. This may require some time—Valley County News.

As Editor Shanley who wrote the above item is Receiver in the U. S. Land Office at Glasgow, it may be taken as the latest authentic news concerning the 320 acre homestead law. The Searchlight will keep its readers fully informed when anything further develops.

Near Death in Big Pond.

It was a thrilling experience to Mrs. Ida Soper to face death. "For years a severe lung trouble gave me intense suffering," she writes, "and several times nearly caused my death. All remedies failed and doctors said I was incurable. Then Dr. King's New Discovery brought quick relief and a cure so permanent that I have not been troubled in twelve years." Mrs. Soper lives in Big Pond, Pa. It works wonders in Coughs and Colds, Sore Throats, Hemorrhages, LaGrippe, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough and all Bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Valley Drug Co.

Sealed Bids.

The trustees of school district No. 35 of Dawson County, Mont., will sell an issue of the district's coupon bonds to the amount of \$350,000 bearing not to exceed 6 per cent semi-annual interest, for a period of 10 years and redeemable in 5 years; the trustees reserving the right to reject all bids and sell said bonds at private sale if deemed to the best interest of the district. All bids must reach the clerk of said dist. not later than Mar. 20, 1909. All bids should be addressed to,

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