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SCHOOL MEETING.

Oregon City District Votes a Tax of Six Mills.

The taxpayers of Oregon City school district No. 62, met at Willamette hall Monday night for the purpose of levying a tax to raise money for the ensuing year: Chairman Caufield presided. There was considerable discussion concerning the amount of tax to be levied. When the matter came to vote, four favored a 7-mill tax and five a levy of six mills. The levy was then made six mills in accordance with the recommendation of the board of directors.

Following is the report of the board of directors, which was unanimously adopted:

Oregon City, Jan 29, 1900.

To the Taxpayers of School District No. Clackamas County.

Ladies and Gentleman:—We, your board of directors, beg leave to submit herewith our estimate of conducting the schools of the district for the fiscal year ending March, 1901, together with our estimate of available funds to be received during that time, to-wit:

Salaries of teachers	$6666 50
Pay of janitors	712 50
Fuel	225 00
School supplies	200 00
Interest on bonds	720 00
Clerk's salary	100 00
Shingling part of Barclay build.	50 00
Painting Eastham building	300 00
Indebtedness at end of present fiscal year	3500 00
Incidentals	120 00
Total	$12,400 00

We have gone over this estimate carefully and have included nothing, that we do not consider essential to the welfare of the district. Our teachers' salaries are lower than any other place of similar size that we know of, and they cannot be cut without detriment to the school work. The amount that we have allowed for janitors' pay, is as little as we can get competent men to do the work in a satisfactory manner. The item of fuel may be reduced slightly, but we cannot tell about that until the winter is past and we find out what has been used this season.

Two hundred dollars for school supplies will not more than cover the necessary expenditures during the year. Interest on bonds and school clerk's salary are fixed amounts and will have to be provided for. We have inserted an item of $50 for shingling the annex to the Barclay building, which is in a bad condition, having been giving trouble for the last two years, and must now be reshingled. The Eastham building needs repainting very badly, and it will be economy to do so before it gets weathered any more. The item of incidentals is to cover interest on floating debt and other little amounts that have to be met. We will enter the new year with a floating debt of $3500, or $2000 more than our estimate of last year. This results from a shortage in the amount that we have received from the county. We estimated that we could get $4,000, but actually got $2875. In addition to this it cost more to install new furnaces than we anticipated. We asked for $350, but found when we investigated the matter further that it would not be economy to stop with that amount as the heating apparatus would not be satisfactory, and would soon require the expenditure of more money; we therefore decided to make a complete change and put in a plant that would answer for years to come. This was done at a cost of $1000, or $650 more than our estimate. The furnaces work perfectly and are very economical in the use of fuel. These two items make up the principal amount of the increase of floating debt and other small items, such as purchase of desks, etc., complete the amount.

In regard to revenue for the year we do not expect any great change in the number of children of school age in the district, but think there will be no decrease. That being the case, we ought to receive from the state fund about the same amount as last year, $1800. We received from the county $2875 on a valuation of $4,150,000, with a levy of 6 3-10 mills, and this year the total valuation has been increased to $4,714,000, but the levy has been decreased to 5 mills, and on that basis we can only expect to get about $1600, or a total from county and state of $4400, which would leave a balance of $8,000 to be provided for if the district wishes to pay off the floating debt and be clear at the end of the year. We do not think this advisable, but would recommend that a portion of the amount be carried over as a floating indebtedness.

The county clerk reports the total taxable property in the district to be $646,415 for 1899, a six mill levy on this amount would produce about $3900, and leave an indebtedness at the end of the year of about $4,000. In view of other high taxes we think that this would be preferable to attempting to levy a tax high enough to pay off the whole debt, we therefore recommend that a tax of six mills be levied for general school purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CAUFIELD,
ELMER E. CHARMAN,
CHARLES ALBRIGHT.

Some of the other Clackamas county school districts have made levies as follows:

Milwaukie No. 1, 6 mills.
Milwaukie No. 49, 6.
Tualatin No. 26, joint, 17.
Stone No. 30, 5.
Canemah, 11.
West Oregon City, 7½.
Willamette Falls 6½.
Parkplace, 9.
Oswego, 8.

CHURCH MATTERS.

Active Work Being Pushed in the Various Organizations.

Rev. R. A. Atkins, the pastor of the Methodist Episcapal church, has secured an elegant gold medal, which will be awarded to the winner in an oratorical contest among the members of the Epworth League to take place in April. The Epworth League is now in a gratifying prosperous condition, and has the following officers: President, Carrie Seeley; 1st vice-president, Leonora Williams; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Alice Kinder; 3rd vice-president, Hattie Case; 4th vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Hickman; secretary, Clara Foster; treasurer, Mary Dever. The Oregon City Methodist church was the first Protestant organization west of the Rocky mountains. Some substantial improvements are being made in the interior of the building. The platform and pulpit has been raised, and an elegant curtained railing will separate the choir from the remainder of the platform. New elegantly-bound song books have been provided, a new Bible for the pastor's desk, and the church is now lighted with electricity.

A normal Bible institute will be held in the First Baptist church next Wednesday and Thursday, with afternoon and evening sessions. The institute will be under the leadership of James Edmunds, Sunday-school missionary of the American Baptist Publication Society for western Oregon and western Washington. Rev. C. A. Wooddy, D D., of Portland, will also be in attendance and participate in the program. At 2 p. m, Wednesday, Bible study will be presented; at 2:45, normal lesson, "Principles of Lesson Preparation;" at 4 next Sunday's lesson taught to a primary class; question box. At the evening session after praise service, there will be an address on "The Home Department of the Sunday School." On Thursday morning there will be at 10, when Bible study will be discussed; at 10:45, normal lesson, "Order in the Sunday School. At 2 p. m. Bible study again, followed with an open parliament on "The Program of the Sunday School;" question box. The closing address in the evening will be on "The Religious Education of the Child." Everyone is invited to attend this institute.

There will be a question box service at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning, which will no doubt be very instructive and entertaining. In the evening the topic of the sermon will be; "Making Other People Sin." There will be Christian Endeavor Day services at 6:45 in the evening.

The revival services at the Evangelical church are being well atteded and considerable interest is manifested. Ten persons have already begun to seek Salvation.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church are making extensive preparation for a Valentine social, to be given February 14th.

The young people's service at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be held in the interest of Christian Endeavor. The young people of the church and Sunday school are urged to be present. In the evening the pastor will continue the series sermons on essentials and nonessentials of belief. The topic will be "The Fall of Men."

Christian Science services are held in Willamette hall every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Subject for Sunday February 4, "Soul." Sunday school at 12:10. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The young ladies of the Episcopal church will give a "Colonial Valentine" party at the armory on Wednesday, February 14. There will be a musical program and dancing. The ladies attending are requested to wear a colonial costume and powder their hair. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments 10 cents.

"What is the Attitude of the Roman Catholic Church Towards the Bible?" will be the subject for discussion at St. John's church Sunday evening by Rev. Hillebrand.

Lincoln's Birthday.

The ladies of Meade W. R. C. are preparing to celebrate Lincoln's birthday on Monday, February 12th, at the armory. An interested program will be given. Company F will give an exhibition drill, vocal and instrumental music, and speeches by prominent speakers. Full particulars next week. No admission. A cordial invitation to the public.

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Oats—White 34@35c; gray 32 @ 33c.

Barley—Feed $16; brewing $18 19.

Millstuffs—Bran $17; middlings $22; shorts $18; chop $16.

Hay—Timothy $9@11; clover, 7@8; Oregon wild $7.

Butter—Fancy creamery 50c; seconds 40@45c; dairy, 35@42½c, store, 25@32½c.

Eggs—20c

Poultry—Mixed chickens $3.00@4.50; hens $4.00@5; springs $2@3 25; geese, $5@6; ducks $5@7; live turkeys 12½@13½c; dressed, 14@16c.

Cheese—Full cream 12½c per pound; Young America 14c.

Potatoes—50 and 70 cents per sack.

Vegetables—Beets $1; turnips 90c per sack; garlic 7c per lb; cabbage $1.50 @2.00 per 100 pounds; cauliflower 75c per dozen; parsnips 75c per sack; celery 70@75c per dozen; asparagus 6@7c; peas 3@4c per pound.

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