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### OPPOSED TO BOND ISSUE.

#### School Electors and Taxpayers Object to Bonding District.

Some time ago a petition was circulated among school voters, and numerous signatures secured, asking that the district school board call a special meeting of electors for the purpose of voting on the question of a school district bond issue. It is the desire of certain parties to have these bonds issued and make use of the money derived from the sale of them in paying the outstanding warrants that were issued over a year ago to pay for labor and material used in building the new school house at this place.

A number of parties who have signed this petition, after thinking the matter over, have concluded that it would be a very unwise move of the people to bond the district for this purpose when, as at present, the district owns no real estate. In a conversation with these parties we learned that the school house stands on ground to which the district has no title. This, they say, would leave the district without an asset to back the bond issue.

As a matter of fact, the site upon which the building stands was to have been a donation to the district from one of the stockholders of the Pilot Butte Development Company. Others had contributed cash, material and labor toward building the school house as it was felt, at the time the building was erected, that it was a necessity on account of the rapidly increasing school population, and there being no available district funds on hand this method was resorted to.

At the last annual school election a member of the board asked Mr. Drake to deliver a deed of the school house site to the district officers. This he refused to do at the time and it has been discovered since that he is unable to make a conveyance of the property owing to the fact that his own title is somewhat obscure. The land in question is part of that purchased by Drake from the Foster estate and it is alleged that the sale, which was ordered by the court, was irregular on account of the existence of minor heirs and that the financial condition of the estate was such that the sale of this property was not necessary. It is held that the heirs, upon reaching their majority, could protest against the sale and redeem the property. If such be the case, and action of this kind should be taken by them, Mr. Drake would be unable to secure a title to the property and a deed that he might have given to the school district would be worthless.

It is thought by many that the deed of the school house site has been withheld for the very reason that an attack on the right and title of Mr. Drake to this land might be made. It is said that this is also the reason why Mr. Drake has not yet offered Bend townsite property for sale. A plat of the townsite was filed several years ago but last spring a new survey and plat were made and

the old one vacated. A week ago the new plat had not yet been placed on file.

The question of bonding the school district will undoubtedly be voted down as it should be under existing circumstances.

#### Isaac Donkel Missing.

For the past several days parties have been out in search of Isaac Donkel who disappeared last Saturday night and has not been seen or heard of since. As he was wont to move about at will without his family having any knowledge of his whereabouts, nothing was thought of his absence in the community until several days after his disappearance.

A search was finally begun by his brother, C. M. Donkel, J. I. West and Dan Heising but thus far no trace of the missing man had been found. Thursday a lantern was found by Mr. Heising near the forks of the Carmichael and Prineville roads which was thought to have been the one carried by Donkel when last seen in this neighborhood. Cleve Donkel, however, expressed the opinion that it was not the one. He also stated that he thought that Isaac had struck across the desert last Saturday night for Powell Buttes and that it might be possible that he is now at Jones' ranch in that vicinity.

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#### A Simple Problem.

The following simple problem is given to our readers for solution: If a chicken rancher's character is worth \$20,000 and a sawmill employee's worth \$10,000, what is a United States Commissioner's character worth? To the person giving the best possible solution to the above problem, THE ECHO management will present a paidup subscription to the Bend Bulletin. Of course, we know that this is not a very great inducement to make one trouble his brain over, but then you must remember that the Bulletin should have a few readers. We offer our assistance to this extent. Address all com-

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#### Young People Marry.

Last Monday Miss Iva B. Donkel and Rene H. West were united in marriage by Judge M. R. Biggs at Prineville. The young people had evidently planned on starting the new year right by uniting their fortunes early in the season. Mr. West awakened Landlord Lucas at an early hour Monday morning and secured a conveyance with which Miss Donkel and he journeyed to Prineville. After the ceremony had been performed Mr. and Mrs. West returned immediately to this place. They were

given a big reception by their friends during the evening, one and all of whom wished them many years of happy married life. In this THE ECHO joins. Mr. and Mrs. West will continue to reside at this place.

#### Masquerade Ball.

Sylvester Staats and Severt Debing have made arrangements to give a mask ball at Sizemore's hall on Thursday evening, the 28th of this month. This will be the biggest social event of the season and everybody is invited to come. Masks can be secured at Staats' store.

M. C. Awbrey was a visitor in Deschutes Wednesday.