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The deep interest that is manifested in the Bohemia railroad project was evident Wednesday evening by the enthusiastic audience that assembled at Martin's Hall for the purpose of discussing the question of right of way.

The hall was packed with the representative citizens and after a few selections by an eight piece orchestra, Mr I H Bingham arose and placed Mr Darwin Bristow in nomination for chairman, who was unanimously elected. Mr F G Eby was chosen secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting as he understood it and called on Mr Morphy who is managing the affairs of the company who propose to build said road, to address the people on the subject.

Mr Morphy in substance said "The company which I represent propose to build a railroad from Cottage Grove to Bohemia. They have sent me out here to look over the route. The survey for the main line is almost completed. It follows the west bank of Row River to the Currin bridge; then the east side to the red bridge and again on the west side to the head of the Champion Creek near the Grizzley mine. The estimated mileage including spurs at Mosby, Teeters and Sharp's Creeks is 65 miles. The estimated cost to build the road is \$500,000. What we want from the people of Cottage Grove is their assistance toward securing a right of way through the settled country. The matter of right away through the forest reserve is being worked out by our people. We ask no one to deed us a right of way until the road is completed."

The remarks by Mr Morphy was responded to by a number of our prominent citizens, who expressed their willingness to aid the prospect in any way in their power. A committee of eight was appointed to devise ways and means for securing said right of way. The following persons were named on the committee: J I Jones, D Bristow, Mayor R M Veatch, Ben Lurch, F D Wheeler, C H Burkholder, O Veatch, and Frank Philipps.

A motion to adjourn was entertained and carried.

Let every person who is interested come to the front and put their shoulder to the wheel and aid the committee in every way possible. Now that the right of way proposition is thoroughly understood no serious obstacle should be encountered. Parties who own land through which the proposed railroad will pass should consider the benefits of a road and see if such benefits will not overbalance the damage done to their premises if they think not let them strike a balance. A railroad to Bohemia means a great deal to this part of the country. It means that we are to have thousands of people here to where we have hundreds now. It means increased value of real estate. It means a big pay role. It means numerous industries. It means convenience for those living along such road. It means early more to this section and to every person living in this section than we can realize. This is the first time we have ever had capital offer to aid us, and now let every one show their appreciation of the aid offered by lending a helping hand to the enterprise. They ask no bonus. They ask nothing unless they build the road. All that the parties who own the land will be asked to do is to give a right of way when the road is completed.

At the school meeting last Saturday the proposition to levy an extra 5-mill tax for the purpose of continuing the school was voted down. The Leader believes this to be a very sad mistake. A good public school is essential to the welfare of any town and if the general appropriation is not sufficient to conduct the school as it should be conducted then a special tax should be paid by the patrons of such schools, and when they fail to vote such a tax they vote directly against their own interests. No other one thing would drive more families away from Cottage Grove and hinder more from coming here than to have the school to close. Another meeting has been called for January 18 to reconsider the matter and we trust that the citizens of Cottage Grove will put on their "thinking caps" between now and that time and let them come out to the meeting on that day and vote for the tax.

We give below the thoughts of our most prominent men on the subject.

"We ought to have 9 months school."
Ben Lurch.

"By all means let us have a good school."
W D Garman.

"I am in favor of a tax for school purposes."
F Jordan.

"I am in favor of voting tax sufficient to run a school nine months in this year."
Jas Hemenway.

"A good government first, a good school second, are the most necessary essential for prosperity."
G G Warner.

I favor a good school and am willing to be taxed for its support though I have no children to send.
C H Wallace.

We want a school and we want the money to come in a legitimate way and that is through taxes."
Baker & Johnson.

"I don't consider any progressive man can afford not to vote a school tax if it is necessary to have a good school and used in an economical way."
J I Jones.

"The school should be continued by all means as it is a part of the life of the town and the tax to keep it going would be felt by no one individually."
H Eakin.

"The first question in nearly every letter of inquiry about Cottage Grove we receive is, what are your school facilities and have you a graded school."
Phillips & Wheeler.

"Cottage Grove can make no blunder that will be half so fatal to the general prosperity and well being of our community as to vote down the tax to continue our public school."
H R M Veatch.

"I am very anxious for the school to continue. It has been one of the best ever had and the amount of harm done by closing it now would be greater than we can realize. By all means vote a tax for its support."
Darwin Bristow.

"I consider it a shame that the citizens of Cottage Grove with the brilliant future which the city has before it should lower itself in the eyes of the outside world by depriving the children of one of the privileges which the general American citizen mostly prizes."
J H Rosenburg.

"For a town of the size, pretensions and opportunities of Cottage Grove, to be without a school, is not only a disgrace, but is a hard blow at the best interests of the community. It seems strange to me that any man should view the object in any different light."
Robert Alexander.

"I am always in favor of a well supported and well conducted public school and do not think that an extra 5-mill tax for such purpose is excessive and I for one am very willing to stand my share and I wish to say further that I think Prof Briggs is doing a work that ought to be supported."
Col H H Blair.



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"I think Cottage Grove should by all means have at least eight months school in the year. The small amount it will cost could not be better expended, in building up the city and making it a desirable place in which to live."
J E Young.

"It is my opinion that when a man votes against a school tax, where it is so much needed as it is in this district, he votes against his own interests, particularly if he has property to sell."
O O Veatch.

It appears that those who voted against school tax last Saturday are branded as moss backs and opposed to good schools. Such charges are false and simply vulgar bombast of a low character. Many of those charges come from parties paying little or no tax and some are not even found on tax roll. I wish many others desire and want all school facilities possible and am perfectly willing to pay my portion of the tax necessary for school and at the same time we have a perfect right to demand of our school board an economical and careful use of the school funds in maintaining one school. The manner in which said funds have been used, and the grading and classifying the pupils have not been satisfactory, requiring more teachers than is really necessary in our schools. This last feature is what we voted against, more than the tax alone. Give us economy in the conduct of our school and we will vote for all the tax necessary for a good school.
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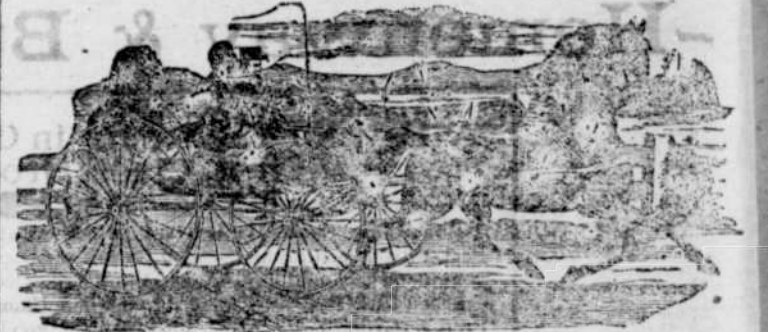
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