

GROUP BANKERS HAVE IDEAS ON CURRENCY

Resolutions Adopted Covering Suggestions for Changes in Measure.

Albany, Or., Nov. 15.—To express the changes desired in the proposed currency bill, a committee which was appointed for this purpose at the meeting of Group 2 of the Oregon Bankers' association, held here November 8, met in Salem yesterday and framed a resolution, a copy of which has been wired to Senator Chamberlain and Robert Owen, chairman of the senate finance committee, at Washington. Copies are to be mailed to other Oregon representatives in congress. Group 2 of the bankers' association comprises Marion, Linn, Benton, Lincoln and Polk, taking in 43 country banks.

The following is the resolution: "We commend the efforts of congress to secure the passage of a much needed currency act, but believe that some of the provisions of the bill proposed will work a hardship on the country banks.

"We would respectfully suggest: First, that the matter of compulsory stock investment be eliminated in so far as it is applied to banks of less than \$200,000 capital. It is the sentiment of the banks of the group that this matter should be thrown open to popular subscription.

"Second, that the requirements of the bill forcing country banks to keep their reserve in the regional banks without interest be modified so as to permit these banks to carry their reserve with former correspondents, as done at present.

"Third, that provision be made for the immediate redemption at par of the 2 per cent bonds now held by national banks as a security for circulation and deposits."

COUNTY ROAD WORKERS MAY GET TOGETHER

Roseburg, Or., Nov. 15.—In furtherance of his plans for a general system of good roads building in Douglas county the county judge, County Judge Rice will call a convention of the road supervisors of the county, perhaps the latter part of January. This convention is to be held in Roseburg and every road supervisor in the county is expected to be present. They will confer together with the county court and the county road engineer, and perhaps devise concerted plans for carrying on a general plan of good road building throughout the county. This act provides for the providing of a good road fund for every district, whether it votes a special road tax or not, will doubtless result in the greatest year of genuine road building in 1914, this county has ever seen.

The county court is taking up the matter of good road building in a comprehensive way. It is proposed to levy a road tax of five and one-half mills which will raise a general county fund of \$200,000. Under the law one-half of this must be distributed to the several road districts of the county, in proportion to their assessed valuations. The other half of the funds will be applied by the county court in building roads as they see fit.

JOHN MILES DAVIS WAS STURDY PIONEER

Buell, Or., Nov. 15.—John Miles Davis, an old and a resident of Buell, Polk county, Or., died at his old home Sunday morning, surrounded by his wife and children. Mr. Davis had been a resident of his Polk county farm for nearly 47 years. He was born near Baltimore, Md., in 1830, and when a boy emigrated with his parents to Mercer county, Ohio, and soon settled just across the Ohio line in Jay county, Indiana. He married Vronica Hunt at Fort Recovery, September 18, 1852. Soon after his marriage he went to Page county, Iowa, near Red Oak, in the southern part of the state. Early in 1864 he decided to emigrate to the Pacific coast.

ASTORIA WILL CAMPAIGN FOR Y. M. C. A. HOME

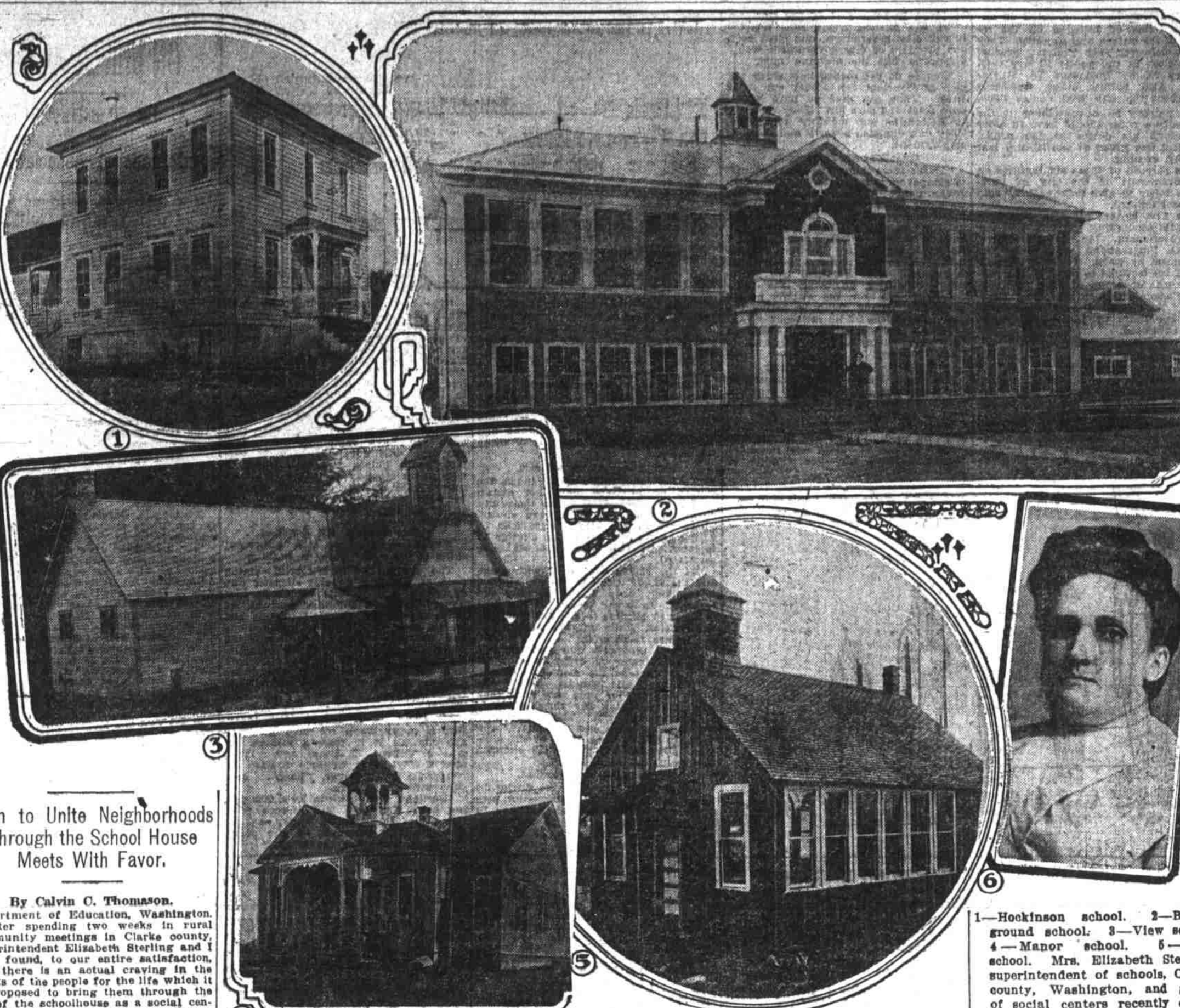
Astoria, Or., Nov. 15.—A whirlwind campaign lasting one week will be started tomorrow in this city for the purpose of raising \$40,000 to build a Y. M. C. A. building here. Mrs. D. K. Warren of Astoria has donated a site worth \$10,000 provided that \$40,000 be raised for a building by the first of the year. The lot is located at the heart of the city. A citizens' committee of over 100 persons has been organized with Attorney G. C. Furton as chairman.

ANOTHER PIONEER IS MISSED AT PENDLETON

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 15.—James H. Jones, pioneer resident of Oregon, died at his home in this city this morning at the age of 84. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Jones crossed the plains to California, and came to Oregon two years later, settling in Lane county. He went to Laker county in 1870 and came to Umatilla county the following year.

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RURAL RESIDENTS OF CLARKE COUNTY WELCOME SOCIAL CENTERS



Plan to Unite Neighborhoods Through the School House Meets With Favor.

By Calvin C. Thomason.

Department of Education, Washington. After spending two weeks in rural community meetings in Clarke county, Superintendent Elizabeth Sterling and I have found, to our entire satisfaction, that there is an actual craving in the hearts of the people for the life which is their desire and their need along any line, as expressed by themselves, should be of especial interest in this age of universal study of country life problems. While the vigor of their enthusiasm, the originality of their expression, and the keenness of their analysis of conditions are still fresh in my mind, I will set down some of the things they have said, and some of the things they have started out to accomplish.

The machinery of the rural social center, as planned by State Superintendent Josephine Preston, is simple. An illustration may be found in the one organized at View. In the View unit are included the Diamond Hill, Highland, Green, Mountain, Farghar Lake, Etina and Hall districts. Roy Duggan, principal at View, was appointed by County Superintendent Elizabeth Sterling as supervising principal. He names an assistant and a secretary from neighboring districts of his unit. In endorsing the social center, the meeting of citizens and teachers adopted a policy of holding at least one meeting each month during the school year. The first will be a spelling bee on the first Friday afternoon in December. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. After the championship of the schools has been determined, the crowd of older folks will choose sides and spell down. Following the spelling bee each month a declamatory contest, rapid calculation contest, a lecture, an athletic meet and picnic, and an agricultural and industrial school fair.

During the past two weeks organization meetings have been held and social centers organized similar to that at View at the following points: The associated districts in each case being given: Ridgefield, with Baker, Spencer and Pioneer and West Pioneer as associated districts, and E. E. Jones as supervising principal; Le Center, with Fairview, Pine Grove, Hayes, Oakdale and Jenny Creek as associated districts, and Frank E. McIntire as supervising principal; Yaocit, with McMunn and Dole as associated districts, and R. H. Goddell as supervising principal; Amboy, with Chelatchie, Dunnegan Hill, Tum Tum and Ariel as associated districts, and Charles Alexander as supervising principal; Battle Ground, with Venersburg, Rock Creek, Crayford, Charter Oak, Trees, Albino, Heblson and Cherry Grove, as associated districts, and F. N. Lash as supervising principal; Hookinson, with Fifth Plain, Salmon Falls, Garvel Point, Brush Prairie, Mt. View and Union as associated districts, and Ralph Dickson as supervising principal; Felida, with Lake Shore, Sara, and Salmon Creek as associated districts and G. W. Dale as supervising principal; Manor, with Glenwood, Pleasant Valley and Good Hope as associated districts and Walter E. Lantz as supervising principal; Orchard, with Proebstel, Shanghai, McCarthy, Barberton, Union and Burton as associated districts and J. E. Pettie, of Union, as supervising principal; Union High School, with East Hill Plain, Grass Valley, Harmony and Fishers as associated districts and W. A. Howe as supervising principal; Washougal, with Mt. Pleasant, Fir Grove, Bear Flats, Mt. Norway, Sunnyside, Forest Hill and Larch Mountain as associated districts and W. E. Thomas as supervising principal; Camas, with Fern Prairie, Woodburn, Frazee Hill and Paradise as associated districts and J. E. Hallack as supervising principal; and Minnehaha, with Columbus, Ellsworth, Fruit Valley, Hazel Dell and Walnut Grove as associated districts and W. E. Dudley as supervising principal.

But, on the contrary, we have found them everywhere hungry for just this kind of thing. At nearly every meeting there have been people who have come 8 to 10 miles to see if we did not have something which they were wanting for their communities. At Yaocit there was a woman from Dole, who spoke, and said, 'Can't you bring one of those good lectures to our school? In those ones you would come to us? It seems to me that we are shut off from any of the influences which tend to lift boys and girls up to glimpses of higher things. I have heard many sermons on the 'Call from Macedonia,' but never one that moved me as that real call did.'

"A woman in an audience rose and said, 'I have lived here several years now, yet am not acquainted with many of my neighbors. Calling doesn't seem to be much of a fashion here, and there is no place to go to meet the neighbors. The Saturday night dance is the only public social gathering we have. Once a year there has been a school entertainment, and everybody seems to go to that.' This woman, it seems to me, put the challenge squarely up to the school to lead out."

That the whole question of social life in the country is very largely one of leadership was further indicated by the remarks of a farmer in another rural conference. "I don't believe the boys and girls have as good times as they used to. We used to go 5 or 6 miles to spelling bees, debates and such things. These things seem to be better in a new country than after the country has grown older. While we are all newcomers, no one seems to care who takes the lead; but after awhile, when we all have known each other for years, no one seems to like to organize anything. I am in favor of having regular social gatherings at the schoolhouse, where we all feel free to come."

A rural teacher's point of view originally and vigorously expressed was given by J. E. Pettie, of Union district, when he said, "My pupils are just hungry for something like this. We will accept Mr. Dickson's challenge to spell, and he need not fear our beating him, either. Work of this kind helps the teacher get acquainted with the real side of his pupils' natures. In the schoolroom they are not always their natural selves; but at a literary or social meeting of this kind they are. It helps a teacher to be acquainted with his pupils. Then, parents are not always their natural selves when the teacher calls. They feel they ought to fix up a little, or cook extra. But at a social gathering they for-

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"We had one social meeting at the school this year," said a woman at Orchard, "and met some people with whom children my children had been going to school for years, and yet with whom I was not acquainted. Before the days of electric cars and bicycle paths we had good meetings. It seems we ought to be able to enjoy the same today."

A farmer who had visited and looked over the industrial school plant at a state reform school said that it was so much better than the educational advantages most boys had to learn to do something practical that he thought sometimes it would be good for all the boys to be just a little worse and get sent there for their education. He said he liked the agricultural and industrial contest phase of social center work.

Several lines of action have been started through these organization meetings which prove the spontaneous power of public meetings in rural communities. At View the need of play sheds was mentioned. The people took up the idea at once, and a committee was formed and work volunteered to build a play shed at the central district. Many delegates from the associated districts declared their purpose was to start similar buildings in their own districts. A Dole delegate told of the plans their industrial teacher was making to prepare hot lunches for her children on the cold days of the approaching winter.

In nearly every meeting donations for prizes for the spelling and other contests have come spontaneously.

A wholesome and promising curiosity was expressed by one woman, who declared, "I will go to these social center meetings if they are started. I would like to see what they do and how they act at them."

An elderly gentleman said social center work should bring parents into better relationship with their children. "Many years ago my father took me to school the first day, and I heard him say to the teacher, 'Burnett, I hope you

don't whip this boy, for I don't think he needs it.' To this day I worship that father, because he believed in me."

What Social Centers Are Accomplishing. There is no elaborate nor iron-clad machinery to the social center plan which State Superintendent Josephine Preston is making state wide.

The principal of the central district is at the head, unless for some special reason he cannot act. Meetings are generally held at the central school, but may be passed around, if any of the associated districts desire to play the host. In numbers there is both strength and inspiration. So many small districts would be unable to carry on a social work alone, but gladly join with a sister district. All over the country skating rinks and dance halls are flourishing, or being built. Whatever may be their influence upon young people, it is generally conceded that the social life of the boys and girls must not be wholly of the commercialized, cheap, or sordid kind. Mrs. Preston is trying to inspire the schools of the state to help lead out along lines of higher ideals. In this she has ample backing.

The Washington Boys' and Girls' Agricultural and Industrial Contest association, having for its aim instruction and inspiration of the boys and girls along the practical lines of training, indorses the social or community center plan, as it lends system and order to the contest work, and at the same time forms the foundation of an enduring quickening of life on the farm, where more lightness of heart and spontaneity of fellowship are crying needs. The Washington Bankers' association is maintaining an organizer in the state superintendent's office. The Grange, the Farmers' union, State college and other such widely recognized forces are in line.

Liberty Was Brief.

Wallis Walls, Wash., Nov. 15.—Frank W. Howard, sentenced to the penitentiary from Spokane county, who escaped Wednesday evening, was captured yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Lee Barnes at Wallula. Howard was returned to prison last night.

READY FOR ELECTION DAY AT GRANTS PASS

Petitions Indicate Keen Contests for Municipal Places December First.

(Special to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Nov. 15.—Nominating petitions are now in for all city offices, the time limit of 15 days before election having expired tonight.

With the declination of Mayor Smith to again accept the nomination for the office of chief executive, the contest for that place will be between E. T. McKinstry and Councilman A. A. Porter, each of whom has filed strong nominating petitions.

For each of the five positions to be filled in the city council there will be contests, except possibly in the Third ward. Here there is a single election to fill the seat now occupied by W. F. Counts, and as no one has filed nominating petition except Mr. Counts, he will probably be returned.

The First ward will be the seat of a keen contest. Two councilmen are to be elected in that ward, one for a term of a year, to fill the seat resigned by Councilman Culbertson, and now occupied by E. V. Smith, elected by the council to fill the vacancy, and the other for a full two-year term to succeed Councilman Caldwell. Both Councilmen Smith and Caldwell are candidates to succeed themselves, and each will have competition.

The petition nominating L. J. Jewell for the long term council seat and petitions were filed yesterday nominating P. B. Herman for the short term.

In ward two, Bert Barnes, elected last fall for a short term to fill a vacancy, was the only candidate until S. W. Phillips filed his petition today. Mr. Phillips was a former city councilman from the Second ward, but was defeated for reelection last December.

A new candidate for the council from ward four was also qualified for the race at the last day. He is A. N. Parsons. Against him will run Lee Still.

RUSSIANS MAY LOCATE ON VALLEY TRACTS

Monmouth, Or., Nov. 15.—According to a plan worked out by Polk and Linn county men, 1000 acres of land in the vicinity of Lewisville, five miles south of Monmouth, is to be subdivided into 80-acre tracts for a large colony of Russian settlers. The tract, according to the plan, will embrace acreage on the Wing, McEwe, and Evens ranches. The soil is known to be rich.

During the past two months a representative of the Russian settlers has been visiting various sections of Oregon and Washington and finds the Lewisville locality better adapted to the Russian needs, owing especially to the moderate climate. It is believed this plan of colonization will bring a thrifty class of people to Polk county and the plan, is generally approved.

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The lecturer will be Dr. Clifton F. Hodge who will lecture on nature study. Dr. George Rebeck of the department of philosophy will speak on "Education and Life," "The Development of Ideals in History," and "Growth of the Spirit." Dr. Joseph Schofer of the department of history will lecture on the subjects "The Rise and Progress of Democracy," and the "Oregon System and What it Signifies to the Pupils of Columbia College."

The Milton-Freewater High and public schools will be given a holiday that the pupils may attend the lectures.

Mrs. Kurrie Is Dead. Pendleton, Or., Nov. 15.—Mrs. Gottlieb Kurrie, wife of a well known local farmer, died here yesterday after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, five children and one sister.

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