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## LEVY BIG TAX FOR SCHOOLS

PATRONS OF INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS ENTHUSIASTIC.

COMING YEAR WILL REVEAL MUCH GREATER PROGRESS IN SCHOOL AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT THAN EVER BEFORE.

A school meeting was held in the public school building last Friday evening for the purpose of determining the best means of providing funds to meet the current expenses of the schools. It is apparent that the school expense will be considerably higher during the coming year than it has been in the past by reason of the new high school which has just been completed, and to meet this the board of directors called together a goodly number of the school patrons to discuss the matter. In addition to the extra expense incurred by reason of the high school, it is learned that the teachers of the public school are receiving a larger salary this year than they did last, and putting the two together it seemed necessary to levy a special tax, and the board of directors recommended that a five mill tax be levied, believing that the same would be sufficient to meet all required payments during the fiscal year. When the tax question was put to vote the five mill tax was levied unanimously. This is certainly a commendable act on the part of the patrons, and goes to show that there is a great interest in schools in this city.

A report of the clerk was read showing the expense of running the public school for the past year, which is as follows: Teachers and janitor, \$5685; incidental expenses, school supplies and repairs, \$268.85; insurance, \$194.50; paid on wood during the year, \$85.00; interest on bonds, \$650. Total, \$6883.35. Received from five mill tax, from county treasurer, \$8444.15; from tuition, \$157.50. Total received \$8601.65, or a surplus of \$1718.30.

We have no outstanding warrants and the cash on hand at present is \$1785.40. The salaries of teachers are \$115 per month more now than last year. On nine months is \$1035.00 for the school year. Interest on bonds will be increased \$750. Expense for fuel will be increased as \$85.00 has been paid at this time. A janitor for the high school will, at \$26.00 per month, add to the expense \$234. Incidental expenses will also be increased as water and other expenses will be incurred at the high school. The amount of taxable property last year was \$9923.80.

After a careful consideration of all these changes your board of directors recommend that a tax of five mills be levied and believe that it will produce the required funds.

The high school report reads as follows: Received from sale of bonds and accrued interest, \$15,180.15.

Paid for high school grounds, \$1350; paid on building, \$10,500; paid on architect services, \$273; paid on interest on bonds, \$375; paid city for sewer pipe, \$62.98; paid for work on cement walks, \$124.40; paid for school furniture, \$493.76; for work on sewers, drains, gravel, etc., \$144.65. The total expended, \$13,323.79. Cash on hand, \$1856.36.

The school work in the city is progressing very satisfactorily and everything points to an increase in this respect in future years. Good schools, as good streets, are the best advertising mediums that a city can obtain, and when we secure both there is every reason to believe that Independence will grow faster than ever before.

Oregon, as everyone knows, is growing rapidly. It seems as if our city has met with the same amount of development that other towns under similar circumstances have, but from this on look for different conditions. There is a spirit of progress overtaking the indolent and the success of Independence is assured.

## Knights of Pythias Event

Homer Lodge No. 45, at its regular meeting held last Monday evening, had work in the first and third rank, and the interesting feature of the occasion was a large attendance of members and visitors. Among those present from other lodges were L. R. Stenson, F. T. Wrightman and G. K. Skeels of Salem, H. Butler, Fred Crowley, Archie Krebs, Wm. Stafford, F. E. Smith, J. E. Robertson, J. H. Flower and M. W. Walker of Falls City, and H. E. Browne of Silverton Lodge.

After the initiatory work the local lodge served lunch. To the writer, who has visited several lodges in the state, it was the most pleasant occasion of a similar nature that we have ever attended. The Independence lodge is certainly up-to-date.

## West Salem Growing

West Salem, says the Statesman, is on the boom. The company owning the chair factory over there is preparing to engage extensively in the manufacture of doors, windows, boxes, etc.

They are increasing their power plant, putting in large new boilers and engines, and they will be prepared to furnish electric lights to the people of Salem's Polk county suburb, if, indeed, they may not be knocking at the doors of Salem itself, to get into the game, at least for power purposes.

The people of West Salem are just waking up to the fact that they have a live wire in their midst.

Old settlers of Oregon tell us that this is an exceptionally mild winter and it must be. There has hardly been a freeze in the valley during the winter. House plants are seen on the front porches in this city and flowers are in bloom in some places. Different than most parts of Uncle Sam's territory. Wisconsin people are shivering around the stoves and mother earth is covered with snow. But if people want to live in such a country and suffer such frigid conditions as exist there, that's their business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh arrived in the city Friday and will reside with the bride's parents during the winter. They were married at Salem a week ago instead of at Portland last week as mentioned in the papers, but it was not until last week that the announcement was made, and as it came from Portland, friends of the newlyweds supposed that they were married there.

By mistake a piece of old plate matter was run on the inside of our issue last week. In our rush to get the paper out on time it was not noticed. We were handicapped last week on account of having to lose our help just at the critical time of the week. We will have the better half of the staff here soon, however, and mistakes will be less frequent.

H. Laliberty, a recent arrival in Independence, called our attention this week to a fruit tree at the home of W. Huntley near the city. This tree contains fully twenty bushels of apples, and it bears evidence of fall rather than mid-winter. Mr. Laliberty, like the writer, has been living in a country, where such a phenomena is unknown, and it naturally looks good to him.

Christmas in summertime is an unusual occurrence, even in Oregon, but such are the conditions at the present time and if the climatic conditions continue in this manner a few weeks longer the season of 1910 will go down in history as one of the mildest in the country's history.

Christmas exercises will be held in the M. E. church Saturday, Christmas Eve. The little ones and the older members of the society anticipate a good time.

## WE MAY PAVE THREE STREETS

WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF PORTLAND NEGOTIATES WITH CITY.

Main Street, Monmouth Street, and C. Street Will Probably Undergo Permanent Improvement During the Summer.

Mr. Felts, a representative of the Warren Construction Company of Portland, has been in the city several days interesting our business men in the matter of pavement. We are pleased to state that the business interests of the city are considerably enthused over the matter and every thing points to success in the undertaking.

They propose to pave Main street from the water works plant to the Main street steel bridge, C. street from Main street to the City Park and Monmouth street from the water works plant to the west steel bridge. Petitions have been circulated and generously signed by abutting property owners, and the whole town is becoming enthused over the prospects of good streets.

Probably at no previous time have the streets been in as bad condition as they are at the present time on account of the sewer work that has been accomplished during the summer and now is a good time to begin permanent improvement. The sewer is in and there will be no additional expense of tearing up the streets in the future.

A year ago this same company submitted a plan to pave one of the streets in Woodburn and after no little hesitation the council decided to do the work under the same terms that have been proposed to the citizens of Independence. Instead of paving one street, Woodburn has decided to pave three and the result has been very satisfactory. So much so that they are now discussing the matter of more permanent street improvement. Independence certainly ought to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to get good streets, and we believe she will. There has already been enough money spent on our streets to make such improvements as are now in contemplation and yet we have no streets. Such developments add wonderfully to the valuation of property and every dollar expended in this direction is well placed. It is a good advertisement for the city and one of the things that will increase the population as much as anything that can be obtained.

## NO REASON FOR ALARM

It is a serious mistake to suppose that the effect of prosperity or depression in the manufacturing industry is limited to those employed in mills and to their employers, or even to the communities and states where such manufacturing communities in this country are wholly dependent upon the agricultural regions for their food, and when crops fail, or when prices of farm products go higher or lower, the whole country is affected. This season the farmers, the hop growers, and all interests in husbandry are comparatively fortunate, and we can see no reason for alarm regarding the financial condition of Oregon.

Hon. J. S. Cooper, of Independence, left this week for Los Angeles, where he will remain until after the holidays. Mrs. Cooper has been in Los Angeles for several months and is slowly recovering from the effects of injuries received by a fall down the elevator shaft in the Imperial Hotel in Portland early last summer. She will probably remain in Southern California until Spring.—Polk County Observer.

Hon. Geo. Miller of Baker City is visiting at the Chas. E. Hicks home.

## A FAST GAME

A very fast game of basket ball was played at the Auditorium Saturday evening between the Monmouth Athletic Club and the Independence High School team. The team work was good on the part of the Athletic Club and the High School did some good playing, but were decidedly unfortunate in shooting baskets.

The local team did not anticipate that they would be called upon to meet the Athletic Club. It was understood that the High School team at Monmouth was to meet them on the home floor and advertisements were issued to that effect, but when the game was called they were confronted with old and experienced players. They did not take "back water," however, but met the opposition bravely and took defeat as they expected.

The Auto Stage between here and McNary's Crossing, intended to make a quick route between Independence and Salem by way of the Salem and Dallas Railway, has proven such a success so far that Long & Campbell have decided to make it a permanent thing and hereafter persons desiring to go to Salem and East side points by rail can make close connection with trains on the above mentioned line. The distance between Independence and Salem can be made in 40 minutes and the fare by Auto Stage and train amounts to 70 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDevitt, parents of Mrs. Geo. Conkey and the Misses McDevitt of this city, have returned to Polk county after a stay of two years in San Francisco. After visiting with their children in Independence, they will return to their old home in Dallas to take up their residence.

Adah Chapter, No. 34, Eastern Star, elected the following officers at the regular meeting Tuesday evening: W. M. Mrs. Ella Butler; W. P. P. M. Kirkland; A. M. Mrs. Helen Kirkland; Sec., Mrs. Ardella Butler; Treas., Mrs. Flora Mix; Con., Mrs. Nellie McLeod; A. Con., Miss Kate Dunsmore.

## WOULD ABOLISH TREATING

Falls City has abolished the custom of saloon "treating" within the bounds of its city limits.

The city council of that place has passed an anti-treating ordinance and has limited the number of saloons to two. There were fourteen applications made for the two licenses, and some nifty political wire-pulling was exercised and pressure brought to bear on members of the council for preference in the matter of license, but for twelve of the applicants the work was without results.

It is not however, the limiting of the saloons to two that has caused the greatest sensation in Falls City, but the passage of the anti-treating ordinance, which was passed coincidentally with the limiting of the number of saloons. The men who fought so hard to get the licenses discovered to their dismay that their victory had turned to ashes, for if no treating is allowed the receipts of the booze business drops 75 per cent. The "good fellows" of Falls City are disgusted, but the more fragal citizens are said to be secretly elated for they can now walk in at any time and take a swallow of tansil varnish without running the risk of being forced to invite someone who may be hovering around the free lunch counter.

## Sad News Received

J. G. McIntosh received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Howard McQuigg of Winchester Springs, Ontario, Canada. This is the first break in the circle of a family of eleven children, nine of whom were boys. We wish to extend to Mr. McIntosh our heartfelt sympathy in his bereavement, he having so recently passed through a severe affliction.

## SMALL POX AT SILVERTON

Four Victims Have Fallen From the Disease and Others are Dangerously Ill.

The writer's former home, Silverton, is in the grasp of that dreaded disease, smallpox, and at the present writing four victims have passed to their reward beyond. The disease started in the home of S. S. Herr. A few days ago his parents came from the east to spend the winter. Mrs. Herr, Sr., was taken sick a few hours subsequent to their arrival and died suddenly. Mr. Herr soon followed and later the young Mr. Herr and wife were taken sick and died, the latter having passed away Sunday. Others are sick from the disease and the whole town is alarmed. It is understood that several families in Silverton have been exposed to smallpox and it is feared that the result will be even more serious than it has been.

## W. C. T. U. to Observe Peace Day

The ladies of the W. C. T. U., at their meeting, arranged the program for "Peace Day". This is a very important occasion, the subject of "Universal Peace" that is so widely discussed will prove a most interesting portion of the arrangement, which is taking precedent of the Red Letter days to follow.

Delegates from Falls City, Dallas and Monmouth are invited, as well as the united congregations of Independence. There will be special music. The platform is to be occupied by ladies—a most unique part of the arrangement, as well as lady ushers also.

Everybody welcome. Admission free. To be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

We hereby call every one's attention to our services next Lord's day. The morning subject will be "Terms of Salvation for Christians," and the evening, "The Law and the Gospel," a chart sermon. If anyone believes we are under the Mosiac law, or have a Sabbath day to observe, come and hear this sermon. Listen, come one, come all; Dressed in silk or overall.—H. Campbell Clark, Minister.

Lee Willard, who has appeared in the Independence Opera House upon several different occasions, paid us a visit yesterday. Mr. Willard is on his way to California, riding on horse back for the benefit of his health. He expects to be absent most of the winter. Next summer he will return to the valley and organize another company and will probably play in this city.

## Independence High School Notes

Mr. McClarin, the architect of the new High School, presented the High School with a beautiful new 9x16 flag, and the teachers and pupils unanimously join in extending to him a vote of thanks.

The debating work is being organized and Independence will be represented in the Polk County High School League by two excellent teams. From the interest shown in the work and the excellent beginning everything points to (certain) victory. The single tax question has been selected and from its prominence throughout the state and county should receive considerable attention from the voters of the county.

A current events class has been organized in which the leading events of the day will be discussed and several of the leading papers and magazines of national importance will be read and discussed so as to interest the High School pupils in the current literature of today.

## Banks on Sure Thing Now

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Shingek, 647 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed." Unequaled for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and Debility. 25c at all druggists. George Kennedy of Salem was in the city Monday.