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SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONDITION IS GOOD

EXPERTING OF BOOKS FINDS THAT WRONG IMPRESSION HAD BEEN GIVEN.

More Than $8500 Still Due the District on Uncollected Taxes—$6,000 of Common Warrants Result of Underestimating the Budget in Past Six Years—New System.

That Bandon school district No. 54 is in better condition financially than was expected, is the pleasant revelation made by the board in reviewing the detailed report just submitted by Accountant Guy Dippel, who for the past three weeks has been experting the books and devising a new and more complete system of records.

A short time ago a report of the district's financial standing showed that there was over $13,000 outstanding in common warrants, and the people were led to believe that the district had been very extravagant and had incurred this debt in the last two years. In going over the books it was found that $6,000 of this amount had been incurred by underestimating the annual budgets for the past six years, and that at the time the recent report was made there was $8526.02 uncollected taxes still due the district. The discovery shows that the financial condition of the district is very good. The real trouble, however, lies in the fact that the district receipts are about six months in arrears of the disbursements. The board finds this condition common among the schools of the state.

The old system of bookkeeping has been very incomplete, making it almost impossible for the board and clerk to know the exact financial condition, or to refer back to any past transactions without a great deal of work. The law requires that the books be audited each year, but the present board found this impossible to do, as it had never been done before. For this reason Mr. Dippel was employed to check up all past work and install a new system, so the board and public may know at any time any information desired. In the future financial reports will be made from time to time and these reports will be published for the benefit of the public.

The complete report for the past six years, dating from July 11, 1908 to September 1, 1915, submitted to the board by Mr. Dippel at last night's meeting, is as follows:

Warrants Issued

Interest. Eastside site	$21.00
Ins. old building	50.00
Ins. Eastside bldg.	330.00
Interest time warrants	3391.83
Interest on bonds (treas.)	127.44
Ins. high school bldg.	1561.00
Expense both schools	3528.28
Fuel account	3110.25
West side bldg.	39,350.76
West side bldg. site	270.71
School supplies	1479.49
Laboratory equipment	252.69
Palaska site	75.00
Teachers salaries	68879.64
Janitors' salaries	4754.50
Furn. & fixtures, w. side	5465.15
Clerk's salary	1375.00
Eastside bldg. site	334.45
Furn. & fixtures E. side	1200.40
Eastside bldg.	18874.87
Domestic science dept.	619.30
Miscellaneous corrections	329.60

Entries and Totals

Interest common warrants	4196.85
Time warrants redeemed	3750.00
Record to balance	881.30
TOTAL	$164209.51
Less com. war. outstanding	13141.30
TOTAL	$151086.21

As per audit of cash book $151,086.21.

Assets, High School Building

Building	$39350.76
Building site	270.71
Laboratory	252.69
Furn. & Fixtures	5465.15
Domestic science equip.	619.30
TOTAL	$45958.61

Assets, Eastside Building

Building site	$3334.45
Building	18874.87
Furn. & fixtures	1200.40
TOTAL	$23419.72

Assets, Beal McDonald

Beal McDonald site	$350.00

Assets, Palaska Site

Palaska site	$75.00

No record of amount paid for the High school site and no record for old school building site. High school site placed at $1800 and old building and site valued at $5,000.

REPORT, CO. TAX COLLECTOR

Special Tax Levy

1909 levy	$10684.24
1910 levy	12775.41
1911 levy	12444.66
1912 levy	11301.70
1913 levy	14819.11
1914 levy	17164.06
TOTAL	$79189.18
Special tax remittance	$64391.31
Int. bonds, 6 1-2 yr.	6271.85
Uncollected taxes	8526.02
TOTAL	$79189.18

Uncollected Taxes

Year 1909	$299.82
Year 1910	431.79
Year 1911	229.67
Year 1912	563.91
Year 1913	1174.44
Year 1914	5826.39
TOTAL	$8526.39
(previous years	270.05)

Total Indebtedness

Bonded	$17500.00
Com. war. outstanding	13141.30
Time warrants "	18402.00
Int. due on com. war.	788.47
TOTAL	$49831.77

Time Warrants Report

Amt. Time war. issued	$25502.00
By various holders	22152.00
Bandon Heights, E. S. site	3000.00
Bal. McDonald prop.	350.00
TOTAL	$25502.00

YOUR FRIEND IS THE MAN WHO KNOWS THAT YOU ARE NO GOOD AND FORGETS IT.

May Get Another Boat To Portland

Arrow Line Agent Drums Up Enough Freight From Bandon North for 3 Schooners.

Freighting between Portland and Bandon ports is on the increase and additional boat service may be provided according to the following from a recent issue of the Portland Journal:

Swayne & Hoyt, operators of the Arrow line of steamers between Portland and San Francisco, closed for the steamer Wm. H. Murphy for a lengthy term of service and she will be placed regularly on the run. Her addition to the fleet of the Arrow line will enable the company to give a five day service on the run.

The Murphy will alternate with the steamers Daisy Gladsby and the Daisy Putnam, both of which have been on the run for some time.

Going onto the five day schedule will cost the company some money in overtime, but it is believed by them to be justified by the heavy tonnage moving north and south. All lines of steamers from the south are carrying heavy freights these days. The increasing of the schedule of this company is but one instance of the prosperity which has hit all the coast lines of late. The withdrawal of the steamer Breakwater from the Coos Bay run has enabled the North Pacific company to enjoy its first real success in that territory. The same company is handling heavy tonnage on the south extremity of its San Diego run now as well as between this city and San Francisco.

Boats for Bandon

Rumors of heavy freight moving to Oregon coast ports as far south as Bandon have also been afloat for several days, and it is hinted that additional gas schooners or small steamers may shortly go out. Captain Cassidy is getting the schooner Enterprise ready for one, while other changes are also in prospect. Claude Baker, representing the Jeldness line here, returned yesterday from Bandon and Newport, during which time he lined up freight enough to keep the schooners Mirene and Ahwaneda busy on runs into those ports, and hopes soon to have either a new boat or an old one rebuilt for the run.

DEMAND FOR LUMBER PRODUCTS GROWING

IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN FARMING SECTIONS STIMULATE BUILDING INDUSTRY.

Car Shortage Among Railroads Now Evident—Earnings Are Increasing and Orders for 1916 Delivery Being Placed—Fir Manufacturers at Disadvantage by Not Organizing.

Inquiry into the lumber trade at various points in the interior country reveals the fact that indications generally point to a gradual increase in demand.

Middle State Improving

Throughout the middle states—Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and several others—business conditions, although at no time as deeply depressed as on the Pacific coast, are becoming stronger and there is a tendency towards a resumption of building activity, although the price of lumber is very little if any less than it has been for several years. Crops have been fair in several lines, but the summer has been exceedingly wet and the corn crop among others was to a large extent a failure. Nevertheless farmers, encouraged by the continued high prices, are making substantial improvements and much more lumber will be consumed within the next year than has been used in the present one.

West Catching Up

In the irrigated sections of Idaho, where the cities and towns have been ahead of the country since the days when immigrants came in train loads, business has been dull for the past four or five years. But now, since water has been obtained for most of the land and it is beginning to produce, the poor homesteaders are commencing to realize from the efforts of their labors and the majority of them have new homes and new barns in sight. Their good fortune is already having a telling effect on the merchants in the cities and towns and business is gradually getting better. This naturally has a stimulating effect on the retail lumber business and optimism prevails. In fact in Idaho, a month ago, retail lumbermen predicted that the manufacturing business on the coast will soon come into its own. As to the interior mills this prediction has come true to a certain extent, for the Barber Lumber company in the vicinity of Boise is now working full time and at Baker, Oregon, at least one big mill is working a double shift.

It was also reported in Idaho that lumber had advanced at the mills from 50c to $2.50 a thousand. This is apparently true of pines and has been explained by the fact that pine manufacturers are organized.

Fir Men Unorganized

The Oregon fir market, although strengthened sufficiently to warrant the reopening of several mills along the coast, is still the tail ender in the march of progress, and will probably be the last to realize the full measure of returning prosperity. Limited markets, and lumber freight rates, owing to the necessity of carrying smaller cargoes out of the minor ports, are the disadvantages met by the smaller producers. For this reason the larger mills in the larger ports will have the first opportunity when the demand quickens. But the greater disadvantage to the fir producers is said to be the keen competition between the individual mill owners and their lack of organization in opening new markets and maintaining prices.

Railroad Earnings Gaining

Railroads are said to use 40 per cent of the lumber product of the Pacific coast. At present there is a car shortage, which is evidence of prosperity. Railroad gross earnings for September showed a gain of 2 per cent, and some heavy orders for material for delivery in 1916 have already been placed.

Indications Are Encouraging

This fact, coupled with the return of building activity throughout the western states, lends much encouragement to the oft repeated statement that the lumber market is looking up, and the people of this section of the coast may again see the mills operating full force before another year passes.

DECISION PUZZLING COUNTY OFFICIALS

INCORPORATED CITIES MAY NOT BE MADE ROAD DISTRICTS BY THEMSELVES.

Supreme Court Holds That Legislature Passed Two Laws Which Are Conflicting—Of Vital Interest to Bandon and May Alter Bonding Plans of County.

After all the apprehension felt in Coos county over the supposed new law making incorporated towns and cities road districts by themselves, there seems to have been no cause for alarm.

The Supreme court in a decision handed down last Friday finds that the Oregon legislature, at last session, passed a second road district law which rendered the first null and void.

Both Filed Same Day

The court finds that the first act, making incorporated municipalities road districts by themselves, was filed with the secretary of state at 8:30 a. m., of February 23, while chapter 194, which substitutes September for October as the time for making the road district divisions and contains no provision for making incorporated cities separate road district, was filed at 9:55 a. m. of the same day. Thus Justice Bean in his opinion declares that where two acts are in conflict "the latter expression of the legislature must prevail." The court held that chapter 194 did not limit the commissioners in making the divisions into road districts, and that they could make such divisons as seemed suitable to them.

Officals in Quandary

The situation now is somewhat of a puzzle to Coos county officials. They had banked on the first law and intended redistricting the county according to its provisions. Now that the court has ruled otherwise their entire plans have been upset. An opinion has been asked of District Attorney Liljeqvist, but he would not pass judgment until he obtained further information regarding the court's decision.

Bandon Vitally Interested

In view of the fact that the greater amount of the assessed valuation of the present Bandon road district is within the incorporated limits of the city, and that according to the supposed new law this would have been made a district by itself, the new developments are of vital interest here. Taking Bandon out of the present district would have made it practically impossible to improve any roads outside the city and would have been a decided handicap to the eventual completion of a good road to the south without a county bond issue.

It was mainly because of such a probability that the county bonding issue was revived of late, and the present developments may put the proposition in an entirely new light. There is considerable opposition to a bond issue for roads under any consideration, and if it develops that it is not absolutely necessary in order to get results, the new movement may fall flat before an election is called.

WILL DISCUSS PUBLIC QUESTIONS HERE SOON

Hon. C. R. Barrow Here Tuesday to Talk at Com. Club Meeting But Attendance was Lacking.

Hon. C. R. Barrow of Coquille, Coos county's representative in the last legislature, was in Bandon Tuesday evening and yesterday. He came here at the invitation of the Commercial club to deliver a talk on a number of public questions that are of local interest just now, but somehow the club members didn't make connections and there were but a few on hand. It was decided to wait until a later date, when the occasion will be advertised in time to let all the people know.

Mr. Barrow has been filling invitations at various places in the county and his talks are said to be very instructive and interesting. He is probably better posted than anyone in the county on legislative matters. His talks are on legislation, the land grant question, conservation and taxation.

Sixes Mine Flume Is Rapidly Being Built

Many Bandon People Are Employed on the Works—Saw Mill is Now Cutting Lumber.

F. Kernold, blacksmith, and Jack McGill were up from the Sixes river mines the latter part of the week after supplies. They report that over a mile and a quarter of the big four mile flume is now built and that considerable of the right of way of the remaining distance is being cleared by the advance crews. Of this section about 1 1-2 miles is nearing completion.

The Sixes River Mining company, of which A. H. Thomas is manager, is apparently an active and substantial concern. It has completed building a sawmill for making the lumber used in building the big flume and for putting up the necessary buildings. This mill is now running full capacity.

Many Bandon men are working at the mines and the company is said to be employing a large crew.

BUSINESS GRADUALLY GAINING

R. A. Copple Says There is no Reason Why Woolen Mill Should Be Idle.

R. A. Copple of Marshfield, proprietor of the Golden Rule store in this city, is here incidental to the purchase of the Averill stock from Stanley & Sessions. Mr. Copple recently returned from an extensive visit in the east and is quite optimistic over conditions generally throughout the country. He declares that the gradual recovery of business enterprises everywhere is having a widespread influence and is bound to develop into a boon for the lumber trade. Mr. Copple is taking a great deal of interest in local enterprises and would like to see some plan started that might put the local woolen mill again in operation. That business is thriving everywhere, he says, woolen goods generally taking sharp advances and there is no reason why the local plant should remain idle.

BIG DELEGATION EXPECTED

Coos County Business Men's Association to Meet in Bandon.

Bandon will entertain the quarterly meeting of the Coos County Business Men's association Tuesday evening, November 16, at which time new officers will be nominated and a social and business session held. Earl Powell, secretary of the organization is interested in getting a delegation of business men of Coos county to attend. He has spoken to Supt. W. F. Miller of the S. P. to have the motor car make a special trip to Coquille about 4 p. m. on that afternoon, and is planning a special boat to take the bunch back in the evening.

According to London and Petrograd dispatches the Turks have enslaved or killed 850,000 Armenians, there remaining only 200,000 from a population of 1,200,000 before the war.

STILL HOPEFUL FOR WIRELESS STATION

Enough Supplies on Hand at Cape Blanco to Last Till Next September.

That the U. S. wireless station at Cape Blanco would not be removed until at least next September is the conclusion reached by a Marshfield paper after a talk with O. E. Williams, the operator at the station. The government has supplies on hand to last until that time.

"But," says the Coos Bay paper, "this would not hinder the starting of the station on Coos Bay by reason of the fact that the machinery from Cape Blanco will not be powerful enough for the new station and will, in all probability be sent back to Mare Island when the station is abandoned."

According to Mr. Williams the cost of freighting supplies to the station last year was $25 a ton and this year $18 a ton. Coal costs $20.50 a ton delivered and wood $12 a cord.

Mr. Williams says he intends to leave before long to enter the aviation service of the United States Navy.

COQUILLE VALLEY HAS MANY SILOS

INCREASE FROM NONE TO ALMOST 200 SHOWS GROWTH OF INDUSTRY.

Value of Raising Corn for Ensilage Being Realized and Larger Crops of This Fodder Are Being Raised Each Year Says County Agriculturist—Also Vetch and Oats.

Dairying in the Coquille valley has been placed on a more efficient basis in the past two years than at any previous time, according to J. L. Smith, county agriculturist. This fact is made evident by the increase in the use of silos in this section.

Two years ago there were scarcely any silos in use here, while today out of the 200 in use in Coos county, all but 12 are in the Coquille valley region.

"Every dairy farmer in the county is taking interest in the move of spring feed for the cows," says Mr. Smith, "the result of which is appreciated in dollars and cents via the milk pail."

That silos are proving themselves prime requisites in scientific dairying is evident from the fact that a Wisconsin silo is offered as a grand prize in the corn show. Corn makes excellent silage, and this crop is being boosted to a great extent this year. Mr. Smith believes that with the farmers once started and the fact demonstrated to them that corn can be successfully grown in Coos county, large crops will be raised annually.

Vetch is grown in large quantities here, especially in the Coquille valley. This is mixed with oats, the two growing together, the latter holding up the vetch in the field. Of late there has been introduced fairly well the bacteria culture which mean an added growth per acre. There are several forms of preparation on the market and some are put out by the O. A. C. Not a great many of the farmers have taken advantage of this system.

The bacteria are raised in laboratories and come to the farmer in small bottles. In a dark place the contents, somewhat sticky, are dumped onto the seed and both well mixed and then planted in the evening or during cloudy days, the purpose being to keep the sunlight away. The bacteria through nodules formed on the roots of legumes, bring much needed nitrogen to the soil, thereby enriching it and increasing the growth of the crops. This has been tried out very successfully, says Mr. Smith, on many farms in this county and the farmers always come back for more. Lime is needed on the fields in the county, it is said, especially where the lands are not perfectly drained. The question now is where is the lime to come from.

Panther Attacks Child

The Port Orford Tribune says: Some two weeks ago a panther jumped at a little girl in the Mule creek country up Rogue river. The cries of the child brought its parents, who were working nearby, and they drove the animal away. A boy was sent to the house after a gun, and in looking for the varmit where it had hidden, it suddenly sprang from the brush at the girl's mother, and only a well directed shot from the rifle in the hands of her husband saved her from its claws, it dropping dead at her feet.

Late Saturday night some one is said to have broken into the Alpha restaurant till and carried off the running capital of that institution, the haul variously rumored to have been between $6.50 and $25. Claire Shumate and Ed. Meyers, proprietors of the eating house discovered the theft, but so far no clue as to who the thief or thieves were have been discovered.

SCHOOL BONDS ACCEPTED

Word was received by the local school board this week that James N. Wright & Co. of Denver, would accept the $14,000 bond issue at 5 1-2 per cent. The attorneys had finally passed on the issue and are preparing the bonds which will be received here in a few days.