

FIGURES ON SCHOOLS

Statistics as Collected by the County Superintendent.

Values of School Properties and an Exhibit of the Finances of Districts.

County School Superintendent Roberts turned his office over Monday to his successor, S. M. McCroskey. In his annual report to the state superintendent of public instruction, Superintendent Roberts presented the following statistics of Whitman county schools:

Number of children of school age, 5 to 21 years, 9114—male 4681, female 4433. Enrolled in public schools, 7976—male 4108, female 3868. Average daily attendance, 4907—male 2481, female 2426. Average number months of school maintained, 7; days maintained, 138; total days' attendance 781,815; department or rooms maintained, 226; whole number of teachers employed, 261—male 106, female 155; average salary paid, male \$56.45, female \$50.70. Children over 6 years of age not enrolled in any school, 696; between 8 and 15 years attending less than three months, 297. Pupils in first year course 1515, second 1008, third 1089, fourth 1155, fifth 876, sixth 840, seventh 605, eighth 511, advanced grades 331. Graduated from common school, 134—male 72, female 62. Recitations daily, 20. Private schools taught, 7; average number months private schools taught, 6; teachers employed in private schools, 22—male 8, female 14; resident pupils attending private schools, 180—male 73, female 107. Schoolhouses built, frame 9; schoolhouses in county, 163—frame 154, brick 9; seating capacity, 10,258.

The estimated value of schoolhouses, including grounds, is \$258,520; of school furniture, \$31,785.45; of apparatus, \$11,138; of libraries, \$4368.16—total \$315,811.61; insurance, \$144,131.

Libraries of school districts number 70. Districts supplied with free text books, 6; unabridged dictionaries, 123. In new districts were organized during the year, bringing the total to 156, and 154 of these maintained at least three months school, while two are not supplied with schoolhouses. The districts having bonded indebtedness number 19. Out of the nine new schoolhouses built, but one district resorted to bonding. All others were erected from the warrant funds, and notwithstanding this cost for the 8, about \$5325, the total warrant indebtedness of school districts has been increased but \$437.73, leaving nearly \$5000 actual decrease. In every case it is planned to take up these building warrants in two years.

Graded schools employing more than one teacher in the same building, 19. Defective union, 13—male 8, female 5. Teachers required in the county, 226. Pupils engaged in reading circle work, 11. Temporary certificates issued, 25. Teachers holding state or territorial certificates or diplomas, 13—male 13, female 5. Teachers employed holding first grades, 74—male 35, female 39; second grades, 154—male 64, female 90; third grade, 23—male 2, female 21.

Financial Exhibit. RECEIPTS. Balance in hands of county treasurer, July 1, 1900, to credit of school districts \$ 66,551.69. Appointed by county superintendent—state funds 60,913.20. Apportioned—county funds 29,331.65. Special levies—63 districts 45,137.61. Sales of bonds—2 districts 1,619.03. All other sources 1,446.47. Total \$ 205,199.65.

EXPENDITURES. Teachers' wages \$ 86,943.29. Rent, repairs, fuel, etc. 29,331.65. Sites, buildings, apparatus, libraries 6,335.82. Interest on bonds 13,152.61. Interest on warrants 7,215.72. Redemption of bonds 16,860.00. Transferred to other districts 398.80. Total \$ 157,353.16. Balance on hand 47,846.49. Total \$ 205,199.65.

Bonds and Warrants. Assessed valuation of districts, \$18,577,447.00. Bonds outstanding, average rate interest 6 1/2 mills 175,520.00. Warrants out July 1, 1900 79,292.83. Out at close of year, July 1, 1901 79,730.56.

Superintendent Roberts visited all of the districts, making 136 visits. He expended on mileage account \$277.85; for office and incidentals \$456.95; salary, \$1200—total, \$1934.80. The institute expense was \$244.25, 255 teachers attending.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES.

List of Those Who Passed the Recent Examinations. Following is a list of the 134 graduates from the eighth grade of the common schools of Whitman county for the last examination. They range in age from 12 to 18 years:

- Virgil Canutt, Helen Clark, Grace Housekeeper, Claire Chadwick, Alice Matlock, Alice Palmer, Earl Renfrew, Bertha Shaw, Jessie Swegle, James Wilton, Orville Leach, Orville Miles, Chas. Pratt, Bessie Price, Claudia Reese, May Ritchey, Loren Savage, Elmer Hensley, Otis Arnold, Eddie Cheney, Katharine Egan, Stephen Travis, Alpha Cox, Enoch Gowin, Ethel Robards, Joseph Dahm, Maggie Myers, Chris Schlee, Jas. Putman, Annie Webster, Seward Brockway, Maude Carter, Caddie Cropp, Clara Clark, Enmet Dix, Edgar Disney, Myron Darrow, Myrtle Faulkner, Bert Fisher, Eldora Kenoyer, Lulu Laird, Fred Orr, Isabel Rounds, Houston McCroskey, Reeves Trout, Belle Hartman, Bessie Abbott, Edna Davis, Baker Gilbert, Cora Gilbert, Venus Davidson, Ida Lamb, Homer Cronk, Mary Davis, Harley Gregg, M. E. Fox, Arthur Taylor, Scott Jackson, Myrtle Boyles, Jessie Hennek, Pearl Boyles, Mabel McCabe, Blanche Neely, Clyde Myers, Fred Orr, V. Ferguson, Bessie Spitznogle, Henry Shewmaker, Mae Johnson, Mabel McCabe, Theodore Whaley, Clyde Myers, Myrtle Lindley, Nora Lamb, Robert Price, Arthur Price, Clarence Richardson, George Armstrong, W. J. Blackburn, V. S. Nowlin, Annie Collins, Nannie Odum.

- Jay Hall, Peter Hall, Ethie Nelson, Coral Phillips, Charles Phillips, Annetta Ross, Belle Rodscape, Andy White, Earl Dezell, Robert Armstrong, Frank Stuart, Clarence Boggs, Roy Skeels, Dora Schlee, Ora Johnston, John Ralph, Florence Standley, Loza Barbee, Earl Crawford, Daniel Cogswell, Ida Evans, Edith Fiske, John Hanford, Eva Kelley, Thomas Martin, Burson Moore, Ivan Putman, Charley Shaffer, Byron Walsh, Earl Wallace, Harold Fox, Harry Jordan, Lura Cozier, Fred Goldsworthy, Harry Goldsworthy, Ruth Malnsten, Lena McMillan, Frank Reed, Nettie Bridgeman, Wallace Davis, Viola Jones, Claude Swegle, Agnes Davis, Harold Davis, Mabery Davis.

DEAD FROM SMALL WOUND.

Garfield Young Man Killed by Croquet Mallet.

Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock Albert C. Lloyd died at the home of his brother-in-law, Frederick Tarbox, at Garfield, says the last Enterprise. Death was sudden though not unexpected for the past few days, deceased having been sick about one week.

The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning. He had been suffering some time with kidney trouble, and an accident brought on the attack which caused his death.

Recently deceased, in company with Fred Orr, went to Lee's siding, a few miles east of Endicott to harvest. They were playing a game of croquet and Fred's mallet, as he attempted to rocket two balls across the ground, flew off, striking Albert on the head, cutting a gash. The doctor had put a few stitches in the wound and recommended him not to work or heat himself for a few days. The next day he worked in the harvest field, heating himself, and blood poisoning set in. Before the accident occurred he had said that he did not feel fit to work and the doctors say that aside from the slight wound he would in all probability have had a spell of sickness.

Black Bass Are Running.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barroll, Miss Maud Smith and Chauncey Moore returned Saturday evening from an outing of several weeks on St. Joe river. Mr. Moore reports splendid bass fishing on the lower river, the run having just commenced from the lake. It is expected that within a few days the sport with this game fish will be fully as good on the upper river, as a few had already been taken as high up as the mouth of St. Maries. This is a new fish in these waters, having been propagated within the last year or two. One angler from Tekoa is reported to have taken 154 pounds of bass in two hours at the mouth of St. Joe river.

Engine Over a Bank.

A serious and costly accident happened Monday morning to the large traction engine of Columbus Stevens of Clear Creek. He was on his way with a threshing outfit to the alkali country to open the harvest campaign. When about half way down the grade on the Colfax and Palouse road a wheel struck a small boulder and one of the steering chains broke. The engine turned square to the right and pitched over an almost perpendicular bank ten feet high, landing in the rocky gully, but remaining upright. The front axle and plate were smashed and the entire outfit laid up for two days, pulling out late Tuesday evening.

Summer School Closed.

Pullman Herald: The summer session school for teachers held at the college, closed yesterday after a most successful six weeks session, the enrollment having reached 160. A large number of promising teachers throughout the state are taking advantage of this summer school and a vast amount of work is accomplished at each session. It is an especial assistance to teachers who are preparing for a higher grade certificate. The most of the teachers who were here have left for their homes, and quiet and solitude will reign in the college halls till college opens next month.

Railroad Paid a Widow.

Mrs. J. R. Vaile, widow of the late Jack Vaile, who was killed in an accident last year on the Wallace branch of the O. R. & N., while serving as a freight conductor, has been preparing to enter suit for \$40,000 for the loss of her husband, but she was met at Colfax Friday by Major Hall, claim agent of the company, and a compromise was effected by which she was paid \$1750 in cash.

On a Visit Home.

Joe Smith, now a reporter on the Seattle Daily Times, was in the city Saturday, on his way to Endicott to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lillie F. Smith. He reports prosperous times in the Sound country, and is pleased with the bright outlook on this side of the mountains, especially in his old home region of the Palouse.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the week by Auditor Raby: Albert Ghering, Whelan and May Welch, Palouse; John Wells Johnson and Winnie M. Simpson, Garfield; O. H. Johnson and Martha A. Thorn, Garfield.

Broke An Arm.

Artie, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mansfield, fell from a hammock Saturday morning and broke both bones of his left arm, between elbow and wrist, but is getting along nicely.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Colfax postoffice, Aug. 9, 1901: Gray, Less, Swegle, P. A. Moore, Miss Edith Smith, Alex Russell, Jno A. Timmeister, Gus Simons, Walter J. Reed, Miss Lettie. One cent postage will be collected. JAMES EWART, P. M.

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MOSCOW MAN AMUCK

Wm. Steffen Shot Three Men and Was Himself Killed.

Dr. Watkins Killed, Deputy Sheriff Fatally Wounded and George Creighton Slightly.

At Moscow, Idaho, Sunday morning about 8:30, Wm. Steffen shot and instantly killed Dr. W. W. Watkins, a moment later shot Geo. V. Creighton, formerly a member of the firm of Creighton & McClelland at Colfax, and a little later twice shot Deputy Sheriff Cool, in shoulder and thigh, fatally. Cooled in the following day.

He then started to ride to his mother's place, a mile east of the city, when he was halted by Sheriff Collins. Steffen shot at the officer four times, and finally escaped on foot, the sheriff shooting Steffen's horse. Steffen ran to his mother's house in which he took refuge, and for two hours held a crowd of more than 50 men armed with rifles at bay. Finally the crowd made a rush on the house, and on entering found Steffen's dead body lying on the floor in an upstairs room. He had been shot in the left leg below the knee, the bones of the leg being broken. The wound had been inflicted while Steffen was down stairs, and he had then crawled to the flight above, where he had been shot through the left breast, inflicting an instantly fatal wound.

From all that can be learned, the shooting was entirely unprovoked. The shooting of Dr. Watkins was witnessed by a number of ladies. Mrs. W. A. Simpson, who saw the shooting, states that about 8:30 this morning she noticed Dr. Watkins driving down First street toward the business part of town. He had just crossed Jefferson street when Steffen rode rapidly up that street and called out, "Hello, Doctor!" in a loud voice. Dr. Watkins pulled up his horse and began to speak to Steffen, when the latter presented a short revolver and shot, the muzzle of the gun being almost against the doctor's body. The doctor gave a piercing scream and Steffen shot again, the doctor's body lurching forward, and the buggy horse starting at a gallop down the street. The shots and the doctor's scream were heard by a number of people and the horse was seen running down First street, and then stopped near the corner of that street and Main. It was found that the doctor was dead, the first shot having penetrated the body back of the left nipple and pierced the heart. The second shot entered the right temple and lodged in the brain and a third pierced his back.

As Watkins' horse ran down the street Steffen wheeled his horse, rode back to Second street, and then rode east on that street. A block further east Steffen passed George V. Creighton, and shot at him twice, one bullet striking the right arm above the elbow and passing directly through the arm, the other clipping the back of his coat. Steffen then raced his horse back into the city and riding to the residence of Deputy Sheriff Charles Jones. Jones was on the back stoop pumping water. Steffen called out, "That looks like good water," and asked for a drink. When the water was brought Steffen got off his horse and drank freely. He said in an excited way: "What in the hell's the matter with folks? I understand a warrant has been issued for my arrest."

Jones told him the sheriff had no warrant and wanted to know what offense was charged. Steffen said: "They've put a warrant in the hands of Marshal Langdon, but he won't get nearer than a Winchester rifle will shoot." Then he began to talk wildly. Just then Sheriff Collins came through the yard and said: "Jones, some one has shot Dr. Watkins and ridden away north. We'll have to get a party out after him."

Steffen had mounted his horse, and pulling a pistol said: "Sheriff, I shot Watkins." He then ran his horse down the street westward. At the end of the block he rode between Deputy Sheriff Cool and Gainford Mix. Neither man knew Steffen was Watkins' slayer, supposing him to be part of the mounted posse. When Collins called for them to stop Steffen, the latter shot at Cool twice, both bullets taking effect. He then wheeled his horse and rode back past Collins, shooting at him. The sheriff returned the fire, breaking the horse's hind leg, the bullet passing through the calf of Steffen's leg. After a battle of two hours, in which 200 shots were fired the posse reached the house to find Steffen dead before a window, shot through the heart. The coroner's verdict was suicide, but this is not generally believed.

It is not certain that the murderer was insane, as he had long held an enmity toward Dr. Watkins and left notes in his pocket with the names of Dr. Watkins, Geo. Langdon, August Held and E. E. Jolly on one, and the later one with "I didn't get the right ones after all."

The deed was undoubtedly premeditated, so far as Dr. Watkins was concerned. Steffen was 40 years of age and unmarried and had been about Moscow for 10 years. He had never been suspected of insanity. Astounded the Editor. Editor S. A. Brown, of Bennettsville, S. C., was once immensely surprised. "Through long suffering from dyspepsia," he writes, "my wife was greatly run down. She had no strength or vigor and suffered great distress from her stomach, but she tried Electric Bitters which helped her at once, and, after using four bottles she is entirely well, can eat anything. Its a grand tonic, and its gentle laxative qualities are splendid for torpid liver." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach and Liver troubles it's a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at The Elk Drug Store, F. J. Stone, Prop.

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WAREHOUSE TROUBLES.

John Slight Wants All Storage Charges at Palouse.

Jacob Slight and his former wife, who, after legal battles in every branch of the land department and the courts, have been awarded title by the supreme court of the United States to 160 acres of land at Palouse, upon which are situated the Spokane & Palouse depot and yards and all of the half dozen warehouses of the town, have served notice upon farmers not to store grain or hay in any of these houses without first arranging with them as to storage. If these arrangements are not made they threaten to hold the products for storage charges. Being awarded title to the land, which was claimed by them before the construction of the railroad, they now claim the buildings, which were erected upon the railroad right of way under leases from the company. Warehousemen claim the railroad will be forced to protect their interests, but it is feared the order of the Supreme Court will drive much of the grain and hay tributary to Palouse to other points.

O. R. & N. Improvements.

Improvement work on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's lines by reduction in grades and curvatures, ballasting, substitution of steel bridges for frame structures and pile trestles, new heavy steel for the old rail, etc., is progressing rapidly, and by the last of the year travelers on the line will be able to observe a very noticeable improvement, adding much to their comfort and safety. Included in the work under way are 15 new steel bridges, all to be erected this year. The most important improvement will be the straightening of the line between tunnel No. 3 and The Dalles, for which seven miles of entirely new roadbed on changed location will be built, the old line being entirely abandoned between the points named.

Invited to Spokane.

Spokane has invited the entire Third battalion of the Washington national guard, Major Ortis Hamilton commanding, to encamp at Spokane during fair week next month. Included is an invitation to Colfax Military Band. It is quite probable that the entire company will go.

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