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SCHOOL MEETING AROUSES INTEREST

School Patrons Turn Out To Consider Budget. Vote Twenty Mills

By a majority of one vote the school district of Bandon determined last night to raise as much money as would be spent on the schools during the coming year, with a small margin over. A special tax of 20 mills was decided on and it was figured that this would raise a sum in the neighborhood of \$27,000. While this is considerably short of the forty thousand asked for in the prepared budget, it will handle the current expense: which is more than any of the levies for the past four years has done.

The announcement of the meeting aroused much interest among the patrons of the school. It was reported that there would be strong opposition and was even asserted that an effort would be made to cripple the high school. Spurred on by these conflicting reports friends of the school turned out in large numbers to offset whatever might happen.

The assembly room was crowded to its capacity when Mrs. Bertina Kausrud called the assemblage to order. School Clerk Knight read the minutes of the meeting of the board which called the special meeting and also read the budget as advertised in the Recorder.

Scarcely had the clerk concluded, when A. Haberly was on his feet with an inquiry. He said the budget disclosed the amount of funds asked for but said nothing of the source from which the money was to be obtained.

This, he was informed, had been over a million dollars but with the fire had shrunk a little and was now a little less than the round sum, but for purposes of calculation could be placed at a million.

Mr. Haberly then moved a levy of 15 mills. In support of his motion he took the proposed budget and proceeded to tear it to pieces. He declared the school was spending a hundred dollars on each pupil which he thought was too much. He thought the proportion for salaries in the high school was excessive. The salaries of grade teachers and of the janitors he could not criticize but all the other items on the list came in for his disapproval. In the days when he had been connected with the school board the school affairs had been for more economical administration. The appropriation for library books in view of the fact that the city had a library, was unnecessary. All of the various smaller items were too high and the additional levy of \$600 for incidentals taxed his patience very greatly. He thought that as last years levy was seventeen mills there should be a reduction this year and he thought fifteen mills would be the right figure.

He thought our school taxation was altogether too high and said many places got along with a ten mills levy and Portland only raised four mills.

He was especially positive about the excess in the clerk's salary saying this used to be \$150 a year and he thought this was enough. This brought the response from the chairman that the salary of the clerk had been brought to its present figure by motion of Mr. Haberly himself but he disputed this. Supt. Turnbull took the floor in defense of the item for library books. He explained that this expenditure was necessary by the requirement of the state office; first for supplementary readers to be used in the lower grades and secondly certain reference books required in order to standardize the school and enable it to get tuition from out of the district students, and cost of the books was more than met by the extra receipts.

Mr. Haberly had criticized the sum spent in expediting the books and the chairman explained that the law required the books to be audited annually and in order to get the books in position they had to be expedited and she thought the amount charged for this work was reasonable.

The excessive amount for light and power was also complained of and it was explained that this had been a sore spot with all boards. They had constantly complained of the cost of

light but careless ones would leave lights on and the meters would register the voltage.

Relative to the item for repairs it was stated that the high school building would have to be painted and this would cost \$500.

As to reducing teacher's salaries, the contracts were all signed for the present year and would have to be lived up to.

The average attendance was given as 650. This aroused M. Breuer with the remark that the 650 pupils required 17 teachers. Mrs. Kausrud reported that the results showed it.

The amount in outstanding warrants was given as \$13,000. Of this \$8,000 was due to uncollected taxes extending back over a period of six years. The balance of the warrants were brought about by continually under-estimating expenses and making the tax levy too small.

The valuation of the district is \$999,170.

F. J. Chaburn had been doing some mental figuring and arose to present his views. He thought a tax of 18 mills would be sufficient and presented figures in furtherance of his ideas.

Mr. Sorensen wanted to know what he would do with the outstanding warrants—\$13,000?

J. Ira Sidwell here had a bright idea and remarked it was time to stop talking and get to voting on the levy. Figures and cross figures were presented and it was shown that 18 mills levy would not cover the estimate of actual expenses. State and county money was estimated at \$7,000 which with the 18 mills levy would run short of the estimated current expenses.

Just for a change Mrs. Kausrud rejoined the meeting that serial bonds of \$20,000 at the rate of \$2,000 a year would be due to begin in three years and asked how this would be met.

Mayor Topping felt the uplifting influence of the speaker's arguments and rose to his feet to give utterance. He ended by branching off into an oration in which at times he climbed to the heights of eloquence.

He said he had been accused of being extravagant, mostly in the use of language. Mr. Sidwell was anxious to get to voting. Sid probably had a date with his best girl and was anxious to get away. He, the mayor, proposed to discuss a few things.

A new law demanded the formation of a budget and the advertising of the same. Otherwise the old program would have been gone through with. The board would have made an estimate, under, of course, and the meeting would cut this, making a deficit that grew larger with each succeeding year.

The reason this law had been passed was that bond buyers insisted on it. They thought the Oregon school district patrons should be made to see the financial situation of each district at the tax voting time that they might vote their levies with their eyes open. Oregon cities were all alike, the speaker asserted. Portland the richest city in the world according to size was practically bankrupt.

He said the voters of the district might as well face the situation one time as another. They could call a halt and cut expenses but a cut of any size meant to go backwards.

The management was up to the school board. There was nothing in it for them and they could be depended on to serve in a public spirited manner. He declared that to hit the pocket book was to hit in a tender spot and was bad but to hit at the home was worse. The times demanded economy and it was right that it should be exacted. They could cut down living expenses, they could cut down city expenses but to cut in the school was robbing the growing boy and girl of that which succeeding years would never replace.

Col. Rosa said all wished to do justice to the school and to the school teacher. He wanted the warrants as received to be the same as cash. He moved to amend Mr. Haberly's motion to make the rate of taxation 18 mills.

A discussion then arose as to whether 18 mills was enough. It was suggested that twenty mills would meet the estimate for the current year and give a little over. It was proposed to let the voter have his choice of the three proposals in the voting. A motion and an amendment to the motion were already before the meeting and the third proposal threatened to complicate the parliamentary status of the thing as to throw the ancient How-

COAST STORM CAUSED DAMAGE

Bar View Hotel Washes Away. Adventures With Beach Stage

The storm which has prevailed in this locality for the past three weeks and which was especially violent during the early part of last week has been general along the coast and especially violent in Western Oregon and Washington.

Bar View, situated on the point of Tillamook bay appears to have been the worst hit and damage was done there which will aggregate between thirty and forty thousand dollars. The Barview hotel and annex was washed away, accounting for half of the loss.

The Coos Bay Times gives another instance of weather that serves to illustrate conditions on the north passage to the outside world.

The Times says: Joe Wons, a sub-contractor on the railroad work at Ten Mile, caught the beach stage at Ten Mile creek yesterday and was going to Portland. He had a suitcase and while waiting for a boat to take him across the Umpqua perched up on a log. It looked perfectly safe, but suddenly a big wave came dashing in, washing the log away and making Wons hurry for his safety. He lost his suitcase but made a second dash into the surf and recovered it. He went back on the beach a little further and opened up the suitcase to let out the water. He removed the articles and wrung the water out, laying them on a log. A second breaker, bigger than the one before caught him in the midst of the operations and washed away a good share of his clothing.

A. M. Oakes who arrived in yesterday, said that the night before last was the roughest he ever experienced on the coast. He said that the wind was actually so strong that a Ford machine could not travel against it in high gear. The machines had to be run on low gear to make headway.

Many people who owned lots on the point had their real estate washed away and now are puzzled to know whether they still own their property or whether it is a part of the government owned beach.

Amazon creek at Eugene developed a flood and covered several blocks of the university city with water. 60 and 70 miles gales were reported at different places along the coast.

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Parent-Teacher Program

The next meeting of the Patron-Teachers' Association will be held in the auditorium of the high school building on Friday evening of next week. The following program will be presented:

Song—Selected—Miss Masterson, Reading—Selected—Miss Hilde, Elements of Leadership:

Mr. Wade,—In Teaching, Mrs. Pape,—In the Home, Mr. Mast,—In Social Life, Mr. Topping,—In Business.

Discussion—by Audience. Songs—The Old Oaken Bucket and America.

The annual school census at North Bend discloses the fact that there are 186 less pupils in the district than there were last year. This year's total is 653.

Old is Ann? problem into the discard. But a substitute motion straightened the thing out and Guy Dippel and Chris Rasmussen were appointed tellers. On a second thought C. F. Pape was added to the list to take down the names of the voters. It was explained that only men and women could vote who held taxable property in their own name.

The first and final ballot resulted: For 15 mills, 28; For 18 mills 38; For 20 mills, 67; for 25 mills, 1; blank 1.

BANDON PIONEER DIED AT SALEM

Alfred Machado Dies in State Hospital. Sent From County Last Week

Albert Machado, one of the pioneer citizens of Bandon died in the state hospital for the insane at Salem yesterday. He had been ailing for some time—about five years and had made his home at C. F. Herman's at Prosper. His condition grew worse and he was taken to Coquille for examination and his case was deemed one subject for the state authorities although Mrs. Herman volunteered to do her best for him. He left for the north a week ago last Saturday and did not live a week after reaching Salem.

His body will be brought to Bandon for burial with the next arrival of express from Portland which will not be for two weeks yet.

Mr. Machado was 77 years and 6 months in age and was of Portuguese descent. He had been a whaler in his youth and it was told of him that when a sperm whale was washed upon the beach he was the only man, locally to recognize the variety of the mammal and obtain the oil.

He leaves no family. Mrs. Herman is a half sister of his wife and he has a brother in business at Myrtle Point. He had lived in Coos county something like 35 years.

BUSINESS MEN WILL DO SHARE

Tax Meeting Failed To Develop Strong Opposition To Tax Program

Although a crowd that filled the city hall council chamber turned out at the tax talk tonight no great amount of heat was engendered. Neither were any resolutions of approval or disapproval adopted.

Citizens of the city have evidently determined that affairs of the city must continue until the end of the fiscal year and they might as well bottle up their wrath until that time. In the absence of the mayor Chairman Mast of the council presided.

An occupation tax was discussed as about the only remedy that could be utilized until the time came to vote another tax levy. The constitutionality of this was questioned and it was agreed it would depend on the public spirit of the citizens as to how effective this tax would be to stop the breach in the city's finances.

The agate shop formerly run by Heggis and Porter has changed hands and will now be conducted by Orville Biggs. Carl Heggis has entered the employ of Sabro Bros. and will learn the Jewelry business. Mr. Biggs is an experienced grinder of agates having acquired his experience with Sabro Bros. it being something of a case of trade jobs between him and Mr. Heggis.

Made Him Feel Rich

As an aftermath of a proper celebration of Thanksgiving eve, a citizen of Bandon found a five dollar bill on the streets of the city the morning of Thanksgiving day. The finder's thanksgiving would have been more complete if the greenback itself had been more complete. It was only a fragmentary V that he found. The piece of paper money was torn lengthwise into ragged halves, the found part being only the lower portion thereof. It was as if some one had seized the crumpled greenback; a half in each fist and severed it by a mighty wrench.

The king of pugilists, John L. Sullivan, tells in his memoirs of a brand of whisky known as "rabbit whisky". The explanation was that two drinks of it would make a bull dog courageous enough to spit in a bull dog's eye. Everything considered, the rabbit variety of whisky will have to yield the palm to the Bandon brand that in these days can induce a man to tear up five dollars in real money.

DON'T MISS THE LIBRARY MATINEE

At the K. P. Hall, 2:30, P. M., Saturday, December 11th

An interesting program is prepared, presenting both adult and juvenile talent. There will be plenty of good music. You don't want to miss the high school boy's version of school life. It's funny.

The nominal admission price should assure a crowd, particularly as the funds raised are for renewing the periodical subscriptions at the Library. You are cordially invited to come and bring a friend.

Regular admission 10 cts. Children, under 5 yrs., 5 cts.

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ROUND TABLE TO BE ORGANIZED

Men School Teachers To Meet At County Sat Saturday

Supt. Turnbull of this city is fathering a plan to organize a Coos County Round Table Association, to which only male teachers of the county are eligible. The first meeting will be held at Coquille Saturday at which time a permanent organization will be effected.

The first work to be done will be the election of officers and adoption of a set of by-laws.

Discussion: "The Duty of High Schools in Providing Social Life For its Pupils" led by Supt. C. A. Howard of Coquille.

"Sidelights on the N. E. A." by Supt. F. A. Tiedgen of Marshfield.

Discussion: "The Parent Teachers' association," led by Supt. W. E. Smith of Myrtle Point.

Discussion: "Three Semester 48-Week School Year," led by Prof. J. S. Grubb of Nort Bend.

Dinner will be served at the Wickham house.

Afternoon session will take up the following:

Discussion: "Relation of City High Schools to Rural Schools" led by F. S. Gamwell of Powers.

Business session.

The meeting will be held in the Coquille City Hall at 10 o'clock. Expenses of traveling will be prorated.

Successful Bidders For East Side School Work

Bids for the finishing of a part of the upper story of the east side school were opened last week and the contract will be given to Mehl and Boetcher, their bid of \$1,527.35 being the lowest submitted.

Other bids submitted were:

E. B. Fish, \$1584.00

Brown & Gibson, 1740.00

Payne, Larson, Johnson, 1648.00

The Bandon Hardware was the lowest bidder for the plumbing, heating and ventilating at \$238.

Schroeder and Hildebrand of Marshfield bid \$258.

These bids cover the plastering and finishing of one class room, one teachers' room, one cloak room and one hall way. Also the plastering of the remainder of the five rooms on the upper story of this building but not the finishing.

The contracts were not let as the formality of accepting the bond bids has not been completed. Supt. Baker who was in the city yesterday took the bids with him to the county seat and will report in a short time.

Since the bonds were voted for a specified purpose the money derived from their sale can not be applied to any other purpose.

The good ship Ruby which has been absent for some time from Bandon but which is scheduled to return for a six month's charter from the Prosper mill has been waiting outside for a chance to get in the river and begin her duties. The Ruby is a three master built in San Francisco which has taken many a load out of the river. Some months ago she had a gasoline engine put aboard and with her new dignities made a trip to Australia and to Alaska. Captain Korth, former resident of this city is in charge of her.

LUMBER SKIES LOOK BRIGHTER

Optimism Rampant At West Coast Manufacturers Meet. Prices On The Rise

It is variously reported on what purports to be reliable authority that one of the saw mills of Coos county has recently refused to fill two orders aggregating three and a half million feet, at an advance over present prices of \$2.50 per thousand feet, and are confidently relying on the hope that they will be able to receive an advance at least of \$5 per thousand by not later than the first of the year, all lumbermen, particularly on Coos Bay are extremely enthusiastic over the prospects of the lumber situation.

The C. A. Smith mill of Marshfield has increased its run from four to five days a week.

The mills of the Puget Sound district are receiving many inquiries and some orders but they seem to be a unit in holding for a \$5 advance in prices which apparently is coming their way.

Many people confidently predict that at least one of the Coquille River mills will begin operation by the first of January, next and that others will begin before spring.

In addition to statements showing market conditions have greatly improved and prices advanced, members of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association this afternoon at the quarterly meeting showed evidence that the lumber industry is on the upturn of better times. There were about 75 lumbermen present, most of whom attended the banquet and informal good time tonight, which included a mock trial.

Facts brought out at the meeting included: That drop siding has advanced \$5 within the last few weeks, and orders have been turned down at that figure, which is within 50 cents of the 1912 price; stocks on hand at 88 mills reporting this year, 1914 and 1913, show decreases over last year at November 1 at from 30 to 50 per cent in nearly every grade and prices in every grade of lumber except No. 1 and No. 2 vertical grain flooring, 1 by 4 inch, have increased until they are now about level with the 1913 prices and in some instances ahead.

The trustees of the association at their morning session voted to change the name to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association to broaden the scope of the membership.

Optimism was expressed by every lumberman who talked at the meeting and it was plainly brought out that the lumbermen are standing together as never before to bring the industry out of the depression. Establishment of an Eastern inspection office was announced by secretary Thorp G. Babcock, the association's inspector to be located at Minneapolis within a few days.

A. C. Dickson, of the BGoath-Kelly lumber Company, of Oregon, said the mills in his district are getting all the orders they can handle, and that his firm had refused an order for 300 carloads recently because the prices did not come up to what they wanted.

E. D. Kingsley, of Portland reported on prices mill men are getting there and it was found these are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 lower than prices asked here.

Seattle operators declare that the Southern mills had taken their traveling men off the road because they had all the business they could produce. He said prices in the Northwest should advance and that the mills should quote no prices for future delivery.

More openness about prices, strengthening of the weaker mills, more of the booster spirit and better relations between the industry and the Government were suggested as needed in a paper read by Austin Carr, special agent of the Bureau of Commerce who has been investigating lumber conditions on this Coast since last year. Carr has completed his work and is returning East.

President J. H. Binedel in his quarterly report, recommended that the branch office of the association in Oregon be discontinued unless it became active and held monthly meetings as called for under the February reorganizational plan.