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VOTE TEN MILL SCHOOL TAX

Financial Report Submitted and Read by
Chairman Veatch

An important school meeting was held at the east side school building Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of voting a ten mill tax to meet a deficiency in the school funds, the expense of recent necessary improvements in fitting up and furnishing two new rooms and employing two additional teachers to teach therein, the repair of the furnace, etc.

The meeting was called to order a little later than advertised by Oliver Veatch, chairman of the board, who requested the clerk to read the call for the special meeting. Chairman Veatch then presented and read a financial report showing the financial condition of the district, which is published herewith, and stated that the patrons of the school present were at liberty to ask any questions concerning the report or affairs of the schools. A few questions were asked and were promptly and satisfactorily answered.

Captain J. C. Johnson addressed the meeting in behalf of the schools and his talk was interesting and to the point being an eloquent plea for the maintenance of the present high standard of our city schools. He suggested that all important local school elections, hereafter be held the same as other city elections, that business men and all others interested in school affairs be given more time and opportunity to vote. Upon motion it was ordered that school elections hereafter be conducted in this way.

A motion was made that it be the sense of the meeting that a ten mill tax be voted for school purposes. This motion carried without opposition and ballots were prepared for the election on this issue which followed and which resulted 72 to 40 in favor of the special 10 mill tax and was so declared by Chairman Veatch. The meeting then adjourned.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Teachers salary per month	\$1076.11 and for 9 months.....	\$ 9684.99
Outstanding warrants teachers	1908-9.....	1401.85
Outstanding warrants teachers	1909-10.....	446.11
Repairing building, furnace, purchase of furniture, wood, street grading, interest on bonds and insurance.....		1736.20
		\$13269.15
Apportionment from county, \$5 per scholar, 640 scholars.....		\$3200
Apportionment from state \$1.85 per scholar, 640 scholars at \$1.85.....		\$1184
Apportionment for high school.....		\$1800
		\$6184.00
Deficiency.....		\$7085.15

The 1909 property valuation not being obtainable at the assessor's office at this time, the 1908 valuation \$546,700 taken as a basis would only produce at 10 mills as voted, \$5467.00, which will still leave a deficiency, but it is hoped that the 1909 valuation will show a sufficient increase to make up this prospective deficiency.

Benson's Pharmacy has received the largest and best collection of books for the holiday trade ever opened in this city.

AN EARLY FRESHET BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

November's usual rains developed late last week into a regular Oregon downpour and so steady and continuous was this warm rainfall Saturday night and Sunday that by Monday the river and streams were overflowing their banks, the warm rainfall having melted all of the early snowfall in the mountains at the head of the various streams. The usual back water on the south side of Main street in Cottage Grove, caused by insufficient drainage under this street, flooded to the depth of one or two inches several business houses on the south side of the street and floated a few sidewalks and street crossings out of place. Silk creek in west Cottage Grove overflowed its banks slightly, but no damage resulted. Row river, east of this city was on the rampage and reached a higher stage than the Coast Fork, flowing through this city, but no damage resulted except the washing out of a few farm fences. The O. & S. E. passenger train made its regular run up Row river valley this Tuesday morning and reports no damage to the company to speak of.

The only loss reported on the Coast Fork was the breaking of the Shortridge boom and dam at the Shortridge sawmill, which logs however, were nearly all caught at Woodard's mill at Latham, one mile south of this city, where but little damage and loss was sustained, only a few wagon loads of wood and a section of planked driveway being washed away.

This freshet was one of the earliest recorded in years and it is predicted will be followed with some fine weather in December.

Goats as Trail Makers.

The Forest Service has three thousand Angora goats at work, it is stated, in the Lassen National Forest of California, and their sole duty is to eat trails through the undergrowth in order that the fire guards may perform their duty. They are doing their work thoroughly, it seems, and the Government is saving much money by the experiment.

Hon. Binger Herman's case has at last been set for hearing at Portland commencing Jan. 10, 1910. Heney will prosecute the case and a Washington attorney assisted by Portland counsel will defend Mr. Hermann. A conviction is not anticipated.

THE RESULT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TRYOUT

The Debate Was Sharply Contested---Successful
Team, Gladys Farley, Myrtle Kem, Armored
Sutcliffe, Maude Hooper, Myrtle
DeSpain and Bennie King

The city schools debating tryout at the armory last Friday evening was quite largely attended and was ably conducted and most interesting. Superintendent Barnes presided, and the judges experienced much difficulty in rendering a decision so equally matched were most of the contestants, all of whom acquitted themselves admirably. The following program was carried out with the exception of Elmer Spencer in the first debate who was detained at home on account of sickness:

Instrumental duet, Miss Mabel Veatch and Miss Mabel Rosenberg.

QUESTIONS DEBATED.

Resolved, That the constitution of the United States should be amended so as to elect U. S. senators by a direct vote of the people.

Affirm: Ernest Anderson, Harry Kime. Deny: Elmer Spencer, Melvin Jordan.

Resolved, That Lincoln was a greater man than Washington.

Affirm: Myrtle DeSpain, Laurette Atkinson. Deny: Allie Phillips, Audry Langdon.

Violin solo: Rowe Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, accompanist. Encore.

Resolved, That music has, had and does have a greater power over mankind than oratory.

Affirm: Myrtle Kem, Armored Sutcliffe. Deny: Bennie King, Ethel Chrisman.

Quartette from eighth grade, "Virginia" Lottie Whitsett, Ursula Lockwood, Veta Holderman, Eva Richmond, Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle accompanist. Encore.

Resolved, That history warrants the conclusion that woman has exerted a greater power and influence in the world than man.

Affirm: Pearl Gray, Vera Cochran. Deny: Maude Hooper, Gladys Farley.

The three students chosen as the affirmative and the three as the negative debating teams were: Gladys Farley, Myrtle Kem, Armored Sutcliffe, Maude Hooper, Myrtle DeSpain and Bennie King. Rev. Adams announced that a free season ticket to the lecture course would be presented to the first two contestants mentioned.

While the judges were summing up the points, entertaining remarks were made by Hon. O. M. Kem, Rev. Adams, Rev. Sutcliffe and O. O. Veatch chairman of the school board.

BUSINESS MEN'S EXCURSION TO ORIENT

The Seattle Commercial Club is organizing an excursion to the Orient for business men, their families and connections, to leave Seattle by the S. S. Minnesota on Dec. 22nd and return about March 5th, 1910. The Minnesota will touch at Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong. First class round trip will be \$250.00. Space for exhibit on board will be provided. Stops will be made of from one to three days at all ports, and seventeen days at Manila. Applications for full particulars and reservations should be made to J. M. Shawhan, chairman of the Publicity Committee, 700 Eiler's Music Building, Seattle, Wash.

CHARGE AGAINST J. S. BENSON DISMISSED.

Upon motion of United States District Attorney McCourt, the perjury indictment which has so long been hanging over James Benson of Cottage Grove, was dismissed and thrown out of Federal court at Portland Monday. While Mr. Benson has been losing no sleep over the matter, he is naturally gratified to know the charge against him has been dismissed and that he will be put to no further expense in the matter.

The latest report from the terrible coal mine horror at Cherry, Ill., is as follows: Trapped in the burning mine 310. Rescued alive after six days, 20; bodies recovered, 101.

STANDARD OIL GETS KNOCK OUT.

St. Paul, Nov. 20.—In an opinion written by Judge Walter H. Sautborn, of St. Paul, and concurred in by Judge Vandevanter, Hook and Adams, with special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri today handed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil company of New Jersey as illegal combination operating in restraint of trade and ordered its dissolution. The opinion was filed simultaneously at St. Louis and St. Paul.

In this decision the government of the United States gains a sweeping victory and according to Frank B. Kellogg, special prosecutor, the government has won every point for which it contended.

WILL CONTINUE TO SELL OIL.

"I never know what I am going to do until my clients come after me," said John G. Johnson of this city, when told of the decision of the Standard Oil case and asked what steps would be taken to stay the order of dissolution. When asked as to the importance of the decision, Johnson replied: "I guess the government thinks it is important."

"How about the Standard Oil company," he was asked.

"Well, I reckon the Standard Oil company will continue to sell oil."

APPLE WOOD AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

Because of its exceeding toughness, apple wood is especially adapted to the making of tool handles. The supply is limited and the price paid for such timber in the United States average \$90 per thousand, board measure, to its owners, many of whom in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and other Middle States are making this disposition of their worn-out apple orchards. A large orchard or group of them will be purchased for their timber, and a portable sawmill moved in to cut it. E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., are buying many of these orchards.

There are several old pioneer orchards in this valley which would afford a good source of supply for this milling company and would bring their owners more revenue from this source than any other.

I want to buy from 5 to 160 acres of land. State term and improvements. Box 249.

TIMBERMENS' CONVENTION

Was Largely Attended
and Concluded with
Fine Banquet

The lumbermen's meeting in Cottage Grove Saturday was largely attended, many prominent sawmill men of Western Oregon and southern Washington being present. Railroad Commissioner T. K. Campbell, and Editor Geo. M. Cornwall, of the Pacific Coast Timberman, were also distinguished visitors and participants in the deliberations at the business session.

The Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturer's Association, adopted a resolution providing for the amendment to the by-laws to create a committee of five manufacturers to have charge of a legal and traffic bureau, to employ a permanent manager and an attorney.

This committee, through its manager, will take up the work now done by the freight committee and its manager, and in addition will keep in touch with all changes and proposed changes of rates affecting the lumber industry, and also legislation. The work to be continued is that of auditing and presenting claims to the railroads, where overcharges are made. It is the intention that the new department shall make every effort to settle claims without recourse to the courts, but the organization of the freight bureau will be such as to get the best results should it be necessary to go to law. The bureau will also collect statistics so as to be able to make a showing before the Interstate Commerce commission should necessity arise.

This action followed the report of A. C. Dixon of Eugene, chairman of the railway committee of the association. Mr. Dixon stated that it was the hope of the committee that ultimately the traffic and legal departments of all the larger shippers of the northwest should be welded into some sort of organization.

The report of the domestic fir committee showed that nearly all the mills of the state of Washington are cutting and shipping odd lengths of clean stock. The chairman, Mr. Knapp, called attention to the fact that there is not enough of this class of lumber in the United States to supply the demand, and it is well that the lumbermen cooperate with the government in conserving the resources of the country.

Mr. Knapp stated that early in 1910 there will be 7000 miles of railroad under construction west of the Missouri river, 15 per cent of which will be in Oregon. The construction will make a large market for lumber, and at the same time the new roads will open up new territory.

T. K. Campbell, chairman of the state railway commission addressed the meeting briefly on "Lumbermen and the rate bill."

The meeting Saturday was one of the most largely attended ones for some time.

A fine banquet was served Saturday evening by people of Cottage Grove, merchants and lumbermen. Dave Alexander served as chef and proved a good one.

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