

## SCHOOL MEETING

**Kistner Re-elected as Director and Lawrence as Clerk--District Levy Is \$9,900.**

The annual school meeting of the city district here was held in the high school room last Monday evening with W. L. Kistner, president of the school board, in the chair, and J. S. Lawrence, clerk, as secretary.

The attendance was perhaps smaller than at any other time during the past five years, notwithstanding the fact that the law has been changed so that a property qualification is no longer required for a voter at these meetings. Only about sixty were

present. Mr. Lawrence read the report for the past year giving the following facts:

The number of persons in the district between four and twenty years of age is 512, of whom 246 are males and 266 females. The girls have been gaining on the boys during the past year, the previous report showing a difference of only three, where there is 20 now.

The number of teachers employed during the year was 14, of whom three were men and eleven women. There were 14 rooms in operation during the year.

There are 1,100 volumes in the school library of which 100 have been purchased during the past year.

The following is the financial statement for the past year:

Receipts  
On hand one year ago.....\$ 27.00  
From district tax..... 7,287.45

From county school fund.... 3,443.05  
From state school fund..... 864.50  
From tuition outside pupils.. 822.30  
Miscellaneous receipts..... 2.50

Total.....\$12,397.46

Expenditures  
Teachers' wages.....\$8,528.10  
Rent of school rooms..... 187.50  
Fuel and supplies..... 1,212.58  
Repairs and janitor work... 1,283.34  
Interest on warrants..... 303.50  
Insurance..... 255.00  
Clerk's salary..... 120.00  
All other purposes..... 500.42  
Cash on hand..... 7.02

Total.....\$12,397.46

The amount of outstanding warrants is now \$6,845.63, having risen from \$4,326.31 a year ago. The estimated value of the school house and grounds is \$16,000; of the school furniture and apparatus, \$5,000. The insurance carried on the school house and contents is \$13,000.

The total amount of money per month paid to male teachers last year was \$369.33; that paid to female teachers was \$777.50.

The total enrollment in the high school during the past year was 117, and the average daily attendance was 88. Of the total number 38 came from outside the district, and the county paid for their tuition the \$822.30 shown above. One of these outside pupils attended only for a few days and ten of them for only six months.

The report was accepted and approved.

The election of a director for three years to fill the place of W. L. Kistner, whose term had expired, being the next business in order, M. O. Hawkins complimented the board on having managed the affairs of the district carefully and satisfactorily and nominated Mr. Kistner for his own successor. C. R. Barrow nominated C. J. Fuhrman, whom he commended as a progressive young man interested in every forward movement.

The chairman appointed O. C. Sanford and Mrs. C. R. Barrow as tellers and a ballot was taken resulting 31 votes for Kistner to 28 for Fuhrman. It was close enough to be interesting, first one candidate and then the other forging ahead, Director H. O. Anderson, of the school board, declared Mr. Kistner duly elected.

A. J. Sherwood moved that the budget for the coming year be approved as read, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Anderson explained that the \$6,674.09 of uncollected taxes resulted

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G. WHITEFIELD RAY.

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in the district having to pay interest on outstanding warrants of about the same amount, or about \$600 a year. On this account the board had asked for a larger levy which would raise \$9,900 by district tax during the coming year.

No objection to this was offered by any one present; but as the new school law requires that the levy be made in dollars and not in mills on the dollar of property valuation, the meeting deemed it best to back up and do it over again, so a motion was made and unanimously adopted that the meeting make a levy of \$9,900 taxes for the coming year. With this amount it is expected that one-third less warrants will be outstanding at the end of the year than at present. It is also hoped that the amount will be still further reduced by the collection of more of the delinquent taxes due the county.

### New School Building Needed.

It is to be hoped that the deadlock of the past three years on the school site proposition here in Coquille will be settled soon. The efficiency of our schools is going to be impaired again this year by crowded conditions at the high school, in any event; but if the matter can be settled soon it may be possible to do better next year.

## SUICIDE DECAPITATED ON RAILROAD

In a fit of melancholia from brooding over financial matters, Chas. A. Walker ended his life at 2:05 Thursday afternoon by throwing himself in front of a Southern Pacific engine. The deed was committed just the other side of the trestle south of the Johnson mill and near the city limits.

The engine, which was running light with no cars attached, was in charge of Conductor Griggs, who was riding the pilot. As they rounded the curve he saw Mr. Walker walking the track ahead of them going toward Myrtle Point. When he heard the engine Walker looked around and having just passed the trestle, stepped off onto the path alongside the track.

When the engine reached the end of the trestle Walker was about thirty feet ahead of them. Glancing back, he saw they were close enough for his purpose and taking a little run up the incline he threw up his arms and fell crosswise of the track. His head lay outside the rail while the rest of his body was between the rails, and the wheels completely severed the head from the body.

Hair on the rail where he first struck showed that the body was pushed a couple of feet before the wheels passed over his neck.

As soon as he saw what Walker intended, Griggs gave the stop signal and the air was thrown into the emergency brakes. Griggs also shouted and the bell was ringing but it did not deter the unfortunate man from carrying out his suicidal intent.

The engine was not travelling more than eight or ten miles an hour and was stopped in three rail lengths. The engineer said he was not travelling that fast but called it that to be on the safe side.

The body was lying about 10 feet from the track from the head which was outside the rails on the path, on the opposite side from which Walker had been walking.

J. J. Stanley was immediately notified and acting as coroner empaneled a coroner's jury, consisting of T. Weeely, A. L. Nozier, E. A. Beckett, A. M. Woodford, J. L. Crosby and H. A. Young.

The train crew was questioned, Conductor Griggs and Fireman Westcott being the two who saw the act. Their testimony was as recorded above. They were then released and proceeded to Myrtle Point.

The jury then came back to Mr. Stanley's office, where they rendered a verdict exonerating the train crew from any blame in the matter and declaring that they believed Chas. Walker committed suicide by throwing himself under the wheels while in an unbalanced state of mind.

There can be little question that Walker's mind was unbalanced. J. A. Jackson testified as to his peculiarities Wednesday evening, and Dr. Jas. Richmond testified that he was suffering from melancholia. He was called to see Walker at the Bledsoe House, where the latter has had a room for years, Sunday evening by F. B. Anderson. Mr. Walker said then that the best thing for all concerned was for him to be out of the way.

Last Saturday he disappeared and when he did not return for dinner or supper Mrs. Bledsoe notified Marshal Epperson who began a search for him. Sunday morning it was reported that

he had gone to Myrtle Point and J. J. Stanley, C. J. Fuhrman, J. W. Springer and Dr. Hamilton went up there. They found him in the Myrtle Point Hotel in his room and he told them it was a mistake for them to come, that they could do him no good and that things couldn't be helped. Later he told someone that he went up there with the intention of ending his life but that his courage failed.

Thursday he seemed some better and Mrs. Bledsoe secured his promise to stay in the house all day with a book in which he was interested. But he did not stay and 20 minutes before the accident was at John Quick's store on First street.

J. L. Crosby saw him walking on the track just before his death with his head hung low as if brooding over something.

Walker came to North Bend nine years ago and to Coquille some time later. He had a friend, Chas. Hooke, in San Francisco, whom he induced to purchase the Beale interest in the Coquille Land Co. This company owned a part of the Notley addition on the eastern edge of town and some acreage there, which Mr. Walker thought would make a fine addition to the town after the timber was cut off. Mr. Hooke put up \$1500 and Walker thought lots could be sold rapidly enough to pay the balance of the \$5,500 purchase price without ever requiring another dollar's payment by Mr. Hooke.

But real estate has not moved very rapidly and sales were few, only one house being built up there, that by Raymond A. Jeub, so that eventually Mr. Hooke had all his savings of \$6,500 invested in the property.

Mr. Walker blamed himself for getting his friend into a losing business and has evidently been brooding over that and his own financial condition for some time. He had a very strict sense of honor and when the obsession seized him that his friend was not receiving any returns from his investment and, as he thought, he had not managed the business as it should have been, he could not throw off the hallucination that he had been treacherous to his friend, although the latter had written him frequently that things would take a turn for the better some time and that they would make a good thing out of it. He also chided him for getting blue and told Walker that he did not hold him at all to blame.

That he was a square man in every sense of the word is the opinion of his friends and acquaintances, but to his Scotch conscience he was guilty of failing his friend.

Either Sunday or Monday morning Mrs. Bledsoe telegraphed to Mr. Hooke how the whole thing was affecting Mr. Walker and the former started for Coquille, and is expected here today.

As far as is known the deceased has but one relative in this country, a brother in the gents' furnishing business in Seattle. He was formerly in business with this brother but on account of difficulties walked out and left him and the business.

Mr. Walker was 57 years of age and a native of Scotland. He was a tailor by trade, but little is known of his life. A few months ago he gave Mr. Stanley a partial story of his past and which he said was more than he had told anyone else here. The extreme neatness of Mr. Walker's personal appearance was always noteworthy, and in spite of his advancing years he was as erect as a grenadier.

Arthur Ellingsen was called and took charge of the remains at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Christian Science Society and the remains were interred in Masonic cemetery.

### Whooping Cough.

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