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TEACHERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

Institute Comes to Close After Three Days Session in Medford

The annual teachers' institute of Josephine and Jackson counties came to a close Friday evening after a session extending over three days. Back to the work the school-teachers will now go, and with many suggestions as to the training of young America.

The committee on resolutions offered the institute the following resolutions before the close of the session, which were adopted unanimously: "The teachers of Jackson and Josephine counties in joint institute assembled do hereby resolve: "That a vote of thanks be extended to Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, L. R. Traver, L. R. Alderman, Dr. J. Whitcomb Broughton, Miss Cornelia Marvin, President H. M. Shafer, Superintendent U. G. Smith, Mrs. Emma D. Wickersham and all others who have in any way contributed to the success and pleasure of the institute.

"That we express our appreciation of the kind hospitality and welcome of the citizens of Medford. "That we extend our thanks and appreciation to the teachers of Medford for their thought in planning the highly enjoyable Halloween reception. "That the thanks of this institute be extended to the trustees of the Baptist church and to the school board for the use of their buildings. "That we give expression of thanks to Superintendent Wells of Jackson county and Superintendent Savage of Josephine county for the planning and carrying out of the excellent plan of the institute. "That the deepest sympathy of the entire teaching fraternity be extended to Superintendent Savage by reason of the serious illness of his father. "That we endorse the joint institute idea and ask that the next institute be held in Grants Pass. "That we most heartily endorse and pledge our support to the effort that is being put forth throughout the state to secure longer terms of school and larger salaries to teachers. "That we endorse the county unit plan administration. "COMMITTEE: The following teachers were in attendance at the institute: Josephine County. Gladys Franks, Pleasant Valley; Margaret Williamson, Grants Pass; Mrs. Joa V. O. Bryant, Grants Pass; Alice M. Horton, Grants Pass; Emilie V. Callahan, Grants Pass; Ethyl McKnight, Grants Pass; Augusta B. Parker, Selma; Cora V. McVean, Grants Pass; Bessie L. McCoom, Grants Pass; Beatrice McClell, Williams; Mrs. Lillian Wilson, Grants Pass; Miss Margaret Oggier, Leland; R. R. Turner, Grants Pass; P. H. Robinson, Hugo; Pearl V. Parker, Grants Pass; Blanche Crane, Grants Pass; Christian McCann, Grants Pass; Minnie L. Tuffs, Grants Pass; Agnes E. McCormick, Grants Pass; Fay Margaret Newton, Grants Pass; H. E. Meilke, Grants Pass; Vera Story, Grants Pass; Ruby C. Best, Grants Pass; Juliette Parramore, Grants Pass; Reba Lowry, Grants Pass; Ana E. Thompson, Grants Pass; Etta John, Grants Pass; J. A. Bush, Grants Pass; Ida Swacher, Grants Pass; Josephine Hathaway, Dryden; Grace Dix, Woodville; E. A. Hump-ton, Dryden; Daisy Cole, Wolf Creek; Ruth G. Smith, Speaker; Lora B. Pummill, Golden; J. R. Seville, Medford; Eugene Sams, Medford; Estella Griswell, Merlin; C. V. Kilgore, Wampler; H. Loretta Norton, Kirby; Clara M. Spauth, Holland; Kirkman K. Robinson, Wilderville; Julia Evenson, Williams; Mrs. E. P. Dunningley, Williams; L. W. D. McKel, Murphy; Grace McCann, Kerby; Frances Hughes, Kerby; Asa Tressel, Kerby; Bessie Leith, Grants Pass; Annabella Leith, Grants Pass; Edna Disbrow, Merlin; May Ditsworth, Galice; Alice M. Bacon, Merlin; Zella Jewell, Grants Pass; H. B. Hartman, Grants Pass; F. W. Roberts, Selma; Miss Dora Penney, Grove; Pearl Sams, Grants Pass; Gertrude Cahell, Medford; Marie M. Franz, Nellie E. Dement, Grants Pass. Jackson County. G. W. Agot, Wimer; Julia Sidley, Lake Creek; Mrs. M. Peter, Jacksonville; Lella A. Stinson, Medford; Esther, A. Murphy, Central Point; Dora Penney, Grove; Ada Welch, Trail; Lou L. Warner, Medford; Edna D. Cummings, Medford; Beulah Warner, Med-

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Mr. Howard was in the employ of the Condor Water & Power company off and on for a number of years, and his services as an engineer were always highly satisfactory, and he was loyal to our interests while in our employ. It happens now to be in the employ of the Fish Lake Ditch company as consulting engineer, but notwithstanding this, we do not believe he would knowingly make any misrepresentations about us or anyone else.

Mr. Howard is a very busy man, and evidently has not had time to read or understand our proposition thoroughly, otherwise he would not make so many "misstatements" about our water proposition. First—The "butt-in" article which has "ripped" Mr. Howard was written by R. G. Smith, attorney for our company, and we admit that he is not a hydraulic engineer. Second—As to how the law provides for the water supply of municipalities, I refer to Attorney Smith's article on the question which will appear in Monday's Tribune. Third—Mr. Howard states: "That in the Condor proposal the city pays for everything and the Condor company takes all the profits." Mr. Howard evidently has not read the Condor proposition, or he would not deliberately make such misstatements. The truth is, our proposition speaks for itself and means what it says, and as Mr. Howard says, "we are long on finance," it must be good.

The fourth clause of our proposition is as follows: Fourth—We propose to pay the city of Medford 25 per cent of the net profits and retain 75 per cent of the net profits, and retain the revenues derived from the sale of all surplus water (not used by the city of Medford) outside of the city limits of said city of Medford. Settlement to be made quarterly or monthly as revenue is collected. Water furnished free for fire protection. Fifth—Referring to operating expenses, we would be willing to guarantee same to be less under our management than under city management under like conditions. Now, Mr. Howard, you must admit that the city gets 25 per cent of the profits and we get 75 per cent (if there are any). You must admit that our proposition costs less than the Fish Lake. You must admit that our operating expenses will be less than the city's under like conditions, because we guarantee it. The pumps and motors and renewal of the same and operating expenses at the Gold Ray pumping end and the electric current for pumping are furnished at the expense of the Condor company, in consideration of which the Condor company gets 75 per cent of the net profits within the city limits and all of the revenue derived from the sale of surplus water (not used by the city of Medford) outside of the city limits. If Hamilton's proposition wins, then the city must pay more for the construction of the system than ours would cost. It will cost more to keep up and maintain this line than ours, because it is twice as long. The bond interest and the depreciation and the sinking fund will be more because it will cost more. Our operating expenses will be less, because we guarantee it less. Our management and service will be better, because we have proved it in operating the electric light system, and you know that the city went in debt every year in operating the light system, as well as the water system, and if you will go to the city recorder's office you will find that the city is now getting at the rate of \$1000 per year as their 5 per cent of our gross revenue from the lighting system and that in addition they are getting most of their street lights free. What, then, is the difference between the pumping system and the gravity system, when the city of Medford will get water without cost by pumping except the contingent profit and the surplus sale of water outside of the city limits? The sale of surplus water by us means under our proposition that we must supply the city of Medford first. All the water it will use, even though it takes

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These are questions that should be carefully considered before casting your ballot for the republican candidate. Oregon today is the pride of the nation on account of its recent legislation in the interests of better government. Since the adoption of those measures of reform the state has received more favorable notice than ever before in all its history. Do you want to take a step backward? Do you want a man for president who is opposed to all your reform legislation? If you do, then vote for Taft. He is opposed to this and every other state running its own affairs, being a firm believer in a centralized form of government, and he is strong and unequivocally against the initiative and referendum. Should he be elected the new members of the supreme court whom he shall select will share his views on these vital questions, and they would have it in their power and very likely would declare all these measures of reform to be unconstitutional. Compare the Platforms. To those who are still in doubt as to which candidate is the more deserving of their suffrage and which one stands for good principles and for better conditions for the people of the country I would suggest that they carefully read and compare the platforms of the two great parties. William Jennings Bryan believes in the people, is the leading champion of their rights, and believes that they should rule. He is before the people today for the highest office within their gift because more than forty millions of men, women and children believe in his leadership. J. O. NIJHIN Christian Science.

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When Medford grows sufficiently to use all the water our proposed pipeline would carry, then we would be compelled to build new pipelines at our own expense to supply our irrigation contracts outside of the city limits. Fourth—In referring to length of our pipeline as ten miles, we referred to the distance from Gold Ray to Medford. The intake above Bear creek, having no pressure thereon, can be built very cheaply, and the distance is not two miles. The distance to our proposed reservoir site 200 feet above Medford is not two miles. It does not matter what the length of line is above Bear creek or to the reservoir, inasmuch as we have had a bid to put in the complete system for \$197,800. Fifth—If Mr. Howard will read our proposition he will see that the 40 Ts or taps cost the city nothing. Sixth—Why should not the Condor company receive the outside revenue from water sales outside city limits of the surplus water not needed by Medford, when this costs the city nothing for power or for water and Medford gets its water and power for pumping free inside city limits, except the contingent profit of 75 per cent due the Condor company? Does the gravity system promise Medford something for nothing? Seventh—The Condor company would be under ample bond and with a half million assets back of the bond to guarantee that Medford would receive all of the pure water it needed at all times. The Condor company is putting in more power at Prospect, as Mr. Howard knows, and will have ample power to meet all demands. Eighth—As to the right of way, the Condor company offers free to the city whatever rights it possesses along its pole line right of way and if that is not enough or sufficient, it will cost far less for the 7 inches more needed than the gravity pipeline proposed by Hamilton's, which is over twice as long. Ninth—If Mr. Howard will read our "yellow literature" he will find out that we propose to pump water to a reservoir at Gold Ray 300 feet high, and that the water will flow from there by gravity to Medford, which is 208 feet higher than Gold Ray, and that we propose to repump the water at Medford 200 feet higher than the city. Tenth—The Condor company agrees to pump all the water the city needs, and this means just what it says and does not mean "that the Condor company will be the judge, and Mr. Howard knows this to be a fact." Eleventh—Please explain, Mr. Howard in what way the pumping and lighting service has been unsatisfactory in the past. The only difference we know of is a difference of opinion in regard to the contract, and we are entitled to our opinion until it is proved wrong. Twelfth—In concluding, Mr. Howard, you say to be "good or more later on." Do you mean by this that we shall agree with you in saying that the "Hamilton proposition is a good one?" If so, we shall reply that we are not in the employ of the Fish Lake company or Mr. Hamilton. We know you will read this reply, and if the correspondence is kept up long enough, we know that we will convince you that our proposition is the best for the people and that you will admit it, as will any fair-minded citizen who will read and investigate our proposition, without prejudice. Respectfully, CONDOR WATER & POWER CO. By C. R. RAY, President.

COMMUNICATIONS. PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 29. — To the Editor: The presidential contest this year is the most important since that of 1860. At that time the issue dealt with the freedom of the colored race of the south. Today the issue is broader, the paramount question to be decided being, "Shall the people break loose from the shackles of the merciless corporations and predatory interests and say by their ballots that they are free and independent

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