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## SAYS THE ELECTION DID NOT CARRY

### Attorney-General Hands Down Decision in Union School Election.

Contrary to the expectation of the people interested in the organization of a union high school district, the Attorney-General handed down a decision in the recent election at the annual school meetings in the districts of the south end of the county, to the effect that the measure failed because there was not, according to his views, a majority of the districts voting in favor.

There were eight districts in the combination, four districts voted in favor of such organization, three voted against it, and one district failed to vote. The total of all votes cast gave a tremendous majority in favor, and it was considered that the attorney would decide the vote in favor of the election.

The people of this end of the county who have the education of the boys and girls at heart are not daunted because of this decision, but are ready to put more vim and energy in the affair than they did to begin with and we think it will only be necessary to make the next effort to carry the affair to success.

The Courier would suggest that instead of eight districts the union be made up of five districts, comprising Cloverdale, Woods, Pacific City, Union and Hebo, or that portion of Hebo lying this side of the Nestucca river. With the smaller district we believe it would

be advisable not to erect a building this year, but to secure an additional room, get the equipment necessary to make the school a standard high school and later erect a building suitable to the needs.

This will give the boys and girls of the Nestucca Valley an opportunity to advance in their education, which without a high school teaching the four grades they will be deprived of. As loyal lovers of progress and education we should not permit a thing to be placed in the way of those who wish to secure that education. At best it is an uphill haul to get an education and every effort possible should be made to make it as easy as possible. Education is what has made the United States stand in the front rank of the world's nations and it is a regrettable fact that there are some who give it so little consideration.

The law requires that the petitions designate where the school is to be located and after the election the chairman of each school board so combined is a member of the union high school board for the first year, after which they are elected, one from each district.

Cloverdale is the logical place for the high school because it is centrally located as to number of high school scholars. It has several homes where scholars can secure board either by paying a small amount or by earning their board by working outside of school hours, and furthermore, it has stores carrying school supplies to add to the convenience. There isn't a reasonable reason why Cloverdale should not be the place designated for the high school and the fact that it has already es-

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established a school teaching the two grades of high school work, is another good reason for locating the school at the above mentioned place.

Cloverdale is not at the edge of the district and with the five districts as suggested it would be practically in the geographical center.

### Golf Balls.

History tells us that at first golf balls were nothing but round or nearly round pebbles about the size of the sphere used at present. These were supplanted by the hand cut wooden balls and then in turn by the feather ball. Then came the gutta percha ball, of which an interesting story is told.

It is said a caddie in Scotland picked up a discarded football shoe with a gutta percha sole and tore off the sole. This he soaked in water until it was soft and then molded it with his hands to the size of a golf ball. Thence it was only a step to the molded and hammered gutta percha balls, which endured until as late as 1898, when the rubber cored ball was first brought out in the United States.

The rubber cored ball, the foundation of the ball of the present, was not taken into England until three or four years later, and it is interesting to note that in 1905 Aleck Herd, who was the

only player in the field using the ball, won the British open championship with it.—New York Sun.

### Feathered Surgeons.

Snipe and woodcock have often been taken with a mass of feathers on one of the legs. This mass when examined has always been found to cover a broken bone. The feathers have been carefully and neatly twisted round the part where the limb was fractured in such a way as to prove that they had been put on intentionally as a bandage or splint, and the repairs have been made quite as skillful as if performed by a qualified surgeon.

A well known naturalist actually watched a woodcock through his glasses drag a broken leg to the margin of a stream. There the bird took some clay and, after working it into a paste with its beak, smeared it round the leg in layer after layer, adding a number of downy feathers which it plucked from its own back and breast. When the operation was finished the bird stood stiff more than an hour, no doubt to give the plaster time to set.

Wounds on other parts of the body have also been found plastered in the same way.—London Answers.

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