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SCHOOL DISTRICT SELLS TO COUNTY

By a vote of 71 to 19, the, voters of school District No. 3 sold the State street property, which is now being used for court house purposes, to the county for \$10,000. The meeting was held at the Park Street school Thurs-

Anticipating a concerted movement in the part of some of the hill resi-lents who desire the court house build-ngs located on the Heights, there was good crowd from the lower town on and to vote for the proposition of selling the State street property to the county for a court house site. The apposition was on hand early, but by hree o'clock the lower town showed

p in good numbers. There was but little debate over the uestion. The clerk read the call of he meeting and then read the law as the qualifications of voters, and fter questions as to certain points in he matter the question was put to a rote. Chairman Castner suggested a iva voce vote, but it was argued that reasion, and it was so ordered. At the time of the creation of the new county, the county court rented the State street school property until anuary 1, 1911, by which time the election of a permanent county seat would be settled at the general elec-

tion. They also secured an option on the property for \$10,000, which ex-pires with the lease. The vote of the

school district was necessary to give the hoard authority to sell the prop-erty, hence the called meeting. It has been the general opinion the State street property was the logi close to the business district for school purposes, and close enough for the court house, while the price is more reasonable than the county could se-cure any other property for as near the business district. Another consideration is the fact that the county has temporary quarters fixed up in the old school building which will answer until the county is ready for a new court house. Judge Derby said that the deal would be closed for the property, fut the terms of payment had not been

Fruit Shipments at Milton.

Nearly one-half million boxes and rates of fruit and berries were shipped o various parts of the country by the Milton Fruit Growers' union this year, ording to the report of Manager H.

Exactly 475,841 boxes and crates o fruit and berries were shipped by the Manager Lamb's report. Of these 26,101 were crates of strawberries, which brought the growers an average of \$2.03 a crate, or a total of \$52,928.20. The principal varieties shipped were Magoons. Gibsons and Hood Rivers. Two years ago the union handled

mly 2564 crates. In all 150,551 crates of prunes, 150 carloads were handled. These d the growers \$30 a ton. Of pples, the union shipped 170,821 boxes these 62,408 were of the Ben Davis jety and 41,238 of the Rome

Among the other fruits and berries handled by the union were the following: 12,588 boxes of pears, 1208 boxes of crabapples, 4000 crates of black berries, 10,000 crates of cherries, 94 erates of raspherries and 2,402 boxe peach plums. Only a small amount ots being 62,000 pounds of beans and 2,000 pounds of peas. East Ore-

Organize Fruit Union.

Secretary B. M. Sproat of the apple growers' association was in town Tues-gday and called on The Independent. Mr. Sproat urges all growers to present at the meeting to be held in Hillsboro Saturday, Dec. 31. It is the intention to take up the organization fruit growers' union along the es the same that have proved so sucssful at Hood River and elsewhere, Sproat thinks there should be an ffective organization by the time the ext crop is marketed. A boost has cen given the county fruit in the wards at the Portland show and grow. rs should be in a position to profit by L. It is well known that much Wash-agton county fruit is sold as coming rom other sections, but now it has sen publicly demonstrated what the unty can do in the way of apples a county can no in the way of appear at east. Mr. Sproat thinks a beginning hould be made, no matter on how mall at scale, and points to the be-ginning of the strong Hood River union ith but 30 members and shares worth at \$2. He takes the position that it s a mire business proposition and no lifterences should be allowed to inter-ere with organization. Hillsboro In-

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