

Yakima schools closed Friday, pupils and teachers celebrating the event with songs and games. Parents were present in number to enjoy the exercises. "Apple and potato day" which has become a permanent feature was observed and made the occasion of generously remembering the needy sick and poor. Vegetables of all kinds, fruit, flour, meat, money and clothing bore testimony of the hundreds of kindly and generous hearts in our schools.

The attendance of the past term has been excellent. The enrollment reached 845; one year ago it was 741. The teaching corps now numbers 19 in charge of 17 rooms, the seating capacity was increased 120 the past term, the total in all rooms being 806--Yakima Democrat, December 30, 1899

The school board in special session on Monday afternoon granted the petition signed by nearly all of the pupils of the three grades of high school to extend the course of study in that branch of the system making it a four year's course instead of three. After a thorough investigation of the matter the board considered it for the best interests of the school and the pupils to take this step as it was felt that the scholars under the old system were being crowded through the course too hard. By the addition of another year the ~~curriculum~~ curriculum will probably be somewhat extended making the course more thorough and complete--Yakima Democrat, January 6, 1900.

School board at its meeting Monday night rejected all three of bids received for construction of proposed new school house on Third street. Lowest bid was \$3,648 higher than maximum cost of \$11,000--June 2, 1900.

William McKinley for president and Theodore Roosevelt for vice president..nominated by acclamation "weakens the ticket for the people have grown weary of 'Teddy's theatrical posing --"Democrat June 23, 1900.

The county treasurer's office this week received from the state treasurer a draft for the sum of \$6,335.76 to be apportioned to the school districts of the county under the "barefoot boy" law. This is the regular quarterly accounting and is considerable less than the previous quarterly draft, \$8,761.94. The tax imposed upon this county under the operations of the law for the quarter ending June 30 was \$11,451, which figures indicate that the much lauded "barefoot" boy law takes away from the school fund of this county a good many more dollars than it pays back-Yakima Democrat, August 25, 1900.

School books included: Beginners reader; Lights to Literature; New Century Reader, Graded Speller, Natural Elementary Geography, New Era United States History, Dole's American Citizen. Yakima Democrat, Sept. 22, 1900.

Yakima School 1887

Yakima paper: The vote of the electors of the school district upon the propositions to build a new school house to cost \$10,000 and to levy a tax therefor, was cast last Saturday at the school house. Directors J.C. McGrimmon, ~~Hydr~~ J.H. Thomas and T.J. Redfield acting as judges, and Secretary Savage as clerk. There were 81 votes cast for the propositions and not one against them.

— Times Mountaineer, June 4, 1887

Locations

The board of directors of school district No. 67 at a meeting Monday night made arrangements for leasing the old Methodist church, corner of South Third and Chestnut streets for school purposes.

It is evident that more room will be needed and at the present time it is difficult for anyone to say just where. The old church will make three or four fine school rooms, is centrally located and will take care of the surplus children until new and permanent facilities can be provided--The Yakima Herald, March 28, 1906.

Schools

Grounds have been donated in Yakima to the Biochemical Society and arrangements are being made to erect thereon , early this coming year, a college building to be used in the propagation of this theory of medicine. The college will have a department devoted to surgery, under a well qualified professor in science--Sept. 27, 1889, Yakima Herald.

Schools

The teachers institute of Yakima county convened on Monday August 26, The address of welcome was delivered by Hon J.B. Reavis in his usual pleasant manner. He was followed by W.L. Jones in a lecture on pedagogues which was an oratorical effort for humor and for general subject matter was pronounced one of the brightest efforts of the meeting.

Distinguished educators from abroad have been present, including Superintendent of Public Instruction J.H. Morgan of Ellensburg and Prof. L.E. Follansbee of Olympia, the institute conductor. Too much praise cannot be lavished on County Superintendent Hilda Engdahl for her untiring efforts to make the institute a success.

The evening session has been held at the opera house and the day sessions at the school house.

Miss Mabel Parker was appointed secretary and Miss Libbie Lewis assistant secretary. Herald, August 29, 1889.

Education

Notice is hereby given that a teachers' examination will be held at the court house North Yakima, August 14 beginning at 9 o'clock a.m. The members of the examining board are J.G. Lawrence, W.E. Lawrence and Hilda A. Engdahl. Hilda A. Engdahl, county school superintendent. Yakima Herald, July 25, 1889.

Jesse W. Thornton the Fruitvale apiarist and vice president of the Washington State Beekeepers' association delivered a lecture Monday morning to the students at the class in agriculture at the high school. The subject of agriculture has been on the school list of studies but this one year, but there are 30 students now taking the course and its popularity is well established. - The Yakima Herald, March 17, 1909.

School-Agriculture

Agriculture will not be taught in the high school during the present semester and unless there is more of a demand for the study it will be entirely dropped from the curriculum of the local school.

The step has not resulted from any desire of the school board or management but the general lack of interest in the course.

Only one student applied for admission to the class and Instructor Keppel who is the head of the science department says that unless there is more general interest there is no reason to institute the branch of work.

As planned the course would have been of special advantage to those intending to take up agricultural and horticultural pursuits, every line of advanced work being arranged--The Yakima Herald, Sept. 16, 1908.

High school

Plans for the utilization of the one-half block adjoining the lower half of the present senior high school grounds will be made at this evening's meeting of the school board in the high school.

The purchase of the eight lots from W.J. Aumiller and the Ontario Land company was completed today by Secretary B.D. Kumler.

The half-block is east of the Evangelical church and west of the athletic field. Its purchase was quietly ordered some time ago by the school directors.

On account of changes in the school curriculum more space for the location of shops has become imperative. The courses in engine work and advanced manual training will not be developed unless added facilities in the line of shops are provided. It is also expected that part of the new grounds will be used for tennis courts, and have already on hand a fund for the use in building the courts. --The Yakima Daily Republic, Dec. 7, 1925.

Schools

There are now twenty five teachers employed in the schools of this city.

The enrollment of the North Yakima schools at the close of the century reached an even thousand of which number 88 are in the high school.--Yakima Herald, Jan. 3, 1901.

Members of the Lions club this noon in observance of national education week lunched at the high school cafeteria and following the meal inspected the senior high school building. Wives of the members and some of the school officials were guests at the meeting at which Yakima educational statistics assembled by B.F. Kumler secretary of the city school district, and Miss Mae Mark, county superintendent presented.

The Yakima school district was organized in November, 1869, 55 years ago. The real history of education in the valley goes back to 1868 when G.W. Parrish was appointed school superintendent of the county though he sadly admitted in his first annual report that there are no school houses and no schools have been kept but it is hoped there will be.

The total school assessment for the county in that first year was \$275. The first year of the Yakima district it received \$59.37 with which to provide a year's education for the 25 scholars found in the district. The first school house built in 1870 cost \$200.

Pioneer school problems and those of today the records reveal were not so unlike. One of the first requests for the division of a school district came at a time when two men a Mr. Henson and a Mr. Thorp provided all the pupils in the district. There was a family feud after which Henson did not wish his children to go to school with Thorp's children. The district was not divided in spite of the formal request.

Since 1909 the school attendance, number of children, teachers and the teachers' salary scale have practically doubled though the assessed valuation of the school district has only advanced from \$9,500,000 in 1909 to \$13,500,000 in 1924.

Failure of the assessed valuation of the district to grow at the same rapid pace as the demand for school service is largely responsible for the frequent complaint that school taxes are increasing at an excessively rapidly pace. In that 15 year period there have been 86 school rooms added to the district, though there are still complaints that some rooms are overcrowded and some rather unsatisfactory portables are still being used.

Many progressive educational steps have been taken by the Yakima system in recent years, the most recent of these being establishment of a junior high school-- Plans are already underway for establishment of a second junior high school (a second) according to H.C. Davis there are 600 pupils of junior high school age in that section. Yakima Republic, November 21, 1924.

The growing needs of the school children of North Yakima was the principal feature which occupied the attention of school District No. 7 at the high school building last night.

The secretary was instructed to make arrangements for the bond election on December 3 which it is hoped to provide \$75,000 for the purchase of sites and the erection of school buildings in the Capitol Hill, Leaningburg and Fairview districts and for enlargement of the present Fairview schoolhouse.

The election will be held incidental to that for the choosing of successors to W.W. Watt and W.W. Robertson whose terms expire at that time.

....A petition presented by residents of the Fairview district, whose children are now using the Fairview school, urged the selection of a school building in the district south of the fairgrounds in a location more accessible to the small children of the first and second grades who are compelled at present to walk, in some instances, two miles for a half-day session at the Fairview school where conditions are so crowded that the short period has had to be adopted. The petition was signed by about 50 residents of the district, all of whom are property owners and was accompanied by the information that the Methodist Sunday school mission in Fairview can be secured for a rental of \$10 per month and can be fitted up temporarily at little expense for use this winter.

Yakima Republic, Nov. 11, 1910.

Women's voting

W.W. Robertson
(School Board)

The votes of women controlled the school election Friday.

Less than 500 votes were cast in all. Of these more than 250 must have been women for out of 318 persons who registered with Clerk Kumler before the election 275 were women.

Approximately 5 per cent of those qualified for a vote in the November election took part in this one.

W.M. Watt and George F. McAulay were elected members of the board of directors for a three year term. Watt succeeds himself, McAulay takes the place of W.W. Robertson. Both were elected by good majorities. The total vote was McAulay 415, Watt 374, Robertson 179.

Mr. Robertson is now in the east where he went about a week ago and no canvass was made in his behalf while friends of the other two candidates sent circular letters to voters and to teachers in the city schools urging their election and labored in other ways to get voters to the polls..

Seven propositions involving the transfer of school property and the issue of bonds also carried by good majorities.

The first involved the sale of six lots in Capitol addition. The second was for the issue of bonds to buy a school site near Richland addition for \$7,000 and the third for a bond issue of \$40,000 to build a schoolhouse on same.

The fourth involved a bond issue of \$3,500 for the purchase of a site in or near Modern addition, and the fifth another issue of \$10,000 for schoolhouse on same.

The sixth contemplates spending \$12,500 for an addition to Fairview school and the seventh the buying for \$2,000 of a site south of the fairgrounds. The total amount of bonds to be issued is \$75,000.--Yakima Republic, Dec. 9, 1910.

Education

All persons interested in the establishment of a kindergarten school in North Yakima will please communicate, either in person or by letter, with Mayor William F. Prosser on the subject.

If a sufficient school will be organized at an early day by a trained and competent teacher--Yakima Herald, October 26, 1893.

Education

The ladies who organized a kindergarten association met at the Presbyterian church Tuesday but owing to the small attendance the election of officers was postponed. The soliciting committee has accomplished considerable in the way of obtaining monthly subscriptions for the purpose of sending children to the kindergarten whose parents are unable to afford the expense. Another meeting will be held July 13 at the office of Mrs. Edward Whitson, Yakima Herald, July 11, 1895.

Terrace Heights. School

Standing on the edge of approximately 400 acres of newly set orchard land which one year ago at this time was completely covered with sagebrush and was nearly six miles from the city, the new schoolhouse of District No. 90 in Terrace Heights at Stuart's corners in the north Moxee is nearing completion and will welcome a student body of about 30 when the bell rings for the first time on October 3, the first Monday after teachers' institute in this city.

The growth of the schoolhouse was as rapid comparatively as that of the new orchard land surrounding it. Two weeks ago there was a plot of ground one half acre in size and a rumor that the school building would be ready for the fall opening. Now a good sized school house is completed outside and plastered inside and awaits merely the finishing touches of the builder. The building is 24-32 feet in size and is of the one-room type with six windows on the eastern side. It faces south and stands directly north of Stuart's corners, about 50 feet from the Selah-Moxee canal. Contractor John T. Weller of this city was the builder and the contract price was \$1,000.

The attendance at the new school will be drawn from all of Terrace Heights which will contribute a considerable number this fall and from probably a dozen families in the vicinity of the corners. The new structure presents a very pleasing appearance and is of much the same type as the Riverside school in the Moxee. It is exactly 2 1-2 miles from the city limits by way of the new bridge and is in the midst of a rapidly improving section. Miss Edith Norman will be the teacher. Yakima Republic, Sept. 26, 1910.

Schools

Playgrounds

Names

Six lots in Capital Hill now used by the school directors for portable school buildings have been dedicated as a public school playground for three years to come. These lots though now occupied, will be vacated at the close of the present school year when the new Richland Addition school, to be erected this summer is opened for school use.

The city of North Yakima is to be asked to assist the school directors in preparing the grounds for the uses to which they are to be put and the offer of assistance by the ladies of the Portia club has been gratefully accepted.

The idea of using the lots for playground was suggested by Secretary B.F. Kumler of the board and met with hearty response.

Grounds surrounding the high school are to be fitted for use by the students. The grounds on the north of the building are to be converted into an athletic field. A twelve lap track for distance running will be built, there will also be a 50 yard straight-away track for the shorter sprints and apparatus and equipment for field events.

Names were given to the new school buildings to be erected. That in Richland addition will be known as the McKinley school and that in Modern addition as the Garfield school. It was decided further that names of presidents will be given to all new buildings erected in the future.

On recommendation of the teachers' committee the salary of Miss Prior was raised to \$1,000. Miss Mary May Nilsen and Miss Willibelle Scott were employed at \$70 per month--Yakima Herald, Feb. 8, 1911.

The annual report of Secretary B.F. Kymler of the board of directors of the school district showed last night that the finances of the district are on a strictly cash basis for the first time in several years, the last time a cash balance was carried forward being in 1907.

This balance is close on to \$10,000 and was achieved in spite of the fact that a debt of over \$23,900 was carried forward from last year.

The total expenditures for all purposes during the past year were \$133,585.94 including the carryover of \$23,003.08.

The total receipts from all sources were \$143,145.38. The year closed with a cash balance on hand of \$9,559.44.

Over 50 per cent of the receipts of the district were from the tax collections, \$80,174.12 having been taken in from this source. The state and county apportionments supplied \$36,470.97 and \$26,193.85 respectively and the receipts from tuition and miscellaneous sources were \$306.44.

The item for superintendent and teachers was the largest disbursement, amounting to \$68,949.55, janitors and engineers cost \$6,949.55; and other employees \$2,790.12. Bond interest cost \$100 \$10,695 and warrant interest \$2,836.72 and the balance of the \$133,000 outside of the warrant overdraft from 1909 was covered made up by expenditures for rent, improvements, books, furniture and supplies, light, water fuel, insurance and kindred needs.

High school attendance averaged 339 and the per capita cost of pupils was \$75.24.; Columbia 408.6 and \$32.40; Central 323.4 and \$31.66; Large 222.7 and \$38.97; Lincoln 246.6 and \$35.33; Summit View 332.4 and \$27.87; Fairview 120 and \$34.86

Modern addition 77.5 and \$35.86; Capitol Hill 30.6 and

\$24.35 ; average cost in all schools \$39.68; average cost
in grade schools \$32.84.

In the statement of liabilities and assets of the district
value of the 13 school buildings is placed at \$300,000
of which the high school building takes up nearly half

\$124,000; three of the brick buildings, Columbia, Central
and ~~Osage~~ large average \$32,000 apiece more and Lincoln and
Summit View are valued at \$38,000 and \$28,000. The wooden build
ings and the portables aggregate \$14,000 more.

Number of children between 5 and 21 years old residing in
district May 1, 1910; Males 1,776, females 1792;
total 3,568. Increase over preceding year 206.

Number of different pupils enrolled in public
schools, 3,210, increase over last year of 415.

Number of resident pupils attending private schools in
district 459, increase over last year 79.

Actual days attendance, 367,645.5; increase over last year
19,292. Private school attendance 58,512, increase 1,932;

assessed valuation of district \$8,505,375; number of mills

special and county tax levied 12.3; amount of bonds

outstanding \$242,000; average rate of interest on bonds

4.214 per cent--Yakima Republic, August 12, 1910.