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MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Bend Must Make a Levy Next Week.

NEW YEAR BEGINS NEXT JULY

Statement of Financial Condition of the District—The Matter of Bonds.

The Bend school district will be called upon this month to levy a special tax for maintaining the schools. For this purpose a special school meeting has been called for Wednesday evening, December 22, at the B. M. hall.

This district is working under the disadvantage that its taxable valuation is about a year behind the school demands. The school is here now requiring facilities for its accommodation; the taxable valuation that is here now will yield no revenue until a year or more hence. The board is called upon to provide for the present needs of the school out of revenue based on conditions a year or more ago. For this reason a growing district is usually short of funds, while a district that is falling back has plenty of money.

The district faces the necessity of providing a new schoolhouse and more teachers for next year. To pay for these out of the tax would require a levy of 3 per cent, which is, of course, hardly to be considered. This year's school expenses are provided for, but for next year, beginning July 1, we must now plan. The estimates of expenses will run something like this:

Teachers' salaries (\$3)	\$1,000
Janitor services	110
Fuel	100
Water	25
Interest	100
Incidentals	50

Total \$1,385.
The taxable valuation in the district is a trifle over \$135,000 this year. A levy of 10 mills on the dollar would yield \$1,350. About \$1000 will probably come from the county and state apportionment. That would give an income of \$2,350 for the year—nearly \$300 more than the estimated requirements. But it should not be forgotten that this allows nothing for shrinkage through delinquent

taxes. Moreover, the district has been divided, which will cause a further reduction in the amount of revenue for this district. So the 10-mill levy will be entirely consumed in caring for the Bend school in the year beginning next July. That is the year for which provision must be made in the tax to be levied this month.

So much for maintenance of the public school here. But there must be increased facilities, more school room, for next year. The district is now paying \$12.50 a month rent for its primary school room. The district will need a new schoolhouse for next year and to build it will require money that cannot easily be raised by taxation. The only alternative is to issue bonds.

On the present basis of valuation the district would be permitted to bond itself for \$5,000. About half that sum, however, would be sufficient to supply the needs so far as they can be foreseen at this time—say \$2,500. Of this about \$3,000 should go into a new building. The district now has a debt of \$784, which must be paid before long. That would make \$3,784 to be paid out. But something should be realized from sale of the present schoolhouse, and it is reasonably safe to count on enough from that source to pay the excess \$284 and make good unlooked for shrinkages and expenses incidental to issue of bonds, etc.

It will require a special election, called for that purpose, to authorize bonds. But the voters of the district ought to have the matter in mind now so as to be able to act intelligently in making the tax levy. If they do not want to issue 10-year bonds at 6 per cent they should vote a heavy tax now; for it is hardly to be contemplated that we must close our schools.

Withdraws from Tickets.
Bend, Oregon, Dec. 15.—Upon examining into the matter of qualifications for holding office in the proposed incorporation of Bend, I am convinced that I, holding a homestead outside the proposed town, could not properly serve as an officer of the new city, and I therefore withdraw my name from the list of candidates for alderman. While doing this I do not overlook the fact that it would be an honor to occupy the position for which I have been named and I thank the people who have urged me for this office for their confidence in me.
A. E. Sather.

Candidate for Marshal.
At the solicitation of many business men and voters I have concluded to announce myself an independent candidate for the office of marshal of the proposed city of Bend, and promise if elected, to discharge the duties of the office with strict impartiality and to the best of my ability.
E. R. Lester.

If you are going to paper your house, consult us. We can save you money. Merrill Drug Company.

Thieves are now stealing window casings where they are prepared for putting into new buildings. In the past week a window casing was carried away from the Debing & Whitsett saloon building and one from the Ellis dwelling, the latter being taken in the middle of the day while the carpenters were away at dinner. In each case the thieves left the building.

Word comes from Richard King, who went to Portland a short time ago to have cataract removed from his eyes, that the operation has been entirely successful and the old man can see again. He is yet to have glasses fitted and will be home in the course of two or three weeks ready for work. On account of Mr. King's age, nearly 70 years, there was some doubt as to the outcome of this operation and everybody will rejoice with him at the return of his eyesight.

Minnie Rye cocktail at The Office.
2½-pound can of apple or plum butter 15c at Bend Mercantile Co.

FOR ANOTHER STORE

Idaho Merchant Building in Bend.

FOR GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Takes a Corner Lot on Wall Street—Other Building Progress in the Town.

A. C. Chapman and family arrived last week from Moscow, Idaho, and have taken up permanent residence here. This week Mr. Chapman purchased a lot at the corner of Wall and Minnesota streets, next to E. A. Sather's and began construction of a two-story building 25x58 feet to be used for a general merchandise store. His own family and that of his son, Carl Chapman, will also have dwelling rooms in the building. The structure is expected to be completed in about 30 days. A. A. Anthony, who arrived from Moscow a few weeks ago, has charge of this work. The Chapmans are enterprising and trustworthy people and will add materially to the social life as well as the business of the town.

The household effects of the two families arrived Wednesday and a building 24x36 feet was rushed up on the back part of the lot to cover them. Later that will be used for a barn.

H. C. Ellis has a two-story dwelling 16x24 feet nearly completed on lot 5 of block 19, at the corner of Eleventh street and Juniper avenue. It contains three comfortable rooms on each floor and will be rented.

Fred A. Shonquest is erecting a building x feet next to the Bend Restaurant, to be used as a barber shop. Sam S. Reynolds, of Minneapolis, Minn., will put in two chairs and be ready for business in about two weeks.

SUGGESTIONS FROM SUPERIOR

Water Power Should be Furnished by the River.

SUPERIOR, Wis., December 6.—(EDITOR BULLETIN)—Enclosed find subscription for second year of your paper, which arrives regularly and is read with interest.

Notice in your Oregon news that there is a Water, Light & Power Company incorporated at Bend, which I believe will be a good and safe proposition. I also notice in your local news that you have an automobile line almost graded between Bend and Shaniko. It occurred to me, that with the water power you have near Bend if utilized for manufacture of electricity, an electric rail road from Bend to Shaniko would be a paying proposition.

With the amount of passenger and freight traffic there is and will be between Bend and Shaniko, there should be no trouble in floating bonds sufficient to build and equip an electric rail road between these places. For short distances travel by trolley road is preferable to steam railroad, especially in your climate where open cars can be used most of the year.

From personal observation I know you have sufficient water power in the Deschutes river near your city to furnish water for fire protection and domestic use. Also to manufacture electricity sufficient to light your city with incandescent and arc lights, and run an electric rail road from Bend to Shaniko. Also another electric rail road from Bend by way of Sisters over the Cascades to the Willamette Valley. Electric motive power is now being transmitted 200 miles in your neighboring state, California.
NEIL SMITH.

M. J. and E. W. Roberts and Elmer J. Merrill made a trip up the Deschutes to the Klamath county border this week, to hunt and examine timber. They returned last night, bringing a number of ducks and two huge swans. One of these birds measured 5 feet from beak to tail and the stretch of wings was 10 feet. Its weight was 30 pounds. Its beak alone was 6 inches long. It was in fine condition and wore enough snowy down to stuff a pillow. These hunters report game as more plentiful on the river since the flurry of snow came. A little remains on the ground up at The Meadows.

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