

ODELL

WILLING TO DEBATE HIGH SCHOOL MATTER

By Roswell Shelley. Odell, East Hood River Valley, Feb. 28. Judging from the spirit of enthusiasm manifested at the high school meeting last Saturday at Hood River it would appear that there would be little trouble in getting a majority vote for consolidation when the time comes. We regret the fact that it seemed necessary to drop Crapper district from the list. But as the majority should rule, and it seemed that they were not ready to take the matter up, and a failure on the part of one district to vote the measure would kill the whole thing, it is best to allow them to withdraw, yet we feel that when the good results of centralized work are demonstrated they will be glad to come in. It appears that all along the line wherever this plan has been tried that it has proven a decided success, and to the writer there is only one side to this question, and with this opinion firmly fixed W. L. Carnes, H. S. Galligan and Roswell Shelley hereby challenge any one or party of three to debate the following questions, the parties making the challenge assuming the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved, That it is to the interest of the people of Hood River valley to consolidate the school districts of lower Hood River valley into one district with one central high school, the pupils to be transported to and from said high school, outside the two mile limit, at the expense of the district."

audience was expectant and attentive, being represented by the majority of the residents of Odell with quite a sprinkling of the elite from Pine Grove, Mount Hood and Barrett. From every point of view the whole bloomin' show was a decided success, the proceeds being \$25, which went into the school library fund. Pressure is now being brought upon the troupe for a repetition of this play, and should it come to pass then we will have opportunity to redeem ourselves by going more into details. During the three years last past we have devoted quite a bit of time to the work of writing the notes from Odell, and many has been the time that had we consulted our own personal feelings we would perhaps have put in the time reading or resting instead of pumping hot air into the Glacier from Odell, as we are sometimes accused of doing. But from this road would only increase business at Odell, but a sharp advance in land lying adjacent to the proposed road. Several parties from Mount Hood, Barrett and Pine Grove attended the entertainment at Odell recently, including Oscar Fredenburg and Mr. Davidson of Mount Hood, J. B. Jackson and wife of Pine Grove, and several persons from Barrett. Robert Leasure, W. S. Gribble and Wm. Hockaby of Mount Hood passed through Odell last week. They were talking telephone line to Mount Hood, which we trust will be an accomplished fact. Nothing is too good for Mount Hood, for it is suburb of Hood River. Land lookers are in evidence about Odell almost every day. The wave is spreading and has reached the future further out they go the cheaper they find prices, and as prices decline other advantages except distance increase. The advent of the railroad closes up the gap of distance, and now Odell has many inducements to offer those who are seeking home sites, for with the investment they make in land are thrown in free—pure water, fresh air, sheltered retreats and scenic effects that are priceless, and as the years go will become priceless. Come this way and get in on the ground floor. How is this: A Bennett of the Oregon Irrigation places us on the dead end list and furnishes us a copy of his paper, all on account of having read the Odell notes, and we beg to say that Bennett is not only running a good live paper, but is proving that he is perhaps the best advertiser there is in the state of Oregon, considering his facilities. Clearing land is now the daily occupation of country folks here. Soon planting time will come and by and by the harvest. There is always a seed time and a harvest, or those who are willing to work and wait. In looking over the pioneer field here we can now see what it means to improve opportunities. The man who planted the red apple tree 10 years ago is now on Easy street. Opportunity, like the poor, are always with us. On our swift trip last week to the Sound, we were glad to note all along the way evidences of growth and development that has come to stay. All over the Northwest there is a feeling of confidence that prompts development work such as has not been for years, and with such development values are climbing and a condition

of permanent prosperity is now fastened upon this favored section that will grow as the years go into decades the march of progress will still go on. Last Friday's literary marked another pleasant evening's entertainment. The upper part of the school building was for the first time thrown open to the literary club. Six new bracket lamps lighted the double nicely, and with the vocal and instrumental talent and the literary make of the crowd which assemble there, it proves a good place for the listener, and to be a good listener means something. This literary club has been a prominent factor in unifying sentiment and the building up of better conditions here. While in Tacoma last week we met old friends of our neighbor, T. P. Friday, who were exceedingly solicitous about his affairs. Mr. Friday was once a familiar and prominent figure at Everett and Tacoma, and his old friends there wish him well. Last week by using the time while reading, I hastily read Jack London's book entitled, "A Call to the Wild." The hero is Buck, a large dog stolen from Judge Miller and sold to Alaskan parties whose after life and occupation was that mauling on the trail under "Club and fang." There is inspiration, and the promptings to a higher life reflected between the lines of this little book, teaching us that after all we are animals and many of us not far removed in conduct from the dumb animals that do our bidding. Buck, from all accounts, distinguished himself as the hero and London leaves him in the wilds of Alaska, heading a pack of half wolf dogs, leading, training and civilizing them. One fresh milk cow with calf, by her side for sale for \$35 by the Little White store people. Also a second hand hack cheap. Mrs. Ehrhart, nee Miss Hull, resumed her work as teacher of the winter school last week. Miss Davenport of Mosier had successfully carried on the work during her absence and has returned to her home in Mosier. The sloppy condition of the Odell streets caused an accumulation of mud on the sidewalks, and it became almost impossible for teachers and children to get to school, so our principal, S. J. Ennis, became the man behind the hoe the other day and caused a transfer in real estate to the community for service for which he is entitled to a vote of thanks. L. A. E. Clark last year invested in a span of mules, paying \$150. Since then he has sold two head, and last week got \$125 for one of the two originally purchased. This leaves him the other, and he thinks that he has a very little. We think Clark lost his calling when he became an anchor. He should become a horse merchant. There are a string of fine looking horses being paraded about the streets of Odell every day that ought to bring a good price. Get Clark to sell them. This reminds us of that fine German coach stallion in the valley the standard of fancy bred horses should be raised. Frank Strang and J. W. Wilson shipped a car of wood last week from Odell. C. S. McDuffee and sons are arranging to have some land cleared that they recently purchased from John Kroeger. W. P. and D. R. Kemp completed the cutting of 102 ricks of wood last Saturday for the Little White store people who are willing to work and wait. It represents about half of their stock of rick wood, with which they are bordering the 50 rod frontage of their 25 acre tract. W. A. Lockman and Frank Neff have been confined at home for the past few days with a grippe. They were not seriously ill and we hope to see them out soon. Fresh ranch eggs are now plentiful and a legal tender at Odell. We all have our troubles, but we imagine that the crop of 1906 candidates under the mysterious workings of the nominating primary law find themselves in a worse mixup than ever in. Perhaps the intent of the law was good, but it evidently requires some amendments before it is satisfactory to either the candidates or the people. With no provisions for convulsions to endorse candidates, to place them upon party platforms before the people, it becomes a free for all proposition, and the fellow who proves himself the best mixer will get there. Every member of the legislature seems to think that he has passed some remedial legislation, but like the sport who follows the race course and beat on the field and wins out, so the time has come in Oregon with a cumbersome code containing many obnoxious and impetive laws, that the member who goes there to amend, repeal and vote against the majority of bills presented would best serve his country and remembering "that the man who serves his country best serves his party best." It would be good thing for a few members next time to try it. Paul Jones, one of Dr. M. A. Jones' little sons of Hood River, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. M. D. Odell. He spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Shelley. The presence of Paul, dressed in a dandy suit and call us back to the years when our little ones were with us, and as we pause we listen for the laughter of children coming to us like the music of the rippling stream or the foot fall that comes no more, but come to think of it, there will come a time when all things will be righted. Until that glad day we must wait. F. L. Klemer of Fairbault, Minn., in company with his son, Edgar L., last Monday purchased 40 acres of Alfred Wood of Odell. The land is situated about half a mile east of the Little White store, and the price paid by Mr. Fairbault was \$75 an acre. Considering Mr. Wood's age and condition, the sale was a good one. The latter did not retire from agriculture to enjoy the comforts of a modern home, which he has been building and which is about completed. MOUNT HOOD. A number of the young fellows from here attended the "Rag Time" masquerade at Odell last Thursday night. They all report a good time, but were sorry to think the judges could not decide in favor of one of our boys who had over 100 patches on his clothes. Hugh Knight of Columbus, Wash., was here last week to get his father's apples packed and hauled; also to do some work on the place, so they could turn it over to the renter, R. B. Morton. Hugh returned home Sunday. The school celebrated Washington's birthday with exercises to suit the occasion. A number of visitors were present and they all enjoyed the exercises very much. Another telephone meeting was held at the Mount Hood hall Saturday. The stock books were opened to be signed by those who want to take

stock in the company. Some propositions were offered by the Bell company, but they cannot be taken up for a while. Mr. Wood of Hood River, representing the Bell telephone company, was present at the meeting. J. P. Cooper spent last week with his brother, J. E., on the latter's new place near Astoria. They expected to drain a lake and anticipated having great sport catching the fish afterwards. Joe Demick and his family have moved from Dee, where Joe has been working in the logging camp, to his place on Main street. M. Dumas and family spent Sunday at the Fredenburg home. BARRETT. One of the old land marks in the Barrett district is fast disappearing. P. Demore, having bought the old Barrett house from Mr. Sargent, is now tearing it down, and moving it to his own land, where he expects to utilize most of it. As these old land marks decay and pass away, so with our old pioneers. One by one they are passing away. So with us when the summons come we shall have to pass on into the great beyond, from whence no traveler ever returns to tell the story. Roland Phelps is busy hauling lumber for the new house he is building for Mr. Rowley, near town. The freight team has begun to run up to the Parkertown saw mill, so we expect the mill will be running at full blast in a very short time. B. F. Edelman says he will make things pretty lively in a few days, by putting a little dynamite powder under the 'M' stamps on the road. He says he will have good roads as far as possible. Mrs. E. Brayford has just purchased a ten dollar Plymouth Rock rooster, which makes a very fine addition to her flock. No expense is going to be spared to have the best, so as to give perfect satisfaction. Blood will tell. L. Dart is a happy man nowadays, because of the newowner at his place, and it is a better calf. A. Betley has been breaking a nice lot of timber on the place, and during the last week. He says it will take a good stake to buy his horse. Special notice is being given through the Oregon dailies that the county clerk's office will be kept open until 9 o'clock, so that workmen may register at Rockford, papers for that purpose having been set here by the county clerk, so be sure to register. L. Jones of Walla Walla is now visiting with his sister, Miss Emma, at Camp Lookout. Mr. Jones has decided to sell his 130 acres of land on reasonable terms. Several of the boys have just returned from Green Point, and they assure your correspondent that the snow is six feet deep on the level and still deeper in the woods, so that they can get full timber. Well, more snow, more water for irrigation purposes, if we can only get it down here in time for the crops. There is to be a meeting of the electors of the irrigating district of Hood River at the Barrett school house Friday, March 2, at 7 o'clock p. m. Let all the voters of importance will be discussed. WHITE SALMON. FROM THE ENTERPRISE. J. L. Neil was a passenger on the little boat to Hood River a few days ago. C. W. Parsons and wife are spending a few days in Hood River visiting with relatives of Mrs. Parsons, and especially a brother who has lately returned from Canada. Commissioners' Proceedings: In the matter of the application of G. W. Smith and others for a reduction in the rates of The Dalles & Rockland Ferry company, a corporation, same is set for hearing April 4, 1906. In the matter of the application of W. M. Clauson for license to operate a saloon on the Columbia river adjacent to lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, sec. 32, tp 3 north, range 12 east, the board having duly considered the matter the license was denied. In the matter of the application of the White Salmon, Trout, Lake & Glenwood Telegraph and Telephone company for a franchise to erect, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along certain public roads and highways in Klickitat county for a term of 50 years, it is ordered that the date of hearing said petition be fixed for April 7th, and the county auditor is hereby directed to give notice by publication of said hearing as prescribed by law. The board finding that the offices of constable and justice of the peace are vacant in Centerville precinct, and that the citizens of the precinct are desirous of having these offices filled, and that James I. Munden is a suitable person for constable and L. B. Smith a suitable person for justice of the peace, it is hereby ordered that James I. Munden and L. B. Smith be appointed to the offices respectively of constable and justice of the peace of Centerville precinct. It appearing to the board that the Portland and Seattle Railway company is interfering with and destroying county roads in various parts of Klickitat county, it is ordered that the county surveyor, in conjunction with the county commissioner of his respective district examine the crossings of said railway over the county roads and take such action as they may deem necessary for the preservation of the road system of the county.

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