NEARLY DOUBLLED IN A YEAR.
Schoot Population of Bend*-Financial Condition of District.
School Clerk Steffa has practically completed his annual report for held next Monday afternoon. It coming year to be $\$ 963$. including the special tax of 10 mills, which will yleld nearly $\$ 330$, there being in the district. Atoout $\$ 459$. $\$ 8.50$ per pupil, will be realized
fronn the apportionment of the inlerest on the state school fund and the county school fund. Tuition sorme money.
The financial statement show ent to be warrants of the face value of $\$ .324 .50$, notes of the face value
of $\$ 553.27$ and bills payable amounling to $\$ 146.25-a$ totalof $\$ 1024.02$
The cash batance brought for ward from last year was $\$ 148.50$, year were $\$ 611.08$. The disbursements have been $\$ 563.16$, leaving i balance of $\$ 47.92$. To this is to be
adderl about $\$ 52$ yet to be received on tuition of nou-resident pupils
and a small sum for the sale of some shingles and lumber left over from the coustruction of the new sclool-
house, which will bring the balance to be carried over itto the new year
up to something like $\$ 80$. The whole number of days at according to the teacher's register, was zgot, and the average dally attendance was 1647 puphs. Ther
were nine childrea in the district school age who did not attend. Insurance to the amount of \$1000 for which
$\$ 30$ is paid
of school age-over four and under 20-in the distric. This year the
enumeration, which is not yet completed, will show about 54 children of school age, possibly a few more.
The so already on the tist are as
 Will River be Lowered by Irrigation? Now that the time for the irriganear, speculation is rife over what
effect the tapping of the Deschutes above lava island will have on the river at Bend. A quantity of the Wher-say goo cubic feet-is to be nel and diverted to the desert for reclamation purposes, and of course the engineers have figured it out
that the river here, which fows at the almost uniform rate of 3000 eubie feet a second the year around would be reduced 500 cubic feet or about one-sixth.
But the Deschutes is a peculiat
stream, in fact. the most peculiar in the world. While at points above its rise and fall are trenendous and
sudden, from the lava flow 17 miles south it actually grows gradually smaller till it arrives at the mouth and two large rivers, the Tumello and squaw creek, empty their wat ume of the Desclutes in this dis tancet If these two streams do not affect the Deschutes, except to make its volume possibly less, and
both are large and steady, how the diversion of a mere 500 cubic feet to make any perceptible difference in a river that, as it were, run into the ground faster than it is fed by snowfall and rammall for a dis tance of nearly sixty miles? We always have our 3000 cubic feet of
water at Bend, occasionally feet, lasting a day or two: and thi in the face of the fact that a ten foot variation in the river level 20 miles south of ns , and a threefoo variation below the junction of Crooked river, excite no commen fects the Deschutes not a bit excep to muddy its waters in the spring But at its mouth a river bubbles up


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