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WHY NOT A UNION DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL?

At the annual school meeting to be held in this district on June 17, the question of establishing a district high school under the provisions of the law passed by the last legislature, will be submitted to the voters of the district, and will unquestionably be decided affirmatively, as it should be, in order that better school facilities may be provided here.

Under the provisions of that law, separate districts may vote upon and establish a district high school if they so desire, or, if several adjoining districts desire to combine in the organization of a union district high school, that may be done. And this latter plan seems the most feasible and practical one to adopt in comparatively small districts such as the Madras district and those which immediately adjoin it.

The patrons of the Madras school desire in this district some provision for higher courses for the pupils who have completed the grammar grades of the public school. With this object in view they are going to vote upon the organization of the district high school. At the same time, however, those who have started the movement for the district high school would much prefer to join with some or all of the adjoining districts, and form and maintain a good union district high school, which would be of great benefit to all the schools included. The school districts adjoining Madras, and all of which should as a matter of fact unite with our school district in the formation of a high school, are Agency Plains, Mud Spring, Rim Rock, Cross Keys, Red Rock, Fairview, Culver, Methodist Hill, Trail Crossing, Opal Prairie, Haycreek, Lamonta, Grout and Merchant. By combining, these could maintain a very good high school at a merely nominal tax, certainly not to exceed the amount of tax levied by the county for high school purposes, and which county tax would not have to be paid if a school of that character was maintained here.

The matter of submitting the question of a union district school has been deferred, pending investigation to see whether such a proposition will carry, as it is understood that the failure to pass in any one district will defeat the proposition. However, it has been suggested that each of the districts enumerated above should take a test vote on the subject at the next meeting, and if it is found that the proposition will carry, those districts favorable can unite in the formation of a high school, and Madras district will abandon its plan to have a separate school. That seems the only manner in which the question can be dealt with, and at the same time not sacrifice the chance for a school here teaching the advanced grades.

BETTER WHEAT PRICES

It looks as though the dream of the farmer's union of the United States—that of securing

\$1 per bushel for their wheat, is about to be realized.

Providence, the Asiatic famine and the wheat pit are combining to boost the prospective price of Umatilla wheat. The wheat growing area of the world is not keeping pace with the increase of the wheat eating population. It stands to reason that wheat prices are to be better instead of worse. It stands to reason that as population increases that the price of the commodity will naturally advance.

If Umatilla county farmers could get 75 cents all through, for one year's crop, it would be especially gratifying. Many times in the past it has seemed that this price would be reached, but something always happens just before the dream is realized.—East Oregonian.

Wheat in the Palouse country is selling for 67 cents, and is now practically all out of the hands of the farmer. Crop conditions are favorable there, and the indications are that next season's crop will bring big prices, as warehousemen and millers there are trying to contract grain for after harvest delivery, at 60 cents per bushel, with no takers. With big crops and big prices, the indications are that the farmers in that country will make some money this year.

Arrangements are being made for the second annual fair at Redmond, which will be held on September 19, 20 and 21. The displays at the fair last year were very creditable, but it is expected that this year's exhibition will be a great improvement, as a much larger area of irrigated land is now under cultivation, and a great deal has been learned by experimenting during the past year. This year's agricultural exhibit should be well worth seeing.

With promises of a bumper crop in this section, and the price of wheat soaring skyward because of the shortage of the crop in other localities, this may be one of the years when the farmer of this district can haul his crop to the railroad, and get pay for his grain and the extra haul, too.

LAIDLAW SEEKING OUTLET TO VALLEY

Since E. H. Harriman is apparently not overzealous in his efforts to afford Central Oregon transportation facilities, citizens of certain sections, headed by those of Laidlaw, on the Deschutes river, have laid a proposition before the management of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, to construct a wagon road from Laidlaw providing the company will extend its line 20 miles from Idanha, the present terminus at the summit of the Cascades. A committee of prominent business men having in charge the preliminaries has written to General Manager Guy W. Talbot, stating that they will meet him at the terminus of the line any time he designates, and there discuss the proposal, says the Telegram.

For a distance of 20 miles from Idanha virtually all that would be required to extend the road would be to lay ties and spike rails, for the right of way is covered by a grade constructed in earlier days by the Oregon Pacific. It follows the Santiam River and is in good condition, with the exception of at a few points where washouts have taken place. It is estimated the wagon road would be 60 miles in length, but even at that a better route and shorter distance is afforded than from Laidlaw to Shaniko, where con-

nection is made with the Columbia Southern.

A new method of destroying squirrels has been discovered by Homer Hull of Colfax. Mr. Hull's method is to use a rag or piece of cotton, saturated with a preparation which he has invented, to put in the holes where the squirrels are. The hole is then filled up at the top and the fumes soon kill the squirrels. In a number of tests the squirrels were found to be dead in from three to eight minutes after the hole was filled. Several public tests have been made and the experiment proved successful.

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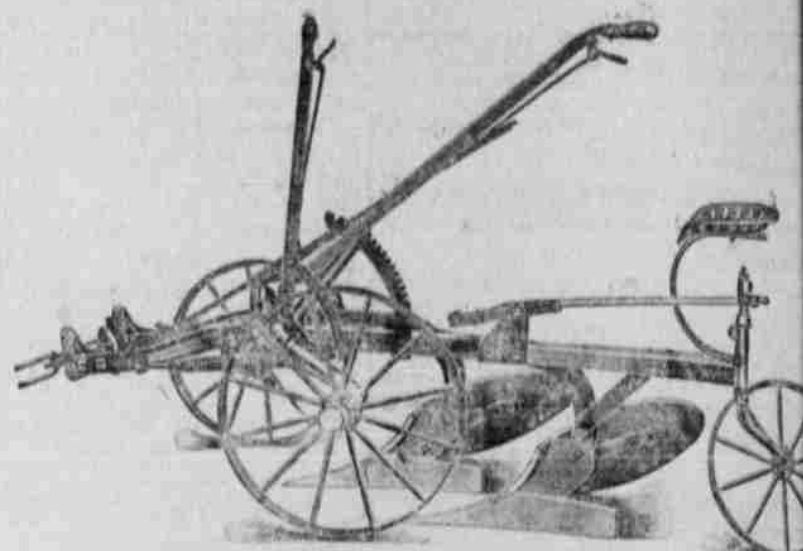
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