

# SCHOOL NOTES

This week are reported the standings of those who have graduated upon the High School Record which were granted by the High School Board of Examiners prior to September 1903. All manuscripts are graded by the superintendent in charge and afterwards by Webster Merrifield. Thus it will be understood that these grades are not those of the teacher but of the examiner himself. The following is the average of each student who has received credit from the Board toward graduation: Elva Nelson 80, Eunice Jacobson, 71½, Lou Bowen 67½, Robert Stewart 79½, Howard Boise 70½. At our earliest convenience and opportunity we will give in the school notes, the grades and average of each student in the High School Department for the School Year 1903-1904.

Judging from the interest of the students and the manner in which they have done their work we can safely predict a general rise in their standings.

The student in each graduating class who maintains the highest average for his High School course will receive a free scholarship in one of the best higher institutions of learning in the country. This proposition will inspire greater effort and emulation on the part of the student body.

The High School will be properly classified by the High School Board by the opening of the September term.

All grades in the public school will be rigidly graded and classified and each student will be given a certificate of promotion which will be recorded properly in the Superintendent. This certificate must be preserved and returned by the student at the opening of the September term.

We are exceedingly glad to announce that our progressive and efficient teachers, Misses Carson and Gilmore will spend the summer in Higher Institutions of learning, studying in their respective departments of work. We feel sure that they will return in September, rested

and refreshed and will enthrust into their children the same spirit of life and activity which marks all their work.

## Look Out For Swindlers

The interior department has issued the following bulletin:

An organized band of swindlers is actively at work in several western states notably Utah, North and South Dakota, and also operating in a lesser extent in the east. These sharpers have selected as easy victims prospective homeseekers who are greatly interested in various reclamation projects undertaken by the government.

By means of advertisements closely worded, in which they claim to have secured inside information regarding the plans of the engineers, and by display of alleged copies of government maps and surveys they have been successful in duping many unwary homeseekers. For a consideration of from \$50. to \$200, these swindlers guarantee to locate settlers upon the best irrigable lands under the government works.

Notwithstanding that the government some time ago issued a circular warning the people against being taken in by such frauds the swindling goes right along and the sharks are reaping a rich harvest. It should be clearly understood that these sharpers have no inside information. Their maps are mere township plats, or rough drafts such as can be obtained from the land office. The swindlers have no data other than an intending settler can obtain upon request of the department.

The land under these government projects are withdrawn from all entry excepting homestead before any actual work of construction is ordered, and the secretary is by law required to outline the size and location of each farm. Until the plans are complete for construction and the contract has been let for the works it is impossible to state with any degree of accuracy what the cost of water will be or what lands will be irrigated. Settlers who make filings based on the information received from these