

LOWER SCHOOL TAX ASSURED

DISTRICTS BALANCE IS NOW \$16,746

A Six Mill Levy Next Year, Replacing Present 15 1/2 Mill Levy, Would Care for Increased Expenses With Generous Margin Over.

The report of the clerk at the annual meeting Monday afternoon shows that Bend School District No. 12 is fairly bulging with prosperity. Better yet, so far as the general tax payer is concerned, it indicates that there is no reason why the school levy for next year should not be cut in half, or even better. Last year it was 15 1/2 mills. If it is 6 mills, even next year, with the big balance now on hand there will be a comfortable margin for all contingencies.

Briefly, the report shows a balance in the general fund of \$16,746. This is exclusive of the balance on hand from the bond sale. The expenses of the district for the year just closed totaled \$14,632, exclusive of one semi-annual bond interest paid, and, of course, of expenditures from the bond fund. Allowing \$1,705 for payment of two semi-annual interests on the bonds, and \$3,000 for other increases in expenses—a generous amount—the total estimated expenditure for next year is \$19,337. There is a balance on hand of \$16,746. A six mill levy on this year's valuation, \$1,209,580, would bring in \$7,857. This, together with the present balance, would give the district \$27,194, or a margin of \$7,857 above the estimated expenses. And this does not take into consideration receipts from county and state school funds, which this year total over \$5,000 and next year will be slightly more. Including this amount, and reckoning on the most pessimistic basis, it is evident that even a six mill levy would supply a margin of from \$7,000 to \$12,000.

The financial report follows.

Cash on hand at time of making last annual report	\$ 8,889.34
Receipts, district taxes	19,661.04
County school fund	3,981.00
State school fund	1,180.80
Sale of bonds	23,045.00
Total	\$ 56,757.18
Disbursements.	
Teachers' wages	10,978.80
Rent, rooms and site	206.00
Fuel and supplies	1,257.19
Repairs and improving	259.40
New school house and site	15,055.21
Interest on bonds	852.50
Insurance	45.99
Clerk salary	116.00
Paid for all other purposes	1,977.11
Total	\$ 31,240.21
Cash on hand	\$ 25,496.14
Of which \$16,746 is in the general fund.	

Of the \$25,496 received from the sale of bonds, \$8,749.99 remains on hand, the balance having been expended on the new school building and its site, as shown in the report. It is understood that the cost of the new building probably will slightly exceed the amount derived from the bonds, but even at that the low tax rate hoped for next year leaves a large margin. The balance in the

general fund now, it will be noted, is almost exactly twice as much as at this time last year.

Two Years See Big Gain. Two years ago, June, 1912, the district was in debt \$852.87. In other words, in two years it has paid its operating expenses and built several small buildings and is ahead of the game more than \$16,000. In 1912-13 the levy was 19 mills, in 1913-14 it was 18 mills. Last year it was 15 1/2 mills.

A comparison of the report just made with its predecessor of 1913 shows that the actual expenses for the two years exclusive of bond interest and payment on the new school house (this year) are practically identical. In 1912-13 the total was \$14,671.30. In 1913-14 it is \$14,632.50.

The amount of levy is fixed at a meeting in November.

HIGH RAILROAD MEN MAKE AUTO TRIP INTO INTERIOR

Oregon Trunk Officials Spent Four Days in Auto—Showing Much Interest in Central Oregon.

Leading officials of the S. P. & S. and the Oregon Trunk arrived in Bend by auto late Monday afternoon after completing a trip of several hundred miles to the south and east. Little was known of their being here until too late to interview them and no statement is available as to the purpose of their travels through the interior, but the belief has been expressed that the trip was preliminary to some announcement concerning railroad construction. At any rate these officials are apparently taking especial interest in Central Oregon just now for it is understood that some or all of the party will return soon for a further investigation.

Those who were here Monday were L. C. Gilman, president of the S. P. & S., W. D. Scott, general manager, W. D. Skilton, traffic manager, Chas. H. Carey, general counsel and J. H. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent. The party came up to Terrebonne on the night train arriving Friday morning, being met there by the auto which was shipped in last week. For the first stage of their trip they went to Prineville, giving rise to further talk of construction to that city by the O. T., and then turning south went to Burns and Lakeview. Returning the officials took in the Silver Lake and Port Rock country and also Crescent and La Pine.

The several hundred mile jaunt was rather hard on some of the members of the party and they were ready to turn-in-for-the-night as soon as they arrived in Bend. W. D. Scott and J. H. Hardy, who made the trip in the latter's new car did not get in until late Monday night, having been delayed by tire trouble and a misplaced road.

POWELL BUTTE ELECTS

Results in Shepard and Wilson School Districts on Monday.

No change was made in directors at Shepard District at Monday evening's election. Earl Saunders being elected to succeed himself as director and J. E. Warner was again chosen to serve as clerk.

Fratrons of the Wilson school elected an entire board at Monday's election as follows: R. L. Moore director for three years, Virgil Humphrey two years and N. P. Alley one year. J. J. Chapman was elected clerk. Two of these were not present at the meeting but it is thought they will qualify.

CLUB OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS

COMMERCIAL BODY IS ACTIVE

Two Sides Now Working Under Gould And Eastes—Losers to Give Dinner—Vote Passed Favored the Separation of Jefferson County

A variety of matters was discussed at the Commercial Club luncheon on Saturday including county division, plans for increasing the membership of the club and for entertaining the Tennessee tourists who are expected to arrive Monday for a two day stay. The resignation of Robert B. Gould as manager of the club was announced and the appointment by the directors of H. H. De Armond to succeed him.

In respect to the proposed division of the county it was reported that the sentiment of the residents of the north end was strongly in favor of the formation of Jefferson county within the boundaries heretofore announced. Petitions are now being circulated in that section and already have received the signatures of over 400 voters. One or two of the precincts affected were reported as being only partly in favor of the change but taking the district as a whole it was believed that there would be no difficulty in getting the 65 per cent vote necessary to carry the petition in the new county.

The question as to what Bend should do toward a new county in the south west portion of Crook was left open and the committee directed to make further investigation of the subject. So far as Jefferson county was concerned it was voted to assist in its separation.

The entertainment of a party of tourists expected to arrive Monday morning was discussed, but their trip in here having been given up the plan fell through.

Campaign for Members. The matter of chief interest to the club was the launching of a campaign for new members proposed by President Keyes. According to the plan proposed the club has been divided into two camps under Robert B. Gould and J. A. Eastes. Each side is now out getting new members and at the end of the campaign the side having the fewest additions to the club will give the other a dinner.

The two teams are as follows: R. B. Gould team—H. H. De Armond, R. W. Sawyer, Clyde McKay, K. M. Smith, Paul Garrison, J. E. Larsen, V. A. Forbes, H. A. Miller, J. H. Corbett, Floyd Dement, Dr. W. W. Faulkner, A. M. Pringle, C. L. Mannheim, Barney O'Donnell, Chas. Silvia, C. S. Hudson, D. E. Hunter, Chas. Boyd.

J. A. Eastes' side—J. A. Eastes, Harry Skuse, Chas. Erskine, H. E. Allen, A. L. French, E. M. Lara, Clark Rhodes, O. M. Patterson, H. C. Ellis, Dr. U. C. Coe, John Steidl, Anton Aune, Clarence Mannheim, E. M. Thompson, T. H. Foley, Geo. P. Putnam, S. C. Caldwell, Ralph Poindexter, Joe Taggart.

IMPORTANT MEETING. There will be a meeting of the full Fourth of July Committee this evening at 8 o'clock in the Council room. Every member is urged to be present.

WEYERHAEUSERS PRINCES HERE

BIG TIMBER DEAL CONTEMPLATED

No Statement Made But Transfer of Johnson Holdings, Embracing Nearly 40,000 Acres Near Bend, Is Object of Investigation.

From Friday morning until Monday evening Bend was the headquarters of the most important group of timber and lumber men in the United States. Those here, timber owners and bankers, represented millions of dollars worth of property and an almost unlimited power in their respective fields of activity.

The visitors were three of the four Weyerhaeuser brothers, the Prince brothers, bankers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and four lumbermen associated with them. The members of the party were J. P. R. M., and C. A. Weyerhaeuser, G. H. and F. M. Prince, M. N. Richardson, Edgar Daisell, H. C. Hornby and R. H. McCoy.

While absolutely no news was given out, it is practically certain that the visit concerns what will be the largest timber transfer yet made in Central Oregon. During the last three months Weyerhaeuser men have cruised all the timber holdings jointly owned by the Johnsons of San Francisco and the Princes, embracing nearly 40,000 acres just west of the Deschutes and south of Bend.

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SHIP NINE CARLOADS

Lumber Market is Improving and Local Pine Gains Favor.

Some improvement in the outside lumber market, at least as regards local manufacturing, is reported by J. P. Keyes of the Bend Company. Last week his company shipped out nine cars, and other orders are coming in.

"Generally speaking I believe the situation is improving," said Mr. Keyes. "At least, if it gets no worse we have no special complaint, for we are better off, comparatively, than most mills."

The cars shipped last week went to widely separated markets, their destinations being in Chicago, Iowa, Salt Lake City, Ohio, Oregon, Missouri and one for the extreme east. While orders are not rushing, the market for Deschutes pine is constantly widening.

CATCHES BIG FISH

McKay Lands Largest Red Side Trout at Crane Prairie.

A new big fish record has been set for the Deschutes. And this time it is not the biggest fish that got away, but a real true-enough red side, actually hooked, landed and brought to town where it was frozen in a cake of ice at the B. W. L. & P. plant and later displayed at the O'Donnell market, after having been on view Monday at the Owl Pharmacy. The fish measured 26 inches and

weighed seven pounds when caught at Crane Prairie Sunday, says Clyde McKay, who did the catching. Monday, after shrinking from drying, it lost two inches in length. Together with Dr. Connard and H. Latham, Mr. McKay spent Sunday at the Prairie. The roads the party reports as being in excellent shape.

BASEBALL THIS SUNDAY

Prineville Defeated Bend Team Last Week—Tetherow Was Too Strong.

Bend will play Prineville base ball this Sunday at 2 p. m. on the old ball field at the south end of Bond street. It is hoped that a big crowd will turn out to support the home team.

Bend won. That is, in the baseball game at Prineville Sunday the score stood Bend one; just a matter of spelling, you see. The Prinevillian's score was considerably more than one, for the facts of the case are that they trimmed the local team quite badly in the first game the Bend boys have played.

The trouble was mostly that Prineville's pitcher outclassed Bend's. Prineville had annexed the popular Tetherow of Redmond for the occasion. "Slim" Staats for Bend did his best, but was not the equal of his opponent. However, the boys fielded well and garnered a nice bunch of hits from Tetherow, although the fine support of his teammates kept the scorer from having much to do.

The boys are going after their practice hard, and another pitcher is to be secured. With the box work strengthened, Bend will have a very creditable team, and Manager Joe McKay expects it to show up well in the next contest. The infield is snappy and a lot of good hitters are hobbling up.

The players Sunday were: Bend—Van Matre c, Staats p, Steidl 1b, McKay 2b, Staats ss, Stover 3b, Paul rf, Hawk cf, Hunter lf. Prineville—Hinkle c, Tetherow p, Brewster 1b, Ellis 2b, Bechtel 3b, Estes ss, Bowman rf, Michel cf, Dode lf.

R. M. SMITH DIRECTOR

Overturf Re-elected As School Clerk at Annual Meeting.

At the annual school meeting held Monday afternoon at the school house R. M. Smith was elected a director and H. J. Overturf was re-elected as clerk.

Thirty two ballots were cast. F. M. Ray, the former director, was not a candidate for re-election. Mr. Smith and Theodore Aune were nominated for director, and Mr. Overturf and H. E. Allen for the clerkship. The count showed Smith 20, Aune 12, Overturf 20, Allen 12. While the totals were the same, there were many "split tickets."

MADE SECOND CLASS

Advanced Rank of Local Post Office Effective July 1.

Postmaster Ford has received official notice from the Post Office Department at Washington that Bend has been designated as a second class post office. The change becomes effective on July 1.

This advancement in rank of the local post office has been expected for some time since it became apparent early in the spring that the receipts of the office were in excess of the amount necessary for the change. By it Bend becomes the only second class office in Central Oregon and one of the few in Oregon east of the Cascades.

PROGRAM FOR FOURTH GIVEN

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES EVENTS

A Contest Provided for Everyone—Ten Clubs From Burns and Laidlaw Expected to be Here—Local Band of 18 Pieces Practicing.

Arrangements for the celebration to be held in Bend on the Fourth of July are being completed and prospects for a rousing, many sided Fourth grow better every day.

In connection with the trap shooting event the committee has been in communication with the gun clubs of Burns and Laidlaw and it is now expected that both these clubs will be here in force, adding greatly to the interest in this contest. In order that the shoot may be witnessed by a greater number it is planned to move the club's traps to a point on the river off the foot of Ohio street where the day's shoot will be held. This will cut out the long walk out to the Gun Club grounds and make it possible for all to take in this event.

The local band, which will furnish music during the day, is now practicing three or four times a week and promises to furnish a large part of the entertainment. The band now numbers 18 pieces and is at work under the leadership of Ashley Forrest, who was the band master last year.

The following program of sports and other events has been arranged: 8:30 a. m. Parade Greenwood, Depot.

- 9:30. Base ball game.
- 11:30. Speaking on lawn.
- 12:00. Lunch.
- 1:00. Trap shoot and tennis.
- 2:30. Fly casting.
- 2:30. Children's races.
- 2:30 to 6:00. Fat man's race, ladies race, boy's race, girl's race, 100 yds. for all horse race, broad jump, high jump, potato race, pie-eating contest, three legged race, greased pig, baby show, greased pole, canoe tilting.

LAIR THOMPSON HERE

State Senator Says Withycombe Will be Next Governor Easily.

Lair Thompson, of Lakeview, state senator from this district, started from here this morning for his home in his car. Speaking of politics, Mr. Thompson predicted a very close race for the national senatorship between Chamberlain and Booth, alleging that Hanley could not compete with the others. The Governorship, he said, was easily Withycombe's.

"That is nothing but personal spite work," said Mr. Thompson when questioned regarding Governor West's initiative measure directed against the State Engineer. "It should receive no serious consideration, for the motives behind it deserve none. As I see it, it could accomplish no good and probably would create many complications which would do real harm."

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