

Education

Ellensburg Academy, Ellensburg, W.T. Opened September 10th, 1884. Unsurpassed in location, healthful; instruction thorough; expenses moderate; influence Christian. The training school or intermediate department, half rates. For particulars apply to Rev. Jas. A. Laurie, principal, Ellensburg, Washington Territory..Yakima Signal, Nov. 8, 1884.

Frank Rodmaker of Stanwood in Snohomish county has been elected by the school board to succeed C.V. Barker as superintendent of the Moxee schools. The school year begins July 1 and it is expected the ~~school board~~ that Rodmaker will arrive here to locate sometime before that date.

Supt. Barker, who has been head of the Moxee school system during the past two years has not yet definitely decided what he will do next year he says. Karl Shidell, principal of the grade school here has accepted the principalship of the Willowlawn school. Herman Bohn, history teacher in the high school who was forced to leave his job this year when he suffered an attack of infantile paralysis is recovering at his home in Seattle and is expected to be back next year to resume work. F.L. Powell is another of the high school teachers who has resigned. Among the grade school teachers taking their leave this spring are Mrs. Flynn Brown, Lena Ruxker and Alberta Boss--Yakima Republic, May 2, 1925.

The consolidation of five school districts in the Moxee valley for the purpose of conducting a central high school was completed Tuesday evening in an enthusiastic meeting held in the Moxee valley.

Superintendent S.S. Bush was present. The new school board has been organized, a superintendent engaged and everything is in readiness for taking up work at the opening of the next school year on July 1.

The new school board was organized by election of N.J. Dickson as chairman and W.E. Geritsen as clerk. The other members follow:

District No. 1: W.A. Burchfield, David L. Peek and A. Rushe.

District No. 40: William C. Belair, N.J. Dickson, and F.I. Kuhn.

District No. 43: P.H. Herzog, F.H. Harter and another to be appointed.

District No. 56: W. Mieras, W.E. Gerretsen and Richard Schiebo.

District No. 58: Ovide Brulette, Andrew Slavin and Charles A. Schmidt.

The board elected C.A. Payne of Coeur d'Alene as superintendent.

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The public schools of the city are under the direction of Prof. Larimer. The school building is a handsome two-story frame structure and makes a very pretty picture with its surroundings, the grounds being exceptionally pleasant with a sufficiency of wide spreading shade trees.

Up to the present session the high school has had only a two-year course. It will have three years this term and will be raised to the regular four year course as soon as practicable. Perhaps next year. Prof. Larimer and Miss Lena Larimer are the high school instructors and the latter in addition has charge of the music classes in the grades. Miss Cora Derby has charge of grade seven and eight; Mrs. Dent five and six; Miss Tonnemaker three and four; Miss Griffith one and two.

Yakima Herald, Nov. 1, 1911.

SCHOOLS BICKLETON

District's Smallest School (Bickleton, Nov. 27, '48)

Back in the Horse Heaven plateau country, where the green and gold of the wheat fields shimmers thousands upon thousands of acres broad, Yakima county's school system operates a tiny one-room school. This year, the tiny school, named Dorothy, vies with Priest Rapids for title of the smallest school in the system; There are five students, taking work in four grades.

Mrs. Pearle Sharpe, their teacher, is a veteran of the instructors' profession, having taught 28 years.

She has the distinction of having signed the eighth-grade certificates for all six of her own children, three boys and three girls, and for three of her grandchildren. Currently, there are two more grandchildren attending school who look forward eagerly to the day when the woman who is both public counsellor and grandmother to them will affix her signature to their school certificates as well.

Dorothy is all that's left of the three districts which were consolidated to form it; Donoho, Plainview and Dorothy. The Dorothy school of today is not the original structure.

The old Dorothy or "Glade" building, as the old-timers know it, is located at the junction of the Bickleton and Paterson ferry highways and is now used as a community center. The present Dorothy building was the old Donoho School and was moved to its more central site a number of years ago, County Superintendent C. M. Turner said.

The students at Dorothy school are all named Mains, and represent two family branches. Peggy, a seventh-grader, and Bob, a third-grader, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mains.

Peggy and Bob are grandchildren of their teacher.

Mrs. Sharpe started her teaching career by instructing four years in Michigan. Then, after trying a number of districts on three-month assignments, she taught at Walla Walla and after a few years moved into the Bickleton district, where she has built up most of her time as a teacher.

If they're at all inclined to worry they're probably stewing around up at Goose Prairie no end these days since Robert graduated.

In the first place Robert, one of the family of Fords, set a precedent by being the first ever to graduate from the Goose Prairie school, established about five years ago at the tiny settlement three miles below Bumping lake.

But Roberts' diploma wasn't what harassed the populace.

On the contrary, the graduation called for a celebration so 22 Goose Prairie residents turned out to honor Robert at a picnic last Saturday at Soda Springs, on the Bumping Lake road.

The perplexing problem is that Robert's graduation leaves only three students in the Goose Prairie grade school and it takes four to make a county school district.

Goose Prairie has only been a school district for a year and it takes the residents would hate to see Goose Prairie school district No. 122 go. Formerly they were a part of the Naches school district.

At first the residents chipped in and hired a teacher for their log cabin schoolhouse. The teacher boarded around in the various homes and if he was at all inclined towards winter sports had a pretty good time of it during the months Goose Prairie is snowbound and skis are the only transportation.

The district was formed last year and the county hired Mrs. S.H. Hansberger as the teacher but she became ill and Mrs. Marvin Eakin took her place. Mrs. Eakin awarded Robert his diploma.

Other students at the school this year were Clarence and Betty Jean Ford and Donald Botsford.--Yakima Herald, June 8, 1937.

Schools--

Toppenish-Parker-Naches

New school houses are being erected and old ones are receiving additions and additional buildings are being planned in the various towns of the valley.

The children are increasing in numbers and are crowding the buildings and keeping the school boards stirred up all the time with the problem of how to take care of them.

It may be that Toppenish will build a new high school next year. Two years ago the board of that district started in to build two eight room buildings for the ~~Grades~~ ^{Grades} grades. The first was built and filled with children and then the second was built and its first story filled. The four rooms of the second story were left unfinished.

Architect A.K. Thompson is now advertising for bids for finishing up the interior of the four rooms of the second story of that building which is called the Garfield building.

Parker needs more rooms too, Prof. Warge thinks Parker children will two years from now be occupying a \$25,000 eight room building (brick)

Just at present plans are being made for a two room building to cost about \$5,000. But it is planned so that it may become a part of an eight room building later on. Prof. Warge told Mr. Thompson that Parker schools will need the whole building in two years.

Naches City is falling into line similarly. A contract has been let for the addition to the Naches schoolhouse of a second story to contain two rooms. The addition will cost about \$2,500--Yakima ^{Re}public, August 12, 1910.

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Olympia, June 20--Tacoma is one of the nine first class school districts which will be required to follow a uniform system of keeping records.

A model system has been completed by the state bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices.

The board model system is a duplicate of the bookkeeping methods already followed in Tacoma. Other cities which will be required to conform are Seattle, Spokane, Bellingham, Everett, North Yakima, Walla Walla, Aberdeen and Hoquiam--The Yakima Republic, June 24, 1910.

Schools-Willah

Bids will be received until August 25, 1900, for the removal of the school house in District No. 31, seven miles east of Willah, a distance of about two miles.

No hills on route; size of building 20 by 30 feet. For further information apply to George L. Allen, North Yakima or D.P. Baker in district. Send all bids to D.P. Baker, Willah. The directors may reserve the right to reject any and all bids-The Yakima Republic, August 17, 1900.

School

Olympia, Sept 6- For the year ending June 30, 1912 the school population of the state of Washington, including children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, was 283,141 compared with 276,244 for 1911 and 168,582 for the year 1902 are the figures issued by H.B. Dewey, state superintendent of public instruction.

Of the increase of 6,897 in 1912 over 1911 3,226 or practically half is credited to King county, the school population of King being 57,786.

Yakima county shows a gain from 11,247 in 1911 to 11,682 in 1912.

Fire which broke out about 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the Washington school at Ellensburg. The building had been used to house some 600 pupils and was a junior high school and grade building.

The fire raged for two hours and while the charred walls are still standing everything else above the first story was completely destroyed. The value of the three story building, erected in 1890 is given at ~~\$50,000~~ \$50,000, although it will cost more than that to replace it. The insurance amounts to but \$20,500.

Plans are already made for classes on Monday morning though text books will be at a premium. The Ellensburg pupils buy their own books at an estimated cost of \$10 per pupil so the loss in books will be about \$6,000. As an additional handicap it will not be possible to immediately buy all the books needed since the supply of school materials carried by the smaller stores is naturally low at this time of the year.

School on Monday will be held in a number of places. Classes are to be organized in the YMCA and in the Episcopal parish hall and in addition some of the burned out pupils will be transferred to the high school and other grade buildings.

The Ellensburg school district is financially in good shape and plans are being made for a special election to vote bonds to replace the burned building. It is likely that a new site will be purchased and a structure designed especially for a junior high school will be erected there and a grade building be placed on the Washington site.

Ellensburg's town bell, which for more than 35 years has sounded the hours during the day and night and given the curfew signal, was located on the Washington school and clattered to the ground during the fire. The familiar clang of the bell is being greatly missed today--Yakima Republic, Nov. 7, 1924.

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At the competitive examination for admission of pupils to the state normal school at Ellensburg, Robert Lee Purdin and Eldridge Smit Crosno were the fortunate ones. Both wrote very creditable papers and both are industrious and bright boys and give promise of making men that our county may be proud of--Yakima Herald, April 30, 1891.

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When the state teachers' association of Washington was formed last April, a committee consisting of Superintendent Julia E. Kennedy of this city, Professor Follensbee of Tacoma, Mrs. Hall of Olympia, O.S. Jones of this city, was appointed to revise the school law and make suggestions to the legislature in regard to it.

The committee has been hard at work since their appointment, having held two meetings. An attempt will be made to change the school law very radically on several points, as well as adopt a number of new ideas.

One point that an attempt will be made to incorporate in the new law is that of ~~010~~ giving the power of selecting school books to the city boards of cities above a certain population, say 10,000. Another is the establishment of two normal schools in the new state, one east of the mountains and one on the west side--Yakima Herald, November 28, 1889.