

FIREMEN HELD MEETING

ATTENDANCE GOOD. VARIOUS
MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TAK-
EN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

At the regular meeting of the Courtenay Volunteer Fire department held at their hall Monday evening it was seen that the fine imposed upon those members who fail to attend the regular meetings of the department brought forth a much better attendance than has been had for months. It was conclusive that a short walk to the hall in the evening appeared much cheaper than to have a fine imposed for non-attendance. Very few members were absent and those who were took pains to forward ample excuse for their non-appearance.

The routine business of disposing of the monthly bills was speedily transacted and the matter of installing a lighting plant in the fire hall was taken up thoroughly and vigorously by nearly everyone present. The committee reported interviews with the old village board who had expressed their willingness to extend financial assistance towards the installation of the plant but brought up the question of maintenance and the advisability of engaging a janitor whose duties it would be to look after the proper care of the hall and the lighting system.

The old board being defunct by limitation of office and having no jurisdiction on the matter at the present time, the necessity became obvious to have the new board act upon the question and it was decided that they would take up the matter at their next meeting and the question itself, so far as the department was concerned, was compelled to be held in abeyance until such time.

Several bids were received and read, stating the amount asked for installing the plant complete. One was from the firm of Nelson Bros. and two from B. H. Stoddard, one of his being the lowest.

The department has made some \$25 during the winter months from renting the hall for various purposes and it is thought that if the hall could be put in good shape for public use it could be made a source of revenue to the department as well as to the village. It is to be hoped that the village board will act favorably on the matter at their next meeting. The members of the fire department could then engage the services of a janitor whose salary could be paid out of the proceeds of rentals and other uses to which the hall might be placed wholly on a percentage basis and thus would entail no actual outlay; instead it could be made remunerative and yet be kept entirely on a non-competitive basis with similar individual enterprises of that nature locally.

PLEASANT VIEW

Mrs. Oscar Kjelson left Friday for Leon, Wisc., where she will visit friends and relatives for a while.

Miss Tillie Rood and Ed. Rhodes spent Sunday at A. Kjelson's.

M. I. Kirkeby and family spent Sunday afternoon at Otto Thorsgard's.

A. Kjelson sold a span of horses the other day.

John and Orson McWethy are keeping bachelors' hall on their father's farm and preparing for spring's work.

Ernest Kjelson was not able to

attend school the fore part of the week.

All the farmers in this vicinity are busy cleaning grain.

Swan Swanson went to Hannaford on Saturday and returned home Sunday.

John Larson and Olaf Christopherson and their families spent Sunday afternoon at the Lien home.

Oscar Lien has been spending a few days with his uncle, A. C. Peterson.

APRIL SNOW SHOWERS

PROMISES PLENTY OF MOISTURE
AND INCREASES CONFIDENCE
FOR LARGE CROP IN 1911.

From all over the state reports are to the effect that a snow fall of good depth has fallen to produce moisture for the spring about to open.

In this vicinity snow began to fall Sunday night and has continued more or less since. It is of heavy and slushy nature and evidently contains a large amount of moisture which, when converted into water, undoubtedly will soak the ground to a good depth and in consequence enhance the prospects for a bumper crop in the season of 1911. There are a few who are "chafing at the bit", as it were, over the enforced delay of commencing spring work on the farm, yet, universally, it is considered a God-send to the soil and the people of this great state.

With a few days of sunshine the ground will be in fine shape for plowing and seeding and by the early part of next week farmers in general will be busy preparing for another crop. Considerable harrowing and other light spring farm work has already been done during spells of nice weather and with an unusual amount of fall plowing done last year much early seeding will no doubt be done.

ASHLAND SCREENINGS

Martin Albright purchased a horse from Ed. Schumacher last week.

P. E. Schley was seen in our part of the country looking after his farming operations Monday.

Raymond Lochow was slightly injured in a runaway Friday. He was thrown forward under the horses' feet and the wagon passed over his body.

We are glad to hear that Willie Wiechman is able to be out once more.

Adolph Stuff went to Spiritwood Monday for a short stay with friends and relatives.

John and Miss Emma Wiechman visited at the home of Chas. Merritt Sunday.

Oscar Reick called at the home of Fred Sperner Friday evening.

Miss Elsie Werner was on the sick list last week.

Frank Lundeen visited his farm in this vicinity last Sunday.

Geo. Scharf moved a barn from east of the lake to his farm last Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Hartfield visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lochow Sunday.

Ed. Schumacher made a business (?) trip south Sunday.

Peter Albright brought his wheat home from north of Courtenay Friday.

There will be confirmation services at the German Lutheran church Sunday.

Ed. Lange ground feed for Henry Kracht last Monday.