

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Harold Heinsen and Oliver Bakken are with us again, after having been absent during the last two weeks due to illness.

The third grade is studying about the Pilgrims in their history work. Some very good discussions have been held on "Pilgrim Life."

HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Sondrall has been secured as instructor for Girls' Physical Education. They have been practicing "throw for the basket" and playing several games during the last few periods. The result of the change will be better and more thorough work for both boys and girls.

On Monday of last week, the boys under the direction of Mr. Hauge used their Physical Education period to begin the work of putting the skating rink in shape for the winter. They were obstructed in their work by the rains which fell during that week, but were at it again on Friday and Saturday, when they used a grader and a planker drawn by four donated horses, to put the ground in better shape than could be done by hand. Embankments were thrown up around the grounds to hold in the water. The snow fences were moved to a place about fifteen feet from the rink, so as to prevent the large banks of snow from lodging upon the ice. We wish to express our appreciation of the aid given us and the interest manifest in this project, especially for the use of the horses donated by Mr. King and Mr. Maurer, and the assistance given us by the young men who volunteered their services. We also want to thank the N. P. Railroad, who have supplied us with water the past two years and who will again supply us with water this year. Without the water we could have no rink. We have also received a verbal guarantee that gives us the privilege of utilizing this ground for other sports during the summer months, especially for tennis. "On the whole, we wish to commend everyone concerned for being broadminded enough to see the value of such an enterprise. "And now, if it only would freeze up" is the exclamation heard about the school rooms.

Two electric bells have been installed for dismissal of classes at the close of sessions. The school bell is rung at 8:30 and 8:55 for the morning session and 1:00 and 1:10 for the afternoon session. The electric bells will ring at 9:00 and 1:15, thus avoiding loss of time by getting settled before the session is to begin.

The Vesperian Club held another meeting on Wednesday evening, November 21. Election of officers took place and they are now ready to prepare and conduct some active meetings. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Altho the seating capacity is limited, we can accommodate a few visitors.

The English 5 class is completing the study of the short story, with a test on Wednesday. They found the study very interesting until Mr. Hauge announced that all were to try their ability at writing a short story. Emotions of all kinds were seen and heard—mostly delight?

Members of the class in Agriculture spent two periods reading clippings which they had cut from current newspapers on subjects directly affecting agriculture. We believe that the two periods were profitably spent. Following is a clipping brought in by one member which ought to be of interest to all farmers:

ALFALFA'S RIVAL

From humble weed to the greatest of soil improving crops is the

story of sweet clover, particularly useful in Ohio as a green manure for corn. It is already nearly as popular in some sections as alfalfa, king of legumes.

Without peer as a gatherer of atmospheric nitrogen, a combined fall and spring growth of sweet clover, will yield 9 tons of green material an acre containing 135 pounds of nitrogen, as thorough experiments in Illinois have proved.

Thus plowing down in May a good crop of sweet clover will add more than 3 tons of dry organic matter equal to the quantity contained in 12 tons of manure, and supply 270 pounds of nitrogen equal to that contained in 25 tons of manure. Such a crop contains phosphoric acid equal to 200 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate, besides large amounts of potash, lime and magnesia, and it is not surprising phenomenal results are often observed on the following crops of the rotation.

Farmers using sweet clover, utilize their soil to great depth, since the crop has unusual ability to feed on insoluble mineral forms of phosphoric acid, potash and lime. For soil improvement, sweet clover is usually used as a catch crop. A popular rotation is corn, oats, red or alsike clover, wheat and sweet clover for green manure. For building up poor land, which must be limed, it is advisable to try wheat or rye, then sweet clover, plowing down the entire second year growth of sweet clover.—E. P. Reed.

RELIEF FOR THE FARMER

We believe that the best kind of relief for the farmer today, especially the "wheat farmer" is that which is suggested by W. S. Parkhurst, editor of Capper's Weekly. We believe, as many farmers do today who are versed in economic conditions, that the method which has been discussed at large, will not solve the farmers' problems. Read the following clipping and then decide:

WHEAT GRADING FOR

FARMER'S RELIEF

From a pure food standpoint Congress can grade wheat for human consumption. Let Congress establish three grades of wheat only, first, second and third. All wheat testing 60 or better to grade No. 1; from 58 to 60, No. 2; below 58, No. 3. Then let the Government penalize all millers and food manufacturers using any wheat testing below 58, or grade No. 3, in food for human consumption. Also assess a heavy fine for the blending of wheat other than of the same grades.

Demonstrations at many of the agricultural colleges prove that wheat as a food for hogs is equal if not better than corn, hence all wheat testing below 58 shall be used only for animal food.

As near as we can figure this will eliminate 22 per cent, or about 180 million bushels, all of which is the poor grade of wheat, and will give the farmer a price for his better grades of wheat, and practically wipe out the surplus.

The poor grades of wheat when fed to hogs, with pork at \$7 per cwt., will net the farmer \$1 a bushel or better which is more than he is getting at present for his No. 1 wheat.

Now Mr. Farmer just peg this and you will hear a roar go up from every interest, that is speculating in wheat or its products, Wall Street, Chicago Board of Trade the millers, and even small middlemen who nip off a slice as your wheat passes through the marketing