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## TWENTY MILL TAX LEVY VOTED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

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A 20 mill levy on the assessed valuation of \$993,170, providing approximately \$27,000, was voted at the special school meeting Monday evening, for the purpose of conducting the local institutions for the ensuing year. It took several hours of debating to bring the meeting to a point of understanding that so large a levy was absolutely necessary, but when the situation was finally made plain there were just enough voters by one to see it through.

The budget read by Secretary C M. Knight was as follows:

Teachers' salaries	\$15,625.00
Furniture	800.00
Apparatus, such as maps,	chalk,
erasers, stoves or curtain	IS 800.00
Library books	-150.09
Flags	16.00
Repairs of schoolhouses,	
buildings or fences	1,000.00
Playground apparatus	25.00
Printing	100.00
Incidentals	
Janitor	
Janitor's supplies	
Fuel	
Light and power	
Clerk's salary and exper	
books and accounts	352.50
Postage and stationery	
Water	
Interest	
Insurance	
Telegraph and telephone	
Domestic science	
Common warrants, outsta	
ing	
Total	\$39,457.63

To offset the total of the budget it was explained that there is approximately \$7,000 due the district from the state and county taxes. The amount to be raised in order to put the district out of debt therefore was somewhat over \$32.000, which in cluded annual deficits of a number of years and uncollected taxes totaling \$13,141.30.

**Haberly Turns Critic** 

Location of Old County Road Along Church Property. injunction against the city relative to the Oregon avenue improvement

Has Hearing In Court

creat Diversity of Testimony as to

vere examined before Circuit Court ludge John S. Coke, Tuesday. Returning witnesses report there vas a considerable diversity of testimony as to the exact location of the old County Road where it paralleled the Catholic church property. Some believed it was never wider than a single wagon track and that it followed closely what is now the present west line of Oregon avenue, others that it was several wagons in width up to the full width of the present street. Owing to the diversity of opinion Judge Coke stated he would give no decision on the question as to whether the city obtained the street by adverse usage, but will give a decision on the question as to whether or not the street was dedicated by the plat. The attorney were requested to file written briefs on the matter and a decision will probably be forthcoming soon. City Attorney G. T. Treadgold represents the city and Atty. J. D. Goss of Marshfield the Catholic church. Attorney Treadgold stated today that he was confident the in junction would be dissolved.

Witnesses at the hearing were For the city, E. B. Kausrud, Engineer J. S. Sawyer, Engineer Kern of Coquille, E. E. Oakes, W. L. Davidson, P. C. Stephenson, Ira Zed, C. E. Bowman and W. H. Webb; for the Church, John Nielson, E. Lewin, R. H. Rosa, H. F. Morrison, Herber Manciett and J. W. Felter. of Bandon and D. W. Charlson, port

NEW REVOLVING CABINETS

#### Sidwell Clothing Store Installing Additional Fixtures.

J. Ira Sidwell has just received two new cabinets which are being installed in addition to his already modern fixtures. Both are of the very latest revolving type, one for hats OCCUPATION TAX TO nd the other for suits. The form has room for 616 hats and the latter for 200 suits. The new cabinets besides being absolutely dust proof are conveniently accessible and offer good display of the goods. Mr. Sidvell has such a large stock of goods that he is being pressed for room. and is successfully solving the problem by the use of cabinets.

# WATER WORKS AND **REFUNDING BONDS TO** BE SOLD BY THE CITY Mehl & Boetcher Successful Bidders

### Witnesses in the Catholic church Council Votes to Accept Bid of Northwestern Bond & Mortgage Co .-- Improvements to be Made

Dippel. It was up to Mayor Geo. P. quarters of the present pipes. Topping to decide the tie. "Aye," voted the Mayor and the much discussed bonds were sold.

#### George Laird Gives Talk

manager of the old Bandon Water had shown by their vote in authorizcompany gave a short talk before ing twice the amount of the bonds the council against selling the bonds to be sold that they wanted the sys to improve the distribution system. tem repaired in first class shape, that Mr. Laird stated a portion of the be had faith enough in Bandon to pipe was in fairly new condition and vote the tie in favor of the improve there and expending about \$10,000 or \$15,000 temporary repairs could be made that would do for several \$700 a month. years; he feeling that improving the system would not increase the number of users or the revenue greatly and that the plant would not earn money enough above expenses to carry the bond issue

Whole System is Now "hay-wire" the water system disagreed with Mr. issues, and bear all expenses for prinresidence sections are being repaired gality, etc. On the 5 1-2 per cent

'Move we accept the bid of the continually, citing Industrial addi-Northwestern Bond & Mortgage com- tion where about twenty families are pany on the \$40,000 refunding bonds using water from one well. They at 6 per cent interest; and for the claimed that temporary repairs as \$40,000 water bonds at 5 1-2 per Mr. Laid suggested would only mean cent interest," said Councilman J. the expenditure of the surplus ac-W. Mast, following a lengthy discus- cruing in the water funds for consion as to the advisability of selling tinuous makeshift repairs; and that the water bonds and improving the a new trunk line to the residence secsystem, at last night's council meet- tion of the west part of the city, ining. "Aye," voted Councilmen Mast, creasing the pressure. as suggest-Chatburn and Pape. "Nay," voted ed, without putting in the distribu-Councilmen Rasmussen, Johnson and | tion system new, would break three

Speaking of the water system. when the matter came up for his decision Mayor Topping stated that he realized the need for urgent re-Early in the evening Geo. P. Laird, pair of the system, that the people that by replacing sections here and mests for he was certain the city County Clerk Asks City Council to would grow

The water system is now earning

#### Particulars of Bond Sale

The Northwestern Bond & Mort gage company made two bids on the basis and the other on a 5 1-2 per cent hasis. On the 6 per cent basis they offered \$41,027 and accrued in-Various city officials in discussing, terest for each of the two \$40,000 Laird. They say pipes all over the ting bonds and investigation of le- cints to five, to submit a plan for the daily with plugs and various make- basis they offered par and accrued taken up by the council at the meetshifts. That the pressure is unsatis- inferest, the city to allow \$1,000 for ing last evening and it was decided

DRAYMEN WANT TO

## To Let Contract On The East Side School

For Completion of Portion of Second Story.

Mehl & Boetcher of Bandon have before the Federal Court on a quesbeen promised the contract by the tion of constitutionality, is to be school board to complete a portion of the second story of the East Side next fall under the initiative. Petischool building, they being the low- tions for the submission of the quesest bidders. The bids were as follows

Brown & Gibson ..... 1740.00 Payne, Larson + Joh4nson . 1648.00 success there are not many in favor Mehl & Boetcher ..... 1527.35 of the law at present.

The bids covered the plastering and finishing of one class room, one tiative Petition to Repeal and Abolteacher's room, a cloak room and one ish the Sunday Closing Law" and is hallway, and the plastering but not initiated by the Independent Retailfinishing of the remaining five rooms ers' association, with head offices at on the second floor.

It is impossible to award the contract at this time as all the details connected with the sale of the bonds have not been completed, but it is Oregon, respectfully demand that the believed the matter will be cleared up in a short time.

Bids for the completion of the entire second story had previously been received, but amounted to more than the money provided for the purpose therefore were turned down

#### VOTING PRECINCTS ARE TO BE CHANGED

Submit Plan for local Precints at December Meeting.

County Clerk James Watson has written the city Recorder asking him to submit to the city council the inissues; one on a 6 per cent interest formation that the county court was to make changes in the voting precincts at the December term, commencing next Monday, and that as a change was contemplated in Bandon, increasing the number of presame to the court. The matter was factory and losing the city customers printing bonds, attorneys' fees, etc. to leave the matter up to Mayor Topping.

The present number of precincts ansist of four the division lines running along Oregon avenue and Ninth street. The fifth precinct will probably be made by combining portions of the Northwest and North east precincts, as these two precincts show a number of voters above the 300 average allowed to each pre-

ANTIQUATED SUNDAY **CLOSING LAW IS TO BE VOTED ON SOON** 

Oregon's Sunday closing law, now submitted to the voters of the state tion of repealing the act are being circulated throughout the state. W E. B. Fish .....\$1584.00 A. Le Gore has been securing signatures locally, and judging from his

The petition is entitled "An Ini-Portland.

#### Law Passed in 1864

The petition reads: "We, the undersigned legal voters of the State of following proposed law, entitled 'A bill for an act to repeal section 2125 of title xix, of Lord's Oregon Laws as compiled and annotated by William Paine Lord, which prohibits keeping open any st ,sorehopvbgkypfwyldu open any store, shop grocery, bowling alley, billiard room, etc., for the purpose of labor or traffic, or any place of amusement (except theaters) on the first day of the week (commonly called "Sunday"),' shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon, for their approval or rejection, at the regular general lection to be held on the first Tues lay after the first Monday in Norember, 1916, or at any special elecion earlier should such be held, and ach for himself or herself says: 'I nave personally signed this petition, am a legal voter of the State of Oregon, and my post office address and residence are correctly written after my name.

The Sunday closing law in question was passed by the legislature in 1864 and was never repealed. It was resurrected recently to force the closing of grocery stores. Arguments in the suit will be heard in the Federal court.

A. Haberly, formerly a member of the school board, opened the discussion with a motion for a 15 mill levy. He took up the budget and went after it hammer and tongs, criticizing every item from the teachers' salaries down to the postage. In his opinion the High school was costing too Truch: the school doesn't need any library as long as the city maintains a public library; the school clerk is receiving too much salary; the experting of the books cost too much: the light and power is too high; in fact everything whether necessary of not was too much from his point of view.

But before Mr. Haberly was through, Mrs. E. B. Kausrud, chair-, man of the board, successfully explained to him the why and where-, fore of each item in the budget. As to the clerk's salary she called his attention to the fact that several years ago while he was a member of the school Board, he made the motion to increase the salary of that official from \$150 to \$250 a year. Mr. Haberly wanted to know if that was a matter of record and he was informed that it was.

#### Better Judgment Prevails

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Having heard the insurgent's views and in view of the 15 mill motion before the house, the passage of Fu hich would have meant financial embarrassment for the district, a number of local business men including F. J. Chatburn, Mayor Topping. Port Committee J. I. Sidwell, Dr. Sorensen and Col. Rosa, took up the question in a business like way.

\* . "It was concluded from the start that a 15 mill levy was out of the · question, and it was proposed to raise it to 18 mills. After figuring the · matter out on paper, it was found

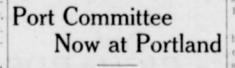
and 67 votes for the 20 mills, thus are considered best to keep the curgiving the latter a majority of one rent in the channel near the mouth vote. of the river. .

Mayor F. E. Allen of Marshfield was in the city yesterday calling on customers for the Blake McFall company of Portland. He took in the business men's meeting in the afternoon and was called on for a few remarks. He stated that city expenses at the Bay city are gradually increasing, although every effort is being made to hold them down.

### May Ship Their Car

via the coast route are still in this waiting for the roads to dry up sufficiently to continue on their journey, but have about given it up and sult the various business houses and may ship the car on a boat to San frame a schedule of rates. Francisco. They have spent some time visiting mining property in the

vicinity of Powers.



#### Conferring With Government Engineers Regarding Improvements.

that an 18 mill levy would not quite of Bandon and D. W. Chalson, port pay the running expenses for the engineer, are now in Portland conferyear, therefore would also be insuf- ring with the government engineers the councils the power to levy such cent on street improvements. It was information brought here by M. W. ficient, whereupon a 20 mill levy was in regard to the proposed work that a tax and as to whether or not le- stated that at the time the street Treadgold, an extensive stock raiser suggested. After a thorough explan- is to be started in the local harbor gally constructed ordinances are pas- improvement was made considerable of Upper Four Mile country, who ation it was decided to put the prop- in the immediate future. They ex- sed. There is apparently an idea trouble was experienced from drifting was in the city on business yester osition to a vote, giving the taxpayers pect to receive a definite answer as in the minds of some that an occupa- sand along the street which filled up day. He stated that the few warm present an opportunity to vote for to the use of the remaining \$30,000 tion tax is a voluntary matter. It the old drain boxes an. rendered days of the past week has already either a 15, 18 or 20 mill levy. The ballot resulted in 28 votes for the ed, and will also get recommenda-/ 15 mills, 38 votes for the 18 mills, tions as to the kind of improvements pay the tax or suffer a fine."

**BE LEVIED IN CITY** PAY CITY LICENSES

At the meeting of the business Zeno Gatchell and Riley Davidnen of the city Wednesday after- son, local draymen appeared before aoon on the occupation tax question the city council last evening and considerable more was accomplished asked that a city license be placed han at the meeting the previous on draymen and expressmen. They light. The question was discussed stated the income of the seven men pro and con and a committee con- engaged in the draying business losisting of John Nielson, F. S. Perry, cally was impaired by others who C. C. Carpenter, J. E. Walstrom and would come in from the outside, per-I. Ira Sidwell appointed to confer haps bringing their horses' feed with with the city council committee as them, who would work a few days

representatives of the business men at odd jobs of hauling and then leave. of the city. Mr. Nielson as chair- These men usually haul goods for nan of the committee appeared at less than the men who make the he council meeting last evening and dray business their occupation, can acted as spokesman for the citi- afford to. They said the draymen cens. He outlined the results of all favored the license plan, and

he meeting and the plans of the suggested \$20 a year for the first Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Way and committee. The council decided to team and \$10 for each additional daughter and J. W. Magness, all of wait until the next regular meeting team, the licence to be paid 6 months Klamath Falls, Ore., who came here before discussing the occupation tax. in advance.

six weeks ago enroute to California In the meantime the committee from The matter is to be taken up by the council, consisting of Councilmen the Business Men and the City vicinity. They were caught in the Johnson. Pape and Mast, and the Council occupation tax committee, heavy rain here and have since been Business Men's committee will get and a separate ordinance will be together, obtain a copy of the for drafted covering the drayage quesmer occupation tax ordinance, con- tion.

Duffort Presents Claims

Councilman F. J. Chatburn stated Tax is Legal, Says Attorney he had been requested by H. H. Du-At the request of Councilman J. fort to present two claims against W. Mast, City Attorney G. T. Tread- the city alleged by the latter to be due gold gave an oral opinion as to the him for street improvement work legality of an occupational tax. and asked that the same be noted as "The Supreme court of the state presented.

has decided on the eccupation tax Mr. Dufort states he had been question in several instances," he forced to put in a drainage system stated, citing a case that of Atty. along his property on Filmore ave-Abraham vs. the City of Roseburg, nue, amounting to \$107 costs, which in which the court decided Mr. Abra he felt the city should pay. The oth-

Secretary J. E. Norton of the Port assessed against him by that city. fund of that street improvement, he don are quite favorable at this time. "The question of legality depends evidently feeling that the city should and that they look for a moderate on whether the city charters give not tax engineering costs of 5 per winter for cattle on the range, is the

in the city today.

cinct. This change will affect only county and state election voting. The city votes by wards and does not pay any attention to the precincts es tablished by the county, when holding its elections.

Later it was constructed by him. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen Chatburn, Pape and Dippel for investigation. With regard to the latter claim. Mayor Topping stated it was evident many citizens had the impression that the 5 per cent engineering charge was pocket money for the engineer. While the truth of the matter is that the fund is assessed for the purpose of covering the minor expenses of the city in making the improvement: that it is handled by the city recorder. all expenses charged to it approved

by the city council and the balance remaining, if any, turned into the regular city funds, the engineer having nothing to do with it.

### Stockmen Look For Mild Winter

#### Grass Now Growing on Range and **Conditions Look Brighter.**

That conditions for the stockmen ham must pay the occupation tax er was for \$54 on the engineering in the hills south and east of Ban-

> for the improvement. Mr. Dufort de- the present time, in his vicinity at sired to build this gutter along his least, is in an average shape and it • GO BACK AND PAY.

Atty, I. N. Miller of Marshfield is property, but alleges he was refused is believed will make the winter permission by Engineer Sandberg, without much loss.

### BANDON IS A COMING CITY

Father of Local Government Man Makes Short Visit with Son.

L. C. Wright of Flint, Michigan, father of Government Engineer C. R. Wright, arrived in the city the past week on the Speedwell from San Francisco and spent a few days here as the guest of his son. Mr. Wright left Flint some months ago,, visiting Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California, where he spent some time at the San Diego fair. He then went to San Francisco to take in the Exposition. Then to top the journey off with a real ocean voyage, he decided to take the Speedwell for Bandon instead of coming overland. Mr. Wright got ome real experience with Neptune for the Speedwell on that trip was buffeted considerably by the heavy storm. In fact he contemplated a ourney to Portland by ocean before coming to Bandon, but changed his mind and went by way of Roseburg. Friday.

Mr. Wright was captivated by the scenic beauty of Bandon's beach and pent every available moment of his time here inspecting it. He stated that is was the most beautiful of any of the beaches he saw during his trip and firmly believes it will make this city known throughout the west as one of the great summer resorts. He said Bandon looked as prosperous as any of the cities visited, and that the resources of this section appear great.

Mr. Wright is a farmer, having a modern ranch near Flint. On his return trip he goes to Victoria, B. C. and will travel through Canada as far east as Winnipeg. Manitoba.

The Ruby came over the bar yesterday and is loading at the Prosper mill. She now has auxiliary gas engines and will be on the run between here and San Francisco.

............ PAY AS YOU GO AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO