

ODELL THAT HIGH SCHOOL MEETING SATURDAY

By Roswell Shelley. Odell, East Hood River Valley, Jan. 31.—Supt. Ackerman told us that the meeting last Saturday for the consideration of the matter of a high school for Hood River valley was the most enthusiastic meeting of the kind he had ever attended. We are very glad to note this fact, and the further fact that we consider this move for the consolidation of the valley districts into one large district by far the most important as touching the material welfare and future development of the valley that has ever been considered by the combined intelligence of town and country. After hearing the clear out statements of Mr. Ackerman, who is a man of large experience and who is in possession of facts as to the ultimate results that are sure to accrue from this consolidation movement. We are convinced that the one district proposition is the one that should be adopted, and living in the country as does the writer, I claim the privilege of saying that if there be a spirit of jealousy in the outlying districts that would for one moment check the progress of this gigantic movement for the ultimate benefit of the valley by urging the slightest objection to the location of this high school building at or near town, we hope they will forever banish it from their minds. The fact that we will furnish a large part of the property upon which a tax will be laid for the erection of the school building and following up this thought the town district would also furnish an army of pupils as compared with any single district in the country. So that in figuring upon the transportation question it would prove much less expensive in placing pupils at the door of the building. Then another important feature is that if Prof. Ackerman's statement be true that a high school under proper management would stimulate and strengthen the lower grades in an effort to prepare for the high school course there is no good reason why our pride in the country school should be weakened. On the other hand we think that it would be strengthened and that our school work in the country would improve. Let us get away from this false theory of antagonism between town and country, and imbibe the now popular idea of growing big together. As we understand the law governing the consolidation of districts it requires the matter to be settled by a vote of all the districts at the annual meeting which is in June. This being the case, an educational campaign should begin at once, and yet, come to think of it, when we remember that if this matter goes through along the lines indicated at Saturday's meeting, the consolidation of the districts carries with it the transportation of pupils to the door of the building who live outside the two mile limit. The expense is to be assessed to the consolidated

district. The fact established, that the country pupil is to be conveyed to the school free, and we are placed upon equal footing with the town pupil. Besides we have the luxury of a country home, of living in the open and yet possessing all the advantages of the city student. This is the country side of it. Now word about the town phase of the question. While the taxable property of the town would be drawn upon for the building and maintenance of the school in larger amounts than the single country district, yet the quickening of the commercial life of the city the result of increased population in a desirable class of home builders elevating the intellectual, moral and financial standing of the city in a way that in a short time both city and country folk would feel satisfied and fully justified in the thought of improved conditions. Let's all work together unselfishly and bring about a condition so that we can say to the Hood River teachers that they will no longer be under the humiliating condition of saying to parents, we can do nothing for your advanced children; you must go to The Dalles or Portland, N. O., let us open the doors to as good a high school as can be found in the state of Oregon and do it speedily. By all means let us consolidate.

The Black Estate.
Out of a sense of duty toward myself and in justice to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Runcorn, I desire to say a few words concerning this matter that has been the cause of much trouble and attracted wide attention, a matter that has resulted in crimination and recrimination, and in doing so I shall endeavor to recite facts without any coloring, leaving your readers to be the judges in the case. During the latter part of January, 1905, I was called to the bedside of John W. Black who was dying with consumption, and at his request, wrote his last will and testament. There in that silent chamber with him alone, with quickening breath he told me in detail the condition of his affairs. He gave me his family history and the reasons not necessary here to state why he desired to bequeath the bulk of his property to Mr. and Mrs. Runcorn instead of his relatives, from whom he had not heard since 1883. I carefully wrote the will just as he dictated it, and in the will the most of the property was bequeathed to the Runcorns, and in the will he named myself as executor, and although pressure was brought to bear upon the county court through this same outside influence a contest was filed in the case by V. B. Black, brother of the deceased, and who lives in Texas. On the 15th and 15th of September this contest was tried out before his Honor, Judge Lake, at The Dalles, in so far as it could be at that time, when referees were appointed both in Portland and Walla Walla. About a month later the case was again called to complete the testimony and arguments, all of which was done, and the case taken under advisement and a few days thereafter by a decision of the court

the will was sustained. But this did not settle the matter, and later on, in December, I was served with a citation to appear in court and show cause why I should not be removed as executor, and after annoying the beneficiaries and killing all the time possible, the case was last week settled out of court.
Under the provisions of the will the heirs of the deceased, who became the contestants, were bequeathed the residue of the property after other bequests were made to the Runcorns. This residue would have amounted for several hundred dollars had the estate been settled according to the wishes of the deceased peacefully out of court. But under the contest, it became my duty to defend the will out of the funds of the estate, and it now happens that this useless fight has cost the estate more than one thousand dollars during which all the residue has been swallowed up so that the contestants fail to get one dollar. The motive for this waste of money in a fight against equity law and the facts in the case is well understood by the public at Odell, so it is not necessary to name the few parties engaged in it. But inasmuch as my character has been repeatedly assailed in this matter and inasmuch as the record of the case is an open one, I am willing to stand upon that record and abide by the verdict of the people who are familiar with the case in all its details. For the parties who were responsible for all this trouble "there is no law."

There were two more real estate deals at Odell last week. L. M. Wilson and wife sold to Mrs. P. N. Cushman and her son, Edward B., their home, consisting of a ten acre tract, being a part of the Lenz place. Mr. Wilson bought this 10 acres 3 years ago very cheap in the rough and has it well improved, and what is cleared is well kept, making it a very comfortable home for the Cushman family. The place sold for \$2000 cash, and while the consideration is satisfactory to the Wilsons, as they have property in the state of Washington, where they desire to move, yet it is a good buy. It is a slightly place and an ideal home.
John Kroger sold 60 acres to C. S. McDuffee, a recent arrival here from Portland. Mr. McDuffee is pleased with the valley, and having several boys who were seeking for work, McDuffee took this opportunity in securing a home sight in the most charming valley in all the Northwest. We congratulate him on his judgment. He left last Thursday for a brief trip to Chicago in response to telegrams from a "widespread" house for whom he has been traveling for several years. He expects to return to his family here in ten days.
Interesting church services were conducted last Sunday morning at the Union church by Rev. Wood of Hood River.
Director Carns of Odell district informs me that there will be a public meeting held at the school house at Odell on Thursday, the 1st day of Feb-

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WHITE SALMON.
The butcher, Mr. Betnon, went back to California recently. The butcher shop is now in the hands of Peter Wyrns and August Lauterbach.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groshone came back to White Salmon January 30 and took possession of their boarding house again. They have been gone about two months. We all expected Frank back again. Any one who has lived in White Salmon as long as he has can never be contented long any where else.
C. W. Moore of Front Lake was in town this week on business connected with the electric railway. He says it takes a big man to build a railroad.
Mrs. Field is on the sick list.
Peter Groshone sold his place to Mr. Reynolds of Hood River. The deal was closed last Monday.
The grangers of White Salmon held their monthly meeting last Saturday afternoon. They had an installation of officers and a good program was rendered by the school children. The following are the officers for the coming year: A. H. Jewett, master; Mrs. Jewett, lecturer; Mr. Kast, secretary; Mr. Bradley, treasurer; Mr. Field, chaplain; D. Thornaker, overseer; H. E. Clyde, steward; Mr. Zeigler, assistant steward; Mrs. Feok, lady assistant; Mrs. Wyrns, business manager; Mrs. Martin, florist; Hanson Dunn, gate keeper.

SUNDAY IS THE DAY OF REST
But even rest frequently becomes tiresome. You know this is so. You lie in bed, because you can do so until you are almost too tired to get up. Eat a late breakfast and sit around the house until you are so tired that you think you will go to church and on returning you get your morning paper.
This is a diversion for a while, but after a time you commence to paw the sheets over and yawn. You are tired reading the paper so you commence to saunter about the house with your hands in your pockets and perhaps for sheer want of something to do you kick the dog a couple of times. By this time "rest" has got on your nerve to such an extent that you feel that you must take a walk.
It is now near dusk and after you walk about for a while aimlessly you start for home tired of everything. As you come around by the depot you see a large white building lit up with electric lights and you hear the strains of good music and on looking up you see in gilt letters
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Going inside you find everything cheerful and bright and in order to hear the music better you go into the dining room and are seated at a table. By this time you have forgotten that you are tired. You order your dinner. You gaze around the pretty dining room meeting the glances from animated faces and sparkling eyes and you are at last rested. It does you good. You contemplate the routine of the coming week more placidly for you think, I can come again next Sunday and bring my wife or if she isn't home, my best girl. You won't forget the
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Rogers Early Dewberry
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BARRETT.
Frank Gibbons quietly passed away last week, also his baby daughter, and were silently laid to rest in Pasadenas, Cal. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved wife and friends who mourn their loss.
Mrs. Dunn of Rockford avenue is now very ill. Dr. Shaw is attending to the case and is often called. We hope she may recover again.
James Ingalls sold a good fifty dollar cow last week and also bought a span of good horses.
It was the writer's privilege when in Portland Friday to visit the boys and girls' aid society's home. I was escorted through the institution and the workings of the home were fully explained to me. It is very neat and clean. Most of the children go to school near by, and all are taught to work. Mr. Gardner, the superintendent, requested me to thank the many friends of Hood River who so kindly remembered the children on Thanksgiving day by their liberal gifts of potatoes and other vegetables, fruit and clothes.
C. A. Merriam is having a large new substantial barn built to replace the one recently burned. Joel Blount is the boss carpenter.
Mr. E. Brayford has just purchased a full blooded Plymouth Rock rooster from E. M. Calkins of Lents, who keeps a fine lot of birds. Now Mrs. Brayford will be ready to furnish eggs for setting purposes and guarantee satisfaction.
We would like to see our road supervisor out with a force of men working on our roads as soon as possible.
It was my privilege to attend the meetings at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Sunday in Portland. We were favored with music by the orchestra band and then the congregation sang "Thine the Glory." We were favored with a song from the quartet from the White Temple. Afterwards Bishop Bell of the United Brethren church addressed the congregation on the secrets of manhood and the things essential to good citizenship. The speaker held the audience spell bound and many were the "amens" which came from that vast audience. The speaker was an eloquent, truly forceful and persuasive speaker. It was a pleasure to me to see so many young men gathered together and seeking after good.
Dr. Shaw was a caller at the Rockford store on Monday morning last, and said that he was surprised to find such a well stocked store of all kinds of goods. The doctor made an apology for not making our acquaintance before. We say, call again, doctor.
I am informed that B. F. Edleman, G. D. Woodworth, Wm. Massey of the east side, and F. W. Angus and R. Shelley are now out in favor of consolidating the whole valley in the purchase of a rock crusher. Let it be unanimous and settle this matter once for all. Now we want a good high school, then we want good roads leading to that school, and it is certain we cannot have good roads unless we have the tools to make them. Then the good roads and schools will benefit everybody whether by teams or on foot. We again say, let everybody support it.
Meetings will be held at Pine Grove, Odell, Crapper and Barrett schools to discuss the question of building a high school. Let every one attend these different meetings and all say "Yes, we will support the high school."
J. J. Gibbons and Albert returned home on Monday night, after being out in California for several weeks.
The directors of the new irrigation ditch visited and inspected the work being done and report everything satisfactory. There are now 50 men at work, and as soon as the weather permits the contractors will put on 150 more men. There will be about 2200 feet completed by Feb. 1st, and it looks like having plenty of water at the proper time.

Will Address Meeting.
The horticultural meeting to be held at Forest Grove Feb. 3rd will be addressed by the following gentlemen: Hon. E. L. Smith, president of the state board of horticulture; A. L. Mason, president of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union; H. M. Williamson, editor of the Rural Northwest; Professors E. R. Lake and A. B. Cordley of the state agricultural college, and Hon. W. K. Newell, commissioner for the first horticultural district.

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