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## COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FUND

### EFFECT OF THE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

#### R. L. ALDERMAN MAKES PLAIN THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT OF FUND AND HOW IT AFFECTS INDEPENDENCE.

Perhaps there is no other man in the state who is better posted regarding the operation of the county high school fund law as L. R. Alderman, teacher of pedagogy and education in the University of Oregon. His talk at the opera house last Friday night when the evening session of the teachers' institute was held, was along that line and proved a revelation to the people of Independence who were not conversant with the law. That the people of this school district will be enabled to draw down three times the amount of their high school taxes by voting this law at the coming election was shown at that time, and the Enterprise took occasion to get an interview from Mr. Alderman on the subject, for publication. He had the following to say to a representative of the Enterprise concerning the matter:

"The county high school fund law is a law passed by the last legislature. The idea of the law is to make high schools within the reach of every boy and girl in the county. The law was first made operative in Lane county. It was voted at the June election in 1908 under an old law. Briefly the plan is this: A general tax is levied upon all the property in the county, which money is then paid out as tuition, no matter where the pupil goes within the county, provided the school comes up to the requirements of the county high school board which is made up of the county court, county treasurer and county school superintendent. In order to keep the larger places from getting more than their share of funds it is paid out as follows: The first twenty pupils draw forty dollars each, the second twenty draw thirty dollars each, and each one in addition draws twelve and one-half dollars. This enables country districts to establish high schools within the reach of the children and it greatly increases the attendance of the town high schools.

"To illustrate how it affects country high schools, I give the history of the Pleasant Hill school. During the school year of 1907 and 1908 three pupils came to Eugene from Pleasant Hill, which is a country district twelve miles east of Eugene. They paid for tuition and for board \$200 each. The next year under this new law a teacher was hired to teach the high school subjects at Pleasant Hill for \$600 and sixteen young men and women attended the entire year. In the fall of 1909, thirty-three students enrolled and the number is now greater than that. People, instead of moving out from the Pleasant Hill district have moved in and a better community is the result. Other country districts in different parts of the county have now organized high schools under this law until there are in all fourteen high schools in the county. Linn county voted to make this law operative at the November election in 1908 and now they have thirteen high schools organized and the number of pupils attending high schools has increased at a wonderful rate. The attendance of students in town in both of these counties has grown very fast. The attendance at the Eugene high school is now about five hundred, being the largest high school outside of the city of Portland in the state. The schools of Junction City, Cottage Grove and Springfield have also increased at a rapid rate. The high schools in Linn county are growing very rapidly.

"In Polk county today only children who live in the towns have high

school advantages. The boy or girl living just outside finds the barrier of tuition in his way. He also has the feeling that the high school is for the boys and girls of the city and is not for him. This law makes any high school in the county available for every child in the county. It makes a healthy rivalry among the several high schools of the county. This increases their efficiency.

"Under this plan the following places would probably have high schools: Independence, Dallas, Falls City, Mosmouth, Ballston, Alrie, Buena Vista, Rickreall, Bethel and probably other districts. These schools would bring high school advantages within the reach of all homes in the county. It would make it unnecessary for any child to leave home in order to get the advantages of at least some high school work and what is more to the point it would take away the last excuse of any Polk county boy or girl for not getting as good an education as any other boy or girl.

"One of the great problems we have in America is to make people more contented to live on the farm. The Roosevelt Rural Life Commission reported that one of the causes of so many people leaving the country and going to the city was because of poor common schools and lack of high schools. This law puts the high school within the reach of every home. It will have more to do with building up prosperous and alert rural communities than any like expenditure could possibly do.

"Now as to the effect the high school has upon the common schools: The five districts surrounding Pleasant Hill which came under the immediate influence of the high school showed the first year a marked improvement in attendance and have kept up as never before, for each child sees that in order to get into the high school with his class he must do his work this year; hence he stays in and makes his grade. It is literally true in school matters that inspiration comes from above."

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#### Tows Piledriver from St. John

Claude Skinner returned to Independence last Sunday from the government moorings at St. John from where he towed the United States piledriver boat which is to work on the extension of the avetments along the west bank of the river below town. The towing was done with the splendid little launch, Louise, and was accomplished in much less time than it was thought it could be.

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#### Owls Play Whist

Mrs. Geo. Kutch entertained the Owls at her home last Wednesday night. First prizes were won by Mrs. Hubbard and Mr. Kutch, while Mrs. Paddock and Dr. Butler secured second prizes. After the series of games refreshments were served.

## GREAT EVENT BEGINS TODAY

### ALL SALEM DECORATED IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE.

### MANAGEMENT SWAMPED WITH ENTRIES OF HORSES FOR SALE DAY—NEW FEATURES ADDED TO MAKE GREATER SUCCESS.

President Chas. L. Dick of the Salem Horse Show Association announced the first of the week that they were fairly swamped with entries for horses to be sold during the great sale which will be conducted on the second day of the horse show at Salem. This is a new feature for the horse show day in Oregon and was made possible by holding a two-day show. The management now feel certain that it will be the biggest success of anything of the kind ever attempted. Buyers and sellers will be brought together from all parts of the state. The main sale will be public auction where all horses that are listed for that purpose will be sold, and for this service the horse owners are to be charged five per cent of the selling price, but those people who do not care to put their horses up at auction have the privilege of listing them for private sale. These horses will be listed in the catalogue and in the programs with the announcement at what barn they can be found.

10,000 souvenir programs are being printed which will be distributed free on the streets of Salem during the horse show. The problem of how to feed and house 50,000 people which will be in attendance at the show has been a troublesome one for the committee, but the people of Salem have agreed to open their homes for lodging, and the restaurants and hotels of the city, the churches and fraternal organizations, are going to serve special dinners so that all will be properly cared for.

There will be a great many more horses on exhibition this year than ever before. Among the new exhibitors just entered for the first time is J. D. Gordon, a Newberg banker who is coming over with a car load of his splendid stallions and mares recently imported from France. Last Saturday being horse show day at Mount Angel a large delegation of Salem business men drove over in the afternoon in automobiles to visit that fair, and help boost for a great Salem fair, April 8 and 9.

C. L. Dick, president of the Horse Show Association, who is the moving spirit in making a success, was signally honored by being selected as a delegate to represent the state of Oregon at the National Convention of the Travelers Protective Association which meets June 10 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He and his fellow delegates are going back to make the fight of their lives for the 1911 association to be held in Portland, Oregon.

All Oregon is invited to Salem to attend the great Salem Horse Show, April 8 and 9.

#### Methodists Will Go to Auditorium

Work began on the new Methodist church on Wednesday. Until the building is completed the church will hold its meetings in the auditorium. All are cordially invited to attend in our temporary home. W. J. Weber, Pastor.

#### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Baptist Church

The Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. next Sunday, and the B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. W. S. Stewart will preach both morning and evening. The young people meet for Bible study on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening is the regular mid-week prayer meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all

these services.

##### Methodist Church

Regular services next Sunday at the tabernacle. Sunday school at 10, preaching at 11. Epworth League at 7; leader, Mrs. Hicks; topic, "The Sacrifice of Praise". Preaching at 8 on "Cain and his Modern Relatives". General prayer meeting every Tuesday evening.

##### Calvary Presbyterian

Regular services at Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday, being the usual Sunday school session at 10 o'clock, with morning worship and sermon at 11 o'clock. The time of the evening service has been changed from 7:30 to 8 o'clock, at which time, the usual Sunday evening service will be held. A cordial invitation is extended to all and any to worship with us.

##### At the Church of Christ

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor, Maynard R. Thompson, will conduct a service for the special interest and benefit of boys and girls, although it is hoped that those of all ages will be interested. Most of the hymns will be such as boys and girls can sing. The subject of the sermon will be "Killing our Giants". Parents are requested to have their boys and girls remain for the later service, or better still, come with them to Bible school, and remain together to hear the sermon. At the Bible school at 10 o'clock, Mr. Thompson will be pleased to meet young men who wish to study the Bible and to organize a club, similar to the Baraca club. In the afternoon at 2:30 three of his friends from the Baptist Baraca club will speak to young men in the church and tell them what the Baraca idea has done for young men in America and especially here in the Baptist congregation. Young men are urged to come and hear these young men speak and help to organize this new club. The pastor's evening subject will be "Not this Man but Barabbas".

## INSTITUTE IS BIG SUCCESS

### MORE THAN FORTY INSTRUCTORS ATTEND SESSION.

### TEACHERS EXTEND VOTE OF THANKS TO PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR COURTESIES SHOWN DURING SESSION.

The session of the teachers' institute, which was held in this city last Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday evening, was a most successful affair. The exercises, excepting those of Friday night, which were held in the opera house, were in the public school building.

On Friday night State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman and L. R. Alderman each gave an address at the opera house to a good audience of teachers from the county and citizens of Independence. Superintendent Ackerman spoke along the lines of school conditions and contended that any school district can have any kind of a school that the people in the district want and also that no school will rise above the standard given by the community. Prof. L. R. Alderman explained the workings of the county high school fund law in Lane and Linn counties where they have the law in force and where it is a success. He explained the advantages of such a law and also the influence it is having upon the educational conditions of those counties. The substance of Mr. Alderman's address is

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