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WATER!

The Horticultural Association Discusses Means to Obtain It.

On Friday evening, May 29th, a meeting of the Fair Oaks Horticultural Improvement Association was held in the basement of the church to consider the water question and other matters.

The attendance was the largest the association has ever had, and many new members were added to the roll.

Probably the most notable feature of the meeting was the spirit of complete harmony that prevailed. All seemed thoroughly imbued with the idea that in union there is strength, and that nothing can be accomplished by any community by pulling in opposite directions. This was so great a step in advance that what was ahead seemed comparatively easy sailing.

The matter of the assessment of fruit trees in the colony at \$40 per acre was first taken up, and a committee was appointed to meet the County Board of Equalization to see if this assessment could not be abated. An arbitrary levy of \$40 per acre on fruit trees which have never paid the cost of planting and cultivating was deemed unjust, and it was thought that the authorities would look at it in that light when the matter is properly presented to them.

The water question was then discussed, many of those present participating, the concensus of opinion being that an adequate supply of water must be had by some means.

The opinion seems to prevail that the best plan for the colony to adopt is to form an irrigation district, lay adequate mains, and buy water in sufficient quantity to meet all necessities. Investigation has shown that this plan is feasible under the law providing for irrigation districts; and it would, doubtless, give a

supply of water which, in the end, would be cheaper than the same service by a private company.

A committee was appointed to see the representatives of the company with a view to securing a better service, if possible, under present conditions. At many places in the higher sections of the colony there is not water sufficient for household purposes, and any attempt at irrigation is only a farce. And this in a region where water is plentiful and easily obtained.

Report on School Attendance.

The State Superintendent of Schools of the State of Kansas has been conducting an investigation to ascertain the causes which keep pupils of school age from attending school, from graduating from high school, and from attending college. He addressed a series of questions covering these points to perhaps 250 educators of the state. He received replies from 150 of them. From these it was found that 3,186 pupils were enrolled in the lowest grade of the high school, while the number of pupils in the graduating class aggregated only 1,125. The per cent. of those who complete the grammar school and enter the high school is 80. The per cent. of those who enter the primary grade and graduate therefrom is 42, while the per cent. of those who enter the primary grade and graduate from the high school is 17. On the basis of the reports received, 33 per cent. of those who enter the high school graduate. The same per cent. holds true of those who graduate from the high school and enter college. A few samples from the reports received will serve as a forcible illustration. One high school enrolls 31 in lowest class and graduates 9. Another enrolls 26 and graduates 22; another 256 and graduates 79; another 183 and graduates 68; another 30 and graduates only 2; another enrolls 15 and has no graduates; another 150 and 53 graduates, still another enrolls 15

and graduates 15.

More than thirty different school men report that pupils leave school on the plea that they must earn a living, either for themselves or their parents. Many pupils who enter high school fail to graduate because of the social demands

made upon them.

Another fact brought out is that parents, teachers, and school boards are greatly at fault. They do not encourage pupils to stay in school. One fifth of the answers received indicate that pupils leave school because of a lack of parental interest in school work. The replies show that almost half of the high school graduates fail to enter college because of the lack of means.

The Panama Canal and Cold Storage.

A recent telegraphic dispatch from Washington, D. C., says, among other things:

"There is an additional interest attached to the stored orange, from the fact that the court honors in Europe are already beginning to be paid to the California orange in competition with the oranges of all other parts of the world. If we ever get a Panama Canal, it is expected that we shall practically kill the foreign market for Mediterranean oranges, by putting the California fruit abroad refrigerating ships at the nearest Pacific port and sending them to England and France direct."

This is in the line of corroboratory testimony as to the prophecy that the canal will be of vast importance in the development of this coast country. If oranges may be so shipped why not eciduous fruits? It has recently been shown that peaches will keep perfectly for several weeks, in cold storage. Doubtless apples and pears will do as

well, and why not berries?

Roosevelt to the Farmer Boys.

President Roosevelt recently said in one of his speeches, speaking on American citizenship: "Almost all of our great Presidents have been brought up in the country, and most of them worked hard on the farm.

"The forces which make the farmbred boys leaders of men are still at

work in the country districts.

"The man on the farm, more than any other of our citizens, to-day, is called upon continually to exercise the qualities we like to think of as typical of the United States.

"The country districts are those in which we are surest to find the old

American spirit."

The same may be said as well of the professions as of the Presidency - a large percentage of the men who have done things in this country have come from the rural districts. Of course this doesn't mean that every boy who is raised in the country can succeed at other pursuits, but rather that true manhood and ability count wherever they may be produced. It is only the boy of much force of character who can go to the city and succeed against the trained men of business, and he should not attempt it without the best possible training he can secure in the line of work he intends to follow. It is not desirable that the brightest of the family should leave the farm to follow other pursuits. Rather let him remain in the country and help to raise the standard of conditions there. If honor and position come to him, well and good-he need not shun them. Neither need he regard them as the acme of his ambition. The word that ought to be said is the word that will encourage the boys to remain upon the farms and learn to lead the most useful lives possible there.

Trustees Elected.

At the school election, held in pursuance of law, on the 5th instant, W. R. Gore was elected for the long, and W. W. Hinsey for the short, term. But little interest seemed to be taken in the election, and but thirteen votes were cast.

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EDITORIAL

THANKS are due our advertisers for their support of this paper during the past ten months. Without their patronage the publication of the ADVOCATE would have been impossible. money received from subscriptions has been inconsiderable as compared with the outlay for publication, so that Sacramento business firms must be credited with a large share of the money received. We trust they will, together with Fair Oaks advertisers, realize upon the investment. As to subscribers, if they have not received their "money's worth," they must regard the expenditures as an addition to the "treasures laid up."

We cannot adequately thank those who so generously contributed to the early numbers. We feel that in the history of the colony, contributed by Mr. Kieffer, subscribers have been more than compensated.

And now, shall we say adieu? -or, no, let it be, rather, vale!

It must be acknowledged that the methods of disquisition and teaching may be sometimes different, and on very good reasons undoubtedly; but for my part, I am convinced that the method of teaching which approaches most nearly the method of investigation is, incomparably, the best, since, not content with serving up a few barren and lifeless truths, it leads to the stock on which they grew.-Edmund Burke.

For Diplomas.

The grammar school examinations began on the 15th inst., instead of the 20th, as stated in last month's issue, and continued for three days.

Four ambitious pupils of the Fair Oaks schools, Maud Downing, Roy Bowers, Ralph Bowers, and Murray Broadley, went to Sacramento and stood the test, winning, let us hope, honors and diplomas, though several things militated against them. But suppose some, or all, of them fail, shall they have lost Rather, they will have anything? gained; for never was anything forfeited by honest effort. They will have gained, also, in a realization of the necessity of more earnest application to study in future. All honor to those who dare try. -8-

The Picnic.

The joint school and Sunday school picnic was a success, though the day was excessively hot.

A four-in-hand attached to a hay wagon was the means of conveyance to and from the grounds of a large number of young people, so that the going and coming was not the least enjoyable part of the day.

Two picked-up nines played a game of baseball in the afternoon, which demonstrated the fact that there are others besides the writer who need a backstop behind the bases and a twofoot board for a bat.

The heat caused a great demand for water, and all wanted to be the ice-man but were generally compelled to be content with paying ten cents for a dish of ice cream, of which fifteen gallons were consumed.

The lake was the main attr ction for the smaller boys, and many of them pt in the greater part of the day in its cooling depths, the envy of all of the grown-up children.

Luncheon was served en masse, and the supply was adequate for all.

Fair Oaks is fortunate in having so splendid a picnic ground so conveniently located, and it has been the scene of several gatherings this spring.

Promotions.

Following are the names of those promoted, together with the grade to which promoted. The promotions are based upon examinations and the daily work during the year:

TO SECOND GRADE.

Helen Baugh Evelyn Whitaker Thyra Powderly Berenice Lee Walter Hinsey Andrew Cunningham Arthur Broadley Mildred Van Horn Lurah Page Harry Lambert Georgie Smith Luther King

TO THIRD GRADE.

Clarence Page Ruth Holland Burns Frazer

Dwight Smith Adele Lee Genevieve Canada

TO FOURTH GRADE.

Elanore Holland Norma Riddle

George Hinsey May Ward Mabel Lambert

TO FIFTH GRADE.

Clive Baugh Charlie Hinsey Roy Smith Irl Dickson Simeon Green

Leland Smith Arthur Holst Harold Broadley Louis Frazer Perry Gum

TO SIXTH GRADE.

Ruth Slocum Robert Bailey Clara Smith

Ella Ward Ruth Bowers Blanche Lambert

Ruth Cunningham

TO SEVENTH GRADE.

Hazel Slocum Luella Holst Robin Broadley Ethel Osgood Ira Dickson

Ethel Ward Frank Green Clara Jordan DeWitt Rice Mabel Cunningham

TO EIGHTH GRADE.

Marion Hodge Mabel Holst

Walter Holland Willie Broadley Albert Fowler

TO NINTH GRADE.

Murray Broadley Wiley Dickson

Ralph Bowers Carrie Osgood

A few of the above are conditioned upon one subject, in which they were very low and in which they are required to pass an examination at the beginning of the next year if they desire to go ahead with their respective classes.

The standings are generally very creditable, and with application may be made entirely so another year.

The extreme hot weather in the early part of June injured the olives and the oranges.

A Needed Reform.

As a gentleman remarked in Sacramento recently, Fair Oaks land is as good as Sacramento River land and has the added advantage of being free from danger from floods.

It has been pretty well demonstrated that almost every kind of fruit, both deciduous and citrus, will do well here. Berries of all kinds do exceptionally well, and Fair Oaks is in the way to gain the reputation for other kinds of berries that Florin has for strawberries. With proper attention to sorting and a little standing together in the matter of marketing, Fair Oaks ought to lead the country in its berry specialties next year. It would be well if we could ship through one medium and thus gain the prestige that comes with system and the name that could thus be built up. It is possible that the immediate returns might not be quite so large, but they would increase. The increased production that comes with each year will soon produce chaos in the market unless some system be adopted.

Upon another phase of the business, producers should stand together, alsothey should simply refuse to pack small berries. The cost of packing eats into the profits, does no one any good, and prevents the buyer from seeing just what he is buying, as the best fruit is invariably packed on top. Producers could well afford to give larger baskets for the same price if the fruit were not packed. This would relieve the labor problem to some extent, also. If consumers do not like to be humbugged

they will favor this reform.

-8-The Basis of a School.

Upon his return to Tuskegee, recently, from an extended lecture tour in the interest of the school, in which he had secured an endowment of \$600,000 for the Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington was tendered a splendid ovation by the pupils of the school. In a speech which he made upon that occasion Washington showed his sound sense and good judgment by counseling the students to observe a becoming modesty over their good fortune, and pointed out that mere

money could not accomplish the results for which the Tuskegee Institute was founded. He said:

"It is, rather, whether or not the student in the carpenter shop who is pounding a nail when no one is about, pounds that nail through; whether the student who is sweeping a room alone, sweeps out the corners and sweeps them clean. It is by such little things, done in the line of duty and of purpose when no one is looking, done in the face of opposition and insult and discouragement, that success—the real success—will be won."

School Notes.

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The following is the combined report of the Fair Oaks schools for the four weeks ending June 5, 1903:

Number of boys enrolled	39
Number of girls enrolled	36
Whole number enrolled	
Average number belonging	71.5
Average daily attendance	
Per cent of attendance	
Number of tardinesses	

Neither absent nor tardy for the month:

Grammar grades, Miss Beth K. Newman, teacher—Willie Broadley, Albert Fowler, Mabel Holst, DeWitt Rice, Ethel Ward, Fred Bishop, Ruth Cunningham, Blanche Lambert, Ruth Slocum, and Ella Ward.

Primary grades, Miss Anne E. Higgs, teacher—Norma Riddle, May Ward, Burns Frazer, Walter Hinsey, and Georgie Smith.

The average daily attendance for the year has been a fraction over 71, while the whole number of different names enrolled is 103. The greatest enrolled at any one time, 86.

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A physician, in a contemporary, says that the healthiest woman in the world can be reduced to a pitiable state of illhealth if she were obliged to sleep in a room improperly ventilated.

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The best housekeeper I have ever known was a lady of ample means, who fretted herself so much over the condition of her furniture that she had no time to keep her own body clean.

Her house was immaculate from cellar to roof. It was swept from top to bottom every day, and immediately every room was dusted and put to rights.

One day she personally superintended the cleaning of the cellar in her house, and immediately afterward sat down to luncheon with a large smut of dust upon the side of her nose.

The skin must be kept clean and in a vigorous, healthy condition, that all the impurities which exude through the countless pores, may have unobstructed exit.

There are lots of men who do not wash their bodies more than once a month, who would discharge their coachmen if the coats of their horses did not shine like satin.

Give the Boy a Chance.

There is nothing in the world so well worth looking after as the boy, and there is no being in the world so much neglected as the boy. The attitude of the world toward him is too nearly expressed by the mother, who said to the nurse:

"Where is Johnny?"
"He is out in the yard."

"What is he doing?"
"I don't know."

"Well, go and see, and tell him to stop it."

We chaperon our girls, and not too carefully; but we leave the boy to choose his associates and his environments without much advice, and with very little guidance. Girls are naturally winsome, gentle, companionable, and they win their way, too, and are welcome in all homes, but I do not know of many homes where boys are invited. About the only door that swings with sure welcome to the boy, about the only chair that is shoved near the fire especially for the boy, about the only place where he is sure of wel-

come, is where you do not desire him to go.

It is about the hardest thing in the world to get hold of a boy—to get a sure grip on him. I remember a father I once knew who had spent most of his life being a companion for his son. He went skating with him. He went everywhere with him. They were always together. They were companions. The old man never amounted to much himself, but his boy did. The

product justified the expense.

The greatest discovery in the world is self-discovery. A great many people go through the world and never discover themselves, never come to the consciousness that they are an element, a factor in the world. They feel no personal responsibility. The load does not touch their shoulders. We are apt to criticise self assertion, and yet a boy or a young man who thinks he is the whole thing is worth a thousand times more than the one who thinks he is nothing. The one will probably discover his mistake, and he will get lots of assistance to that end; but the other will never discover his mistake, and few will care whether he does or not.-Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, in Purity Advocate.

LOCAL NEWS.

C. H. Slocum has returned from a trip to Orient, Iowa, where he has a hardware business, which is conducted by his son. They have just had a new store building erected.

The way to help your home is to patronize home industries. The columns of the ADVOCATE contain several candidates for your favor. Do not forget them.

Dr. Bramhall recently performed an operation for appendicitis upon Miss Mabel Fancher, Dr. Hesser, of Folsom, administering the chloroform. The operation was entirely successful and Miss Fancher is well on the way toward recovery.

Rev. Jas. Whitaker addressed the Y. M. C. A. at Sacramento on Sunday, June 14th.

A gentleman who has been traveling over the State to some extent recently said to the writer that he found the Fair Oaks hotel table one of the best he had seen, even surpassing many high-priced houses.

The Fair Oaks Fruit Company is shipping a good many berries these days. Logan and Phenomenal berries predominate.

The indications are that the grape crop will be very heavy this year, barring any unforeseen damages later in the season,

The Placerville Steam Laundry collects washing in Fair Oaks and returns it one week later. This laundry does work superior to the Sacramento laundries, and saves the cost of transportation. It is worthy of the patronage of Fair Oaks people.

Big catches of fish are being made in the American river, the shad being the principal variety brought in. Several hundred pounds have been secured by various parties.

To keep cool this hot weather buy ice of G. D. Lambert.

Try Creideweiss for blacksmithing.

Miss Newman and Miss Higgs left for their homes for the summer vacation on the 6th instant, the former going to San Francisco, the latter to Oak Park.

The picnic season has about closed, but no one can complain of the amount of business done while it lasted.

George Chesson expects to build on his lot just west of the packing house this autumn.

Jos. Broadley, the contractor and builder, has proven his ability in his line.

The Strickland tennis court was the scene of a very enjoyable tournament on Decoration Day. The popular game was participated in by several Fair Oaks people and enjoyed by many others from the position of spectators.

The remains of Mrs. Vail were laid to rest in the beautiful new Fair Oaks cemetery on June 9th.

J. E. Holst, the retiring member of the Board of School Trustees, has held that position for several years and has always been untiring in his efforts for the good of the schools. The Board deserves credit for the new school building, for which they gave much of their time gratis. J. H. Cunningham is at Lake Tahoe for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kieffer entertained on the evening of the 9th in honor of a brother of Mr. Kieffer, who was here for a short visit on his way back East from attendance upon the Presbyterian Assembly at Los Angeles. The reception was in the nature of a lawn party and was most pleasing and enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and son Albert left on the 10th for Yosemite Valley and other Sierra Nevada attractions. They went by team and expect to be away for several weeks.

June is the height of the berry season. The crop is good, with fair prices prevailing.

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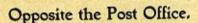
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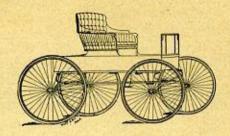
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