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## TAXPAYERS OF DISTRICT APPROVE PLAN TO ERECT NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Taxpayers of the Springfield school district, at a meeting last evening adopted the second recommendation of the board and assisting committeemen, going on record as favoring the construction of a new high school for Springfield, at a cost of not to exceed \$30,000 for the first unit. Thos. Sikes, chairman of the board, stated that the board would take the necessary steps, and would refer the matter of finances to the taxpayers at another meeting at an early date. He endorsed the plan of having citizen assistants on the committee, and upon motion of Dr. W. H. Pollard, the present committee, consisting of O. B. Kessey, C. L. Scott and J. C. Mullen, was continued, to act with the board of education.

J. E. Tourtellotte, a Portland architect, was present with enlarged sketches of a school building he had erected for a town the size of Springfield. At the request of Mr. Mullen he explained the different systems of construction, and relative costs. Following Mr. Tourtellotte's talk, Clerk McKinzey read the following report of the board and committee:

To the Taxpayers, School District No. 19, Springfield, Oregon Gentlemen:

Your committee and Board of Directors appointed to make a study of the existing conditions in the public schools, and to prepare "data and estimates" looking to an increase of school facilities within the district, beg to submit their findings as follows:

1. The building now used for High school purposes is deficient and inadequate in the following particulars:
  - a—The lighting of practically all the rooms is bad.
  - b—The heating system is inadequate.
  - c—There is no reliable method of ventilating the building.
  - d—The roof over two-thirds of the building is unserviceable.
  - e—The floors throughout the building are in very poor condition.
  - f—Several flues need repairs or rebuilding.
  - g—The interior of the building is dirty and unsightly. It should be uniform in color and attractiveness.
  - h—At least four rooms are now too small for the purposes for which they are used.
  - i—The entire building is now

grade attendance for a period of four to five years. Respectfully submitted THOMAS SIKES, MARVIN DRURY, CARL FISCHER, O. B. KESSEY, C. L. SCOTT, J. C. MULLEN

Motion was made by W. A. Dill that it be the sense of the meeting that the second proposition be adopted, and that the board be instructed to take steps to cause the erection of a building costing within the limit set in the recommendation. E. E. Kepner spoke in favor of going slow in the matter of adding expense, calling attention to the amount of taxes now paid, and he declared that to go to the expense of erecting a new building, a heavy burden on the property of the town that would depreciate its value. He objected also that the increase in school attendance the past few years did not justify any great expense. He admitted that the present building is inadequate and in bad repair, but thought it could be put in good shape for less than the committee's estimate of \$200,000.

Supt. Kirk, stated the enrollment of the district, exclusive of the West Springfield names, has been 543, 594, 619 and 625 for each of the four past years. Dr. Pollard replied further to Mr. Kepner, saying the cost of repairs would be fully as great as the interest on \$30,000, and the amount would have to be raised by taxation, whichever plan was adopted.

L. K. Page declared he could not see how the building could be repaired for the \$2000 estimated—he would have put the figure at \$5000. "All the building needs," he said, "is a new lid and a new pair of shoes and some sky blue paint."

Whether the vote should be by ballot or by a standing vote was discussed for a few minutes, and the former method was adopted. The vote was 35 to 25 in favor of the adoption of the motion.

City Attorney Bower reported to the council the loss of appeal in the tax case of Stevens et al. against county officials and the town. He stated he would file a motion for a re-hearing. When some of the councilmen objected to this, he stated that the matter was one entirely within the power of the attorney.

The council discussed again the matter of putting the city attorney on a fee basis, and the mayor stated he would investigate as to what would be reasonable fees for the various items of work the city would require.

The fire and water committee reported the purchase of 700 cards for the fire department, showing the different fire wards. The new system is now in effect.

The ordinance governing stallions and jacks was discussed and found sufficient for the present.

## MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS STREET LIGHT PROBLEM

Citizens of Springfield have been asked by the town council to attend a mass meeting at the city hall next Monday evening for the purpose of considering the three propositions submitted by the Oregon Power company for a new light contract to follow the one which expires in May of this year. The council discussed at length the various propositions, and then decided to ask the advice of the people. The meeting is to begin at 7:30. Following are the company's propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1.	
11 600-Candle power arc lamps @ \$5.50 per lamp per month, cost	\$ 60.50
18 100-candle power incandescent lamps @ \$1.83 per lamp per mo.	32.94
69 60-candle power incandescent lamps @ \$1.50 per lamp per mo.	103.50
Total	\$196.94
Added candle power, 3,156.	
Old rate	\$218.25
New rate	196.94
Difference	\$ 21.31 per month, \$255.72 per year.
PROPOSITION NO. 2.	
11 600-Candle power arc lamps @ \$5.50 per lamp per month, cost	\$ 60.50
87 60-candle power incandescent lamps @ \$1.50 per lamp per mo.	130.50
Total	\$191.00
Added candle power, 2,436.	
Old rate	\$218.25
New rate	191.00
Difference	\$ 27.25 per month, \$327.00 per year.
PROPOSITION NO. 3.	
11 600-Candle power arc lamps @ \$5.50 per lamp per month, cost	\$ 60.50
87 22-candle power incandescent lamps @ \$1.25 per lamp per mo.	108.75
Total	\$169.25
Added candle power, none.	
Old rate	\$218.25
New rate	169.25
Difference	\$ 49.00 per month, \$588.00 per year.

## MANY CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED FOR CONTEST

Increasing Interest Manifested by Many Contestants Already in the Field—Time will Show the Live Ones.

Judging from the interest that has been manifested in the prize voting contest so far there is going to be some hustle for the \$10.00 in gold to be given to the contestant having the largest number of votes on Mar. 15. The prize is worth winning and the contestants realize the fact.

The contest is an assured fact. It is not too late to get into the race.

The names of the merchants who are giving handsome prizes and helping to make this contest a big success are:

Hayden & Metcalf, M. C. Bressler & Son, Ketels Drug Store, C. E. Sales Toggery, I. D. Larimer, Wolf & Miller, Swarts & Washburne.

When you trade at these stores be sure to ask for coupons. Every one little piece of card board bearing 25 votes may win some friend of yours the piano.

Get your friends to subscribe for the News. For each one year new subscriber you will receive 600 votes, renewals for one year 500 votes, and for each one year back subscription, 400 votes.

There is already a good list of contestants, but there is opportunity to nominate others. Fill out the nomination blank and send it to this office. Also use issue.

In order that every contestant may fully understand the votes during the contest, the News again states that the contestant having the largest number of votes during the contest will be awarded the piano as first prize; the one having the next largest number of votes will have the first of the other prizes, and so on until all the other prizes have been distributed.

Extra Prize of \$10.00 in Gold. The first count in the contest will be made on March 15, at which time \$10.00 in gold will be awarded to the contestant having the highest number of votes at that time. This prize is extra, in addition to the other prizes offered.

The ballot box is now at the News office, ready to receive votes. The box will not be opened until the first count is made on March 15. The judges will be absolutely disinterested persons, in whom everybody will have confidence.

The following are candidates for the piano contest: Miss Beatrice Roberts, Mrs. Ernest Lyon, Mrs. Silas Gay, Miss Duttie Fischer, Miss Gladys Withrow, Mrs. Nettie McGilvray, Mrs. Lola Chase, Miss Grace Sidwell, Miss Lucile Copenhaver, Miss Marjorie Machen.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES

I. M. Morgan of Ione figuring on starting creamery at Heppner Pentleton—Application made to develop 9000 additional horsepower on Umatilla streams. Representative of Libby Packing Co., speaking at the Dalles urged farmers to raise more vegetables as well as fruit to keep cannery running most of year.

## Mrs. Gibbs Found Dead in Her Bed

Mrs. Caroline Gibbs, aged 61, was found dead in her bed this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fanny Cornelius 9th and A streets. A doctor was hastily summoned and found that death had been caused by apoplexy of the brain. There had not been even the slightest struggle, but she lay as one peacefully asleep.

Mrs. Gibbs was born in Tennessee, on October 29, 1854. She leaves a husband, J. C. Gibbs and two daughters, Mrs. Fanny Cornelius and Mrs. Aaka Jackson, both of Springfield.

Mrs. Gibbs had but recently moved here from Canyonville, Oregon, where she had lived for many years. The body will be shipped to that place for burial as soon as word can be received from her husband, who is at present at Red Lodge, Montana.

## Will Open a Commission Store

E. E. Morrison, who had offices with J. J. Browning in the rear of the Commercial State building, has withdrawn and the real estate business will devote his time to business. His brother, Carroll Morrison has purchased a half interest in the Morrison Commission company, and quarters will be taken in the Long & Cross building, occupied in part now by the Springfield creamery. Mr. Morrison has been dealing extensively in hops and potatoes but the new firm will branch out with poultry, eggs, and a general farm commission business.

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Mr. Browning has associated with himself his son-in-law, W. B. McKinney, and they will continue the real estate business of the Browning Realty company.

## Comparative Study of High School Enrollment, Attendance, Graduation—Springfield, Oregon, High School.

Year	Enrollment	Av. daily Attendance	Graduation
1907-08	42	33	2
1908-09	55	44	7
1909-10	59	47	5
1910-11	68	54	5
1911-12	79	58	No record
1912-13	89	64	10
1913-14	113	86	9
1914-15	135	118	20
1915-16	164	140*	19

## First Count of Votes March 15

The News has been advised by the managers of the contest now being conducted by this paper and a number of the merchants of Springfield, that the first count of ballots will be made on March 15. A representative of the contest managers will be in Springfield on that date to have charge of it. We are advised also, to advertise the close of the contest to be on May 15, 1916.

## CITY ATTORNEY FILES MOTION FOR REHEARING IN STEVENS TAX CASE

City Attorney Bower this case by the State Supreme week prepared his motion for court. Following is the text a re-hearing of the Stevens tax of the appeal:

The defendants petition the Court to grant a re-hearing en banc because the effect of the decree rendered herein, is to overturn a custom of many years standing, and to reduce by one-half the power of the city to levy taxes, and to prevent the city from maintaining from current funds the absolutely necessary functions of Police, Sanitation, Lights and Fire protection.

A decision having such far-reaching consequences justifies the most careful consideration.

We take exception only to that part of the decision reading "The contemplated change is so indefinite that it cannot be enforced with certainty without first inserting after the words 'except as otherwise provided' the clause 'in this charter,' and further excluding the word and abbreviation 'and act'.... An examination of the language employed in the proposed amendment shows that it is too vague and dubious to authorize a levy of the taxes to which exceptions have been urged in this suit."

The defendants fully agree with the plaintiffs and with the Court as to the law governing the case, viz. That a city has no powers other than those granted to it in its charter either in express terms or by necessary implication; and those provisions in the charter authorizing taxation must be construed with the utmost strictness against the city and in favor of the tax-payer.

In harmony with this law we ask the court again



MILADY WILL HAVE TO SALUTE our wall paper—it's the very finest procurable. When you buy your wall papers here you don't have to take what we give you—our assortment is so extensive that you are bound to be pleased. If you have ideals with respect to elegant and elaborate wall paper we realize them for spring stock has just arrived.

Beaver-Hendon Hardware Company

**NOMINATING BLANK**

Springfield, Ore. .... 1916

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of .....

Address .....

to become a candidate in your "Popular Voting Contest," I present this name with the distinct agreement shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in anyway whatever.

Signed .....

**VOTE COUPON**

25—

Send this vote to the Lane County News Office within Fifteen Days from date and it will count for 25 votes required with this Coupon.

No money is received.

VOTE FOR ..... MARCH 15, 1916.

NOT GOOD AFTER

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