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JUST AGREE ON BASIS.

New Counties Clamor For School Money—Must Comply With Directions.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction W. W. Welch is besieged with lamentations of Custer, Rosebud, Deer Lodge and Powell counties who are clamoring for their pro rata of the \$30,000 alleged bribery money turned into the school fund by the act of the legislature. In all the other counties of the state the money has been distributed, but these four counties have not received their share because the county superintendents have neglected to follow to the letter the explicit instructions of the state superintendent of public instruction.

In the first place the delay in the distribution of the money in these counties was due to the fact that Custer and Deer Lodge counties were divided at the last session of the legislative assembly, and it was provided that the apportionment of the \$30,000 should be made to the several counties of the state on the basis of the last school census. If the part due Custer County, for instance, had been sent to that county, Rosebud, which was created of Custer County, would have been left out in the cold. The same state of affairs exists in Deer Lodge and Powell counties. Instructions were sent out to the county school superintendents of these counties by the state superintendent of public instruction indicating to them the course to be pursued in order to avail their respective counties of the amount to which they were entitled. They were informed that it was a question they must decide among themselves. They were informed that the state board of education could not divide the money among them until the county superintendent agreed upon the school population in their respective counties and this population should correspond with the figures of the last school census as shown by the county superintendents, Custer county had 2,087 school children and Deer Lodge county 3,855. The county superintendents were told to put their heads together and by reference to their reports as embodied in the last school census, decide what number of these pupils were in each of the counties. This did not mean that a new census was to be taken. It did not mean that the money would be forthcoming upon request if the instructions were not followed, and the department supposed that in a few days the matter would be adjusted.

But the county superintendents appear to be muddled beyond the rescue point. They are flooding the state superintendent of public instruction with questions. One wants to know when to take the census. Another wants to know why the money has not been to her county. One wants the state superintendent to hurry up and pay. There is no provision for the taking of a school census before August, and if it were taken now it would not be recognized as the basis for the distribution of the money to which those counties are entitled. More, it is probable that if the correct reports are not made to the state superintendent before the next census in August the courts would decide as has been done in other states that the time for the payment of such money had lapsed and the balance that would have otherwise gone to those four counties would revert to the general fund and be distributed pro rata to all the counties of the state.

State Superintendent Welch is writing to the superintendents again, telling them what they have already been told—the simple thing they must do in order to get the money that belongs to their districts.

DEATH OF CHARLES BURNS.

Pneumonia Claims Another Victim in a Well Known Business Man.

After an illness of a little less than five days Charles Burns, who has been identified with Forsyth for the past seventeen years and who was known to nearly every one living in Rosebud county, passed away at his home in this city. Up to the Sunday preceding his death the deceased was in his usual splendid health, and had

no thought or hint of illness. On Sunday he was taken with a cold that rapidly developed into pneumonia, and on Thursday afternoon about five o'clock died.

The funeral took place from the M. E. church on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m., and was conducted by Rev. C. D. Danner.

In speaking of the dead the minister paid a high tribute to his generous traits of character, and offered the consolation of the church to his sorrowing widow. The services were concluded at the grave. Besides the wife of the deceased the only relatives present were Ben Forsythe of Big Timber and Martin Forsythe of Melville, brothers of Mrs. Burns.

Charles Burns was born in Chicago, Ill., on August 13, 1866, and lived there until his twentieth year, when he came to Montana and secured employment as a cowboy with Jas. Hopkins. He remained with his employer until '93, and during his term of service was esteemed as a careful and competent hand. After resigning his job on the range he opened a meat market, in which business he remained for about a year, and then disposed of that to enter into the saloon business. He erected the handsome brick building on west Main street occupied by his saloon and had a prosperous trade from the start, his wide acquaintance with stock men making his place a popular resort.

On March 4 of the present year he was married to Miss Oline Forsythe, and they have been making their home in the upper story of their building. The young widow, who less than two short months ago was a bride, has the sympathy of the entire community.

Several years ago a little band of people interested in philanthropic work banded themselves together under the name of the Montana Children's Home Society for the purpose of finding good homes for waifs. While the state and municipal governments make liberal provision for caring for the homeless by furnishing homes for orphans, these institutions can not insure the same care and good moral influences as can be secured through private charities. The association concentrates all of its efforts toward securing the advantages of good Christian homes for little children who have been deprived of these birthrights through death, abandonment or other causes. While their work has been done so quietly that the great public at large scarcely ever hears of them, they have accomplished a great deal in the cause of humanity. The record of the society shows that up to date 167 children have been provided with Christian homes and instead of growing up in the streets and drifting into the ways of crime, and eventually becoming public charges they are developing into sturdy little men and women who will some day take their places in the busy world and be a credit to society. The work of finding homes for these little wanderers has been accomplished by Miss Isidore E. S. Dowden of Helena to whom it has been wholly a work of love. Miss Dowden has visited nearly every town in Montana and was here on Sunday in charge of a little girl who has been adopted by a family living in this city. Miss Dowden spoke at the M. E. church on Sunday night and told the congregation of the aims and scope of the society. The work is maintained wholly by private subscription and considering the amount expended has made an amazing record. Miss Dowden called at the News office Monday and stated that several of the society children are now living here having been adopted in the families of Mrs. Geo. Mace, Mrs. Chas. Richter, and Mrs. Shriver. Judge Loud of Miles City has adopted two bright little tots and in every instance the children are provided with excellent homes. Miss Dowden stated that there are now four babies and three little girls from seven to fifteen years old and two boys aged nine and thirteen respectively who are still at the home in Helena awaiting adoption. Although Miss Dowden made no very thorough canvass here she was accorded liberal support for her work and in a few hours secured over \$50 which is used for railroad fare and supporting the work of the order.