

S. S. FOR SCHOOLS IS VOTED

Taxpayers Approve Budget, Including Provision for Building Bonds.

SALARY INCREASE WINS

Eighty Additional Rooms of Fireproof Material Contemplated. Civic Council to Hold Meeting of Protest.

The taxpayers of school district No. 1 of Multnomah County, last night met in the auditorium of the Lincoln High School building and adopted the budget proposed by the Board of Education, calling for a 3.3 mill tax levy and recommending that \$250,000 additional bonds be issued to provide for the completion of the new Lincoln High School building in accordance with the ordinance demanding fireproof school structures recently passed by the City Council.

Salary Increase Approved.

Among the amounts included in the 1911 budget are \$50,000 for 30 new school rooms, to be built of concrete in accordance with the fireproof ordinance; \$200,000 for teachers' salaries, an increase from \$180,000, made necessary by the granting of an advance in salaries approved by the board of education; \$100,000 for the teaching staff from 10 to 15 per cent to provide instructors for the new rooms; \$100,000 for grounds, grounds improvements and improvements to grounds; \$30,000 for fuel; \$10,000 for repairs and maintenance and \$10,000 for school supplies.

Should the City Council decide to allow the Board of Education to construct grammar schools already partially constructed without regard to the fireproof ordinance, it is estimated that the saving will be \$25,000. This amount will then be carried over to 1912 and the levy for that year will be correspondingly reduced. Members of the Board of Education also say that it will not be necessary to provide money for the library next year as it is now well stocked with books. The budget adopted last night contains an estimate of \$10,000 for the school library. The same amount was provided last year.

Meeting Quickly Over.

The business of the meeting consumed less than 15 minutes, more than 25 of which were consumed in the reading of the reports of the school officers. Members of the School Board were cheered when they took their seats on the stage. Only three motions were put, one to adopt the budget and increase the proposal to sell more bonds, report and take up the budget item by item, which was voted down, and a third to adjourn, which carried, with John H. Haak, president of the City Council, on his feet valiantly demanding an audience.

The report read by Mrs. L. W. Sifton, chairman of the Board of Education, represented an estimated \$121,100 as the amount necessary to defray 1911 school expenses, requiring a 3.3 mill tax levy on the assessable property of the district. The special levy, Mrs. Sifton estimated, would produce \$1,511,700, making allowance for the usual loss in collection of taxes. The remainder would be made up by \$75,000 from the county school fund, \$75,000 from the state school fund, \$75,000 from the school cash on hand and \$275,000 interest.

Budget Is Adopted.

Mrs. Sifton had scarcely finished reading the budget, when the estimated expenditures were considered item by item. It was seconded from several parts of the auditorium. Mrs. Sifton called for a vote on the report, but the "ayes" and "noes" seemed to be so equally proportioned that she called for a standing vote, finally declaring Mr. Witterberg's amendment. Another standing vote was taken on Mr. Witterberg's motion and it was declared carried.

"Move we adjourn," shouted Judge H. H. Northrup above the din, which arose. John H. Haak jumped to his feet with a paper in his hand and called, "Mr. Chairman" several times. Some one replied that a motion to adjourn was not in order. Mr. Witterberg protested against adjourning the meeting without selecting an auditing committee. The hubbub was so great that it was three or four minutes before Mrs. Sifton was able to decide that the motion to adjourn had been adopted.

Civic Council Resolutions Read.

Mr. Haak leaped to the platform and calling at the top of his voice succeeded in having the taxpayers remain in the hall, some standing and others sitting, while he read the resolutions which he had tried to get before the meeting prior to adjournment. "Winning to obtain the testimony of the audience, he called for a yes and no vote after reading the resolutions, with the reading of which he had been entrusted by the City Council. The "ayes" and "noes" mingled so much that it was impossible to get an accurate idea of the sentiment of those present.

Levy by Board Favored.

"That such board be authorized to make the annual school levy and that the annual taxpayers meeting be discontinued." That this school district be independent of the county school system; and that the boundaries of the district be co-extensive with the City of Portland and extensions thereof. That this district be governed by a Board of Education consisting of 12 members to be elected from different sections of the city.

Wife Gets Two Warrants

Husband and Widow of 50 Arrested; He Lacks Bail.

Harry S. Ayers, formerly a conductor on the Oregon City carlines and Mrs. Henrietta B. Stearns, a widow, 50 years old, were arrested by Constable Lou Wagner at 440 Fifth street last night on warrants sworn to by Ayers' pretty young wife. Mrs. Stearns found her husband making out a check for \$200 cash bill. In default of the same amount Ayers was locked up in a cell at the county jail.

Mine, Long Dead, Reaps Harvest.

SUMMIT, Ore., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Regular cleanups from the Mammoth mine near here are now being sent to the city. The mine, which was closed for some time, has been reopened and is now producing a good crop for the last eight or ten years.

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