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CITY SCHOOL ADVANTAGES FOR FARM RESIDENTS.

A big step forward in public school work was made by the last legislative assembly when district school boards were authorized to arrange for the schooling of their children at any convenient large school and to transport the pupils there. What possibilities in education for the boys and girls on the farms are thus opened seem not to be generally recognized, but when the country districts realize and avail themselves of the advantages offered under this law, Oregon country schools will advance more than they have in a quarter of a century. State Superintendent Ackerman's introduction of a uniform course of study over the state and efforts for better prepared and better paid teachers have made his administration accomplish more than all his predecessors, but what he has been trying for along other lines will all be accomplished if the rural districts will only do their part.

The law provides that "district school boards shall, when authorized by a majority vote of the legal voters present at any legally called school meeting, suspend the district school for such time as they may have been authorized, and arrange with any adjoining or other district or districts, during the time when the school shall be suspended for the instruction of the pupils of such district; and also provide for the transportation of any or all pupils residing therein to and from the schoolhouse in the district with which the arrangement for their instruction is made, and pay for the amount of expense incurred in providing for the transportation, and for tuition of pupils in an adjoining or other district." For these purposes common school funds or tax money may be used.

Though the gain from such a concentration of school efforts seems apparent enough to need no argument, some of its benefits will be briefly noted: 1. The health of the children is better, the children being less exposed to stormy weather, and avoiding sitting in damp clothing. 2. Attendance is from 50 to 150 per cent greater, more regular and of longer continuance, and there is neither tardiness nor truancy. 3. Fewer teachers are required, so better teachers may be secured and better wages paid. 4. Pupils work in graded schools and both teachers and pupils are under systematic and closer supervision. 5. Pupils are in better schoolhouses, where there is better heating, lighting and ventilation, and more appliances of all kinds. 6. Better opportunity is afforded for special work in music, drawing, etc. 7. Cost is reduced. 8. School year is much longer. 9. Pupils are benefited by widened circle of acquaintance and the resulting culture. 10. The whole community is drawn together. 11. In this way the farm again, as of old, becomes the ideal place in which to bring up children, enabling them to secure the advantages of centers of population and spend their evenings and holiday time in the country in contact with nature and plenty of work, instead of loafing about town.

The larger school by this union with its smaller neighbors also gains from the larger membership and the increased income from the attendance of pupils, saving in expense and bettering the quality. It has been often

remarked, too, that country children are more devoted to study than the city pupils and hence improve the student spirit and general tone of the school. A longer term is made possible and higher grades, lessening the gap between common school and college and the period that the child must be away from home to gain an education.

To show its practical workings a few centers are here suggested, though the same plan would benefit ever district in the county and the nearly a hundred districts could profitably be consolidated into a third of that number. Provision is made in the law by which several districts can be merged into one and all share in its management, disposing of surplus land, buildings and material for the common benefit, after a trial has demonstrated that such an union would be desirable, but the districts need not lose their organization and may if dissatisfied withdraw at any time from the arrangement until this final consolidation is made, which may only be at the annual meeting.

Forest Grove, 408 pupils, would be a natural center for the Purdin district (No. 5, 39 pupils), Prickett (No. 27, 37 pupils), Thatcher (No. 99, 58 pupils), Fern Hill (No. 53, 50 pupils) and possibly Hillside (No. 42, 36 pupils), or 240 more pupils, a total of 648, with an addition of income of \$1560 from county and state funds this fall to pay for bringing back and forth and accommodating these children. The proposed addition to the school building would afford ample room for all and permit the course to be strengthened by an extra grade.

Hillsboro, 521 pupils, has tributary to it the Heywood school (No. 89, 41 pupils), Lelsyville (No. 8, 38 pupils), No. 19, of which James H. Sewell is clerk, with its 76 pupils, and No. 11, the Imbrie district, 64 pupils, or 219, to swell its census to 640 and increase its income this fall by \$1423.50.

Gaston, a joint district with 62 children in Washington county, is central for No. 66 (47 pupils), No. 32 joint (25 pupils), both districts lying westward, the Hill district (No. 28, 41 pupils), No. 49 (east of Hill district, 30), Scoggins Valley (No. 15, 79 pupils), an addition of 222. Gales Creek (No. 30, 90 pupils) is surrounded by No. 65 (7 pupils), No.



ROS COE VAUGHN, Little Drum Major of the Forest Grove Band.

Washington county entries in the long list of speedy horses that will race at the State Fair in Salem Sept. 14-19 are: E. B. Tongue's chestnut mare Lottie B. (by Lovelace-Fred Hambleton), and Charley Naylor's bay King Alexis (by Alexis-Meredith), both for the Inland Empire stakes for 3-year-olds, \$500 for two in three, on Tuesday, the 15th; Wes Redmond's bay Alto Lace (by Lovelace-Altoo), and E. B. Tongue's brown filly Loveless (by Lovelace-Roxie), \$400, for two in three, 2-year-old pacers.

83 (8 pupils), No. 69 (17 pupils), and No. 90 (56 pupils), or 88 additional. Greenville (No. 12, 85 pupils) could provide the central school for district No. 13 (Banks 61 pupils), the Roy (No. 14, 52 pupils), No. 71 (41 pupils), No. 76 (28 pupils), or in all 267.

Cornelius (district No. 2, with 164 pupils) might beside district 33 (67 pupils), include a part of Centerville (No. 4, 77 pupils), some probably preferring to go to Verboort (No. 97, 109 pupils). Reedville (No. 29, 95 pupils) ought to annex Witch Hazel (No. 94, 19 pupils), No. 60 (26 pupils), and No. 79 (35 pupils), a total of 175.

Dilley, besides its original 112 pupils, might provide schooling for the 23 of district No. 64 and the 28 of district 91, so having 163. Farmington (68 pupils) would have 126 with its neighbor's (No. 58) 58. Around Laurel are No. 3 (69), 46 joint (22) and 80 (43), 134 pupils. Mountaineer is central for No. 21 (69), 41 (60), 51 (33) and 63 (57), in all 219. Raleigh has 138, No. 18 (82) and No. 95 (56). Glencoe has six districts with 268 pupils, No. 9 (48), 43 (46), 55 (74) 59 (39), 68 (23), 70 (11) and 84 joint (27). Besides Tigardville's 152 in Washington county near there are No. 40 (69) and No. 82 (46), or 263. Beaverton's 236 would become 286 by annexing district 57. Tualatin has 85 in Washington county and would gain 23 by adding No. 73. Scholls' 53 would be doubled by adding district 47, and No. 39 would give 58 more, or 164. At Sherwood are No. 45 (53), No. 20 (30) and No. 88 (128) with several joint districts to swell

this 211. Buxton has district 44 (45), No. 72 (68), 87 (no report), 98 (25), or 138 besides joint districts.

Thus every district in the county might be merged until there were no schools of less than a hundred pupils, all fully equipped with apparatus, taught by well paid experienced teachers and having 8 months or a longer term every year. The twenty groups here suggested contain 67 districts and 4688 pupils, more than two-thirds of the county.



Important Events Briefly Told for Busy Readers.



Sept. 4.—Pilgrims tender Sir Thomas Lipton at dinner, and he makes speech teeming with good-will for America. — Roosevelt will change policy of appointing consuls so it will be on a merit basis. — Governor of Colorado orders troops to scene of mining strike. — Kansas City negro drowns himself to escape lynching for assault on white woman. — American fleet arrives at Beirut. — Legation guards at Constantinople have been increased, and, if necessary, marines will probably be landed.

Oregon.—Fireboat will be built in Portland of wood. — O. R. & N. construction projects await action of E. H. Harriman. — New arrival in Portland held up by unmasked robbers. — New reform association tries to prevent prizefight in Portland, and demands enforcement of laws.

Base Ball.—Pacific Coast League: Oakland 2, Portland 1; Sacramento 7, San Francisco 3; Seattle 7, Los Angeles 3. Pacific National League games: Salt Lake 12, Butte 5; Seattle 7, Spokane 5.



Sept. 5.—President Baer and other coal barons ignore request of Cortel-

East from Pendleton.—Spencer line will put another boat on Portland-Dalles route. — Senator Mitchell leaves for Europe and leaves organization in charge of Judge Carey and "Jack" Matthews. — Portland ministers appoint committee to investigate municipal situation. — Matron of Florence Crittenton Home arrested on charge of cruelty to baby.

Base Ball.—Pacific Coast League: Oakland 6, Portland 1; San Francisco 9, Sacramento 6; Seattle 11, Los Angeles 2. National League: Spokane 5, Seattle 3; Butte 13, Salt Lake 1.



Sept. 6.—Immense tracts of Oregon territory included in proposed forest reserves. — Secretary Hitchcock and President Garrett, of the Indian Rights Association, exchange correspondence. — Chekib Bey's charge against American missionaries denounced as unfounded. — Turkish military party urges war, but Sultan hesitates. — Russia and Japan have agreement on China and Korea. — Passenger train on Baltimore & Ohio makes 168 miles in 125 minutes. — Electric cars collide in New Hampshire; four killed; all survivors injured.

Oregon.—River captains say Upper Columbia can be made navigable at cost of \$120,000. — T. W. Bracking, prominent resident of Pendleton, disappears from his home. — Over 350,000 bushels of wheat shipped to San Francisco since July 1. — Half of the grain fleet en route for Portland flies French flag. — Great shortage in salmon pack of whole Pacific Coast. — Mining men to organize state association. — Wind blows down tents of National Guard at Gearhart.

Base Ball.—Pacific Coast League: Oakland 3-9, Portland 0-0; San Francisco 13, Sacramento 11; Los Angeles 7, Seattle 5. Pacific National League: Butte 6, Salt Lake 0; Seattle 5, Spokane 1. Pacific Coast League umpires ordered to enforce discipline.



Sept. 7.—Roosevelt tendered great ovation at Syracuse, N. Y., and delivers Labor Day address. — Labor day observed throughout the land. — Union men mob employer at parade because he cannot show a union card. — War between Turkey and Bulgaria appears certain. — Turkey warns reserves to hold themselves in readiness. — Insurgents must make acceptable proposals soon or general massacres will result. — Great French mimic war game is begun. — Kaiser rebukes cavalymen who roughly handle a crowd at parade. — Fears are entertained for Lake Erie steamer with 120 people on board. — United States gives Columbia to understand that canal treaty negotiations must all be on her part. — Hurricane completely wipes out San Miguel, Mexico.

Oregon.—New York capitalist may build great hotel for Lewis and Clark Centennial. — Livestock shipments

Sept. 8.—Turks slay Christians at Beirut. — Turkey ascribes trouble to presence of American fleet. — Admiral Cotton if necessary will land marines to protect Americans. — Turks fire forests to drive out 150,000 Bulgarians. — Roosevelt turns San Francisco down in its attempt to continue monopoly on Indian service trade. — Colombia defeated canal treaty because boodle fund was too small. — Seven more indictments in postal cases. — Grandstand at Leavenworth, Kan., collapses and 25 people in crowd of 1,500 are injured. — American Mining Congress opens at Deadwood, S. D., and is addressed by Secretary Shaw. — Farmers meet at Chicago and formulate plans for \$100,000,000 trust to control markets. — President Roosevelt returns to Oyster Bay and resumes work.

Base Ball.—Pacific Coast League: Oakland 8, Portland 2; Sacramento 11, San Francisco 1; Los Angeles 11, Seattle 5. Pacific National League: Butte 4, Salt Lake 3; Seattle 1, Spokane 0.



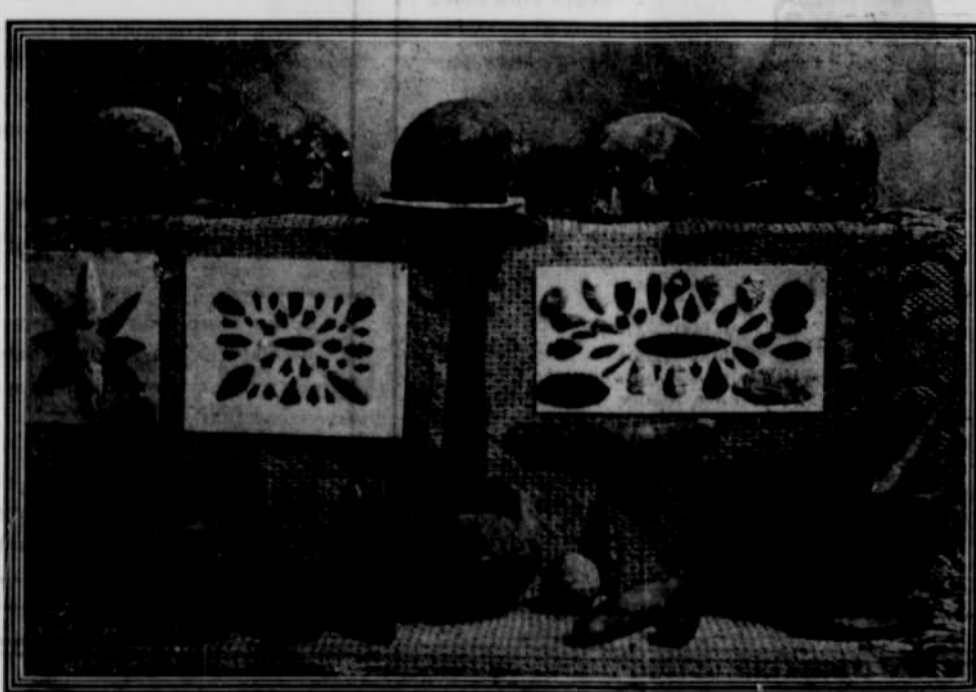
Oregon.—J. J. Butler fatally stabs Frank Mulkey at Junction City in self-defense. — Ex-Sheriff A. J. McKinnon is killed by A. Jerraud, insane escapee, in California. — Bishop O'Reilly makes strong speech on the education of Catholic youth. — New Lewis and Clark subscriptions reach \$6,630. — Portland Board of Trade indorses project to bring trainload of newspapers West. — Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and other federal officials arrive in Portland.

Baseball.—Pacific Coast League: Sacramento 8, Portland 2; Seattle 5, Oakland 3; San Francisco 10, Los Angeles 1. — Spokane defeats Salt Lake, 5-3.



Sept. 9.—Senators Mitchell and Foster both seek a place on the Committee of Commerce. — Stern, the Baltimore manufacturer of postal fraud fame, gives himself up at Toronto. — Consuls at Salonica ask powers to send fleets for their protection. — Bulgaria is said to be mobilizing its army. — American marines sleep in consulate at Beirut. — Italy holds fleets in readiness for dispatch to Turkey. — Turks' desire for war may drive Sultan to move against Bulgaria. — Consular reports show Christians were not the aggressors at Beirut. — China strongly objects to two conditions of Russian note on Manchuria. — Famine on Cape Verde Islands is causing fifteen deaths per day. — London begins to draw color line on the negro. — Oregon delegation is given a royal greeting by Mining Congress and begins campaign for 1905 meeting in Portland. — Catholic priests will not give absolution to men who take oath of Printers' Union. — Fire on automobile bursts at New York races, and in wild run of car one man is killed. — New York fusionists conference decides for renomination of Mayor Lowe. — Ohio Democratic campaign is opened and Senator Hanna made the issue by Johnson and Clarke. — Governor Dole, of Hawaii, will not be candidate for re-election.

Oregon.—Carl W. Hood, of Portland, attempts to commit suicide because girl refuses to marry him. — Marcus Hechtman, kidnapped 15 years ago,



SOME EARLY INDIAN WAR VETERANS.

No Oregon State Fair is complete without representation of the relics of the Indians to be found all over the state and the St. Louis exhibit and the Lewis & Clark Exposition will do well to make prominent this interesting feature. Few states have left living among them descendants of so many and so famous tribes, and the Oregon Indians' romantic traditions have given rise to such interesting tales as "Nehalem (the Spanish bees' wax ship)" and the "Bridge of the Gods," while Moorehouse's Indian photos, especially the Joy and Sadness Twins, are famous everywhere and Umatilla blankets are rivaling the famous Navajo product.