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A WARM SCHOOL MEETING

A Heated Discussion Over Report—Another Meeting to be Held

The special school meeting called by the clerk of District No. 45 for the purpose of voting a 10 1/2 mill tax for the rebuilding of flues and furnaces in the West side school building, street grading, building of side walks and for the support of a nine months school for the coming year, resulted in something of a stormy session.

Clerk Barrett read the report of the financial statement for the year 1904-5 as follows:

ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Cash on hand June 30, 1905	\$ 8680.16
RECEIPTS	
Co. Treas. district school tax	\$ 1906.00
Co. Treas. county school tax	3095.00
Co. Treas. state school tax	980.43
Various sources	45.56
Total Receipts	\$14707.92
DISBURSEMENTS	
Teachers salaries for the year	\$4704.50
31 warr. unpaid	\$1535.75
Warrants paid	\$ 3168.75
Rent	10.00
Fuel and school supplies	1158.03
New school house and site	8680.40
Paid on principal and int.	534.30
Insurance	112.38
Clerks salary	25.00
Total	\$13688.92
OTHER PURPOSES	
Wood	\$250.00
Sidewalks	50.00
Lumber	50.00
Sewer connections	20.00
Toilet	195.00
Attorney	150.00
Census	30.00
Hardware	70.00
Repairs, etc.	40.00
Miscellaneous	72.33
Total	\$927.33
Total disbursements	\$14616.25
Balance on hand June 30, 1905	\$ 91.07

There was considerable discussion over the report, the principal point brought forth was the omission of the items making up the amount of "Other purposes" which have been given herein. Much feeling was evident when the discussion of the West side school building was brought up. It is stated that not only was the building badly built, but that the heating apparatus was not properly constructed and that before another years service, it must be rebuilt, the board estimating the expense at about \$500 to \$600.

Most of the people feel very badly about the double expense, some blame the board, some the overseers and some say it is done and cannot be remedied, therefore make the best of it, do the repair work and spend enough to have it right this time. In making up the budget for the coming year, the 10 1/2 mills tax would give enough to pay for a nine months school, janitors salaries of about \$500, interest on bonds about \$500, grading \$140, sidewalks \$60, take up the 31 warrants outstanding \$1535.75 and repair the school, etc.

When the ballot was taken on the vote for the tax, the motion was defeated by a vote of 14 to 8. After quite a long and warm consideration of the matter a motion to reconsider the question was made which was finally won on a second ballot. The vote then taken on the tax was again won by the nays 20 to 13. The chairman of the board stated that he did not feel that the meeting was a representative one, and that it was not the wish of the people of the town to have only such school during the coming year as the board could borrow money for, but to pay up the debts, and have a good school, and that a new notice would have to be sent out for a new meeting at which time probably a more representative class of voters would be present, at which time such a tax would be undoubtedly passed. After this the meeting adjourned, some going around to see the improvements paid for during last year.

Warehouse Nearly Collapsed.

Eugene Guard.

Last night, between ten and eleven o'clock, the walls of the flume leading from the mill race to the turbine wheel at the Eugene Mill and Elevator Co.'s flour mill burst and before the water could be shut off a large area of earth beneath the flour ware house adjoining the mill was washed out from beneath the foundation, causing the building to sag several feet. It would have collapsed soon had not the flow of water been discovered just in time. Contractor G. W. Taylor is at work today putting in new supports and straightening the building up.

Epworth Forum

Monday evening at 8:30 the regular meeting of the Epworth Forum met in the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of re-electing officers for the ensuing six months. The following named officers are: Fred Wachter, President; Georgetta Berg, Vice-President; Winona Gunn, Secretary; Eber Browne, Treasurer. Messdames J. I. Jones, J. M. Isham, and Dr. Corpron were appointed as a program committee.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 7.

DRAIN HAS A BIG FIRE

Several Large Buildings Destroyed Including Southern Pacific Property

Saturday noon as the people in Drain were sitting down to their dinners the fire alarm rang out that the Commercial hotel was in flames. The fire was started by a defective flue in the third floor and spread so rapidly that most of the roomers lost their clothes and possessions. The flames ran from building to building until 9 buildings were burning at once, covering about 2 blocks on the principal business street.

From the Commercial hotel the fire leaped to the Hotel Drain in spite of the 8-inch brick fire wall completed only about a week before for such protection. From there it spread to two stores, a baker shop, ice cream stand, two residences, warehouse, S. P. road masters office and S. P. depot. The Commercial hotel building belonged to the Cellar's estate who leased the building to E. L. Meacham. The building is a total wreck, and the estate estimate their loss at about \$6000. E. L. Meacham was able to remove a part of the furniture from the hotel, thus reducing his loss to about \$1500. The Hotel Drain was the property of the McAlisters, leasing it to Mr. and Mrs. Stark, who had recently changed and completely furnished it. Mrs. Stark lost several hundred dollars of private property and \$35. cash, which with Mr. Stark's personal losses, amount to about \$500. The barber shop was a complete loss. T. E. Bledsoe's warehouse was filled with hay and wood, which was all consumed. Mrs. A. H. Whelden's millinery stock did not suffer much damage as it was removed to a distance before the Perkins house in which it was burned.

The Southern Pacific company has just recently bought some lumber and shingles to be used in building an addition to the depot which was all consumed with the depot. The large brick building at the side of the Commercial Hotel stood the test of the fire successfully. The fact that the iron doors and windows of same were closed probably saved it, as the outside woodwork, signs, etc. were all burned.

The Commercial hotel had recently been remodeled and was very nicely refitted throughout. The proprietor, Mr. E. L. Meacham has moved into the Normal School boarding house for the present until some new building, or some other arrangement can be made, as the Normal School will need its building at the beginning of school. The Drain hotel people have not been able to make any plans yet for reopening.

The losses on all the buildings and contents were practically entire as the fire cleaned them down to the ground. The estimated entire loss is as follows:

The Cellar's estate	\$ 6000
E. L. Meacham	1500
McAlisters	4000
S. P. depot	1500
T. E. Bledsoe	600
Mr. Lynch	600
W. A. Perkins, dwelling	400
Cellar's, dwelling	400
S. P. road master's office	500
Kruse family	500
Total loss	\$15000

There was no insurance carried on any of the buildings there at the present time although there had been up until very recently, as the fire insurance companies thought the risk was too great on account of the many wooden buildings, and consequently withdrew all policies outstanding paying back the premiums for unexpired time. Thus the losses occasioned by the fire will be large on this account. Many of the firms will doubtless be completely ruined although people around are ready to back them up. Some even telephoned out for aid before the fire was entirely subdued to rebuild. Many guests in the hotels lost goods although the fire at first spread slowly.

The citizens turned out nobly with their bucket brigade and did all in their power to save the buildings, but a bucket brigade has its limitations, and the tearing down of buildings in the way was the only recourse. Every citizen in the

town is ready to get down in his pocket and dig up his share of the funds for a water system right off. There is a saying that a town is no good until it has a good fire, well we hope this will make a great improvement if the saying holds true. The nearest water supply is Elk Creek about 200 yards from the principal street.

The population of Drain is about 600, and is located 13 miles south of Cottage Grove on the Southern Pacific. The principal business street of the town runs parallel to the railroad north and south on the west side of the track, and it was along this street the greatest damage was done. The principal stores are Ira Wimberley's general merchandise and undertaking.

Lerry Applegate, drugs. W. W. Kent, gen. merchandise, poet office and hardware. Perkins & Son gen. merchandise. W. C. Edwards, meat. A. C. Chadbourne confectionery. M. Moon, grocery. Tom Bledsoe, gen. merchandise. Henton Myers, gen. merchandise. Riley Lynch, barber shop.

The Central Oregon Normal is located there. Has a faculty of nine teachers and will have a class of 22 graduates the coming year.

Prof. Briggs is at the head of the Normal school. Drain certainly has nerve and faith in her town and true citizens, when they can dig up the money to run the Normal, after the state has refused them aid.

The Sharkey Lumber company has a large mill 6 miles from town and has just completed a flume to the town where they are erecting a large dry kiln and planing mill and will install a first class water and electric light system.

The company has extensive holdings and is composed of experienced and successful mill men of Michigan.

A fine Irish Setter dog belonging to Mr. Lynch crawled under the Barber shop in his terror and perished.

Bids Asked for Labor for Panama Canal Work.

Washington, July 22.—Bids were asked today by the Panama canal commission for 2,000 each of Chinese, Japanese and Italian laborers for the isthmian canal. Those who compete in furnishing the laborers must submit bids first as to the amount per day for which the laborers of a certain nationality will work and also bids saying the amount the government will be required to pay for transportation. Bids will be opened August 1.

Will Increase Water System at Baker City.

At an adjourned session of the council last night it was decided to put in 16,000 feet of wooden pipe to connect the present water system with Marble and Salmon Creeks. The present supply of water in Baker City gives signs of running short and the city council decided that this precautionary measure was necessary. Twelve-inch pipe is to be used and a representative of the Washington Pipe foundry of Tacoma offered to furnish the pipe at 35 cents a foot. The offer will doubtless be accepted at an adjourned meeting tonight.

U. S. Geological Work for Year 1905 in Oregon.

A study of the stratigraph of portions of Klamath mountains in Southern Oregon will be undertaken by Mr. J. S. Diller. Mr. D. T. Day will make special investigation of the black sand resources of the United States, experimenting in the concentration of these sands with a plant at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland. The mineral statistics of the state will be collected by Mr. C. G. Yale. Mr. W. H. Herron has charge of parties that will survey two quadrangles in the vicinity of Baker City. This work will be done in co-operation with the state of Oregon. The streams of the state will be measured by Mr. W. C. Sawyer, assisted by Mr. E. N. Smith and others.

Will Appeal Branton Case. Attorney J. S. Medley states that he submitted to Judge Hamilton at Roseburg a bill of exceptions in the John Branton Case preparatory to appealing the case to the Supreme Court.

SENATOR MITCHELL IS SENTENCED

The Aged Senator Received His Sentence Without Emotion.

"The judgement of the court is that the defendant be imprisoned for the term of six months in the county jail of Multnomah county of this state, and be fined in the sum of \$1,000."

Oregon's oldest senator Tuesday morning faced the judgement of his nation's judiciary and heard these words addressed to himself. His face bore an expression of unutterable emotion as the firm, clear voice of the presiding judge pronounced the fateful words. Convulsive twitching betokened the limit of human endurance. There was a tremor, but no collapse. With folded arms and wide-opened eyes, which stared with almost an appeal, but at the same time seemed bewildered, John H. Mitchell sat before the judge, who affixed the seal of disgrace upon his long career. Beside him was his son, John H. Mitchell, Jr., his attorney, ex-Senator Thurston, and behind him were friends. But he saw only the stern face of the presiding judge. This official, who had it within his power to inflict ten years' imprisonment and a fine of \$50,000, or one day behind bars and \$1 fine, adding to the judgement softening unction, spoke as though he was the blind spirit of justice, which had gleaned from all the circumstances of the case but one ameliorating condition—age. His judgement was as if the humblest citizen had been arraigned. Unmoved by the tense situation of the courtroom, where a jam of humanity held breath in awe, Judge DeHaven performed his last duty in the most sensational case that has ever stirred the Pacific northwest.

General Summary. The past week was the hottest of the season, and no rain of consequence occurred in any part of the state. Fortunately, the wind was generally light and the wheat crop suffered but little damage. In the Grande Ronde valley and in some of the Columbia River counties east of the Cascade mountains late sown spring wheat was damaged by the hot weather and will probably be cut for hay. The bulk of the crop, however, is safe, and both spring fall wheat are now being cut as rapidly as possible. Thrashing will begin in the Willamette valley this week. All indications point to an extra good crop of wheat, both as to quantity and quality.

Pasturage is getting short, but stock continues in good condition. The flow of milk is decreasing in the dairy districts, but not more than usual at this season of the year. The second crop of alfalfa is being cut, and the crop promises to be about an average one. Hop burs are forming and the vines are growing nicely. Hop lice are still to be found, but they are less numerous than formerly. Corn, potatoes and gardens have made good advancement, but these crops would be improved by more rain. Early apples are ripe. Prunes, peaches and peaches are doing well.

The Methodist church has at last gotten started on the building of the boys reading and gymnasium building, which stood with only the foundation laid. They have several men at work and hope to get it done soon so the boys can make early use of it.

Cottage Grove is getting a move on itself now. The Stewart-Porter brick building is under way now and the brick masons are getting the walls up rapidly. It will be a great improvement.

There will be a special school meeting of Dist. No. 45 of Lane County, at the East side school building on August 12th.

George Cole arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon from Oakland to visit for a short time.

I visited the exhibit yesterday

Special Correspondent. Portland June 17, 1905. EDITOR REGISTER:—As a member of the Lane County Mining Exhibit committee I have personally examined into conditions and find that published statements relative to Lane's mineral exhibit are false and that both Mr. Stafford and the committee have been grossly misrepresented perhaps not intentionally but wrongfully to say the least.

I find not only that no graft entered into the conduct of Lane exhibit but on the contrary every dollar paid to Mr. Stafford for his services has been honestly earned. I find further that Mr. Stafford has been one of the busiest men in the mineral exhibit building and aside from taking time off in which to eat his meals he has been constantly at his duty, only once leaving the exhibit for a trip to Mount Hood at the earnest solicitation of one of his former instructors in college, but he left the exhibit in competent hands, and for which service he paid out of his own pocket.

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SPRING LINE JUST RECEIVED

Banner Shirt Waist



Mercurized Etamine, Mohair and Lawns. Also a large line of hours Shirt Waists. Best values ever shown.

Hemenway & Burkholder

Lurch's Show Window

"Nuf Sed"

THOSE LACE CURTAINS "YOUR LAST CHANCE" Are down to Bedrock but they hang nice At Our Accordion Pleated Skirts

LURCH'S--LURCH'S