

HIGH SCHOOL TAX LEVY PRINCIPAL SHIRK'S

Report For This Year and Offers a Budget of Estimated Expenses for Next School Year. Tax Levy Re- duced. The Foot Ball Game a Tie. John Day the Visiting Team.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HARNEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BOARD: Gentlemen: I have the honor to make the following report of the Harney County High School for the period ending October 30, 1915. School opened the first Monday in September with an enrollment of sixty-two pupils this has since been increased by five making the enrollment at present sixty-seven. They are grouped by classes as follows:

Seniors	15
Juniors	3
Sophomores	18
Freshmen	29
Unclassified	2
Total	67

There have been a number of irregularities in attendance this year due in the main to sickness. This is annoying, but as it can not be helped we have to make the best of it. Tardiness is rare and is not increasing.

The spirit of the school is very good both toward their work and their teachers. I have heard no complaints or criticisms of either.

The new teachers have entered upon their work with zeal and enthusiasm. They are always cheerful and ready to help in anything that is for the good of the school. They have all shown a spirit of helpfulness and willingness to adopt suggestions. Their several abilities in their particular work is good.

The work in Domestic Science has been run more economically and with greater adaptation to the needs of this locality than it has been under any other teacher we have had since I have been in charge of the work. The school has played one game of foot ball with John Day. The students with one exception acted like gentlemen. The boys, with this exception, took a stand against dissipating and expressed their opinion in the matter. The boys should be commended for the stand they are taking in this matter.

As it is about the time when the tax levy has to be made up for the ensuing year I have taken it upon myself to make a budget for the expenses of the High School, for the year beginning September 1916, as nearly as I can estimate them. I have not considered any alterations or repairs to the building for as far as I can see none are needed, except two boards in one of the stairways.

The following items I consider necessary and are, in fact, all that are needed in my judgment:

TEACHERS SALARIES	
Principal (if retained and raised)	\$1600
Miss Locher (\$125, per month)	1125
Mr. Petrie (if retained under salary schedule adopted last March (\$135, per month)	1215
Miss Peter (if retained \$110, per month)	990
Miss Holt (if retained \$110 per month)	990
Total	\$5920
RUNNING EXPENSES	
Janitor, 9 months at \$60	\$540
Wood, one half pine, one half mahogany at present price	256
Sawing and putting in woodshed	60
Domestic Science, cooking class, 11 pupils	75
Domestic Science Department equipment	25
Chemistry dept. supplies	25
English dept., books	25
Biology dept., supplies	25
Printing	50
Cleaning toilets, based on last year's price	40
Contingencies	100
Total	\$1221
Total Expenses	\$7141

I think that I have covered everything except perhaps insurance. It appears that the assessed valuation of the County for the coming year is \$8,131,843. As the school law says that all school levies shall be in even fractions of a mill and as it appears that the nearest even fraction of a mill, that will bring in the required amount in nine tenths of a mill, I suggest that that be made the levy for the high school for the coming year. This should bring into the County High School fund \$7,318.65. This is somewhat in excess of our estimated expenditures; but as there are always some delinquencies I do not think it to much. This rate of nine tenths of a mill, if you should approve of it, means a saving of 40 per cent over the rate of last year.

If I am retained I am sure that barring unforeseen contingencies, I can keep the expenses of the school within the above estimate and still improve the service. I have computed the teacher's salaries, with the exception of the principal's on the schedule

for teacher's salaries you made out and adopted last March. The estimated raise in the principal's salary is optional with yourselves.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. SHIRK, Prin.

Foot Ball, Harney County vs. John Day

The Harney County High School played the John Day team, the champions of Grant County, to a tie last Saturday on the Fair Grounds at Burns.

However, playing right end on the Harney County team, was easily the star of the High School boys breaking up every play that the John Day team tried to pull off around his end. Hagey, Wilson, Luckey and the whole right side of the line were a stonewall in defence. For the visitors Belshaw and Foster were consistent ground gainers.

The home team received the ball on the kick off and carried it within about twenty yards of John Day goal only to lose the ball on downs. John Day then carried the ball by a series of line plunges to the ten yard line of the home team where they were held and lost the ball. The Harney County team then carried the ball out of danger and down the field where except for a fumble a touchback might have been scored. This ended the first half. In the second half each team threatened the others goal; but no scores were made by either.

The following is the lineup of the teams:
H.C.H.S. Position J.D.H.S.
Howser Right End Timme
Miller Right Tackle Belshaw
Hotchkiss Right Guard Calahan
Cawfield Center Mallory
Bennett Left Guard Byram
Taylor Left Tackle Ripley
Luckey Left End Foster
Hagey Full Back DeArmond
Young Right Half Campbell
Brecount Left Half Belshaw
Wilson Quarter Back Dixon

The John Day team arrived in Burns Friday evening accompanied by the principal of the schools Prof. E. B. Moore. They were a fine bunch of fellows and behaved themselves in a gentlemanly manner.

The game was called at 3:10. The officials were: Referee McDade, Umpire Felton.

BURNS AND HARNEY CO. ACTIVITIES CONSIDERED

The Natural and Possible Resources Considered as to the Coming Busy Season of 1916. A Look Into the Immediate Future. A Resume of What Will Happen.

A successful and prosperous future for Harney County has ever been a theme foremost in the thoughts and discussions of its people for the past thirty years. Always this has seemed a long ways off, intangible and indefinite. The firm belief that the country would sometime come into its own has kept our people here, living and working under great disadvantages and inconveniences. In the meantime those engaged in the stock business have prospered and kept up the financial prestige of the county, and about three sets of homeseekers, investors have come, gone broke and departed.

Now it is apparent that the long wait is about over; that we are going to do things for the benefit of ourselves, not leaving all for future generations. Therefore 1916 and seasons immediately following are to be active, busy times.

RAILROADS:—Rail transportation, upon which all development depends, will reach the valley early next Spring. Extension from that point are easy of construction and most economical and are assured as the needs of different sections demand and promise profitable operation.

IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE:—We are getting close to the end of the long drawn out and exasperating litigation over water rights. This will insure the control of the flood waters and permit of the immediate organization of proper reclamation districts whereby the surplus water can be put to the greatest beneficial use over the largest area. Competent engineers report that the waters of the Silvies River will eventually water from ninety to one hundred and twenty thousand acres, assuring a heavy production each year. The storage and use of the flood waters will render practical the drainage of the lower stretches of the valley and change the great marshes in and around Malheur Lake into the best of agricultural lands.

After a long period of depression financial conditions in the East are improving and capital for legitimate development projects will stand the test of close investigation the investments will undertaken along sane lines, taking advantage of the mistakes and errors of the past. Reclamation is only in its infancy and the time is not far distant when this class of securities will be sought for. Numerous projects throughout the Northwest; lying dormant for the past few years,

are being revived. The Harney County projects starting now with a clean sheet will not be encumbered with dead material. The whole matter of their development and operation is in the hands of the owners of lands that will be benefited.

AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES: Heavy yields of cereals, alfalfa, field peas, root crops, etc. on our partially watered lands make certain the future as a diversified agricultural section. With a small amount of water properly used a big crop is assured each year.

Successful experiments with "Dry Farming" have proven that paying crops can be produced throughout the country when the summer fallow method of cultivation is followed. This has been the driest season for many years, — there being but a trifle over five inches of precipitation from Oct. 1, 1914 to Oct. 1, 1915, — and lands which had been properly tilled produced a paying crop this year.

With the continued use of the surrounding ranges and the valley lands made to furnish the winter feed and pasture the stock industry will be greatly increased.

Dairying will become one of the leading industries for the conditions are most favorable and the excellent markets of the northwest will become available. The best milling wheat is being raised and can and will be manufactured at home. The conditions and location demanded and brought forth the establishment of a local packing plant to take care of our increasing production and transportation this will enlarge and become a great enterprise supplying the whole interior territory not in competition with any of the larger packing plants. Climatic and soil conditions of a large area of the Harney Valley are ideal for the raising of sugar beets. Where this industry has been established in Colorado, Utah and other western states under conditions in some instances not so favorable as of this valley, it has proven profitable to both producer and manufacturer and is being increased yearly. Why should not central Harney Valley have a sugar industry with the increased demand for settlement and labor involved?

THE THREE YEAR HOME- STEAD LAW OFFICIALLY

Interpreted. Absolute Residence for Full Seven Months Required. Absence Allowed Only Such as Incidental to Farm Life. No Con- structive Residence.

An important decision regarding residence under the 3-year homestead law has recently been handed down by the General Land office in the Blanche Westbrook case in which it was held: "That proof submitted under the three-year homestead law must show actual residence upon the land entered for at least seven months each year for three years, and the land department is without power to extend the privilege of constructive residence for absence during the seven months periods."

The requirement that the entryman shall actually reside upon his claim for seven months each year does not, however, preclude short absences for the purpose of going to market or other brief absences such as are ordinarily necessary and incidental to the conduct of a farm.

"In case of unavoidable casualties, rendering absences necessary during the seven months periods, leaves of absence may be applied for and granted under the general provisions of the Act of March 2, 1899."

From this decision it will be seen that under the three year law the entryman will be expected to reside continually upon the land during the seven months period, and the laboring man who under the old law was permitted to spend the greater portion of his time away from his claim, must give up his work for seven months out of the year unless his work is such that he can stay on his claim nights. The school teacher who stays over Saturday and Sunday has no chance under the new law, but must give up the school for seven months each year and stay on the land.

As long as this decision is in effect, homesteaders under the three year law must comply with the exact letter of the law, for constructive residence can not be

allowed. Those who filed prior to June 6, 1912, can still prove up under the old five year law if they desire and thus take advantage of constructive residence.

Tonics for Hogs.
Hogs are omnivorous animals and especially sensitive to a lack of variety in their feed. Under domestication they make rapid growth and it is hardly possible to supply them with sufficient quantities of all the food nutrients they require to make the most economical gains. On this account they often become restless and have a craving for certain constituents lacking in diet, which can best be supplied in tonics. The following mixture has given satisfactory results:

Charcoal 8 pounds
Air-slacked salt . . . 8 pounds
Common salt 8 pounds
Hardwood ashes . . . 8 pounds
Powd'r sulphur 4 pounds
Powd'r blue stone . 2 pounds

These should be should thoroughly mixed and kept in stock so that a small supply may be before the hogs at all time. A low box makes a useful container. Such a mixture is especially cheap and return big profits in the way of increased gains. It should be mentioned that this preparation is more of a tonic to keep the hogs in good condition rather than to safeguard them against disease. At the present time we have no hog food that will save pigs from contracting or dying from hog cholera. This tonic, however, has a beneficial effect in making the animals more vigorous and maintaining them in better condition to overcome the attack of diseases.—Orchard and Farm.

DRESS UP BOYS—Williams-Zoglian Clo. Co. have the goods.

MONTHLY SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Burns school district for the month ending November 5th 1915:

Pupils remaining last month	250
Pupils registered new "R"	7
Registered secondary "E"	4
Re-admitted "R"	21
Total	282
Pupils dropped	29
Total	253
Pupils on register during the school year marked "R"	266
Pupils on register during the school year marked "E"	8
Total	269
Over 6 and under 9	86
Over 9 and under 12	88
Over 12 and under 14	61
Over 14 and under 20	34
Total	269
Whole No. times late	19
Whole No. days absent	63
Pupils neither absent nor late	159
Per cent of attendance	97
No. visits by parents	16
No. visits by members school board	1

W. M. Sutton, Prin.

College Bred Beef Brings Highest Market Prices

Kansas City market report mention the unusually fine quality of three carloads of Shorthorn steers, finished for market on the Oregon Agricultural branch station farm at Union, marketed this fall. "The three carloads of steers received in the local markets averaged 1307 pounds and sold at a lump rate of \$8.80. Considering the length of time they were on the road and the distance traveled they were in remarkably fine condition. Robert Withycombe was in charge of the shipment, which numbered sixty animals."

For 115 days one carload was fed on alfalfa hay straight through, the second carload on alfalfa and five pounds a day to the head of rolled barley, and the third alfalfa the first half of the feeding period and an addition of 10 pounds of rolled barley a day to the head the last half. The second lot showed the best gain in weight, slightly more than two pounds a day, while the others gained just two pounds a day.

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No. 2, Prairie 10:15 A. M.
Sumpter 2:35 P. M.
Arrives Baker 4:00 P. M.
Departs
No. 1, Baker 6:30 A. M.
Sumpter 10:05 A. M.
Arrives Prairie 2:10 P. M.
No. 1 Makes good connection with O.-W. R. & N. Co. No. 4 (Fast Mail) leaving Portland 6:30 P. M., arriving at Baker 7:55 A. M. and No. 17 fr. n east arriving Baker 6:50 A. M.
No. 2 connects with No. 5 (Fast Mail) arriving at Baker 7:55 P. M. which picks up Pullman at Baker, arriving at Portland 7:00 A. M. Also with No. 18 at 0:45 P. M. for points East.

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