

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." The parties making this challenge being all residents of Odell district, would prefer having the debate at the Odell school house, yet we did meet their opponents at any one of the five districts in this consolidation movement. Absence from home last week interfered with writing the usual gist of notes last week, and as there is always something doing at Odell worth recording, I found on my return that the sins of omission are about as bad as those of commission, for several things I have been reminded of the fact of no notes last week and asked for a reason why. This failure on my part is regretted by the writer from the fact that there was an opportunity to write up the drama put on the boards here at Odell on the 16th which was worthy of special mention, and by a more gifted writer than the author of the Odell notes. During the entire season of Odell's splendid entertainments that was the red letter day. The very best talent had been selected and with patient and perfect drilling on that memorable evening was flashed behind the footlights and before the four hundred of Odell the most brilliant entertainment ever presented to the good people of Odell. The role of characters was well sustained, every one of whom appeared in the News-Letter written

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 we sat foot on the pine clad park of the Little White store grounds 'neath the shadow of these grand old snow covered mountains we have always had an abiding faith in the future of this most charming valley, and a light sense of responsibility in helping in a small way to make the outside world know something concerning the indescribable charms and financial reward awaiting those who had pinned their faith and pitched their tent here. Then again I admit a selfish motive. Having embarked in business here I was exceedingly anxious to increase the selling capacity of the Little White store, and how well I have succeeded in one or both of the things that lay near my heart I am willing the people shall judge. At any rate, each week I take the pencil and record a small part of the local happenings here, my faith in the future of our beloved valley, and I feel a tinge of satisfaction concerning my work, although poorly done. So with renewed energy and unbounding and untrammeled faith in the role of Hood River that will unfold in the near future under the work of development now being crowded, I am quite content to work and wait, for the end is not yet. Clint Wood, who is at work with the Davenport people at Green Point, spent Sunday at Odell with his parents. Clint informs us that the new mill is fast approaching completion, and when once finished will be a daily. It will have a capacity of 150,000 feet daily. Lumber seems to be in demand and has already advanced in Portland, Tacoma and other large lumbering centers. Clint is always welcome by his friends at Odell. Miss Nettie Kemp, whose home is at Odell, and whom all of Odell delights to honor, has succeeded a position with the new real estate firm of J. H. Heilbronner & Co. of Hood River, and will now be in easy reach of her friends. We are glad to know that Nettie is to be with us and congratulate this real estate concern upon the fact of securing the services of such a capable and worthy young lady as "Our Nettie." By the way, this concern that advertises to do things seems to be already doing something. Their methods of advertising should bring many people, all of whom will look, and many of them buy in the valley of Hood River. We think there is room for this wide awake concern, and we give them the glad hand. We desire to correct an item that appeared in the News-Letter written

by its Odell correspondent last week relative to the shipping of the first car of freight from Odell over the Mount Hood railroad. It was the Little White store people who are entitled to this honor, and we object to our neighbor snatching this laurel from the brow of the senior member of the Little White store, for he intends to drill his grandchildren so that when he has garnered his last pencil and gone to his last reward that they will say that their grand father shipped the first car of freight over this road. Why not get about it and open up a county road from Odell to the Pine Grove settlement, starting at Odell and running across the hill between the places of Wm. Ehrick and the Kemp ranches and continuing to the east side road, would open up quite a lot of country that at the present time is isolated. The opening of this road would not 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 valley 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 peerless, 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 for his welfare. 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. Ehrick, 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. BARRETT. One of the old landmarks in the Barrett district is fast disappearing. P. Denmore, 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 landmarks 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. Betty has been breaking a nice lot of timber on the hill, 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 fall 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 auditor, 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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