

"APPLE AND POTATO DAY" IN THE SCHOOLS

One of the features of the closing of the schools for the holiday vacation, during recent years, has been what is known as "apple and potato day." On the last day of the term, which this year occurs next Friday, each pupil is asked to bring to the school as many apples or potatoes as he is years old.

These are given to the poor people of the city and they go a long way in relieving the wants of the deserving poor.

For the past year or two the donations made through the schools have extended to other necessities besides apples and potatoes and at Christmas time last year they included nearly everything in the line of vegetables and a considerable quantity of clothing besides. This year apple and potato day occurs on Friday of this week.

7593 PUPILS

The total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools of this city at the present time is 7593. The average attendance at school during November was 6483, a percentage of 91.

PERSONAL.

John Lynch of Butte was in the city yesterday.

William Nelson is transacting business in Woodbury.

Miss F. E. Woodbury of Portland is in the city on business.

H. Patterson of Baker City is in Spokane on a pleasure trip.

D. L. Zent and wife of Colville arrived in the city yesterday.

Cashier Gaddes of the Pullman bank is in Spokane on business.

A. L. Felganhaven of Waverly is in the city for an extended visit.

J. J. Humphries, a well-known bank auditor of Palouse, is in the city.

J. S. Smith, assessor of Whatcom county, is in the city for a few days' visit.

J. M. Wedley and family of Wilbur are here after their holiday goods.

Michael Donnelly of Portland passed through yesterday on his way to Portland.

George M. McAuley returned home last evening after a 10 weeks' trip through Mexico.

J. S. Thayer, a prominent cattle dealer, has returned from a business visit in Minneapolis.

C. N. Foss, H. M. Kirkpatrick and J. A. Bowles of Sandpoint, Idaho, are guests of the Grand today.

H. M. Stevens, attorney for the Great Northern railway, has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Albert Kenek, a former student of Gonzaga, was in the city this morning. He is returning to Chicago.

Lake Woolford of the Tom Thumb mine returned yesterday after a brief business visit in Lewiston.

P. J. McMahon and wife of Moyie, B. C., are in the city. Mr. McMahon is a well-known mining man in this section.

G. W. Clew of Coulee City, H. B. Gunner of Priest River and the Misses Olive and Minnie Meyers of Ritzville are in the city.

Colonel Brady, a representative of the Canadian government, accompanied by Mrs. Brady, are among the morning arrivals.

ATTENTION, BARTENDERS.

Bartenders' league, No. 485, meets tonight at Washington hall at 8 p. m. Your attendance is requested. Important business.

CHARLES TYNAN, President.
S. M. WINSTON,
Recording Secretary.

SPORTING NEWS.

FITZ' JOKE ON JEFF.

"Did Fitz tell you of the joke he played Jeff the other day in Portland," asked Manager Ball of the big fistie duo. "It was pretty rough on the champion, but he paid the lanky Cornishman back in good style.

TURNER SURPRISED.

Senator George Turner at 9 o'clock this morning arrived over the Great Northern from Seattle, where he has been transacting business.

"No, I haven't heard of it," he exclaimed when the reporter asked about the new postoffice site. "Where will it be?"

The senator was surprised, but he evidently is in no way disappointed over the selection as announced.

He will leave shortly for Washington. Mrs. Turner probably accompanying him.

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MINING NEWS.

Some of the brokers are beginning to regret that the mining exchange has ceased operations.

"The mining men have come to realize," said one of the stockdealers yesterday, "that the exchange worked no harm with the values. The only hurt the exchange could work was the instituting of comparison of stock values on its blackboard and it must be a mighty poor proposition that is afraid of comparison in this way.

"Another thing is lost sight of in times of great mining activity such as comes to Spokane a dozen times a year prospective investors demand some sort of center where the stocks are available, such service as was rendered by the exchange. As it is now, if a man wants to put his money in mines he has to chase around town for a week after before he gets an idea of how the properties stand.

"For instance, you can not touch a big block of stock in either Tom Thumb or Rambler-Cariboo for anything like market quotations. The big drops these stocks have taken lately is through the little floating bunches of stock that the holders are compelled to realize on hastily.

"With a 'protection fund' the owners could cover on any of these small holdings if offered at lower than regular price. On the other hand, since it is as important to keep stocks from going too high as from going too low when the prices did threaten to get out of bounds sufficient stock could be put out to ease matters.

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REPUBLIC QUIET.

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