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THE SCHOOL MATTER.

The school voters soon will have another opportunity to show their pleasure in the matter of bonding the district and erecting a building. Some months ago it was very decisively shown—by a vote of more than two to one—that a site in Westoria and a bond issue of \$45,000 were disapproved. Supporters of the site maintain that the vote on it would have been heavier had the issue been less, and those who favor the large issue assume that the vote for bonding would have been greater had the site been a different one. However, the election ballots clearly divided the question, giving every opportunity for a clearcut expression of popular opinion; and both questions—the site and the bonding—were knoved under by practically the same proportion. It is possible that either proposition might have fared better had it stood alone, but it is unbelievable, in view of the vote cast, that either would have won, or come any way near winning.

So, then, it is fairly established that the district will not stand for such a large issue at this time, when other special taxation is pressing hard. But the school must have enlarged and better quarters. Everyone agrees as to that, which makes it practically essential to consider a smaller bond issue.

As stated last week, the school board has been legally petitioned to call an election for an issue of \$25,000 for the erection of a grade school on a site in Park Addition. The scheme may not be perfect; it might be better to spend more money, and other sites possibly might suit many people more thoroughly. The question now resolves itself into one of getting the best results possible with an issue that the voters will permit—and, above all, of getting it speedily. So it is earnestly hoped by all with an interest in Bend's development in this important direction that the school board will call an election just as soon as possible and give the voters a chance to express their pleasure again.

The former scheme was a fizzle. Let's try this one. If it succeeds we shall at least have a creditable grade school—a matter of vital immediate necessity—and later when the taxpayers of the district are more prosperous and the financial situation is brighter, by all means let us count on a finely equipped high school such as was at first proposed; and while we are waiting for that time to come, \$20,000 will build an excellent grade school for a town of 5000—one of the several that ultimately will be required in various parts of the city.

THE GREENWOOD MUDHOLE.

The recent rains have again placed the street beneath the Greenwood avenue railroad bridge in a disgraceful condition. Instead of a street, that particular piece of Greenwood resembles a combination mudbath and swimming hole. The Bulletin thoroughly sympathizes with the east-of-the-tracks residents who object to a continuance of this state of affairs, which already has existed through practically the entire past winter. Also, it is aware that the attitude thus far taken by the railroad has greatly embarrassed the city officials who repeatedly have brought

the matter to the railroad's attention and have thus far obtained nothing at all satisfactory in return for the several equitable proposals offered.

It seems fair to say that the time has come for a strong insistence on action of some kind and equally fair to hazard the guess that good business politics, if nothing else, demands some attention before the city officials and the people most affected get too wrathful. The railroad has been treated with the utmost generosity and fairness here and always will be. Greenwood avenue is practically the only street connection between the business district and the territory east of the tracks; let us hope that a reciprocation of the just treatment that has been accorded the railroad will cause its officials who are responsible for the irksome delay to awaken to the fact that they have a duty to perform to the people of Bend.

BOOKS AND FARMERS.

The other day at Powell Butte a farmer "owned up" that he had always supposed it was all right to feed hogs rye continuously, with no change of diet. He, and many others, were surprised when "Farmer" C. L. Smith explained that it was necessary to give variety of feed to escape such consequences as had come to local hogs—many of them having died for no other reason than improper feeding.

Now, this farmer, and many of his neighbors, are men of long experience. They are essentially "practical" farmers. It is possible that they have some contempt for "book learning" when it applies to hogs and such things—many old timers believe that

you can learn everything there is to learn about farming by actually farming. Which isn't at all so. The Powell Butte incident is a telling example of this.

Such men as "Farmer" Smith have written a vast deal of hard-headed practical advice which could have been applied to just such cases, had the men affected scudled the "book side" a little. The point is that today it is just as important for the farmer to study from books as it is in any other business; those who do so avoid the mistakes that mean loss and learn methods tried out by experts by which they may increase their profits and lessen their risks and expense.

Last week Judge Springer refused again. His letter was printed in The Bulletin. Its subject was "Pay It Out," and he recited that the money involved in the county warrants that have been enjoined should be paid

out by the county treasurer; he based this advice on a letter from Attorney General Crawford, which, he said, "confirms the opinion of the county judge." But unfortunately now comes a letter from Mr. Crawford to the county treasurer, which quite positively does not "confirm the opinion of the county judge." In fact, it would rather seem to make considerable of a "goat" of His Honor.

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