

# MANY SCHOOLS ARE STANDARD

## ONE THIRD MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

County School Officials Holding Rallies at Which Pennants are Presented—Occasion is Made One For Community Celebration.

(Contributed.)

Nearly one third of the schools of Crook county have met the Standard school requirements established at the beginning of the current school year.

These requirements referred to the heating and ventilating, equipment, and attractiveness of the school building; the equipment and appearance of the school grounds, the sanitation, the attendance, the length of term and the ability and efficiency of the teacher.

During the past two weeks Superintendent Myers and Supervisor Shawe have been conducting a series of standardization rallies throughout the county. This campaign for the betterment of the schools has met with marked success, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the patrons of the various districts augurs well for the continued progress of educational work in Crook county.

These rallies have been made the occasion for real celebrations. Entertaining programs have been arranged by the community talent and pupils of the various districts. At the Pleasant Valley school the pupils presented a version of "The Judgment of Paris," in the form of an operetta which was rendered in an unusually clever and effective manner. The program, which included a number of songs and recitations, was followed by a community dinner, at which nearly every family in the district was represented.

At the Laidlaw rally the program included a novelty in the way of a clever song-bird imitation by one of the boys.

The songs and folk-dances of the primary pupils of the Redmond school were presented in a very pleasing manner.

The Terrebonne primary pupils gave a dramatization of the story "Wolf Wolf!" The acting of these little folks showed considerable training and talent.

At Sisters a dialogue in dialect was given by two of the pupils which was received with the heartiest applause. The program was given under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers Association. Music was furnished by the Sisters band.

There is a little girl at the Lower Bridge school who will doubtless win recognition later as an elocutionist. Her rendition of Stevenson's poem, "My Shadow," would have been credited to a professional speaker.

A clever and varied program was given by the pupils of the Deschutes school.

At the Honor Eye Grass school the program included a dramatization of Hiawatha. The play was given out-of-doors. Real wigwags were built by the pupils. A background of small trees was set out, and even the red deer was there to make the play complete. The costumes, fringes, feathers and war-paint, lent realism to the play, the acting was especially good.

The pupils of the Wilson school presented a musical program.

Addresses have been made at these rallies by Mr. Myers, Mr. Shawe, Mr. Lovett, and others interested in educational work, appealing to the patrons of these schools not only to continue the work which has been started but to enlarge the scope of the rural schools until they become "Community Centers" in the broadest meaning of the word.

During the next few days rallies will be held at the La Pine, Cline Falls, Pinehurst, Crooked River, Harper and Lower Rye Grass schools.

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# Treat Potato Before Planting

Formalin Treatment for Potato Scab Effective and Necessary  
By County Agriculturist A. E. LOVETT.

Central Oregon is very fortunate in having few diseases which affect her potatoes. Nearly every section of the United States has badly diseased potatoes, and some sections have become so infected that they have been quarantined within the last year. If we can keep our section free from disease, we need not worry as to markets for our products. With care in grading and handling our seed, we should be able to sell practically our entire crop of seed under these conditions.

Whenever we plant diseased potatoes, we are reproducing the disease and spreading it in our section of the

country. The potatoes in Crook county, generally, are very clean and free from diseases, excepting potato scab, which is found in the potatoes from many sources. If we have other diseases than scab in our potatoes, I have not yet discovered it. All seed planted should be treated for this disease. The formalin treatment is effective and not expensive. This treatment consists of the use of one pint, or sixteen fluid ounces of 40 per cent formalin in thirty gallons of water. The potatoes are soaked in this solution for two hours, after

which they are dried and cut. After soaking, the potatoes should not be placed in any sacks, boxes or bins that may be infected or have had potatoes in before unless these containers are also disinfected. Fifteen gallons of this solution will ordinarily treat 20 to 25 bushels of potatoes.

Even though our potato seed seems clean and free from disease, it is a very good practice to give them this treatment before planting in order that we may be sure as far as possible to prevent a spreading of this disease in our section. Rich, clover and well manured land are favorable to the potato scab. However, in my opinion, there are few fields in which we need to consider this side of the question in our section today. These same rich fields will usually produce a large yield of potatoes, and after treating the seed as above outlined, I should not hesitate to plant potatoes on the clover sod or well manured land in preference to the raw land on which a large acreage of potatoes is planted every year.

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