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SCHOOLS IN GOOD SHAPE

Floating Indebtedness Has Been Materially Reduced.

PAY OF TEACHERS RAISED

Board of Directors and Clerk Present Annual Report to Taxpayers of Oregon City.

The attendance was light Monday night at the annual school meeting, which was held in the county court-room. Although 138 people manifested interest...

Oregon City, Or., June 18, 1906.

To the Taxpayers and Patrons of School District No. 62, County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

Ladies and Gentlemen: We hereby respectfully submit for your consideration the following report of matters in connection with the business of the District transacted during the fiscal year just ended.

It is with considerable pleasure that we call your attention to the fact that during the year the outstanding indebtedness has been reduced in the amount of \$1050, leaving our present liabilities \$13901 as against \$14556.55 one year ago.

During the year we put in new water closets at an expense of \$186.93 and painted the Eastham school building at an expense of \$340.

Opening the schools as usual in September last, we found that the attendance was even larger than the previous year, but we were able to proceed without any extra teachers; towards the close of the year, through the removal from the city of many children, and the fact that very many others were prevented from attendance by reason of measles, the average attendance was much reduced.

At the annual meeting of the district, held for the purpose of levying a tax for the ensuing year, the matter of an advance in wages of teachers, which had been presented to the Board, was taken up and discussed by the taxpayers in attendance, with the result that a resolution was passed recommending that the Board increase the salary schedule of the teachers; as contracts had been duly and legally entered into between the district and the teachers for the school year just ended, no action was taken by the Board at the time; it has been understood, however, that in accordance

with the wishes of the taxpayers as expressed at said meeting, that an increase in the amount paid the teachers for their services shall be made when contracts are entered into for the next school year. The amount of such increase has not as yet been determined, but will be within the very near future.

We are pleased to report that the Eastham school building is in very good condition, and will need but little repairs during the coming year.

In the Barclay building, it will be necessary to make a number of changes, such as putting in a back stairway, and also renewing the present front stairway, and the building requires re-shingling and painting. It will be necessary to renew the furnace. We are unable to report the cost of these repairs at this time, as our estimates are not complete.

The increase of the school population of the district is very small, the enumeration being 1247 as against 1248 last year.

Very truly yours, THOS. F. RYAN, GEO. A. HARDING, CHARLES H. CAUFIELD, CHAS. ALBRIGHT, W. E. CARLL.

Board of Directors of School District No. 62, of Clackamas County, Oregon

The annual report of the clerk of the school district was presented to the taxpayers of the district and shows the following financial condition of the district:

RECEIPTS.

Country Treasurer from District tax \$2556.65, County School Fund 7055.50, State School Fund 2099.50, Tuition 400.70, Loans 7381.00, Total receipts \$19528.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers' salaries \$7116.00, Janitors' salaries 697.50, Clerk's salary 136.00, School supplies 177.80, Fuel 303.50, Sewer assessment 13.12, Sewer extension 24.40, Refund tuition 19.50, New water closets 1186.28, Repairs 96.28, Distaste 34.45, Painting Eastham buildings 240.00, New flags 10.00, Diplomas 44.00, Water rent 92.50, School election 7.50, Printing and advertising 57.25, Interest on floating debt 154.60, Loans at bank 8496.55, Miscellaneous expenses 25.80, Total disbursements \$19528.33

LIABILITIES.

Six per cent bonds due June 1, 1906 \$6000.00, Five per cent bonds due 1913 6000.00, Notes due Bank of Oregon City 1501.00, Total liabilities \$18501.00

Fine Berries From Mr. Doway.

James Downey, of Willamette Falls, is the grower of a mammoth strawberry, known as the "Western Beauty," and he brought a basket of this luscious fruit to the Courier office this week where it was much appreciated. The berries are not only large but the flavor and quality cannot be excelled.

PLANING MILL IN OPERATION

New Enterprise Means Much to Clackamas County.

ABSORBS LARGE PRODUCT

Utilizes Lumber From Six Sawmills and Provides Employment For 150 Men.

An enterprise that will mean much to Oregon City and Clackamas county was placed in operation Monday morning when the Oregon City Planing Mill Company started its new mill, which has just been constructed on the site of the old Broughton saw-mill.

The mill was commenced about two months ago and was pushed with amazing rapidity. The new concern is the outgrowth of the Baker mill, which was situated between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. F. S. Baker operated this mill for several years and then sold the mill to the Kuppenbender Bros., who built a new mill across the street from the Baker location. Several months ago a new company was formed, and a number of leading business men of the city took stock in it. John A. Moehnke, W. A. Huntley, John Adams and others are interested in the new concern along with the Kuppenbenders, and negotiations were entered into to build a planing mill, sawmill and dry kiln at Willamette, where inducements were offered in the way of ground, light and power. A deal had almost been consummated, when the company decided to secure the more advantageous site of the old Broughton sawmill. Contracts were made with six sawmills in the county for their entire product and work was commenced vigorously. The planing mill and dry kiln are of the latest improved design, and the mill has a capacity of about \$10,000 per month. The enterprise will provide employment for not less than 150 men, as in addition to the force of between 40 and 50 men in this city, the sawmills in the county will furnish labor for 120 men, mill men, loggers and teamsters. The surplus product that is supplied by the sawmills will be sold in the rough. The planing mill is equipped with steam, and develops 135 horse power.

FIRE LADDIES' PICNIC.

Volunteers Join to Hold Festivities at Willamette Some Sunday.

Volunteer firemen of Oregon City have concluded to hold a picnic some pleasant Sunday afternoon the Fourth of July at Willamette Falls. Representatives from the five local companies met Friday night in the rooms of the Columbia Hook and Ladder Company and Chief of the Fire Department E. L. McFarland called the meeting to order, stating that the Oregon City Manufacturing Company had purchased the department with \$35, and

he wanted to learn an expression from the several companies as to the proper use of the money.

For several years past it has been customary to hold annual banquets, and this was proposed, but some delegate immediately suggested a picnic, and the proposition was fetching. The following committee on general arrangements was named.

Gene Woodward, Columbia Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1; J. A. McGlashan, Fountain Hose Company, No. 1; Sam Stowe, Cataract Hose Company, No. 2; Jack H. Caufield, Hill Hose Company, No. 3; Fred Currie, Ely Hose Company, No. 4. The date of the picnic will be left entirely to the discretion of the members of the general committee, but will probably be held Sunday, July 1. It is planned to secure the presence of the Oregon City Band, to have a ball game and other athletic sports. Each company will be asked to contribute not to exceed \$10.

KILLED AT CAZADERO.

Albert Meissner Crushed By Huge Rock Weighing Three Tons.

The funeral of the late Albert Meissner took place Monday, Coroner Holman interring the remains in Mountain View cemetery. Meissner was the owner of a ranch at George, and so far as known, had no relatives. The unfortunate man came to his death Friday afternoon at Cazadero, being caught beneath a rock weighing three tons and crushed to death. He was working with another laborer on the side of a hill that was being graded down, and Meissner's work consisted of dislodging large boulders. He had just succeeded in dislodging a very large rock, and as it rolled down the hill he evaded it, but did not discern a second boulder, which came tumbling down after, and was caught and crushed to death.

Meissner was a single man, aged 40 years. Coroner R. L. Holman and Attorney John W. Loder went to Cazadero Saturday and held an inquest, the jury bringing in a verdict of accidental death, and not placing the responsibility for the blame.

HUGHES GETS 50 YEARS.

Degenerate Sentenced to State's Prison By Judge McBride.

Fifty years in the state penitentiary is the fate of Ira Hughes, who was convicted Thursday of the crime of incest. The second trial, resulted in speedy conviction of the accused, after a disagreement by the jury in the first trial of the case.

Hughes made an address to the court, asking for leniency, and stated that his wife and daughters had formed a conspiracy to become rid of him, but Judge McBride said that he could find no room for leniency, taking into consideration the testimony and circumstances connected with the case.

Hughes is about 40 years of age, and is afflicted with tuberculosis, and the sentence means life imprisonment for him. The maximum penalty is life, and the minimum is 20 years imprisonment. Hughes was a resident of this city with his family up to a few months ago, when he moved to Vancouver, Wash.

HALF MILLION INVOLVED.

Judge McBride Hands Down Decision in Douglas County Case.

Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of the circuit court has handed down a decision in the case of Rachael DeBow et al., vs. E. Wollenberg et al., which was brought here from Douglas county on a change of venue from Judge Hamilton's court.

The plaintiffs won a victory in the decision of Judge McBride. Nearly half a million of dollars is involved, and a matter of great concern in the suit was the estate of the late Samuel Marks, and the court concludes that the plaintiff is the owner of an undivided one-sixteenth interest in the estate of Samuel Marks, deceased, and entitled to an accounting of the same from the defendants, and to recover the balance found due on such accounting.

The plaintiffs are Rachael DeBow, Sara Hartbrod, Clara Marks, administrator of the estate of Adolph Marks, deceased, and Meier Marks vs. H. Wollenberg, as surviving partner and administrator of S. Marks and H. Wollenberg and as administrator of the partnership of S. Marks & Co., and Herman Marks, as devisee and executor under the last will of Asher Marks.

BOY HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Son of T. J. Thomas, of New Era, Receives Serious Injuries.

The 14-year-old son of T. J. Thomas of New Era, was seriously injured in a runaway accident in this city early Thursday afternoon. Mr. Thomas and his son started to drive up Main street from the woolen mills, with a large smokestack in the wagon, when the horses became frightened and tore down the street. The father grasped his boy, but both fell from the wagon and the wheels ran over the lad, breaking his leg in two places. The team then raced madly up the street, the wagon careening wildly from side to side, and when opposite the post-office, David Williams rushed out, and after a frantic chase, succeeded in getting hold of the reins and stopping the infuriated animals in front of Huntley's. The big smokestack fell into the street and this only served to frighten the horses still more. No sooner were the animals brought to a stop, than they again started to run, but were stopped. The boy was taken care of by a physician and was sent to a Portland hospital to receive treatment for his injuries.

Attend G. A. R. Encampment.

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps has aroused interest and a party of members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. are attending. Department President Mrs. Jennie B. Harding and Department Secretary Mrs. Rosina Fouts, of the Women's Relief Corps, left Monday, and among those who went Tuesday are Senior Vice Commander Geo. A. Harding, of the G. A. R., J. F. Devoe and C. M. Deyoe, of Canby, A. Mautz, O. Washburne, J. F. Dick of Canby, Geo. W. Webster, Mrs. H. M. Webster, Miss Nora Webster, J. A. Tutts, Captain J. T. Apperson, J. A. Lewis, Robert Killard, commander of Meade Post G. A. R., Mrs. J. J. Tingle and Mrs. R. C. Ganong, of Canemah.

"CLEAN UP" IS ADVISED

Mayor Caufield Will Name a Day to Remove Garbage.

COUNCIL SHOWS THE WAY

All Residents Will Be Requested to Dispose of Rubbish.

Mayor E. G. Caufield will in a few days issue a proclamation naming a "cleaning-up" day for Oregon City. The time will probably be next week, and every effort will be made by the city authorities to persuade the residents and business men to remove all rubbish and unsightly substances from around their premises. Oregon City has great natural and scenic beauty that has been marred by carelessness and the absence of a place to dispose of the constant accumulation of rubbish, but the council recently rented an old gravel-pit on the Albright pasture for a garbage dump, and now there is no excuse for dirty yards and back alleys.

The council Tuesday night authorized the foreclosure of all liens against property for construction of sidewalks, sewers, streets, etc., and the matter will be pushed with vigor under the provisions of the charter, which provides for the sale of the property. When this is done and the deed placed on record, there will be a cloud against the title that can only be removed by payment of the lien. The Fifth street improvement ordinance was passed, as was the ordinance establishing the grade of Washington street, and the ordinance providing that all houses in the city be numbered, preliminary to the establishment of a free postal delivery. The franchises granted to G. D. Latorretto for a railway line, and to T. E. Ryan for elevators to the top of the bluff were ordered revoked Tuesday, as the provisions have not been complied with.

PACIFIC SYNOD MEETS.

Lutheran Church Delegates Hold Annual Convention.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church was convened in this city Wednesday and will hold in session from Wednesday to Monday inclusive. The convention will be held in the Evangelical Lutheran church of this city, and services will take place each evening in both English and German. About 20 clergymen from various portions of the state will attend. Rev. W. R. Kraxberger, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church in this city, is directing the reception of the visiting ministers.

Official Clackamas County Returns for State and District Officers, Election June 4, 1906.

Table with 51 columns representing various offices (U.S. Senator Short Term, U.S. Senator Long Term, Representative Congress, Governor, Secy. of State, State Treas., Sup. Judge, Atty. General, Supt. of Public Inst., State Printer, Labor Com.) and rows for various districts from 12 to 51. Total votes are listed at the bottom of each column.