

Notes from the Gallatin School.

(Too late for last week.)

Our genial county superintendent greeted the teacher and pupils Friday. The children seemed glad to have her come. A tip-over on the way added a little excitement to the trip. She is about to visit the South.

Lunnar Lende, less than a year from Norway and less than three months in an American school, is making rapid progress in the mastery of English. He translates English into Norwegian and then back into English without reference to the original. He is on the road that leads to good citizenship, being engaged in the study of Washington.

At this school there is an exceptionally fine place for coasting. A sort of toboggan has been made and named the "Alligator," on which the children glide down the hill. He is rather frisky and unless rightly managed is apt to throw his rider.

On a happy day some time in the past a school library was started by private enterprise. Choice books have been added now and then by the same means until it now contains more than a hundred and fifty volumes for children and young people, among which are many of the very best children's books published in the whole world. The school elect their own librarian and assistant, who keep strict account of the books by a very simple method. Just now the lower grades are enjoying Longfellow's famous "Hiawatha," a delightful children's classical poem of wonderful Indian Legends. Alf Ueland, Geo. Gorman and others are distinguishing themselves by reproducing it as a language exercise.

Notwithstanding the very severe weather of the past month eleven were reported perfect in attendance. To save her record and not miss the lessons given, one bitter cold morning a girl arrived at the school house with badly frozen fingers. All honor to the parents who are bearing a double burden that their children may be in school. May they repay you in love a hundred fold.

An evening singing school is now in progress. The first of a course of regular one-hour lessons was given Friday evening. It is a revival of the old time singing school brought down to date in methods of instruction. The class has made an excellent beginning. The board has seconded the motion by ordering at once a lot of the "Greene School Music Course," by Chas. H. Greene, Sr., for twenty years supervisor of music in the public schools of St. Louis. Three of former honored pupils of the school, Miss Louise Johnson and Olof and Hans Stokka, have joined the class. They will make rapid progress.

The seventh year pupils—Arnt Stokka, Knut Ueland and Erick Stadig—have been chosen as the "Teacher's Cabinet." They have selected pink and green as class colors.

—The Teacher.