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BUILDING FOR SCHOOL IS PLAN

TO VOTE ON DISTRICT BOND ISSUE

Present Quarters Inadequate and Permanent Policy is Imperative—New Structure Could Be Completed For Next Term.

A matter of great importance to Bend, and one that will require prompt action, was brought up at the school meeting Saturday. What is going to be done about larger school facilities?

One answer to the question will be worked out at an election to decide whether or not the district desires to bond itself for \$30,000 for the erection of a high school building. A petition for such an election, as required by law, has been presented to the school board and the date of the election will be announced next week.

If the proposition should carry, as seems probable, inasmuch as there is grave need for such a building and it would be of the greatest benefit to this community and to the entire district, it would be possible to rush it through and get the new building ready by next September.

Already bonding houses have approached the district officers favorably, showing that its bonds would find a ready market. While only very cursory investigation has been made as yet, it is evident that \$25,000 would erect a structure that would answer the high school needs of the town for a number of years without addition to it, while it would construct a building that would be a tremendous credit to the district. Such a course would also leave the old building entirely for the use of the graded school and amply meet its requirements for several years, after which it is reasonable to suppose that ward schools may relieve it.

Tells School Situation. The following is an article prepared for The Bulletin by one intimately familiar with the existing conditions of the school, and tells intelligently just what the town faces as regards its school facilities:

That the problem of providing adequate school quarters faces us should be by now an open secret. The time has apparently come when a policy in the matter of construction must be adopted. Either a new building should be erected for occupancy next September or the construction of small houses of the bungalow type must be further indulged in.

That a fairly uniform expansion must be anticipated is evident from the history of past growth as well as from present crowding in certain of the grades.

This year, for the first time in the history of Bend, each of the grades below the high school has a room to itself. In the grades above the fifth there has been no crowding at all.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ALL

Bank Makes Donation For Baskets And Especially Children's Gifts.

This Christmas an effort will be made to get some real holiday cheer into every home in Bend. Through a liberal donation on the part of the First National Bank, the ladies of the Library Club will be able to send Christmas baskets to all who otherwise might lack a special reminder of the day, and notably the children, to whom toys as well as "goodies" will be sent.

Anyone who knows families or children whose Christmas might be made brighter by the receipt of such a gift is urged to give the names of such to Mrs. Wilson, or to any other member of the library organization.

NEW BUILDING OPENS MONDAY

Home of Bank to Be Dedicated With Day of Entertainment.

On Monday, December 19, the new building of the First National Bank will be opened, and as befits the inauguration of what is not only Bend's finest structure but also the best equipped banking building in Oregon east of the Cascades, the event will be celebrated with a day of entertainment.

Commencing at 10 o'clock the doors of the handsome new banking home will be thrown open, and from then until 10 at night the officers of the institution will be hosts to all who come. Special invitations are being sent to all the bank's customers who reside out of town, and in addition everyone in and near Bend is invited, says C. S. Hudson, cashier of the bank. During the afternoon and evening an orchestra will play, and all day flowers will be distributed to the ladies and cigars to men visitors.

ELECTRIC SIREN FIRE ALARM SCHEDULED TO WAKE DEAD

Will Be Installed Over Power House and Connected With Alarm Boxes at Various Places about Town.

The city's electric fire alarm siren arrived last week and was tried out. While the test was made indoors and with an inadequate motor supplying power, the noise produced is said by those who heard it to have been ear-splitting.

"It will wake up the dead—hereafter no one will sleep through a fire in Bend," was the way one councilman expressed it.

A two-horsepower motor has been sent for to operate the siren. It is planned to place it on the top of the power house and connect a gong in the house with several alarm boxes around town; an alarm turned in will notify the man who is always on duty at the power house and he will start the siren and at the same time set the pumps going, so that a strong head of water will be assured. This method will do away with delay and will cost far less than a direct connection between the alarm boxes and the siren motor, should it be placed elsewhere than at the power house.

It is believed that the siren will be easily heard in every part of town. Its cost was \$45, plus transportation. The cost of the motor will be about \$90.

WORK ON SEWER HAS STARTED

TACKLE SOUTH END OF TOWN

Sub-Contracts Let, Rock Drills Being Installed and Progress is Promising—Few Inconveniences For Residents Are Expected.

With 31 men working, construction of Bend's \$75,000 sewer system commenced Monday, and already 1500 feet of ditch is opened up. Yesterday and today there has been some delay in the work, which will continue for a short time, as a large force cannot be used until the rock drilling equipment is fully installed. The first rock work begins today.

The portion of the trench first opened up extends along the alley west of Wall street, from back of the Pilot Hotel to the rear of the Altamont Hotel, in block 5. In that distance all the dirt has been removed, and today five machine drills are being set up along the ditch and a steam boiler has been rigged up about midway along the stretch.

Sub-contracts have been let to Geo. Nelson and to Hannon & Davis. Nelson was one of the contractors on the Oregon Trunk Railway. The work that will be opened up now will be confined to the southern part of town including the alley west of Wall, Ohio and Kentucky streets from that alley east to the alley east of Bond street, and that alley north to Oregon street. Work on the alley between Wall and Bond streets, from Ohio to Greenwood, will not be commenced until all the drills available can be put on there, so that this portion of the job can be rushed through with the greatest possible speed, as it is here that the most inconvenience will be created.

In this connection, the contractors, Engineer Koon and the city officials wish everyone to understand that some inconvenience is inevitable during the construction work; everything possible will be done, they say, to make things as easy as can be for residents; and it is hoped that people will co-operate in making the least of any unavoidable inconveniences that may arise.

Mr. Dwyer, president of the South Portland Crushed Rock Co., speaks enthusiastically of the labor he has encountered locally, stating that he is finding more workmen and better workmen, than are usually encountered under similar circumstances.

By next week the company and sub-contractors say they will have 50 men working, and it is expected that that number will increase as more work is opened up.

ENCAMPMENT FOR BEND.

A dispensation has been obtained for the institution of an Encampment of the I. O. O. F. in Bend. The Irineville degree team will be here Saturday night to put on the work in Sather's Hall. The Encampment is a higher branch of Odd Fellowship.

LICENSES ARE UNDER DEBATE

STANDARD OIL WANTS TANKS HERE

Bend Chosen as Location For Important Distributing Business—Sewer Construction Bond Accepted. Increase Treasurer's Salary.

At a long meeting of the City Council Friday night an ordinance was passed amending the present liquor license ordinance and raising the annual license fee for the next fiscal year from \$800 to \$1500, payable semi-annually.

An ordinance was also passed granting the City Treasurer an annual salary of \$100, payable quarterly. Both these had emergency clauses attached and went into effect immediately.

Another ordinance was read for the first time, granting to the Standard Oil Company the right to install and operate tanks and a general plant for the storage and sale of petroleum and its products on lot 16 of the Lytle acre tracts, a piece of land lying on the main railroad track just north of the junction of the flour mill spur. The ordinance, which is in the nature of a franchise, was held over for final action for ten days, as required.

It is the intention of the oil company, according to their representative who was here a month or more ago, to establish at Bend a large distributing plant, this place having been selected as the supply point for the interior country. The franchise, as presented, gives the company the right to establish their plant on the land specified, to maintain it there unless it is declared a nuisance, and frees the city of any financial liability in case of damage resulting from the operation of the tanks etc.

At a meeting last night the municipal tax levy was fixed, of 9 mills for the purpose of raising funds to meet sewer bond interest payments and of 5 mills for general expenses. While the levy on the sewer head is probably considerably higher than necessary, it was deemed advisable because the ordinance covering the matter called for a levy amply insuring the amount of the interest payments.

Last year there was an 8 mill levy, with an assessed valuation of \$215,010. The valuation this year is \$396,871. The returns from the levy, should all taxes be paid, will be \$2559. On the sewer account accrued interest up to the time the city received the money for the bonds amounted to about \$950. In addition to this it is estimated that about \$600 will come to the city in interest on the sewer fund during its use, the banks paying 4 per cent on daily balances.

The liquor license ordinance was passed by the following vote: Ayes, Allen, Ford, French and Steidl; No, Lattin, Wenandy was absent. On motion of Allen the City Attorney had been instructed to draw up an ordinance placing the license figure

at \$2,000. However, upon discussion, the ordinance, as drafted immediately by Mr. Forbes, was changed so that the amount read \$1500 instead of \$2000, and as such went through with the vote as above stated.

At the second meeting, the entire matter was rehearsed. An ordinance was introduced to revoke the ordinance passed Friday, whose provisions would leave the license where it now is, at \$800. With Wenandy, Lattin and French favoring this, it was found that four would oppose it, including the mayor, and no vote was taken. The proposition was then advanced of allowing the present license to stand until July 1, and then to cut down the number of saloons to five, with license on a \$1200 a year basis. Those who stood by the \$1500 license objected to this, but after discussion on the ground that the immediate enforcement of the proposed high license would work special hardship on the saloonmen, they conceded that they would be willing to permit the \$800 license to run for 90 days after January 1, after which five saloons would be allowed, with \$1200 annual license. They argued that the three months would give ample time for those who wished to sell out to do so, for new partnerships to be formed and stock reduced without loss. It is believed that an ordinance along these general lines will be proposed tonight.

The construction bond offered by the South Portland Crushed Rock Company, the sewer builders, was examined and officially approved. The seven months in which the work must be completed dates from the approval of this bond.

On motion, the City Treasurer was instructed to secure a bond of \$4500, in addition to the \$5000 bond he now carries, in whatever manner would be most economical to the city, the cost to be paid from the sewer fund.

MISHAP TO BREAD WAGON CASTS LOAVES ON STREET

No One is Hurt and Train is Caught, When Front Wheels Sever Connection With Rig Near Depot.

Casting one's bread upon the waters is a custom that was revised somewhat Saturday morning, when a wagonload of freshly made loaves was cast forth upon a street near the depot, not to mention one driver, one lady and one baby.

It happened this way. Mrs. C. H. Genung, who lives near the American Bakery, in Park Addition, was to take the train Saturday morning. The bakery wagon, which makes its first trip up by the depot just before train time at 6:30, gave Mrs. Genung and her baby a ride. All went well, says T. W. Blaine, the driver, and the depot was almost reached when suddenly something happened to the running gear, and the two front wheels, tongue, horses and harness severed connections with the rest of the wagon, waltzing off down the street, while the wagon collapsed, depositing bread, passengers and driver in the street. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and by a quick recovery and hasty run the train was reached in time.

SCHOOL TAX LEVY IS MADE

RATE THIS YEAR 19 MILLS

Taxpayers, as Usual, Show but Little Interest, Only Four Besides Directors Being Present at Saturday Night's Meeting.

The tax levy for Bend school district No. 12, for next year, was made at the special meeting advertised for this purpose on Saturday night, at the school house. The levy was placed at 19 mills.

Only four taxpayers besides the two directors, H. J. Overturf and Clyde McKay, were present at the meeting, although it had been well advertised, both by the posting of notices and in the press.

The school board estimated that the expenses for the next year would run to \$14,500, this including the employment of two teachers more than at present. It was also estimated that there would be out at the end of the year, warrants aggregating \$8500, making a total of \$23,000 to be met next year by the district.

The assessed property valuation of the district on December 12 was \$1,105,202. A 19-mill levy would bring \$20,656.18, which, with the state apportionment of \$3000, will give the district \$23,656.18. Therefore, the taxpayers voted to levy 19 mills.

Last year the railroad was assessed on a basis of \$11,200 a mile. District 12 has 10 miles of road, and an increase in assessment of the trackage will give this district an additional sum to the \$23,656 figured above.

The valuation of property in this district is by far ahead of that in any other district in the county, as is the number of pupils instructed.

FRANCHISE TO NEW COMPANY

Central Oregon Power Co. May Construct Lines Along Highways.

A franchise was granted by the County Court last week to the Central Oregon Power Co., the corporation owning the local water, light and power plants, to construct power lines along the highways of Crook county. Kempster B. Miller, one of the chief stockholders of this company, was also granted the privilege of constructing telephone lines along county roads.

LADIES HOLD SALE.

Today the ladies of the Library Club have been holding a sale of Christmas goods in the O'Donnell building, including a fine lot of linen articles especially adapted for gifts. This evening, and for the next week, the linens will be on display at the library.

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