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Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

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TO UNITE SCHOOLS

The New Law Will Improve Rural Education.

People are now familiarizing themselves with the provisions of the new school law passed at the last legislative session, says the Baker City Democrat. This law will not take effect for some time yet and it can scarcely be utilized during the present school year. Next school year, however, it is more than likely that an experiment will be made along the lines laid down in the new statute.

The purpose of the law is to centralize the county schools and instead of having several schools scattered for miles around have one school which will accommodate the pupils of the discarded places. One of the principal arguments advanced in favor of this idea is that it will enable children in the country to receive a higher course of study than at present.

Under existing conditions the parents desiring their children to study beyond the eighth grade must send them to town. This is objectionable, as in the majority of instances the pupils are too young to leave the home influences. By consolidating several schools it will make possible advanced studies without the necessity of pupils going into the city.

Of course, if small schools are abandoned many pupils will have a greater distance to travel to attend the central school. This problem of transportation is not considered as being serious. Facilities can be supplied by proper forethought. Pupils can be readily taken to and returned from school in wagons.

This transportation arrangement can be settled by either charging a nominal fare to the children thus carried or the school district can supply free transportation by contract. This latter system is favored not only here but in eastern states, where the central school is an established institution.

The law takes effect May 21. Only two or more contiguous districts may be united. The first preliminary to the consolidation is a petition from the legal voters of each district to the district boundary board of the county in which the largest petitioning district is located. This board is composed of the County School Superintendent and the County Commissioners' Court.

"Such petition, if from a district of the first class (1000 school children or over) must contain the signatures of at least 100 legal school voters; if from a district of the second class (200 school children and less than 1000) at least 50 legal school voters; and if from a district of the third class (less than 200 school children) at least 10 legal voters."

The petition shall request the district boundary board to submit at the next annual meeting thereafter to the legal voters of the district the question of the consolidation of such districts. The boundary board within 10 days shall notify the school boards of the respective districts of the petition. Notice of the coming election shall be published by the respective district clerks.

The vote on the question of consolidation shall be by ballot. The result or the election shall be sent by the district clerk to the boundary board within five days and shall be canvassed by that board within 10 days thereafter. If the election in each district shall be favorable to consolidation the

boundary board shall consolidate all the said districts within 10 days after the vote shall have been canvassed. If a consolidated district is of the first class the site of the schoolhouse shall be determined as already provided by law. If the consolidated district is of the second or third class the site shall be chosen by the board of the newly consolidated district for one year after the consolidation. If the district board cannot agree, the district boundary board shall make the selection.

Consolidated districts of the first class shall have five directors and of the second and third classes three directors. These directors shall be the directors of the most populous original districts. In the consolidated district of the first class three new directors shall be elected at the first annual meeting after the consolidation, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years, the term of each to be determined by lot. But if the most populous district was of the first class only one director shall be elected at the first annual meeting after consolidation and he shall hold office five years. In consolidated districts of the second and third classes one director shall be elected at the first annual meeting after consolidation.

The terms of officers of districts that have been consolidated shall expire at the date of consolidation, but the officers of the most populous district shall be the officers of the consolidated district.

For the five years immediately following the consolidation the County School Superintendent shall at the time he apportions \$50 to each district, as now required by law, apportion to all consolidated districts formed under the provisions of this act as many times \$50 as there were districts consolidated.

Zella McVicker, night operator in the office of the Pacific States Telephone company at Sumpter, committed suicide at her home in Sumpter Monday afternoon of last week. Miss McVicker was at home with her little sister. Just before 4 o'clock she called her sister and sent her to the postoffice to mail a letter. When the little girl returned to the house, she found her sister on the bed dead. Everything indicated that the deed was deliberately planned. She had procured her father's revolver, with which she fired a bullet through her heart, threw the pistol away, folded her arms and lay back on the bed and expired. Miss McVicker was about 21 years of age. Unrequited love is assigned as the cause of her rash act.

Ples Armstrong who shot and killed Minnie Ensminger near Haines, Baker County, some weeks ago has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

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MUST PAY FOR DITCHES

Irrigation Plan Is Not a Government Gift.

There is a big rush for land on Butter Creek, the site of the first government irrigation project in Oregon. The government has not decided definite that they will undertake the proposition but have had the land withdrawn from entry except under the homestead law, pending investigation of the project by the government officials regarding its practicability.

Regarding the rights of settlers to water under the government plan, a dispatch to the Spokesman-Review of the 29th says: Appropos of the scores of homestead locations being made under the probable line of the government irrigation ditch in western Umatilla and northern Morrow counties, The Spokesman-Review correspondent has secured from the La Grande land office several points from the congressional measure of June 17, 1902, which provides for the reclamation of such lands. Few of the men filing claims under the proposed ditch are aware of the stringency of the regulations. The majority has probably filed blindly.

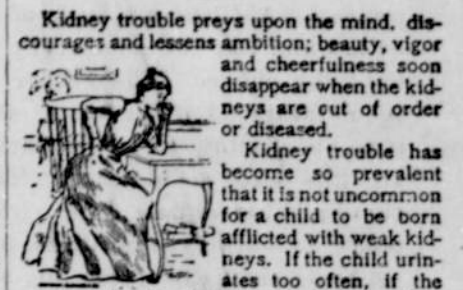
In the end it is not the government which pays for the ditch, but the men holding land under it. Compliance with the ordinary homestead laws is only a little of what the entryman on lands under the ditch has to do. Before he can get a patent he has to reclaim at least one half of the irrigable land of his entry and pay all charges. The secretary of the interior sets the price to be put on homesteadable lands, payments to be made in 10 annual installments. "These installments," runs the text of the measure, "are with a view of returning to the reclamation fund the amounts taken out for the irrigation."

Where a man holds deeded land under a government ditch the secretary fixes the price he must pay for the water privileges. No water right will be sold such a person for more than a quarter section, no matter if he owns 2000 acres under the ditch. A landholder of private land cannot buy a water right at all unless he is a bona fide resident of the land. This "queers" the plan of many who expect to buy out homesteaders who may have proven up on their claims, and grown tired of their task. In addition, a private landholder can get no permanent water right until he has paid all charges. If he fails to meet two annual installments he loses his right and all he has paid in. Uncle Sam is not giving anything away on this irrigation proposition, as 50 per cent of the Echo and Butter creek homesteaders seem to think.

The secretary of the Interior, contrary to the opinion of many, has all power. He orders location of the ditch, its survey, construction and all developments. He reports to congress at the beginning of each session. Tracts can not be homesteaded in areas of less than 40 acres, but the secretary gives notice of the limit of area which he thinks is sufficient for the support of each family when the contract for construction of the ditch is let.

If the Butter creek enterprise is declared unfeasible, the land will be restored to general entry under ordinary conditions.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.



Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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