

MERGER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS FAVORED

Oregon Normal Prepares Consolidation Outline.

ADVANTAGES ARE SHOWN

More Beneficial School Life and Social Entertainment Held Possible Under Proposed Plan.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Month, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Out in quiet, remote rural districts of Oregon, where only a limited number of social advantages are enjoyed by parents and pupils, more beneficial school life is to be the rule, if the outline prepared by the Oregon Normal school for the consolidation of rural institutions is followed.

The rural department observes that since the movement for consolidation was begun five years ago a number of districts, representing practically the entire state, have united to form a single and larger school. Then for the first time parents and pupils attended motion picture exhibitions without traveling so far, and got together at community socials.

President J. H. Ackerman, in announcing the report of findings on conditions and recommendations for consolidation made by the department of rural schools, expressly stated that the consolidation movement does not solve all the problems of the rural school. He emphasized that where schools are situated too far apart from each other, a merger is impracticable and if carried out, will result in no material good. The merger plan is advisable, it is declared, for those districts where, because of favorable locations and amenities of social conditions, may unite their resources to improve educational and social standards.

Teachers Feel Need.
"Teachers like to be near others who are interested in the same problems that confront them," the report says. "They feel the need of someone with their point of view in whom they may confide, tell their troubles, consult about their problems, breathe their hopes and rejoice over their successes. The one-room school precludes such a possibility."
"The impossibility of a teacher's

realization of his highest efficiency in a rural school, short term of contract, lack of encouragement to the rural teacher for growth and self-improvement, the possibility of rural teachers being so easily taken by diles and towns, and aloofness from other educational forces, all have a tendency to retard educational progress in the country. It is further asserted by consolidation a rural school may become a strong force, and teachers therein would be on the same plane as those in the larger schools.

Reasons for the proposed elimination of one-room schools in certain districts are enumerated as follows: "Consolidation makes efficient work possible."
"It gathers together enough children for a graded school."
"Community prejudices would be eliminated."
"It makes the school a community center."
"More efficient teachers may be employed and held."
"Average attendance is always better."
"Country children are educated in the country and for the country and both they and their parents are kept there."
"A dollar buys more good results."

Example Is Cited.
The Alsea school is cited as an example of an ideal consolidated rural school. Five one-room institutions were displaced by a graded school which is located in the town of Alsea. Wagons are used to carry pupils from points within a radius of five miles from the town. A band of \$5 pieces was one of the immediate results of consolidation and the social life of the community was improved at once.

A step to improve efficiency in rural schools, prevented by consolidation by too great distances, is the grouping of grades. Five grades are given as the limit for one teacher and eight grades the limit for any two teachers in school. By this plan, it is pointed out, teachers will have greater opportunity for specialization and the pupils will receive the benefit.

The consolidation plan, while advocated only for sections of Oregon in which conditions are suitable for such a move, is given by the normal school rural school department as one step in its program to aid reconstruction in Oregon. M. S. Pittman, formerly head of the rural department, and known throughout Oregon as a lecturer on rural problems, is now in the east on temporary leave of absence, and will make a thorough study of rural school conditions in the east, with a view to using some of the ideas gained, in improving the rural institutions of the west.

Professor Pittman on a former trip to the east observed several novel methods to keep up interest in the remote sections.
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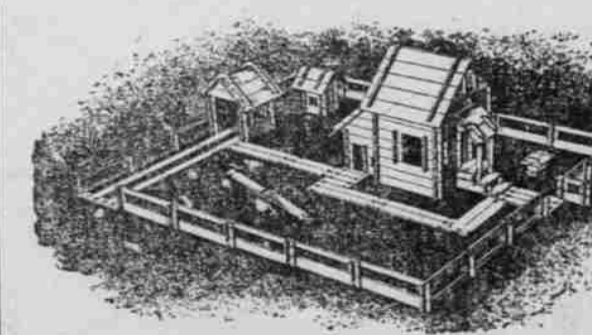
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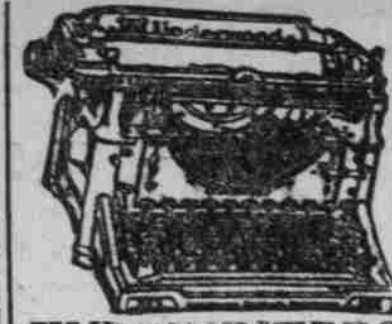
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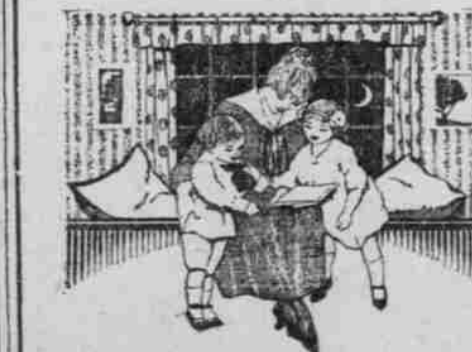
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