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L. D. Wiest, Clerk of Bend District, Gives Interesting Figures on the School Question.

"The question of establishing a high school at Bend will save money to the district," said L. D. Wiest, clerk of the Bend school board, to a Bulletin reporter recently. "When first considered the average voter would naturally think a high school would be an extra expense to the tax-payers, but such is not the case," said Mr. Wiest. "I can easily show that instead of being an added burden it will be a wise step from a financial view, laying entirely aside the duty we owe our children to furnish them an adequate education.

"The plans at present contemplate no new teachers nor school room—no additional expense whatever. Last fall ninth and tenth grade studies were added to the Bend curriculum. Information recently received from State Superintendent Ackerman says that under Oregon law the citizens must establish this school by voting on the question, or we must stop teaching these two grades. This means that four scholars would then be deprived of school privileges here.

"As the town grows the high school will require more teachers and will make an additional expense. Let us look at the financial side of the question as it affects us now and as it will affect us in the future. This year there are five scholars from Bend attending school at Salem—Sylvester and Prince Staats, Maud and William Vandevent and Iva West. On a conservative estimate it must require at least \$200 a year to send each of these to an outside school. With a high school at Bend that means \$1,000 put in circulation right here in our own community which is now being taken away. And where there are now only five being sent to an outside school, in time there will be many more, thus taking much more money and business away from Bend.

"When a new teacher is needed he will either bring a family here, which would add somewhat to the town's business, or he would have to board. At a low estimate he, if unmarried, would spend from \$350 to \$400 a year for the necessities of life. That sum, say \$350, added to the \$1,000 now spent at Salem makes \$1,350 that would be added to the volume of business here under present conditions. Furthermore, parents in smaller adjoining towns would be sending their children to school here. These parents and friends would be coming to visit the children during the school year. They would patronize our hotels and would help in the general amount of business done. The high school would also be the means of bringing permanent residents to Bend. For proof of this we cite the fact that we now have four families who have moved here to send their children to our school. At the recent Laidlaw institute I was told by different persons that they would send their children to Bend if we established a high school. Thus this would be a constantly increasing source of income for Bend people.

"A high school teacher's salary would not exceed \$675 a year. Over against that we have the \$1,000 which is now being sent away from Bend. Add what this teacher would spend here and the increase of business such a school would bring and a conservative estimate would place \$2,000 brought to the town's business houses at an expense of not more than \$700 or \$800. Every resident of the town and vicinity would share in this increase of business, for where money is in circulation times are good and everyone reaps his share.

"We now have four scholars in the ninth and tenth grades. At the beginning of the next school year there will be eight or nine scholars enrolled in these grades. Shall we deprive them of educational advantages at home and send them to outside points, which will simply draw a large sum of money

away from Bend? I do not believe the voters desire to do that.

"The rapid increase of the assessed value of property in the district will lessen the burden on each taxpayer. Notwithstanding that the district had \$400 to pay on the old building, a \$400 deficit for 1905 and \$350 interest on bonds for 1906—total of \$1,150—the levy for this year is two mills less than for 1905. As the country settles the amount of taxable property will increase, each year's levy will probably decrease and the burden on the taxpayers will not be heavy.

"I have considered this wholly from a financial point of view. But do we not need here in Bend those educational facilities that will give our children equal opportunities with those of other communities? Is Bend satisfied to take a back seat in this respect? I am confident it is not, and that the voters will give a large majority at the coming election in favor of a high school at Bend."

EXHAUSTED IN THE SNOW.

Former Bend Man Has Terrible Experience in Recent Storm.
John Elder, who formerly lived at Bend and is well known here, came near losing his life in the recent heavy snow storm which came two weeks ago Monday. He was working for John E. Ryan and was feeding cattle at Crain Prairie. When the storm first arose he took a horse and started to keep a trail open from the cattle at Crain Prairie to Montgomery's place on Fall river. From there to the Ryan ranch the trail was to be kept open by Mr. Ryan himself, but as it turned out no work was required on the latter end of the route.

Elder made one trip through to Montgomery's and then early in the morning started back for Crain Prairie. The snow was so heavy and so deep that he could not make more than half the required distance, so that night he returned to Montgomery's. In the morning he again set out through the snow, and the following night camped out in the storm. He had a few matches and was able to build a fire. The following day his horse gave out and he was forced to leave him and proceed on foot. Night overtook him again, his matches were wet, and he could not build a fire. The next morning he came staggering into camp at Crain Prairie, badly exhausted and delirious. It is said he could not have gone another mile.

It transpired that he had camped the preceding night only three-quarters of a mile from his destination. It took him from daylight until 10 o'clock to come that three-quarters of a mile. He had been out two nights and part of the third day, and had had only two small biscuits to eat.

POLITICS IN CROOK

Western Part of County Wants Recognition.

PLANS TO ELECT OFFICERS

Meetings Being Held to Formulate Scheme for United Action—Delegates to Name Nominees.
Shall Western Crook county be represented on the board of county commissioners and shall one or more of its citizens perform official duties in the court house at Prineville? That is the question that is attracting the attention of the voters throughout the whole of Western Crook, extending from Madras and the Hay Creek country on the north to the southern line of the county. The agitation is producing action.

Wednesday night a meeting of the voters of the Bend and Deschutes precincts was called at the B. M. hall in Bend. Mayor Goodwillie was chosen chairman and J. D. Honeyman secretary. Mr. Goodwillie announced the purpose of the meeting to be for consideration, by the voters, of the best means to obtain adequate representation in the transaction of the county's business. Heretofore the interests of this part of the county have not received the attention which their importance warranted, and considerable dissatisfaction has been caused thereby. It was thought that if a commissioner living in Western Crook and acquainted with its needs could be chosen at the coming election a large percent of this difficulty would be removed. The very rapid development of this part of the county during the past three or four years has created property that is bearing a large proportion of the taxes of the county. This, with the increased population, makes the request for representation in the county's business a reasonable and just one.

After the foregoing conditions had been presented the discussion turned on the very important question as to how this result was to be accomplished. L. D. Wiest started the ball rolling. Co-operation and union of action were his solution of the problem. Thomas Tweed, F. C. Rowlee, Hugh O'Kane, J. I. West, A. H. Grant, J. Frank Stroud and Earl McLaughlin joined in the discussion, the consensus of opinion being that the nomination for the desired offices should be secured, on one of the regular party tickets, of good men from Western Crook. Then for the voters to make a united stand for these candidates at the general election. W. P. Myers, Dr. Gail Newton and T. A. Rutherford of Laidlaw were present, and entered heartily into the discussion, bringing forth many good ideas. They laid great stress on united action.

After a thorough discussion of the question, J. Frank Stroud and A. L. Goodwillie were chosen delegates to a meeting which is to be held at Redmond next week. Meetings similar to the Bend one are being held throughout Western Crook—at Madras, Redmond, Cline Falls, Laidlaw, and other points. Delegates from these meetings will gather at Redmond, perfect plans and take final action. Dr. Newton and T. A. Rutherford were chosen delegates at the Laidlaw meeting held last Monday.

It was the expression of the meeting that such action does not contemplate a fight against other parts of the county. The voters realize that the surest way to obtain a just demand is the united effort. The plan so far developed is to secure the nomination of competent men, thereby drawing support for them in the general election from all parts of the county.

Still They Come.
A letter received this week by The Bulletin from Minnesota people reads: "There seems no doubt now but that we shall try to settle in Crook county. My husband and son hope to start west soon looking for a location. Could we find desirable land near Bend? We do not want to go too far out, and think we shall look all the country over near Redmond, Cline Falls, Prineville, Bend, etc. Hope the railroad is a sure thing and we can locate near that."