

# SCHOOL HEADS CLOSE SESSION

### Brown, Mulkey and Green Tell Advantages of Consolidated Districts

## PERMIT ISSUE STUDIED

### Curbing of Grants Urged to Prevent Lowering of Certificate Standard

At the convention of county school superintendents here during the week, O. C. Brown of Douglas county, C. E. Mulkey of Coos county and W. W. Green of Umatilla county presented reports showing the advantages of the consolidation of districts. All three were agreed that consolidation has tremendous advantages over the old system, but empha-

sized that road construction must precede consolidation. The last year, it is said, has been conspicuous in consolidation. Douglas county has been more active in that line than any other county, due mainly to road development. Permits Too General A consensus of opinion of the superintendents was that there should be a tightening up on the issuing of permits to teachers to prevent a lowering of standards of certification. During and following the war county superintendents issued many permits because of scarcity of teachers. A report of the week's work of the convention issued at adjournment Saturday follows in part: "Problems of vital interest to every superintendent were discussed with State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. Churchill presiding. Mrs. O. C. Brown, supervisor of Douglas county, recounted the activities of teachers' councils in that county during the past year. She reported a splendid work done through these councils in arousing community interest in the schools, in improving the school plants and securing cooperation between teachers and patrons. "Crook Ties Unit Plan "Crook county has the distinction of being the first to adopt the county unit system of school administration and taxation. Superintendent J. E. Myers gave an outline of the campaign in putting the matter up to the vote of his

# MISS BERT KING, SINGER, PROCURED FOR MARDI GRAS



MISS-BERT KING

Real interest is setting in stronger and stronger among members of the Salem lodge of Elks for the lodge offers the public a rare treat in the way of three days of fun and merriment. Mardi Gras days will be remembered if the signs now working materialize and of course they will. For three nights the Elks are going to turn their home topsy turvy with nothing but gaiety. The Mardi Gras spirit must prevail say the entertainment committeemen. In the edge of fall when there is a sort of melancholy disposition naturally hanging around, it is the hopes of the Elks to chase this feeling away and put up the bars against its return. To the question What is going on? the committee says, a plenty, in fact there will be so much to engage one in having a merry time that it will take about all of the time nights to get clear around. And then one will have to begin all over again. So there you are. When the Elks say they will fix it so there will be fun, depend on it there will be fun "in the evening", every evening, for three nights and it begins January 19. Something unusual in the way of vaudeville will be on tap each evening—eight number and a change of program each night. Big time performers have been engaged for the week and there will not be a dull number the whole three days of that the committee is assured. Members are having lots of fun disposing to tickets of which thousands have been sold about the city. Each ticket is a season ticket and its cost is nominal.

## TRAFFIC OFFICER TELLS OF WORK

### Some Magnificent Excuses Manufactured by Motorists Who Break Law

"If some of those birds on the road were to take up the game of selling gold bricks or wildcat stock, the world that didn't want to be swindled would have to throw its money into the well and pour wax in its ears and poke its fingers in its eyes so it couldn't see, and then sneak out into the wilderness on a dark, stormy night so as to leave no trace. "That's what one of the state traffic officers says of his work in "regulating traffic on the Oregon state highways. He's gone over almost every inch of the state roads, on foot, by stage, by sleuth-hound trailing auto, and he's seen 'em rilling on the job of making and selling to the cop the splendid line of alibis that make his job so interesting. "There's the bird who says he 'don't need no speedometer; I can tell by the sound of the engine exactly how fast she's a-go'n'. Quite frequently he is honest. He may have a lovely wife and an interesting family at home, pay his taxes and give nickles to the Salvation army for Christmas—but usually he's a liar and always he's a chump. He can't know the speed at which he's traveling; no man can. The highways were not made for race courses—a fact that we're out to show 'em in the courts if necessary. The trucks and stages and all the racers who have been so enthralled with 'stepping on 'em just to burn up the road—the state is after them. "However, I'm getting a little off the text, which was excuses I've had men swear to me that they had just taken off the speedometer because some bad man backed into it and broke it, what there isn't a sign of a speedometer on the old boat, and never was. They swear that they heard the old boat by heart, and they knew they weren't running above 20 miles an hour; perhaps they were traveling 40. I've ridden in stages that didn't have a speedometer, and some of the drivers were plumb ignorant of the speed laws—or at least they said they were. Some of these drivers get off with a warning as to their machine equipment, and the best rate of speed; and some of them do their best to live up to the law, once they know, but you never saw such an ignorant lot as these 'didn't know the law' drivers. "Licensed drivers don't always like to wear the heavy of their profession—the official badge and identification number. Lots of 'em want to be smart young things who don't drive a car for money—they do it for the fun of the thing and not as a job, some of them leave their tags at home; some try to carry them in

their pockets; some hide them in an inconspicuous corner of their clothes. We have to require these tags to be displayed, the same as the car licenses are out for public identification. You might expect that no man running a car for hire, would feel ashamed of his calling? Well, lots of them are; and some of them try to be nasty about it. "I presume that we've never actually jailed a man for refusing to display his chauffeur's license but we've heard a lot of excuses for not having them on their persons. Usually they're excuses of the law and a warning for the future is enough; in fact, I've never known any one of them to have to be told twice. But some of them certainly do hate to wear 'em! "The most surprised men I've ever seen since people began to get surprised, are the over-loaders. Why I ain't got any load A-Tall! It COULDN'T be over-weight! You hear that on every inch of track road in Oregon; there never was an overload! If the truckmakers only knew what their trucks are carrying beyond their warrant—and if the bankers knew it, who've financed them—there would be more hair-tearing in 10 minutes than the state would grow in a year. Some of the drivers are sincere at that, they start to load; the truck doesn't say a word, like a mule would do if you piled to much on its back. The truck bed is big and broad; the gas costs about the same, with a light or a heavy load—and they certainly fracture all the warranties for carrying capacity, by the time most trucks ever hit the road. "Overloading is mostly professed ignorance of just how much they have on. But the way some drivers can ooze and eel their way past the actual weights, is certainly a lesson in the use of the English language. "Didn't you know that you had two cords of wood, and that a cord of oak weighs two tons? Yes, oh, yes, b'george, but I thought a ton was only 1,000 pounds and so I must have put on more than I thought. I don't never haul this much honest,—it happened just this once. And it was a clean-up load, and I was in a hurry, and the baby is sick, at home, and— and—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! "Good excuses are mighty interesting to hear, but as the laws get to be understood excuses don't go worth a cent. Some of the birds who have been so clever verbal get-aways, are likely to run up against a joke that's loaded with dynamite and jails and bankruptcy fines—and then it won't be half as funny as it now is."

## VALLEY LAND IS WORTH ITS PRICE

Salem Real Estate Man Makes Comparison With The Middle West Those who have been wondering whether Willamette valley lands are not too high priced—beyond their productive possibilities—might be interested in a sober statement made by one Salem realtor. What he says has so optimistic a ring that it's given in full. "The lands here are the cheapest good lands in the farming world, today. We've been carrying some advertising back in the Missouri valley country, and are close enough in touch with values and with people there, to know how to compare the two countries. The Missouri valley has been held to be one of the richest countries on the globe. General Grant said, after his tour around the world, that the 200 miles of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, radiating from the corner of the four states, was the richest farm country of the world. We'll let it go at that. "But you'd be surprised, and either ased or shrdl shdr shhmm either pleased or alarmed, at the many farm people who want to get away from there and come out here. The lands are productive, but they are high in price; higher even than they are here, and with all the drawbacks of that country. No man can ever make as much per acre on that land as he can out here, on any one of a number of crops. Their values, however, are stabilized. The land is actually proven to be worth their price. It follows, of course, that if we can give superior climatic and social and political advantages, along with better crops and prices, our lands are worth more than theirs. "That's what whole armies of their people are saying. They want to pack up and come west to Oregon. Why, the trains wouldn't hold 'em all this spring if they could sell and move right now. They'd be grabbing the Willamette farms at the current prices that local buyers seem to think excessive, and throwing fits of joy over the saving in acreage or price in the exchange. For our prices are not as high as theirs. The Missouri valley farmer who sold a good farm for real money could come here and buy an approximately acreage with his money, and have enough left over to start a bank. "I look for prices to go way up here, rather than to decline even a little. The competition of buyers is bound to bring this in-cres. Plain grain lands of the valley will pay fair returns at from \$125 an acre up. Good orchard lands, for berries or large fruit, will pay on two or three or even five times that price. There isn't much land anywhere around Salem as low as \$100, and there oughtn't to be, for it's worth the price. "Nobody knows just when those

easterners can sell and come to Oregon. They may not be able to make it this season. But they are coming as soon as they can, and the demand will certainly make past prices look moderate. Over in Tillamook county, they're selling plain meadow lands as high as \$800 an acre, and they pay a profit on that purchase price. We can pay profits on a lot higher valuation than we have now, and still they'll keep a-coming. There is really a good deal of real estate changing hands now, though not very much for cash to outside buyers. But they're coming in droves and clouds later on and they'll make the Willamette valley into the highest priced farm-land country of the west. Business is good, thank you. We are going to stick around!"

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# Neuritis Victim Hardly Knows Danger

Sunday Health Talk No. 21—By O. L. Scott, D. C.

The neuritis victim hardly knows the danger of this disease. Usually the pain is so persistent day and night that any measure of relief is welcome and no thought of future danger is possible. Neuritis, like neuralgia, may be caused by a local displacement of spinal vertebra, and thus affect only a part of the body. If nerves are affected in a number of places at the same time, it is what is called multiple neuritis and is caused by pressure on the spinal cord at the base of the brain. The danger of neuritis if not quickly checked is that the heart in the nerve finally atrophies or destroys the nerve. This degeneration of the nerve tissue, if the neuritis, for instance affects the arm, amounts to a loss of power in that arm. Neuritis should be checked at once. Its very nature points clearly to the need of chiropractic spinal adjustments.



UNCLE BEN SAYS

### HEALTH FOLLOWS

CHIROPRACTIC CORRECTS PRESSURE ON SPINAL NERVES IN DISEASES OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANS:

- HEAD
- EYES
- EARS
- NOSE
- THROAT
- ARMS
- HEART
- LUNGS
- LIVER
- STOMACH
- PANCREAS
- SPLEEN
- KIDNEYS
- BOWELS
- APPENDIX
- BLADDER
- SPINAL COLUMN
- LOWER LIMBS

THE LOWER NERVE UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS IS PINCHED BY A MISALIGNED JOINT. PINCHED NERVES CANNOT TRANSMIT HEALTHFUL IMPULSES. CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTING REMOVES THE PRESSURE. THE UPPER NERVE IS FREE AS NATURE INTENDS.

## Neuritis Is Gone

"For months I suffered with neuritis of the neck, shoulder and arms. After three months of osteopathy during which I got ninety-seven treatments, I decided to try chiropractic. In two weeks the pain had gone, and I have had other chiropractic adjustments since, but no return of the neuritis."—Lillian Harné, Chiropractic Research Bureau, Sworn Statement No. 1293-L.

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# TO THE FRIENDS OF SALEM'S ONE THOUSAND BOYS

Sixteen months ago we issued the Scout budget for 1920-21, and promised economy of management. We have accomplished during this past year that which was promised. We carried on the business of the Salem Scout Council for one-third less than the previous year. We are now planning the 1922 work and must know what "Scouting" friends are willing to do financially. No drive for money will be carried on, as we believe the Citizens of Salem value Scouting sufficiently to "sign up" with some one of the Salem Council Members for 1922 on as liberal a basis as possible.

Salary Executive and Office Assistant	\$2400.00
Cost of Operating Office, including Printing, etc.	600.00
General Equipment and Supplies	1000.00
Annual Summer Camp	400.00
Week End Camp Expenses, Rallies, etc.	600.00
Deficit, carried over from one year ago	2500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7500.00</b>

Present Good Assets \$1600.00

## SALEM COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

30 BUSY BUSINESS MEN

The Salem Council extends a cordial invitation to all to visit Headquarters, Room 11, McCormack Bldg., or any Scouting activities.

# The Big Clean-Up Sale

## Is On in Full Blast

Friday and Saturday were two of the biggest days we have ever started out with in the beginning of the year. See our windows and look over the following prices and see the reason.

Women's	Boys' and Girls'	Men's
<b>Shoes</b> Women's broken lots, black and brown shoes, up to \$12 grades, both in button and lace. To close out... <b>\$4.95</b> Women's Black Kid, Cuban heel \$9 shoes. These are new shoes just arrived, but bought at a very low figure. go at... <b>\$6.95</b> Women's new Brown Kid, Cuban heel, \$11 Shoes of the very highest quality, in all widths and sizes; go at... <b>\$8.95</b> Women's \$2 Felt House Slippers; a few pairs while they last at... <b>95c</b> Women's \$2.50 black and gray felt turn sole house slippers, with heels; in all sizes, go at... <b>\$1.50</b> Women's Black and brown, buckle, low heel Oxfords; regular \$8 grades. While they last, go at... <b>\$4.95</b> Men's late style \$7 Square Toed Oxfords, the very latest styles; go at... <b>\$4.95</b>	<b>Shoes</b> SPECIAL—A full line of girls' brown elk school boots in 14-inch tops—regular \$10 grades to go at... <b>\$6.95</b> Girls' brown calf shoes, in all styles, regular \$9.00 grades, to close... <b>\$6.95</b> Boys' \$5 heavy shoes, extra good quality, to... <b>\$3.95</b> Boys' Brown English \$5.00 shoes, all sizes, 2 to 5; to close... <b>\$2.95</b> Boys' Black Kangaroo Calf Shoes, \$4.50 grades to close out... <b>\$2.95</b> Boys' \$4 Black Calf Shoes, 1 to 2 1/2, to close out... <b>\$1.95</b> Boys' Brown Calf Boots, 12-inch style, with buckles, regular \$7 grades, go at... <b>\$4.95</b>	<b>Shoes</b> for Dress and Work Men's Tan Army Shoes, regular \$8 grades, inspected, go at... <b>\$4.95</b> Men's 10-inch Chippaway Brown Boots, in well soles, a high grade \$10 boot, at... <b>\$7.95</b> Men's brown Edmonds Dress Shoes, in three styles; a high grade \$9 shoe, to go at... <b>\$6.95</b> Men's new last in the famous Florsheim Shoe, black and brown; all styles and lasts, blucher and bal. \$10 grades, go at... <b>\$8.95</b> \$12 grades, go at... <b>\$10.95</b> Men's black 12-inch Leggers 12 grades, in the very best makes, to close out... <b>\$8.95</b> Men's brown Leather \$4 House Slippers, in all styles; to close out at... <b>\$1.95</b>

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