

### School Items.

The resident members of the board of directors spent a recent forenoon in visiting and inspecting the school.

Reubin McLean, Walter Laramore, Joseph McCarthy, Newton Doyle and Harry Carpenter have recently left school to take up other labors. Harry is engaged in teaching; and previous to leaving this school, spent some time in observing the methods of the primary department. Joe dropped in the other day to visit us again, the rain having interfered with his farming.

We hear that Jessie Clint expects to leave us soon for a stay at Grafton, her former home.

The end of the school year will find over \$210 accredited to the depositors in the school savings bank.

The scholars are all at work now on their parts for the closing exercises. We are all hoping to have something creditable on that occasion; but, as a matter of fact, we must confess of having delayed almost too long the preparations for it.

Examinations have been in progress the whole week, although they have not been given the whole of each day. The most of the scholars have reason to be proud of their work.

Arbor day was observed here in a way all our own. Going on the principle that saving is the same as acquiring, we put in our time in cultivating and caring for the trees already growing and in spading up ground for planting next year. We succeeded also in giving the whole ground a general clean up and in getting some flower beds made and planted.

We think that at least twenty good box-elder trees should be planted next year, and for this purpose, the ground ought to be prepared this year. It would be an excellent thing too for a fence, or protected in some manner, from stock and teams.

From our schoolyard trees and others, we observe that the Boxelder leads them for shade trees for this country. Its branches more and its branches and leaves are thicker than most other varieties. It is hardier; and besides, it is almost in full leaf, presenting a beautiful appearance, before many other varieties—the Cottonwood for instance—have fairly opened their buds.

By way of encouragement for our Arbor Day efforts, we considered some of the wonderful things recorded in the manual furnished by the state superintendent. Among them was the famous Yew tree in Kent, England, over 2,800 years old, the Linden or Basswood in Wurtemberg, Germany, over 800 years and propped by 106 stone pillars, the Banyan of Aylon, that covers four acres, and the famous Walnut of southern Russia which is 37 feet in circumference, and is owned by five families to whom it yields 100,000 nuts each year. Truly we may quite properly consider ourselves benefactors of posterity when we do anything toward cultivating trees.

The crowning event of our Arbor Day celebration certainly was what we did in remembrance of May-day though; for that included the election and coronation of our May-queen. Eunice Jacobson was the unanimous choice for the queen and was gracefully crowned with a flowery wreath, while an admiring circle cheered and scattered flowers at her feet in assurance of fealty and obedience.

Taking it altogether—General David Boise and his soldiers and all—we spent a very pleasant afternoon. We regret only that more was not accomplished in the real work of the day. We sincerely hope and trust though that the ground will be suitably prepared so that something can be done next year. X