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SCHOOL DISTRICTS SETTLE CONSOLIDATION QUESTION.

The Times-Herald has had more or less to say respecting the advantages of consolidated schools from time to time during the past few weeks and the writer has discussed it with several who are interested. One question that has been asked we wish to answer in these columns: The question of the adjoining districts consolidating with the Burns district is entirely in the hands of the respective districts. They settle the matter themselves as it doesn't make any difference how many votes are cast in this district favorable it does not effect the vote in any other district. It is strictly within their own district.

We wish to state further the entire

scheme was fostered and brought to an issue by the people particularly interested in educational affairs and it was conceived upon the grounds of better facilities and advantages for the children in the adjoining districts. Burns has the best school in the entire county with a corps of teachers second to none; the school building is modern in every respect with all the latest devices and paraphernalia and the districts it is proposed to consolidate with this are so closely allied with the town and there being ample room in the Burns public school building to absorb every pupil with no additional expense other than possibly a few desks it was considered a matter of economy as well as to the best interests of the children to give them this advantage. Another feature is the fact that manual training and music and art are added to the course of study in the public school the coming year and two weeks added to the school year. These advantages are worth considering and should be remembered by those interested.

The only matter now necessary to explain is the transportation of the children to and from the school. This will be fully planned and definitely placed before the voters of each district before the date of election in June.

That people appreciate home news, local mention of incidents at home, is evident by the constantly increasing subscription list of The Times-Herald. Not only is this true in this county but those who are away are frequently giving encouragement to this great religious weekly for the greater amount of home news to be found in its columns. They get the telegraphic news in the big outside papers and thus keep in touch with general news and the war.

PROVIDE FOR SOLDIERS AFTER THE WAR

The people of the United States are so busily engaged in raising an army of proper proportions and in equipping and transporting them to the fighting zone that we seem to be overlooking the vital question of providing for those who will soon be returned to their home land, disabled from disease and wounds.

It seems to be a habit in America to wait for emergencies to arise before attempting to take care of them.

While we are raising and spending billions of dollars to kill the Hun—an operation which will necessarily mean that thousands of our own boys will be wounded, disabled and maimed—we have not yet begun to prepare for taking care of them after they are discharged from the hospitals provided for their immediate care.

I am informed that there are nine thousand wounded and disabled soldiers in the province of British Columbia alone—men who a short time ago left their homes in perfect physical condition, but who are now unable to perform military service or to resume their usual occupations. I am also advised that in British Columbia, all interned enemies have been put to work in the clearing and improvement of public lands which the Canadian Government will distribute to its discharged soldiers while those unfit for military duty on the front, are put over them as guards who see that the internes perform the necessary work in improving the land ready for occupancy and use when the soldiers are returned to it.

In this way, the enemies at home are compelled to work, but they also work under supervision of those who have a direct interest in getting the land in fit shape for their subsequent use.

After several years of army life, amid new countries and new scenes, facing death in its many horrible forms and undergoing the most nerve-racking and physical hardships, a large majority of our boys will welcome a retreat to the quiet repose of rural life. Many men highly skilled in various trades and accustomed to hard work, will not be able to return to their former occupations because of the change of view point which the toils and hardships of war has brought about.

As an economic and as a patriotic policy, a solution of this problem, which will be upon us as a nation within a few weeks following the first great battle in which our soldiers engage, should be worked out and put into effect.

After the Civil War, the situation serious then but not comparable to the magnitude of the one confronting this country now, was taken care of by the settlement of public lands by means of the soldiers' homestead. This policy can not be renewed for the reason that practically all of the good land upon which a man can make a living has been taken up.

It would be a crime to place the returned soldier out upon the large portion of the lands that are yet the public domain.

We spend many billions of dollars in the purchase of cannon and ammunition and in building barracks and clothing, all of which will be worn out or destroyed during the course of the war. Would it not be good economy to spend only one of these many billions of dollars in taking care of our boys when they get back or in giving them an opportunity to start life anew when their struggle is over.

My suggestion is that there be set aside in each of the Western States, one million acres of land. That the United States build the necessary irrigation systems to properly irrigate this land and clear it ready for use and occupancy. That in such reclamation they expend in the neighborhood of \$50.00 per acre, making a total of about half a billion dollars and that another half a billion be set aside to loan to these men for the purchase of farm equipment and stock. That they be allowed the use of this money for twenty five years without interest, the whole to be paid back at approximately the end of that period of time. The land to be divided into forty acre tracts and sold to men who were going to actually live upon the land. All of the interned enemies could be put to work in the improvement of the land and the building of the necessary works and the returned disabled soldiers put in charge of the construction camps. There are immense areas of land in each of the western states that by the application of water could be made veritable garden spots but which without water are desert wastes. Such a colonization would only develop and enrich the west but would be an exemplification of the gratitude of a thankful nation to the heroes who are sacrificing their all upon the altar of our country.

If this plan can be carried to successful fruition the West will be peopled by the very best blood of our nation and multitude of returned heroes and their posterity for time to come will be comforted, cheered and made to realize that the people at home are in part as unselfish and generous as the noble men who have already and are still giving their opportunities and lives to "our country"—yours and mine.

Oregon has been first in every endeavor for the prosecution of this war. Let us all help to make Oregon first in the realization of a grateful nation of the debt we owe our heroes.

Yours very truly,
JAY H. UPTON,
Pres. Oregon Irrigation Congress.

STATE ENGINEER PASSES THROUGH BURNS.

The Times-Herald representative met State Engineer John H. Lewis on the street in this city Monday morning. He was with a party of men among them being State Bank Examiner W. H. Bennett, with whom he had been inspecting an irrigation project over in Jordan Valley in order to make an appraisement of the worth of the bonds. They had driven through in an auto and were enroute to Silver Lake. Other members of the party were Paul S. Nickel, Harley J. Hooker and J. W. Maney.

Mr. Lewis and his party remained only for a short time Monday morning, but while here conferred with W. P. Davidson of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. and others interested in irrigation matters.

B. F. King, a horse buyer of Kansas, is here on business. Mr. King says he can sympathize with the people of this Valley in the grasshopper fight as his state has had them to contend with for years. They are hard to eradicate but Mr. King admires perseverance.

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