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SCHOOLS OF OGDEN ARE EQUAL TO THE BEST

DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC AND CHURCH SCHOOLS ARE PRAISED BY ALL VISITORS—MANUAL TRAINING IS BEING CARRIED ON WITH GREAT SUCCESS—STUDENTS IN AGRICULTURE GOING INTO THE FIELDS AND ORCHARDS, SUPPLEMENTING THEORY WITH PRACTICE

Ogden has always prided itself upon being progressive and one of the most striking examples of progressive spirit is displayed in the operation of the schools of the city.

Throughout all parts of the United States the cry has gone up that the schools of the country are not serving the needs of the children; that the money spent for educational purposes is being wasted in efforts in the wrong direction, and that more industrial training for boys and girls is the need.

While this subject is being taken up and agitated on the platform and in publications, the heads of the different schools of Ogden have been studying the matter and are putting into operation many of the systems advocated, with the result that the schools are catering to a wider class of students and that the students are being given a practical work that they can begin to use immediately upon leaving the institutions they are attending.

This practical work is not only given in the secondary schools, but begins in the kindergarten and goes to the high school.

Two lines of training in the grammar grades promise, in addition to developing the practical instincts of the students, to result profitably as well—school gardening and poultry raising. Because of the enthusiasm developed, both these lines promise to be successful.

The planting of school gardens has been agitated for several months, and through the efforts of the Civic League of Ogden and the Publicity Bureau, backed by the generosity of property owners who have turned over plots of ground for the students' use, the work has begun.

Interest in the raising of poultry by pupils attending school was aroused in a measure by the efforts of Prof. M. J. Abbey of the University of Utah industrial extension bureau. Now

a number of boys and girls are caring for individual pens of chickens.

The board of education of Ogden has been willing to encourage this movement, and at the suggestion of a principal of a local school purchased an incubator for that institution. The incubator is a large one and will mean the raising of a number of chickens at that school alone. At the same time the interest of the boys and girls has been aroused more thoroughly and the subject has appealed to them in a new light.

The poultry raising and gardening will be done under the supervision of experts on the pay roll, in order that up to date methods may be followed. With competent instruction, there appears no reason to doubt that the work will develop ideas in the pupils and at the same time result profitably.

At the high school and the Weber academy much attention has been given to the manual training departments for the boys and the domestic arts department for the girls. Exhibitions of the work done by pupils in both departments has demonstrated the success of the movement.

At the high school large rooms in the basement are given over to the manual training department. In addition to a number of work tables with a complete assortment of hand tools, there is an electric wood working machine capable of doing the work of a similar machine in any shop. This department is one of the most popular in the school and is conducted without great cost. The boys pay for the material used and in turn own the article constructed during the class periods. So interesting is the work that there is never an afternoon after school hours when there are not students at work.

The work taught is of such a practical nature that the boys, upon completing the course, are able to go to work as tradesmen and read blue-

prints with the most practical of carpenters.

The domestic arts department is divided into the cooking and dressmaking divisions.

The girls are instructed in the practical and theoretical side of preparing and serving foods and are taught economy in the preparation.

In the sewing department practical work of this nature is done.

All who have attended exhibitions of work done by the students of the Weber academy are acquainted with the excellent articles turned out.

In the domestic science department, it is the purpose of the instructor to teach the young ladies the art of preparing nourishing meals and at the same time not exceed a reasonable cost. With that idea in view, monthly luncheons are held when a group of the students are given a certain amount of money with which to prepare a certain menu and each group strives to surpass the other in marketing, preparing and serving.

That the young ladies are able to serve most tempting and nourishing luncheons without exceeding the appropriation is the declaration of all who have ever had the good fortune to sit at one of their tables.

Agricultural work has also been introduced and has been received with enthusiasm. The work taught is extremely practical and field trips have been taken when the members of the classes have demonstrated their ability as student farmers.

At the State Industrial school, practical work is a feature and has been the means of saving many of the boys and girls who otherwise would have drifted along without a trade.

At the state school for the Deaf and the Blind, practical work is also followed. Dairying has come in for its share of interest and the school boasts of one of the finest herds of dairy cattle in the state. Through the efforts of the board of trustees, the legislature has appropriated \$5,000 for the purpose of building a model dairy farm where the work can be carried on to a greater extent.

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