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COUNCIL MEETS
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Do Not Forget Our County High School Nov. 3.

Our County School superintendent has sent out a circular letter to the school boards throughout the county in which he sets forth the exact conditions. We spoke in our last issue in regard to the County High School and it has put a great many of our voters to thinking, and in order that they may know exactly how the matter stands we give them the copy of a letter written by the County School Superintendent.

Office of County School Supt.
 Salem, Ore. Oct. 20, 1908.

To School Officers and Patrons:

I wish to secure your co-operation in carrying the County Levy Plan for high schools at the coming November election. It seems unnecessary to argue the value of the high school, therefore I shall confine myself to an explanation of the plan to be voted on.

The last paragraph of Sec. 221 of the Oregon School Laws provides that the County Court "may contract with the board of directors of any district in the county that now maintains, or may hereafter maintain, a school of high school grade to teach all high school pupils at such rate per capita, or in the aggregate, as they may deem right and just and shall pay for the same out of the high school fund."

In Lane county where this law is in operation the court agreed to pay 20c per day per pupil to schools having 20 or less high school pupils and 15c per day to schools having more than 20 pupils. Thus it may be seen that any district that has or can get from the surrounding districts 15 or more high school pupils will be enabled to hire a good teacher and have high school privileges within reach of the homes of the boys and girls. The boys and girls in the country need high school training and the object of this law is to bring the high school as near as possible to them. Several districts may unite and provide a building for the high school at a central point if there is no building available at present.

If the plan carries, the county court will levy a tax which when collected will constitute the county high school fund. This fund will be under the control and supervision of the county

high school board composed of the County Court, County Treasurer and County School Superintendent. It has been estimated that a tax of less than one mill on the taxable property of the county would provide the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this law.

Before this law becomes effective it must be voted on and endorsed by a majority of the qualified electors at a general election in the county. The question on the ballot reads as follows: "For County High School—Yes"; "For County High School—No". If a majority of the votes cast are in the affirmative the establishment of the schools will be in the hands of the County Court.

After the court contracts with the district board the control and management of the high school is entirely in the hands of the district school board. I wish the voters of the county to be informed as to this question therefore I ask you to pass these letters to the voters at your convenience.

Any inquiries relative to the levy plan for high schools will be cheerfully answered. Again asking your co-operation, I am, Yours for success,
 W M SMITH,
 County School Superintendent.

Big Meeting Saturday Night Last.

On last Saturday evening there was a goodly gathering of townspeople and citizens gathered in the Opera House for the purpose of hearing a lecture from Prof Guy M Vail M E who now has charge of the Gold Creek Mining & Milling Company properties on Gold Creek. Prof Vail was for several years with the great copper kings the Guggenheims but has decided to cast his lot with the Gold Creek Mining & Milling Company in their camp on Gold Creek, a branch of the Little North Fork of the Santiam.

The meeting was called to order by J T Kearns who after a few brief remarks introduced the speaker. After giving a general outline of the District Prof Vail asked for any questions and there being none he was then followed by Paul T Gadsden of Portland who

has charge of the smelter proposition in that district in which the several companies are now developing rich copper properties. He said that there was no place presented to them — the smelter people — that met with so favorable a hearing as the one on Gold Creek. Everything is there that could be desired and with the increased facilities of the several mines in that district it will be but a very short time before the Smelter will be running to its utmost capacity. Mr Gadsden said that it was an easy matter to increase the capacity of the smelter, this would be accomplished as soon as there is sufficient ore ready for treatment.

Much Enthusiasm

Several citizens spoke during the meeting and much enthusiasm was shown not only publicly but financially as well. This community had certainly done well in assisting what without doubt will prove to be the best investment ever made by them. It is better than a railroad, for it will bring a railroad, and it is better than a milk condenser for the present. The residents of this section are awake to the fact that the opening of paying mines within thirty miles of this town with a direct outlet to Stayton with less than a four per cent grade, will mean a great increase in the assessed values in the county and will develop a home market for all surplus produce.

Hopes Realized

J T Kearns who has had charge of the stock sales in this section is now to see his hopes realized in the opening of a paying mining district on the Little North Fork of the Santiam.

He has said for several years that it was only a matter of time until that section would be one of the greatest mining camps, if not the best camp on the Pacific coast. With the present development and the great bodies of ore exposed there is but one thing lacking to make his hopes come true immediately, that is there is needed a few thousand dollars more to complete the wagon road and install additional machinery to put the mines in shape to deliver their quota per day to the smelter.

Klumb Echoes.

Mesdames Jacob Siegmund and H A Siegmund were in Stayton Saturday.

We hear favorable reports from the Titze sisters in Wardner, Idaho.

Mr Boniface Kirsch of Pumpkin Center, is working for P C Freres.

Mr Jacob Siegmund made a business trip to Stayton recently.

Misses Becker and Miller, and Messrs Geshler and Rogers have been guests at the home of Joseph Becker of this place.

Messrs Jno Stadler and Jos Etzel Jr., have returned from Portland.

Mrs E G Siegmund has returned to her home, after an extended visit with her son and family of Richmond, Ore.

Messrs Jos Laux, Jno Stadler, Jacob Etzel, and Albert Nietling were in Lyons Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. H.A. Siegmund visited at the Rebhan home recently.

Mr Wm Berringer of Mehama crossed the ridge returning from Salem.

Mr Theo Goddard, one of Mill City's worthy citizens, was a pleasant caller among us on Saturday.

Miss Mathilda Siegmund visited Linn County friends a few days ago.

Mr and Mrs J W Irvine of Mehama were seen in our vicinity, on Sunday.

JACK ALLEN ILL.

On Wednesday morning at the Stayton hotel there was considerable excitement owing to the peculiarities of one Jack Allen who had taken up his lodging there the previous evening.

When he came down from his room prepared for breakfast he was clad in his shirt sleeves, but when asked where his coat was replied that Mrs Lesley had it on her back. This remark started an uproar and Jack was sent upstairs to his room and when several of the boarders entered his room it was found that he was non compos mentis. He will be cared for in the near future.

BORN—Tuesday Oct 20 to Mr and Mrs C H Rebhan, of Lyons, a baby boy.

Another Party Visits Santiam Mines.

On Tuesday of last week another party left Stayton for the Santiam mines, more especially the Gold Creek Mining & Milling Company properties on Gold Creek. The party left Stayton about 7:30 in the morning arriving at Gates for dinner.

The dinner furnished was one not soon to be forgotten by those who partook of it. Mr Hansen had telephoned ahead to Mr Anderson and when the party arrived they had to wait but a few minutes before partaking of the bounteous repast. All pronounced it the best meal they had had since they left home. From Gates the party went up the long incline and down until they reached the Mehama road, from there on for several miles the road was par excellence. Arriving at the Cummings home the party stayed over night and were taken on in the early morning to the end of the wagon road which has been under construction by the mine owners of the Santiam District but more especially by the Gold Creek Mining and Milling Company. They have charge of the work at present and the bridges which they are putting in will be paid for by Marion county. That in itself is a splendid and commendable move on the part of Marion County Commissioners. They do not realize how much the residents of that section appreciate the apportionment for bridges. With the completion of the wagon road the residents of that section can take their surplus fruit, vegetables, etc to the mines and find a ready market.

The citizens residing in the region of Elkhorn and intervening territory between Mehama have practically demonstrated that fruit raising in their section is but in its infancy. The finest apples that ever were tasted fell in the hands of the party while on their way into the district. The surprise expressed by those who ate of the fruit was immense. There is no place that can surpass this territory in the production of choice fruit, and few places can equal it.

West Stayton.

All quiet along the Potomac.

Messrs Loose and Roberts have returned from their trip to the Gold Creek mines. They were more than pleased with what they saw.

Jake Worms has finished hauling wood for the Excelsior people and has decided to retire and live in town.

A Ferrey has added several new buildings to his farm and has treated his large new barn, as well as the new added improvements, to a fine coat of paint.

John Kusy is improving his holdings by putting up new woven wire fences along the public domain. Following suit next neighbor.

Wild geese are seen flying south these days but their aerial navigation is often interfered with, the boys throwing lead at them.

Each one to his or her notion as the woman said when she kissed the cow. Some peoples opinion as to the road from Stayton to West Stayton is good; others leave it as it is (when it comes to work on it) still others have no opinion. But Stayton has a young merchant whose estimate of the thoroughfare is just fine. It's the road he chooses to go west on; but he goes west only just so far: there he turns and goes north on dat first lane. Well that's all right—dat lane is there to go on. Reminds me of the young man and the window: "The dear little window, the neat little window the prettiest little window I ever did see."

The young merchant is cute, being a lover of sport and a crack shot, he has learned the ways of the hare, how he changes and back tracks to deceive the hounds and throw them off the scent. Can you guess it? He goes back to Stayton on the upper road.

One and One-third Fare.

On account of the Albany Apple Fair to be held in that city Nov 10 11-12 we will sell round trip tickets on the S P line in Oregon for one and one third fare; minimum charge to be fifty cents. H B CONDIE, AGT.
 38-41 West Stayton.

ITS POLICY

The policy of this Bank is to conduct its business along the most conservative lines; to restrict its operations to legitimate enterprises; to eliminate all speculative ventures.

Stayton State Bank.

SHOES

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ABOUT SANTIAM MINES

MR. PAUL G. GADSDEN, representing the Smelting Company, will address the citizens of Stayton and vicinity at the Opera House, WEDNESDAY EVENING, on the subject of the mines in the Gold Creek Dist. and Little North Fork of the Santiam.

Mr. Gadsden is thoroughly posted on mining and smelting and will give his hearers an evening they will remember. Ladies are especially invited. Be there at 8 o'clock.



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