

Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

Preston School Notes.

Miss Watteyne has been on the sick list for several days.

Our eighth grade are working like the Japs are fighting—to win.

We are studying the Panama question and our society will debate it on Friday evening, March 4th.

We are striving for the highest possible mark in the Preston schools. We strive to lead our pupils to see the great necessity or being true men and women, mentally, morally and physically.

Rev. J. H. Kinkaid of Rulo paid us a pleasant and profitable visit on Monday of this week. He visited both rooms, spending nearly the whole day and gave each room a splendid talk that was encouraging and profitable to both pupils and teachers.

The eighth grade pupils have organized by electing Laura Pribbeno, president; June Mc Millen, vice president; Elmer Pribbeno, treasurer; Alma Daeschner, secretary; Howard Pribbeno and John Neitzel, sergeants at arms. They also extend a unanimous invitation to Hon. J. L. McBrien, deputy state supt. and Supt. Geo. Crocker to deliver addresses at the close of school which will be the first Friday in June.

Kate Cunningham has resigned her school in Dist. No. 80.

Our institute this year will be held during the third week in August.

The people of Dist. 94 have decided to have a new school house before school begins next fall.

Coral Stephenson is teaching in the DuBois schools for a few weeks, during the sickness of one of the teachers.

Marie T. Smith, teacher in Dist. No. 20 was on the sick list a few days last week, her school closes Friday, February 26.

The county superintendent never betrays secrets but the birds are telling that another Richardson county teacher is soon to be married.

Todd Waggener has resigned in No. 14 to accept a position in the Dawson schools made vacant by Anna Martins resignation. Lois Spencer has been engaged to finish the term in No. 14.

Parents often make a mistake by selecting an occupation for their children and then educating them for this alone. A boy has as much right to select his work in life as he has to select his wife.

Sunny Valley, Dist. 50 H. L. Kloepfel, teacher. We are getting along very well, every one being enthusiastic and willing to work.

Our history and physiology classes are doing unusually well. In a recent examination Edwin Oberst made a grade of one hundred per cent in history.

We are using the "Roll of Honor" Spelling book, and the scholars seem to be delighted with it.

We have a total enrollment of forty nine for the year, of which forty are in regular attendance.

The school house and grounds are in fine condition. The school has excellent slate blackboards.

The district does not furnish the books, but the patrons are generally waking up to the fact that this greatly retards the the good work; and there is little doubt that books will be furnished next year.

List of books for school libraries recommended by the Nebraska Public Library commission have been sent to all the teachers in the county. Much time and considerable of the states money have been expended in preparing and distributing this list, in the hope of helping the schools of Nebraska to establish school libraries, to select the best books, and to get them for the least money. Since the commission will not print a new list for two years, teachers should regard the copies distributed to them as the property of the school districts and care should be taken to put them where the teachers can find them next fall.

The Southeastern Nebraska Educational association will be held in Beatrice, March 30 and 31 and April 1st. It will be one of the most helpful educational meetings ever held in Nebraska. It is hoped Richardson county will be well represented.

Ora Draper who taught school in Dist. 18 last fall is now Mrs. Lee R. Swisegood. The teachers of Richardson county extend congratulations. They will be at home to their friends, about two miles west of Verdon, after March 1st.

Teacher—Johnnie, this is the worst composition in the class, and I am going to write to your father and tell him.

Johnnie—Don't keer if you do, he wrote it for me.

Maud Boyd has resigned her school to attend the State Normal. Mrs. Brinegar who has just

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completed a very successful term of school in Dist. 91 will finish Miss Boyd's term in 53.

Dist. No. 15 reports that the school is broken up by sickness this month, but that will be able to resume their work next week.

N-Rays.

The N-rays of R. Blondlot should interest us especially because they are so common about us. They were discovered while the light from a Welsbach burner was being concentrated on a sulphide of calcium screen, the lens causing the luminosity of the screen to persist after the light was removed. They are now known to exist not only in the incandescent gas, but also in the ordinary gas flame burning without a chimney, and in the radiation from a red-hot plate of silver or talc, and they excite radio-activity in various substances, such as a plate of lead. The invisible rays can be detected by the slight increase of luminosity of a phosphorescent screen or of a very small gas flame. These rays seem to be given off by the human body, and D'Arsonval has shown that a screen of platino-cyanide of barium, made slightly luminous by radium, lights up on approach to a muscle, and is so sensitive that it can show the course of a nerve under the skin.

Facts in Legends.

Legends are useful, because sometimes they put us on the track of authentic facts. In the Homeric period reference was made to the race of pygmies, and yet nobody believed in their existence. It was only in comparatively modern times that ignorance had to yield to evidence when races of pygmies were found in Africa and in Asia. Numerous skeletons of dwarfs are found in Egyptian necropoli, in Greek and Roman stauary, in the frescoes of Pompeii and in some ornamental ceramic vases of Roman Gaul.

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Numerous skeletons of pygmies, mingled with those of men of ordinary stature, have been found in a number of prehistoric sepulchres. We should also mention the skeletons of pygmies found in the sepulchres of the neolithic period at the time of the excavations in Switzerland under the directions of Miesch and Kollman.

From One German City.

One German city, Chemnitz, sold in the United States last year \$4,919,011 worth of stockings and \$2,330,000 worth of gloves.