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### CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

Consolidation of school districts now being effected in many counties of the state under the new school law, will probably be undertaken by several districts in Jackson county. There is a movement under way to consolidate the three districts in Sams Valley into one district and to put in a graded school. The proposition is being discussed of joining to the Talent district district No. 8 lying to the east of Talent and the Wagner Creek and Anderson Creek districts that lie to the west of Talent. Talent now has one of the best graded schools in the county and the three adjoining districts, being unable to maintain the advanced grades in their school, are anxious to secure the benefits of the Talent school.

The farmers are learning that the system under which the rural districts have been conducted is both expensive and lacking in the thoroughness that a school should have. A three month term and twenty-five classes for a dozen scholars give no practical results in the way of educating the farmer boys and girls, and as this is an age of brains in which the ignorant have no chance for success, the farmer who desires that his children shall have an education is compelled to send them away from home. The consolidated district gives to the country scholars the same educational advantages that those of the city enjoy, and it brings a decrease in expense to the taxpayer and the retention of the home influence to the children. The day of the small district and the ungraded school is rapidly passing and in its place is coming the large district and the graded, fully equipped school in charge of able and progressive teachers.

It is to the shame and the disgrace from a moral standpoint and to the injury from a business standpoint that prize fighting is permitted to take place in Jacksonville, even under the guise of a boxing match, and more is the disgrace that such exhibitions of Bad Lands-Swilltown "pleasures" should take place in public and be witnessed by men and women who count themselves respectable. Jacksonville is no longer a free and easy mining town where everything goes, even to a man for breakfast each day, nor is it a section from the "Bad Lands" of some big city, but on the contrary it is a town that has many attributes and advantages for the better that are pushing it to the front as one of the best residence and business towns in Oregon and it is up to the business men and the respectable element generally that this most serious handicap is lifted from the town. The spectacle of a woman chasing around the streets as was witnessed in Jacksonville a few months ago, importuning persons to buy tickets to an exhibition of man's brutality is not

conducive to modern civilization nor to the decent standing of a town in the community at large.

Portland now ranks fourth as a wheat exporting port, that city for the 10 months of this year having exported 4,518,787 bushels of wheat. The first in the rank for this year is Galveston with 16,369,633 bushels. New Orleans is second with 9,846,768 bushels and New York is third with 8,197,758 bushels. New York, which since wheat was first exported a century ago from the United States has held first place until a few years since, is steadily declining in the quantity which it handles each year and as Portland is increasing each year it will be but a short time until Oregon's chief city will get to be third in the list, but that is as high as it will ever get for the Mississippi Valley will always be the chief grain district of the United States enabling Galveston and New Orleans to keep in the lead.

There is talk, lots of talk being expended upon the road leading from Jacksonville to Medford and Central Point, but the road continues to meander about the channel of Jackson creek, people coming by way of the Medford road being compelled to ford that stream nine times while those from Central Point plunge into its waters fourteen times. When it comes to road improvement Jacksonville is decidedly long on talk and short on work and is content to sit down and let two-thirds of the population of Jackson county reach the county seat the best way they can. But this will come to an end for the time will come when, if the people can't reach the court house, they will bring the court house to them and then Jacksonville will not be troubled with road troubles or any other troubles.

Sons and daughters of old Jackson who have gone from their native county to seek their fortunes in the world are in numbers making themselves positions of honor and influence in the various walks in life which they have taken up. In the legal profession of the Coast, W. F. Herrin, son of J. S. Herrin the well-known stockman of near Ashland, has attained to about the highest position and the largest salary of any attorney on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Herrin, who went to San Francisco some 20 years ago has been made chief attorney for the Southern Pacific at a salary of \$71,000 a year. Mr. Herrin has attained his high position by hard work and merit alone and not by any special pull and his success in life is a matter of pride to all residents of Jackson county.

The little town of Newberg is pushing to the front as one of the progressive towns of Oregon. The electric light plant of the town has been recently enlarged from a 500 light system to 1200 lights. A furniture factory is soon to be added to the industries of the town as a result of the effort of the Newberg board of trade. Work on the building, which is to be 40x120 feet, two stories high, is now under way and the order for the machinery has been placed in the East and it is expected to arrive by the time the building is ready to receive it.

The Umpqua Valley may supply the coal that is to solve the cheap fuel problem for Southern Oregon, for a vein of coal that assays 90.60 per cent carbon has been discovered near Roseburg. Development work is now under way to ascertain the extent of the veins, which appear to be thick enough to make it profitable to work.

Now that the Iowa Lumber & Box Company are going to haul their lumber by team to Medford they will have a large financial interest in having a good road between Jacksonville and Medford and they can be counted upon to assist in the proposed improvement of the road between the two towns.

### PROGRESSIVE FARMERS WILL MEET.

The farmers institute has become one of the most popular gatherings with the farmers of the eastern states for they have found that it is a school for them where they may learn methods by which the productive capacity of their farms can be increased. And to such an extent do these institutes influence the standard of farming communities that a person traveling through counties of the eastern of the eastern states can tell by the appearance of the farmers and their farms whether the institutes are held in their counties or not. In those sections where institutes have been held the farmers generally have a well kept appearance, good stock is raised, crop yields are high and buildings and implements are well cared for and the farmers and their wives are contented and progressive and by their looks and actions indicate that to them farming is a profitable vocation.

It has been only in the past few years that these institutes have become a factor in Oregon farm life and the Willamette Valley and other sections where they have been held they have been well attended and the farmers express themselves as well pleased with the work of the institute. These institutes are held under the auspices of the State Agricultural College in conjunction with local organizations such as farmers' clubs, granges and boards of trade. The principal instructors are professors sent out by the colleges, but their work is supplemented always by such local talent as can be secured. At the institute to be held at Jacksonville on Saturday, December 19, Dr. Withycombe, director of the State Agricultural college at Corvallis, has notified the Jacksonville board of trade that he and three other professors from that college will attend. H. E. Lounsbury of Portland, traveling freight agent for the Southern Pacific, will attend and the Company will assist all they can to make the institute a success. It is also expected to have Judge John H. Scott of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, present to give a talk on practical road building. There will also be short addresses by several residents of this valley, persons who have made a study of local conditions that farmers have to contend with and who have made a success in work. While this will be the first institute ever held in the Rogue River valley yet there is every assurance that it will have the talent, the attendance and the success of the best institutes that have yet been held in Oregon.

As there has been at least one jail break during each sheriff's incumbency since the Jackson county jail was built 25 years ago and nearly every break has been effected by prisoners forcing the lock to the outer door, it appears that it would be wise economy to the county to put in a door with a lock that would be proof against at least the work of a prisoner equipped only with a case knife, as was the fellow who walked out last Sunday. Of course prisoners could be kept locked in the cells, but as the jail is a detached building with no way to heat it except by the stove in the corridor they would suffer terribly during cold, damp, winter days, for the county provides no janitor to keep a fire in the stove, and the cells are so small that they could take no exercise when confined in them.

The Oregon Mining Journal, published by Arthur Conklin at Grants Pass, is doing a splendid work in bringing to the attention of the mining world the wealth that Southern Oregon has in its mines and through the efforts of this paper is due much of the impetus that has come to the mining industry of this section within the past two years. In the edition of last week the Journal had a fine two-page write up of several of the principal mines in the vicinity of Jacksonville that will give to the public a clear

idea of the magnitude of the placer mining operations as carried on by these mines.

Governor Chamberlain has called a special session of the legislature to convene at Salem on Monday, December 21. The governor issued his call without securing the pledge that he expected from the members as to having a short session, but the wily governor knowing the average legislator's weakness for a fine dinner, fixed the date just before Christmas expecting that the members in their anxiety to get to their homes for Christmas dinner, will so soon as the tax law is rectified, adjourn without meddling with other legislation.

Washington county is one of the counties of Oregon that is doing systematic work in the improvement of its roads and this year the county has added eight miles of Macadam road to its road system. And this road has been built on scientific methods and not by plowing up the roadway and dumping a lot of un-screened rocks upon it as is done by so many counties in this state.

### Doesn't Respect Old Age.

It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut off maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of old age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. 25c at City Drug Store.



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Chicago, Portland Special 9:20 p. m. via Huntington	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	4:30 p. m.
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Daily ex. Sunday 8 p. m. Saturday 10 p. m.	COLUMBIA RIVER. To Astoria and waylandings	4 p. m. except Sunday

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