

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING.**A Levy of Six and One-half Mills For General Purposes.**

A special meeting was held at the school house Tuesday evening. J. F. Poff, chairman of the school board called the meeting to order, and clerk J. E. Tansch read the call, and on motion a levy of 6½ mills was made on a valuation of \$420,820.00 which will realize to the district the sum of \$2,730.

To cover the deficit for the present year, which ends the third Monday in June, which, for teachers' salaries is \$695, and for temporary building and furniture, about \$1,000, the board was authorized to issue warrants or borrow money, as they deemed best. This will make a total deficit of some- near \$1,700, which will have to be provided for. It is calculated that the increased valuation next year will provide means to meet the necessary outlay necessary to secure adequate school facilities and avoid bonding the district.

The assessed valuation of the district for the last three years has been as follows: 1902, \$182,468; 1903, \$304,901; 1904, \$420,820. Presuming the same ratio of increase will continue, the assessment in 1905 will be about \$600,000.

The board opened bids for the erection of two temporary buildings ranging from \$613.50 to \$1,143. The board took the matter under advisement.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.**The City Fathers Met Monday Evening for Business.**

One of the most important meetings the council has ever held was that of Monday evening. There were present: Mayor Cook, Councilmen Hurlburt, Hughes, Hamilton and Monahan. Councilman Beebe out of the city.

The report of the water committee came up. The report recommended that six hydrants be established, as follows: one at corner of John and Jersey streets, near school house; one at corner of Jersey and Burlington, one at corner of Jersey and Baltimore, one at corner of Burlington and Ivanhoe and one at corner of Ivanhoe and Chicago streets. A special committee, Councilmen Monahan, Hughes and Hurlburt, was appointed, with power to act, to arrange with the water company to place the hydrants, with six inch feed mains. The same committee was instructed to secure hose and such other necessary apparatus to use the hydrants when placed.

A tax levy of three mills was made the total valuation being \$317,820, which will put into the city treasury the sum of \$943. This levy of three mills is all that can be levied under the old charter.

An arc light was ordered placed at the intersection of Burlington and Edison streets.

The city engineer was instructed to resurvey Jersey street, and establish a uniform grade. This was made necessary from the fact that a number of cement foundations having been laid without knowing where the established grade was, if any.

After a good evening's work the council adjourned. Their action meets with hearty approval from the people.

The United Artisans.

The United Artisans held a public meeting in Bickner's hall, last Monday evening. A short program was rendered, the main features of which were a recitation of Miss Lena Parker, a number of instrumental duets by Misses Rich and Rowland, and an address by Dr. Manion. The assembly has a fine list of members and more are joining at each meeting. Next Monday night will be their first regular meeting and there will be quite a number of initiates. The initiating team of Portsmouth will be here and a large number of members from there and Portland. The Artisans start out under most favorable auspices, and contains among its membership some excellent musical. There is no question of its success in St. Johns.

A Pointer.

Editor Review: There is a class of men who, when they come to a new community to settle start out and visit every real estate office in the place, take up time of agents, learn of all the bargains and dead up by buying something direct from an owner thinking to save a commission. These fellows are generally dealt with at arms length however, and owners names are never given them, therefore if through their own efforts they find the owners and buy from them it is simply a little sharp practice but not dishonorable in the least. Besides they almost invariably end up by paying more for

their property which is punishment sufficient.

Dealers however are not on the lookout for such actions from one of their own number, therefore when a prominent dealer whom we will call No. one came to the office of agent No. two a few days ago and asked No. 2 if he had any good buys on hand, saying he was in the market for something good. No. two said he had one gilt edged buy but hesitated about showing it because he had no contract on it and frankly told No. one that he had no contract, the latter very eloquently agreed to recognize No. two's right if the land was purchased, on the strength of this the property was shown and the owner's name given, putting No. one square on his honor.

The property did not suit him apparently, in any particular, and he turned it down hard, thus putting dealer No. two entirely off his guard and agent No. 1 steered direct to the owner and purchased the property amounting to several thousand dollars, and saved \$50. This is an isolated case among real estate agents.

A square dealer will sooner die a pauper than stoop to such a contemptible action. It is a common saying that "there is honor among thieves," even thieves are honorable with one another. **POINTED.**

There will be a special effort put forth in the services of Sunday, Christmas day. There will be a special Christmas sermon Sunday at the Evangelical church.

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