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A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

The School Board contemplates placing before the voters of the district a plan for the erection of a High School building to cost approximately \$15,000, for which bonds are to be issued. The school has outgrown its present quarters. Next year it will have more teachers than the present building has rooms, and many more pupils than can be accommodated. The need for larger quarters is as apparent as it is pressing.

This state of affairs was not only anticipated but a certain fact some months ago. Now, in the middle of June, with probably less than 90 days remaining before the opening of the Fall term, a proposition will be brought forward to make a bond issue and erect a new building for use next year.

A bond issue of \$15,000, it is understood, is the plan that will be placed before the taxpayers. This, the next step is to erect the building. Where? Does the district wish to crowd such a structure upon the lots now occupied by the present school house? Or, as seems proper, if a better and ampler site is desired, where will it be and who will foot the bills for its purchase?

The district needs and must have a new school house, and when such is built it should be permanent and a credit to the community. But say the new work were started now, say the bonds were sold successfully, suppose that both cash and lumber were on hand, would it be possible to complete the proposed building in time for the next term's opening? It would not. But neither are the bonds sold nor the lumber on hand. Even provided the voters want it, the bonds cannot be floated and construction commenced for months at best.

It is not a matter of pouring cold water on necessary and commendable development. The question is whether or not the matter is being approached in the best way. The district cannot have a permanent building by next Fall. What does it want in the meantime—a temporary building or additional rented quarters? And does it desire to take up the matter of building and bond issuance for 1911 now? The time is ripe for such a step, for at best the successful carrying out of such a program will be a slow matter.

The report upon the climate of the Deschutes Valley, referred to in another column of this paper, will explain to many people what before has been mysterious, namely, why frosts do so little damage to crops here. The freezing point is 32 degrees. But the United States Department of Agriculture finds that, owing to the abundance of sunshine and the dryness of the climate, what is known as a killing frost, that is, a frost that is destructive to crops, does not occur until the mercury goes down to 26 degrees. In other words, though any temperature below 32 is a technical frost it must be six degrees colder before the harmful effects ordinarily produced by freezing are observed here.

Somebody has been kind enough to send The Bulletin a marked copy of Leslie's Weekly containing an article on "Water Wagon Waste." "When will the top blow off from the reclamation volcano? Irrigation of arid regions thus far reveals some astounding and costly failures and an apparently zealous desire to reclaim private rather than public lands"—these are sub-headings that give the spirit of the thing. It pertains to Government reclamation, of course, not to Carey-Act projects. And if a good case can be shown against that particular service, Secretary Ballinger may be able to get rid of Director Newell, as he has long been trying to do.

There can be no better and no surer indications of a town's prosperous growth than the deposits of its banks and the business of its postoffice. In a little more than a year one of Bend's banks has seen its deposits increase five fold. Last week the postoffice was crowded out of its old quarters into larger ones by the great increase in its business, and the postmaster's salary was raised 25 per cent.

The Army and Navy Journal, representing a brass-button and gold-lace phase of humanity, is attempting to foster a scheme whereby the President shall be equipped with special and appropriate robes of office, to be worn as a monarch wears (or is supposed to wear) his

crowns, such garb to be the official emblem of his office. After all, it may be that clothes make the man—perhaps Taft should be attired in a purple toga (and it would take many yards of toga), or Roosevelt should have strutted about the tennis court bedecked in flowing plumes. These spasms of asinine suggestions show a grievous lack of worthy subjects for the consideration of our thought-moulders.

Re-enter the redoubtable George C. Brownell of Clackamas County upon the political stage. In his prologue delivered at Milwaukee the other evening he showed up the iniquity of the old political methods sought to be continued by the "assembly." He knows, if anybody does, and his public confession is of the nature of expert testimony. George C. is no slouch of a politician still, and with his ear to the ground he comes out strong anti-assembly. Now the question looms large: Can the leopards change its spots?

"Assembly an aid to the primary" is the specious plea of the Portland Oregonian in its effort to restore the bosses to political power. Much the Oregonian desires to aid the primary, indeed. But it doesn't matter; the primary has come to stay just the same, with the rest of the machinery for popular government. And every candidate owing his nomination to "the assembly" is certainly foredoomed to defeat.

Eighty per cent of the forest fire loss falls upon the people who work with their hands, who would use the timber in the course of getting their living. Therefore it is every one's interest to prevent such fires. It is worth an effort to stop the grievous waste.

Editor Hofer has intimated his modest willingness to run for Governor—if he is sufficiently urged. Conditions point to a bumper crop of gubernatorial candidates.

The date of Roosevelt's return to the United States coincides with the anniversary of Waterloo. Question is, Who's Waterloo is it this time?

The lower end of the sluiceway work on the big new dam might be called a concrete example of Bend's development.

Have They Deserted Bend?

THE EDITOR.—The enclosed clipping from the "Hub" of Redmond undoubtedly contains valuable information for Messrs. Hunter and Staats. I believe they always considered themselves Bend citizens, "Bill" having located here years ago, three decades before the Hub ever happened. "Bill," however, must be wrong, or perhaps, with their "near-millions" they have tired of Bend's development and decided to become "pioneers of the Redmond country." OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Below is the clipping from the Hub enclosed by our correspondent:

"Joe Hunter and 'Bill' Staats, pioneers of the Redmond country, who have become near-millionaires through the

invasion of the interior by the Hill interests, have been visiting in Portland the past week closing up some sawmill, timber, agriculture and orchard land deals."

COURT APPOINTMENTS.

Election Boards and Voting Places Are Decided Upon.

The following appointments were made at the last session of the County Court held June 2nd. For Deschutes-Precinct No 12 W. W. Orcutt was made Justice of the Peace until the next general election, Justice Scofield having departed. J. E. Sawhill was appointed Justice for Lava Precinct No. 32.

The following Election Boards were appointed:

BEND PRECINCT NUMBER 3.
Voting place, city hall.
Judges—H. P. J. McDonald, M. J. Kelly, E. A. Sailer.
Clerks—H. Allen, V. A. Forbes, H. Whitsett.

DESCHUTES PRECINCT NUMBER 12.
Voting place, Orcutt Hotel.
Judges—J. E. Reed, W. R. Wilkinson, O. W. B. Riley.
Clerks—W. W. Orcutt, E. J. Merrill, John Luster.

POWELL-BUTTE PRECINCT NUMBER 25.
Voting place, Shepherd schoolhouse.
Judges—C. H. Foster, E. A. Bussell, R. T. Johnson.
Clerks—Glenn Hendrickson, J. A. Riggs, Levi Frost.

LAVA PRECINCT NUMBER 32.
Voting place, Lava schoolhouse.
Judges—John Atkinson, C. B. Allen, L. Metke.
Clerks—J. B. Heyburn, J. E. Sawhill, Chas Vandeventer.

REDMOND PRECINCT NUMBER 27.
Voting place Tetherow schoolhouse.
Judges—F. T. Redmond, James Waepley, J. McGuffey.
Clerks—Otha Baker, C. R. McLellan, J. W. Hall.

LADLAW PRECINCT NUMBER 28.
Voting place, Ladlaw schoolhouse.
Judges—F. E. Dayton, E. V. Swisher, E. B. Jaues.
Clerks—Fred Wallace, Wm. D. Barnes, Bob Sturgeon.

IRELAND PRECINCT NUMBER 2.
Voting place Rosland schoolhouse.
Judges—Frank Bowles, W. H. Hollingshead, W. N. Masters.
Clerks—W. G. Fordham, M. F. Hawthorne, H. G. Caldwell.

BLACK BUTTE PRECINCT NUMBER 5.
Voting place, Sisters schoolhouse.
Judges—J. W. Wilt, J. H. Bowman, W. F. Edmunson.
Clerks—C. L. Gist, Arthur Templeton, G. W. Russell.

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Caldwell Enlarges Store Quarters.

S. C. Caldwell is constructing a large warehouse in the rear of his store on Wall street. The new structure's dimensions will be 40x70 feet, extending from the rear of the present store back to the alley.

To Whom It May Concern.

BEND, OR., June 14, 1910.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between James Gleason and W. R. Riley was dissolved May 31, 1910.
JAMES GLEASON.

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