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SCHOOL MEETINGS.

Annual school meetings will be held throughout Oregon next Monday.

It is a regrettable fact that parents everywhere take so little interest in this institution that means so much to the welfare of their children—the most important institution, as a matter of fact, in the world, and about the most neglected by those who are, or who should be, the most interested.

The writer has been a member of the Port Orford school board for the past 12 or 14 years. We have repeatedly been to annual meetings where the three directors and the clerk were the only ones present. If we wanted some measure to go through or a certain person elected on the board, all that was necessary was to urge a few friends—a very few—who thought as we did, to come out, and the thing was done. We publish this, which is not an exaggeration of fact, in hopes it may open the eyes of some parents to their neglect. It is shameful that such conditions exist, and it requires such little effort to overcome them.

The same condition that exists in Port Orford district, exists to a greater or less extent in school districts everywhere. Parents are prone to leave the education and training of their children entirely in the hands of others. They would not think of leaving the care of their cows, pigs or chickens to their neighbors without so much as an inquiry as to how they were being handled, but their children—oh, well, that's different.

Look at this matter in its true light and we believe it will give you enough energy to attend the annual school meeting in your district next Monday.

THEN AND NOW.

A striking example in the difference in prices now and in years gone-by will be found in the early day items in this issue. Potatoes at 1c, while a big contrast to present prices, does not compare in general with 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 cents for beef against 25 to 40 cents. The farmer in those days had a hard time to make both ends meet. There are ranches in Curry county that the owner then had to work out to support, which now bring in from \$500 to \$800 per month during the dairying season.

Many farmers are complaining of the high cost of living, but truly the farmer has no kick coming. He is now riding in automobiles, where formerly he was lucky if he rode at all. It is the small business man and the man on a straight salary, not the farmer, that the high cost of living hits the hardest.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION.

The plan to consolidate seven school districts into two will be submitted to the voters of northern Curry at the several school meetings next Monday. In the extreme north end of the county a vote will be taken for the consolidation of Langlois, Hare, Floras Creek and Denmark districts, with a central school at Langlois, while the lower Sixes, Elk river and Port Orford districts will take a similar vote with Port Orford the central school.

When State Superintendent, J. A. Churchill, visited Port Orford recently he very strongly urged such consolidation. He had a long array of statistics showing it was a success wherever tried, and spreading rapidly. In many instances it is cheaper than the single unit system, and it is inestimably better both in the grades and high school work.

WHY WAS IT?

It rather looks as though the Standard Oil company started something it couldn't finish. Otherwise it is hard to understand why the gasoline shortage so suddenly disappeared. Whether the fact that the Shell Oil company, an English concern, started to invade Standard Oil territory, or that strong pressure had been brought to bear on Attorney General Palmer to start an investigation, had anything to do with this fresh flow of oil is likely to remain a mystery.

One thing is certain, if the gasoline shortage was started for any ulterior motive, it has been given up. That there will be ample gas this summer for touring cars is quite probable.

NOTICE.

Port Orford telephone office hours are the same as all other small offices—8 A. M. to 8 P. M., except for doctor or accident calls. This is giving the noon hour so farmers can call when in for lunch. Don't abuse this right and doctor and accident calls can be answered promptly. The ring for these calls is one long and six or eight shorts. Six Six Telephone Co., By E. L. Whitt, Mgr.

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Early Day Items.

From the issue of the TRIBUNE of Oct. 15, 1904, Walter Satica, publisher. Mr. Stephens and family, moved up from Kuchre Creek last week, and have located out on Elk river.

The Gold Beach paper says they are "putting the traces on the Hunt Creek bridge."

Send Sheriff will close a very successful three months term of school at Gold Beach next Friday, after which he will complete his unfinished term at Denmark.

Chas. Crew, Ohas. Anderson and Geo. Forty are preparing to engage in fishing at the mouth of Sixes River. They are thinking of experimenting with smoking their catch.

We are pleased to learn that ex-County Clerk Gauntlett and family propose to spend the winter in Port Orford for the purpose of schooling their children.

Harvey Hawkins, of the Dairyville steam cooper shop, paid Port Orford business visit last week. Mr. Hawkins is a rustic and we are glad to know that he is having good success in his chosen calling.

J. F. Wakeman, Charles Newman and Delo Woodruff were each up with teams from Kuchre Creek last week, after their winter supplies. Cheap freight has made Port Orford the supply center for all of Northern Curry, from Opfir to Dairyville.

Since the first Fall rains our paper mail from over the mountains has been very irregular, the daily papers often failing to arrive for three or four days at a time and then coming all in a heap. But winter is close at hand, and coming events cast their shadows before.

Mrs. Nygren and Mrs. Brown who were visiting friends at Floras Creek last week, were followed for some ways by a panther while in the green timber, on their return home. Of course they were not frightened but their horse never before made such good time on the home stretch.

Sheriff Turner came up from the county seat Saturday and remained until yesterday. His reports dull times, but plenty of salmon. Chas. Woodruff is running the seine for the A. P. A. Co., on contrast, and sometimes gets from 600 to a 1000 at a haul.

Beef and potatoes never before sold so cheap in Port Orford as at the present time. Potatoes sell at 1 cent, and beef at from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents per pound. In fact all the necessities of life are much cheaper than ever before, but they are just as hard to get as ever owing to a distressing lack of the "wherewith."

Messrs. Danielson and Edwards are about winding up a very successful contract of moving eleven of Mr. Hume's houses at Gold Beach to the north side of the river. They are now engaged in placing the houses on their foundations and putting on the finishing touches. It is now in order for some spring poet to write something about the "deserted village,"—not deserted but built that way.

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