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### A TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

A number of the prominent teachers of the county are advocating the organization of a teachers' association for Jackson county and the question will be brought up at the institute to be held in Jacksonville on October 28, 29 and 30th. The advantages of an association to the teachers and the benefits to the schools of Jackson county are many and obvious to all who are familiar with school work. To the teachers it would give them a fellowship and a spirit of co-operation and a higher appreciation of their profession that would be helpful to them in many ways. As a school of experience it would give them an excellent opportunity to compare methods and experiences in their work that would enable them to profit by each others successes or failures.

The plan of organization and of work that is being considered is one similar to the Clackamas County association which is one of the most successful in the state. The Clackamas association meets on a Saturday of each month at various places in the county in rotation, during the summer months meeting in places back in the country and during the winter in towns readily accessible. The meetings are attended by parents and school board members as well as by teachers and a picnic dinner is always served. The day is made one of recreation and goodfellowship quite as much as of school work. By having the parents and directors attend their interest in the schools is aroused and a better understanding and a spirit of co-operation is built up between them and the teachers. The Clackamas association never looks for a place of meeting, it having become so popular that it always has invitations ahead from places anxious to entertain the teachers. This plan could be made to work admirably here in Jackson county for the winter meetings could be held in the winter towns and the summer meetings in the interior places. Of course it is not likely that when the association is organized that its meetings will at first be attended by 50 to 75 teachers as is now the case with the Clackamas association but like that association it may be able to organize with but nine members, and if the progressive teachers of the county take hold of the undertaking the Jackson County Teachers' Association can be made a go.

The semi-annual finance report of County Clerk John S. Orth among other things that it shows that are satisfactory to the taxpayers of Jackson county is the small amount of the circuit court expenses, the entire amount for the past six months being but \$877.60 which is but \$157.60 more than were the county court and commissioners expenses. The Justice court expenses for the same period of six months was \$225.00. This showing is a fine compliment to the econom-

ical manner in which Judge Hanna conducts the business of the circuit court that it may not be, as it is in so many counties of Oregon, a source of big expenses to the taxpayers. A comparison of the circuit court expenses of the various counties of the state prove that in proportion to population that no other county has a less circuit court expense account than has Jackson. Judge Hanna in restricting the sessions of his court from dragging along to interminable lengths has not interfered with the interests of litigants nor jeopardized the cause of justice. The Judge's prompt manner of handling business in his court has saved litigants hundreds of dollars in expenses and given the shortest possible detention to jurymen, a matter of such importance to men who are compelled to leave their business to attend court. Every attorney practicing before Judge Hanna has found him fair and just in his rulings on points of law and ever ready to grant them ample time in which to present their cases, yet they were ever aware that he would permit no needless delays on their part, nor undue familiarities and advantages. So clearly has the Judge interpreted the law and so equitable have been his decisions that he has the honor of having fewer cases appealed to the supreme court and fewer cases reversed by that court than any of the other circuit Judges of Oregon with but one exception. That Judge Hanna will be selected at the general election next June is conceded by prominent men of all parties, for do what the politicians may the taxpayers and voters generally will give the Judge such a strong endorsement that his defeat would be matter beyond accomplishment.

The fruitgrowers of Rogue River appear to be evolving a distinctive name for their fruit. Prior to this year all fruit shipped from this valley bore on the boxes the very vague name of Oregon Apples or Oregon Pears as the fruit happened to be. This year the boxes bear the more localized name of Southern Oregon and if this progressive movement keeps up next year fruit shipped from Rogue River and not Oregon nor Southern Oregon. To call Rogue River fruit Oregon fruit was a handicap that cost the growers of this section thousands of dollars each season for there is such a large part of the fruit grown in Oregon that is of inferior quality that the name does not signify in the markets a superior quality and command a fancy price. The same is true of Southern Oregon, which is a section of country almost as large as all New England and has so diversified a climate and soil that each valley has its distinct quality of fruit. Rogue River produces quite as distinct fruit from Umpqua or the other sections of Southern Oregon as does Hood River from Willamette Valley or the other sections of Northern Oregon. No one ever saw a Hood River box of apples branded Oregon, nor Northern Oregon and there is equal reason for the Rogue River growers advertising to Rogue River and not lowering the good name of their fruit by calling it Southern Oregon nor Oregon. This year the Hood River growers are getting a higher price for their apples than are the Rogue River growers, yet it is an admitted fact by all buyers that our apples are superior in size, flavor and coloring to those grown at Hood River. The difference in price is caused alone by the difference in demand. Hood River fruit has been systematically advertised and a demand built up for that fruit, while the Rogue River growers were content to send their fruit to market under the name of Oregon to be handicapped by the wormy, inferior apples of the Willamette Valley and other sections. When Rogue River apples are as well known in the markets of the county as Hood River Apples they will bring as big a price.

The increase of voters in Jackson county has been such since the last general election that a re-adjustment of precinct boundaries is now imperative and the matter will be brought up at the November term of county court, that being the term only at which precinct boundaries can be changed. As now arranged voters in several precincts are greatly inconvenienced to reach their polling places. Of instances of this kind, many voters in Dunn precinct are compelled to travel several miles and to pass through Ashland and by the polling place in that town to reach their own voting place. All the settlers on Jackson creek have to come by way of Jacksonville in order to reach their polling place on Applegate, while several voters of Pooh Bah precinct have also to pass through Jacksonville to reach their voting place at the Grove school house. In the arrangement of the precinct boundaries in this part of the county it is proposed to move the voting place in Pooh Bah precinct from the Grove school house to the Griffin Creek school house. Add a section of Eden precinct to the south end of Pooh Bah and cut off the northern part of the latter precinct and divide it between the Medford and Jacksonville precincts. Jacksonville and the adjacent country would be made into two precincts, the west boundary to be the divide between Jackson creek and Applegate. It is also planned to redistrict the Applegate Valley making three instead of two precincts. All interested in precinct boundaries should decide on the changes they wish and be on hand at the November term of the county court, for no changes can again be made for two years, the law providing that precinct boundaries can be changed at the November term of the county court preceding the general state election which is held in June bi-ennially.

Report from all parts of Rogue River Valley indicate that the acreage sown to wheat this fall and winter will be nearly one-half greater than that of last year. The high price of wheat in the local market, 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel, together with new land that has been placed under cultivation and other land that has been in corn and other crops and on which it is advisable to rotate crops are the causes that have induced the farmers of this valley to increase their wheat acreage. This increase in wheat land does not mean that wheat growing in Rogue River Valley is getting back to its former prominence, on the contrary the day for wheat raising except to a limited extent is past for so much of the best land has been put to orchards and alfalfa that there can not be wheat enough grown in the valley to supply the local trade. The area to wheat in the Valley this last season was the smallest for years and the area sown this year will probably be 25 per cent less than it was three or four years ago.

Owing to his inability to secure talent for an earlier date Superintendent P. H. Daily has fixed the time for holding the Jackson county teachers institute for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 28, 29, 30th. He has been able to secure some of the best institute instructors in the state, his list embracing State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, President P. L. Campbell of the State University, President W. H. Dempster of the Drain State Normal, and Dr. Woods Hutchinson, secretary of the Oregon State Board of Health. The institute will be held in the assembly room of the new Jacksonville High School and there is every reason to expect that it will be one of the most successful ever held in Jackson county, for the assurance is had that about all the teachers of the county will be present and Jacksonville with its usual hospitality will do its full part.

The lack of confidence in their town by the Jacksonville people themselves is

doing more to retard the growth of the town than all other factors combined. If an individual has no confidence in himself, the world quickly loses confidence in him and his efforts, be they ever so worthy, are failures. The same holds true of a town which has not the confidence of its citizens. The prosperous town is the one in which the citizens have that buoyant courage and confidence in the future of their town that makes them ever ready to talk for, work for and fight for it. Jacksonville has many advantages that go to build up a town but if it cannot have the loyal support of its citizens the town will continue at a standstill as it has been for the past 15 years and eventually crowded off the map by its more energetic and progressive neighbors.

The Rogue River Valley was favored with a fine rain Friday night that wet the ground considerably. The rain was not heavy enough to enable plowing on hard stubble land to be done to advantage but it wet the ground sufficiently to cause early fall sown grain to grow at once and it also give fall pasture a new growth. Since the rain the sky has resumed its wonted soft blue tint, the days are delightfully pleasant with scarce wind enough to create a rustle among the leaves, now taking on autumnal tints, while the nights have that delightful calmness for which Rogue River Valley is famous. Nature is truly generous to this valley in weather as well as in all other of the good things that go to make the country as near perfect as is to be found in all America.

The coming of the long evenings of winter brings on the question of diversion to people anxious for pleasure or improvement. A dancing club is one of the diversions talked of among the young people of Jacksonville. Those musically inclined are planning to organize an orchestra. A reading club is being considered by those who desire to add mental improvement to their diversions. Of persons literary inclined there are a sufficient number in Jacksonville to make up a strong club. In reference to books, that necessary adjunct to a successful reading circle, no town of its size in Oregon is better supplied with books than Jacksonville, for there are a score or more of private libraries that embrace all the best books of the day.

Jackson county is one of the best farming counties in Oregon and the one that can successfully grow the greatest diversity of crops and yet the Jacksonville market for some time past has been supplied with eggs from Portland at 30 cents per dozen. Corn, wheat and other grains grow to perfection here affording an abundance of food for poultry yet it is no uncommon thing for eggs to go up to 40 cents a dozen and even 50 cents during some of the winter months. With poultry raising in the Valley eggs will cease to fluctuate in price from 10 cents to 50 per dozen and one cause for money being sent out of the Valley will be stopped.

Teachers' wages in Jackson county are gradually coming up to the standard of other salaries for skilled labor and it is evident that the day of cheap teachers' wages is past in this county. Only one teacher in Jackson county is receiving \$30 and but few are getting \$33½. Nearly all the country districts are paying from \$40 to \$60 a month while a few go even higher as do the towns for some of their teachers.

Grants Pass is one town where the citizens all work together to build up their town with the result that that town is having a splendid growth and on solid lines. The postal receipts for the past year amounted to \$7,173, while for the previous year they were \$6,271. The public school enrollment reached 860.