

THREE DISTRICTS IN ONE IS ASKED

SOUTH INLET SCHOOL MEETING ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL HOUSE: PUT TO VOTING

Consolidation of three school districts has been the decision of a \$2,100,000 school house as a point central to them all was the unanimous decision of the school parents of districts No. 53, 54, and 57 who met last evening in the hall at the South Inlet bridge. Petitions are being circulated today by the clerks of the three districts requesting the action of the district boundary board and the question will be brought up for a vote of the people at the school election in June.

More than 30 persons were present at the meeting last evening which was also attended by R. E. Baker, county school superintendent, and F. A. Golden, county school supervisor. Ralph Barker was chairman of the meeting.

The first plan discussed was the forming of a third district from No. 53 and 54, but the school officials declared this to be inadvisable because of the increased expense. Thereupon the scheme of bringing the three districts into one consolidation was brought up and enthusiastically received.

It was pointed out that at present at least 15 children residing near the South Inlet bridge are unable to attend school because of having no way to go and come. District No. 53, known as the Latin district, is at least six miles above the South Inlet bridge; District No. 54 is on the Brandon road and about three and one-half miles from the bridge, while the school of District No. 57, known as the South Inlet school is situated on the Joe Nay inlet.

The present freight and passenger boat that leaves the head of South Inlet every morning, decided the patrons last evening, would be adequate in bringing people from that vicinity down in the morning and back in the afternoon. A wagon, they believed, would be necessary to each morning pick up the pupils from along the Brandon road.

"The one large school will allow of better teaching," said Supervisor Golden. "There can be a better division of the grades. Three teachers would be needed, the same number we have now." The petitions are being circulated at present No. 57 in Edith M. Beck, clerk; in No. 54 by Rose B. Bottle, clerk, and in No. 53 by Mrs. A. Anderson. The attendance last evening was about equally divided between all three districts and Mr. Golden.

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BIRDS HARBINGERS OF JOYOUS SPRING

WEATHER PROPHETS MAKE PROPHECIES—MANY OUT FOR NEW GARDENS.

Weather prophets say that Spring "are" here. When asked how they know, they shake their heads knowingly and say that the birds are already building their nests and that is proof enough. And so gardens are in order. It is time for the house-holders to plant their annual basket of seeds and spray and trim the trees for Jupiter Pluvius according to the weather prophets. One has lost in his fight against King Sol and, defeated, has retired from the stage.

Be that as it may, the birds are nesting and building their nests; the "hooker" worm and the "hook" worm are getting in their deadly work on the school boy and dealing with the baseball bug in making the jobbers for the youngsters and miserable for the teachers.

Already in several trees it was today noticeable that the English sparrows have set to work with a vim, carrying bits of string in their mouths, and because birds can't fly like and the like, it is a foregone conclusion that they are building nests.

George Watkins, who lives in the suburbs to the west, declares that he has noticed this procedure for several days in his vicinity. During the winter he has gradually trained the birds, especially the English sparrows and the cat birds until they come down each morning to get their breakfasts along with the chickens. He says they are quite tame and have come to know all members of his family and feed on-ward.

Two pine squirrels have come to the place each year when Spring puts in its appearance. Several days ago they came again in the happiness of the time when "the eggs" come up and the blossoms swell.

COOS BAY FIRST IN JITNEY IDEA

BUSSED TO NORTH BEND FOR MEDIA OPERATED BY MAJOR KINNEY FOR A PAIR OF FIVE CENTS.

With the word "jitney" as well known in the past three months as "Allice" and such things, it is pointed out that Coos Bay owns the distinction of having it first. The first one of the first jitney buses in the West.

Major Kinney, at the height of his success, put into operation a four-horse stage line to North Bend over the county road, carrying passengers for two months at a five-cent fare. At the end of that time the venture failed to bring returns and was abandoned.

With most of the traffic at that time by boat, the Major thought out his scheme, and, as long as it lasted, did succeed in getting most of the trade. His object was to boost the state at the head of Pony Slough and it was there that passengers were transferred from one bus to another, the doing generally taking about 15 minutes, during which time the travelers had a good opportunity to observe the real estate then being located.

However, the jitney bus idea then abandoned over the entire coast until just a few months ago when it revived and has spread as a craze to practically every coast city, Marshfield having her first bus put in operation the day of the Hunker Hill fete.

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