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THE SCHOOL FUNDS AGAIN

MR. BAIN SUGGESTS A GOOD WAY TO SETTLE MATTER.

Proposes to Act With Superintendent and Mr. Randall in Going Over Books and Records of the Office.

Supt. Rigby's explanation looks quite plausible to the casual reader and to the uninitiated might appear alright, yet he has not gotten to the points at issue. He has indulged in a long "spasm" of generalities without touching particularly upon facts.

The superintendent says at the beginning that my assertions are false, yet he makes false statements in an effort to show that I am a liar. I contended in my former communication that the school funds were not apportioned in accordance with the law and the superintendent's own statement shows it to be a fact. His figures in both the April and October apportionments show discrepancies particularly in the amount apportioned to district No 10 in April and district No 2 in October to my certain knowledge. Whether this hold good in other districts I am unable to state positively, not having access to the books and records at this time.

His explanation of the method of appropriating the funds, or rather that the treasurer is the custodian of the school fund, was unnecessary. I am not attacking the treasurer's books, but not one penny is paid out except upon the order of the superintendent. It is the accounts between the latter and the various district clerks that need the investigation. He admits favoring certain districts which he wished to "hide over" and unblushingly states that he advised district clerks to evade the law in making their annual reports. From appearances the superintendent has handled the school funds to the particular interest of certain districts without regard to the law, or the effect it would have on other districts.

District No 2 did not ask directly for an April apportionment, but in reply to his own inquiry as to the amount of funds it would likely require for the school year, stated that it would need in the neighborhood of \$300. It had always been the custom to make an apportionment in April and the districts naturally expected it. Although he found but three districts in need of money the superintendent apportioned to the entire 29. What became of the surplus of the 25 districts that did not need it? Was it returned to the general funds to be re-apportioned?

Supt. Rigby pleads ignorance as accountable for his mistakes and would make it appear that this was his first offense. As a matter of fact his attention had been called to this manner of apportioning the school funds over a year ago but he took no notice of it, at least, he failed to take the matter far enough to do the school districts any good.

If he charged up the various districts with the over amount upon finding he had "misinterpreted the law" why was not the matter adjusted at the October apportionment at which time he admits the law compels him to apportion the entire school fund then in the county treasury? I fail to see the equity of his "hiding over" certain districts to the detriment of others that are following the law. We have laws governing these matters and until they are repealed or amended we should follow them.

Now in conclusion I would suggest that The Times-Herald arrange a time suitable for Supt. Rigby and invite Mr. Randall, the gentleman who was employed to expert the county books and records, to meet with me and the three of us go over the records of the school superintendent's office and I will prove my assertions. It seems that trying the case over in the newspaper does not bring out the required results anyway. The school patrons of Harney county desire justice in every respect and that is the end I am working for and not newspaper notoriety. I want it understood, too, that I volunteer my services in this matter of going over the records of the superintendent's office and that no charges will be made

for my time regardless of the number of hours, days or weeks it requires.

I also desire that The Times-Herald publish the result of this investigation.

THOS. BAIN.

COUNTY EXPENSES LAST YEAR.

County Clerk Mothershead's report to the secretary of state shows the following expenses in Harney county for 1906:

Expense of county court and commissioners \$ 2,077 79
Circuit court 7,735 94
Justices' court 190 30
Sheriff's office 3,399 98
Clerk's office 3,399 98
Treasurer's office 699 98
Coroner's office 253 50
School superintendent's office 873 48
Stock inspector 380 24
Assessor's office 1,629 50
Assessment and collection of taxes 62 20
Tax rebates 21 68
Current expenses 795 74
Court house expenses 1,246 42
Jail 449 70
Poor, care of 3,863 96
Election expense 1,582 29
High school, building, teachers' salaries, etc 4,130 36
County fair appropriation 250 00
Road supervisors salaries 1,500 00
Road and bridge account 829 96
Total expense for year \$35,373 00

The financial condition of the county was never better at this season of the year. With but two months until taxpaying time and practically no expense after the warrants drawn at the January term are paid, the treasurer will have a very substantial balance on hand. The report of the treasurer shows cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907, \$13,240.23, with warrants outstanding to the amount of \$1,134.62, leaving a balance of \$12,105.61 to the good.

New Lumber Mill.

There is excellent authority for the statement that President David Eccles, who was here a few days ago, has completed plans for the building of a large, modern, saw mill at Austin station, including a planing mill plant and that he will extend the Sumpter Valley railroad to Prairie City in the John Day country.

This means that instead of hauling the logs from the forest into Baker City and cutting them up here, the finished lumber will be hauled down and reshipped from the South Baker yards to the east. The manufacturing will be done close to the timber and expense of operation saved.

Report of the new plans could not be confirmed last night by officers of the company here, but there is reason to believe Mr. Eccles has contemplated this move for some time.—Democrat.

Will a Farmer Be.

V. B. Staples has purchased of Mrs. E. Stewart 20 acres of choice land adjoining the townsite of Ontario and in the spring will improve the same by planting it to alfalfa, orchard, etc. Virg will make an overall farmer hard to beat. He will look good coming to town with his one-horse shay bent on selling rutabagas, cabbage, eggs and "sich" things.—Argus.

Beats the Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Beat out the stomach, liver and bowels. Guaranteed by City Drug Store, 25c.

It has been demonstrated over and over again in the settlement of the Middle West, that as soon as the farming land becomes valuable the great tide of immigration from the east moves on to new pastures. It was true of the eastern states as well in the early days of the nation. When the land was cleared of its heavy growth of timber and made ready for the plow, when markets were established, regular lines of transportation set in motion, and everything prepared through years of hard work for the comfort and ease of living, then men began to pull up stakes and "go west."—Topeka Herald.

INTERESTING INDIAN LEGEND

EASTERN OREGON SCENE OF RED MAN'S MYTH.

Love Affair of a Brave Warrior and Young Maiden Caused the Deep Cut in the John Day Canyons.

The following Indian legend concerning the John Day river was recently published by a San Francisco paper:

"The John Day river in Eastern Oregon, has through long centuries of erosion, cut a narrow channel several hundred feet deep, extending from the Columbia river far back into the interior. The canyon is considered one of the richest fossil fields on the Pacific coast. There is a curious Indian legend in connection with the formation of this canyon.

"Many years ago, long before the advent of the white man, this section of the country was inhabited by a powerful band of Indians, perhaps it may have been the same tribe as is now known as the Umatillas. The chief of the tribe was Eagle Feather, a man known far and wide as a mighty warrior, and at the same time a man of rigid justice and honesty. He had a son a strong, handsome lad, who was the pride of his father's life, and the old chief had many pleasant visions of a powerful warrior who should rule in his place after he had gone to the fathers.

"One day as the young man was hunting some distance away he came upon a beautiful maiden of another tribe and immediately fell in love with her. Thereafter much to the disgust of his father, he lost all interest in hunting and fishing and every thing that made a warrior great. The old chief scolded and threatened but to no effect, and finally in desperation prayed the Great Spirit to separate the two so that they could never see each other again.

"That night the heavens were dark and the rain fell in sheets and the breath of the Great Spirit shook the earth. When the sun rose clear in the eastern sky the next morning the Indians looked from their teepees on a deep narrow chasm, from whose depth came the muffled roar of a raging torrent. The young man separated from the object of his love, paced disconsolately up and down the brink of the chasm.

"At last he sat down on the side of a boulder and there remained in stoical silence. And even after the shades of night had settled down and the full moon had risen in the eastern sky, shedding its mellow light over the earth, he still sat gazing toward the home of his loved one. The next morning he was not to be seen and, although the old chief in his sorrow searched the country for miles around he was never seen afterwards.

"There are Indians still living near the same place that will tell you that if you station yourself a little distance from the boulder, some evening, when the moon is full, you may see the spirit of the young man come from behind the rocks and take its place on the boulder and there remain until the morning light dispells the shadows and if you listen closely when a slight breeze stirs the leaves you may hear a low heart-breaking moan."

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES.

Showing, as by law required, the amount of claims presented, filed and recorded against the County of Harney, State of Oregon, and the amount allowed at the regular January, 1907, term of the county court:

TO WHOM ISSUED	AM'T CLAIMED	AM'T ALLOWED
Joe Hill, juror circuit court and mileage Oct. and Nov. term 1906	16 00	16 00
Wm. Bardwell, ditto	24 00	24 00
A. Egli, ditto	24 00	24 00
Emory Hill, ditto	15 00	15 00
Jasper Davis, ditto	16 00	16 00
J. W. Shown, ditto	16 00	16 00
George W. Casfield, ditto	24 00	24 00
J. B. Bunyard, ditto	20 00	20 00
Matt Riggs, ditto	2 20	2 20
Chris Lackman, ditto	2 20	2 20
Ed Springer, ditto	2 20	2 20
Robt. Drinkwater, ditto	2 20	2 20
Ora Hill, ditto	2 20	2 20
J. M. Bunyard, ditto	2 20	2 20
H. Dixon, ditto	2 20	2 20
Frank Whiting, ditto	3 00	3 00
F. Seigrist, ditto	2 20	2 20
Tom Sagers, ditto	2 20	2 20
H. Richardson, ditto	2 20	2 20
Vic Gibson, ditto	2 20	2 20
Simos Lewis, ditto	2 20	2 20
W. H. Culp, ditto	3 00	3 00
J. P. Farrs, ditto	2 00	2 00

NORTHERN PACIFIC BUTTS IN

BUYS ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILWAY LINE.

Shows the Plan of Hill To Invade Harriman Territory in Central and Western Oregon—Transfer Made.

The Portland Journal says: After negotiations extending over several months, the Astoria & Columbia River railroad was yesterday purchased by the Northern Pacific Railroad company. The price is not known, but the Northern Pacific is said to have taken over all of the stock and property under the optional terms of a lease by which trackage from Goble to Portland, 39 miles, was granted to the Astoria road by the Northern Pacific some years ago.

The Oregon tax commission in its report for 1905 returned the Astoria & Columbia River railroad as follows: Total valuation \$2,363,122, mileage 82, valuation per mile \$28,820. The road was owned by H. E. Huntington, A. R. Hammond and General Hubbard of New York.

Repeatedly rumors have been published to the effect that the Harriman interests had purchased the Astoria road, but such a disposition of the property was from the first illegal, as it is said the Northern Pacific, in granting a 99-year lease of its trackage from Portland to Goble, exacted in the original agreement a provision that should the Astoria road be offered for sale the Northern Pacific should have the first option to purchase. It is said the Northern Pacific recently concluded to exercise this option, and that it is a part of a Hill plan to build down the west coast of Oregon.

Surveyors have been in the field for some time between Seaside, the coast terminus, and Tillamook. They have been working tentatively under orders from the Hammond management, but it is now believed that these operations are but a part of the Hill scheme of invasion of Harriman territory. This explains the warmth of the contest that has been on between the Astoria & Columbia River and the Pacific Railway & Navigation company agents for rights of way between Seaside and Tillamook.

It is reported that the Oregon Coast & Eastern, promoted by Baker and Crabtree of St. Louis, is a part of a great scheme of Hill to rib Oregon from north to south and from east to west, in conjunction with the proposed line from the mouth of the Deschutes river to central Oregon. If such a plan is worked out, the Hill companies will have a system paralleling the coast and crossing the state from the mouth of the Siuslaw, via Eugene, to central Oregon, and there connecting with the Deschutes river line, completely hemming in the most productive portion of the state.

LITTLE GOING UP

Manager Brown, of the Baker City Packing company, the largest meat producer and stock buying institution in eastern Oregon, is authority for the statement that the local cattle market is steadily improving and is now nearly at the figure where it was before the slump last month, says the Baker City Democrat of January 9. In a few days it is expected that normal prices will prevail.

Between the 15th and 20th a solid trainload of Baker county prime beef will be shipped to Port-

land where it is a premium on the market. The price of hogs has raised a little during the last few days and sheep are steady at fair prices.

A Modern Miracle. Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up phlegm from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at the City Drug Store. Trial bottle free.

WANTED—Agents, Hunters Salesmen, Clerks and everybody who wants to enjoy a good hearty laugh to send 50c for "Tius to Agents." Worth \$50 to any person who sells goods for a living. If not satisfactory your money back. Circular for stamp. The Dr. White electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

Play Live 100 Years. The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Hainesville, Mo., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, Blood disorders, General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on guarantee at the City Drug Store. Price only 50c.

The Times-Herald will make this a bargain month in the way of subscriptions and has arranged to give the Semi-Weekly St. Louis Republic free to all who pay up arrears and one year in advance to The Times-Herald. New subscribers who pay in advance will also receive this great national semi-weekly newspaper and family magazine in the United States. The two papers one year for \$2— for this month only.

\$25 Reward—The Blue Mt. Rapid Transit Co. will give \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of the parties who removed straps and other property from one of the coaches on the mountain.

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