

# TO THE VOTERS SCHOOL DIST. NO. 4

In the matter of the selection of a high school site, we believe the voters of the Roseburg school district should view the matter from a progressive viewpoint and not confine their selection to the minimum needs of today alone.

We believe the purchase of a small additional tract of ground will fail to meet present or future needs of the schools and it is not in the interest of economy or efficiency. To build on the additional ground would house high school and grade school pupils in the same building, which is not advisable, particularly from a standpoint of discipline.

To us the Bellows tract offers the best opportunity from almost every standpoint. It offers ample ground for future school growth at a minimum of cost and provides room for all the various school activities. If this tract is purchased we will not soon have the school ground problem to face again and this at a less expenditure for ground than with the temporary expedient of buying a small tract of high price land adjoining the present building. It will also provide future ground for grade school facilities when needed in that section of the city which also is not far distant.

We offer the following comparative features of the two locations.

## BELLOWS SITE

The price for 11 acres of land is \$8250.00 or at the rate of \$750 per acre, which is a less price than many single lots are selling for in an adjoining tract.

The new building can be constructed of concrete which is materially lower than the cost of pressed brick and will save the high cost of brick laying.

The dirt from excavation could be left on the same tract and build it up and thus avoid any drainage cost.

The railroad crossing is less hazardous than an ordinary business street crossing and a guard is on duty there at all times.

Pupils attending high school are from 14 years of age upwards, and they are capable of looking after their physical safety.

No additional expense would be required for janitor work more in a new building than in an addition because a janitor can only handle a certain amount of work and the building of an addition would require another janitor anyway. Four walls would be required on the new addition or all the present light from the north side of the building would be cut out.

## CENTRAL SITE

The cost for additional ground is \$9000 for three small lots. This is the price with the present owner removing the buildings now thereon.

The present architecture would have to be followed in construction of an addition and the cost would be much higher because of the present high price of pressed brick.

The dirt from excavation would have to be hauled away from the premises by team for disposal at an increased cost over excavation on the Bellows site.

The noise of railroad trains interferes with routine school work at the present high school. Why add to this inconvenience by adding more school rooms there.

If only an addition to the present building is built, when more school facilities are needed in very few years, at the present growth, additional ground will then have to be bought at much higher prices. The present heating equipment is not satisfactory and a new boiler would have to be added while the heating pipes would cost as much as in a new building.

The price of the land for any other central location proposed would be so high that the cost would be prohibitive.

The bonds issued for the cost of the proposed site and building will largely be paid for by the generation of children now attending the schools and we believe they are almost unanimously in favor of the West Side location.

Further, the committee of 45 citizens appointed by the school board to investigate the matter of a site, after a careful examination of all sites and considering the prices of the various tracts, voted by a majority of two to one in favor of the Bellows tract. Let us use foresight in our decision.

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