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## SCHOOL ELECTION PASSES BUDGET

**Bonus of \$1000 Is to Be Distributed Between Springfield Teachers.**

At the annual school election held in the high school building last Monday night the budget for the ensuing year as prepared by the board of directors, was approved and passed by a vote of 32 for to 13 against. The adopted budget carries the sum of \$23,110 which the school board will be allowed to expend for the 1919-20 year. The total amount to be raised by district tax is \$15,222, and the total estimated receipts not including the tax voted is \$7,888.

The budget included a sum of \$15,939 for teachers' salaries for the present year and this item was voted and passed separately.

Other items of the budget as approved are as follows:

Furniture \$100; apparatus and supplies, \$200; repair and replacement of equipment, \$50; flags, \$15; census, \$20; improving grounds, building upkeep and repair, \$175; playground equipment, \$100; truancy, \$25; printing, \$35; janitor's wages, \$1800; janitor's supplies, \$150; fuel, \$360; light, \$35; water, \$150; clerk's salary, \$175; postage and stationery, \$50; for the payment of bonded debt and interest thereon, \$1800; telephone, \$75; insurance, \$206; domestic science, \$150; manual training, \$200; miscellaneous, \$300; sinking fund for bonded indebtedness, \$1000.

The electors passed a motion to allow the school board to increase the 1919-20 tax levy by 6 per cent if it was found to be necessary.

After the budget had been disposed of, a petition signed by all the teachers except the city school superintendent and the manual training teacher, was read, in which they asked for an increase in wages. The manual training teacher felt that for the time he was giving he received sufficient salary.

A motion was introduced and passed by a vote of 33 for and 16 against that the board be allowed to expend, not to exceed \$1000, in the merit system as a bonus, in aiding teachers receiving less than \$100 per month. This amount is to be included in the budget. Thus the total budget as adopted amounts to \$24,110.

Chairman C. E. Fisher called for remarks and suggestions from any one present. Discussion brought out the fact that the present school expenses are considerably lower than they were two and three years ago.

The election was one of the best attended for several years.

## COUNTY INSTITUTE CLOSES

What is reported to have been one of the most profitable and best attended institutes in Lane county closed Wednesday. There was a record attendance of 450. Many speakers of note gave addresses and lectures to the teachers of the county.

Attendance of the Springfield teachers was 100 per cent each day. They will all return to their duties next week with new ideas and energy.

The wage question was one of the important questions brought before the institute. President J. H. Ackerman of Monmouth normal school advocated a minimum wage of \$100 for teachers from high schools and a minimum of \$125 for graduates of standard normal schools.

## LOCAL FARM SOLD TO FORMER IDAHO FARMER

Mrs. Florence Douglas recently sold her 130-acre farm on the Natron road about two miles east of Springfield to J. W. Hoppe, who has lately come from Paul, Idaho. Mr. Hoppe will spend the winter and summer in California and will return next fall to take up work on his new farm. The house on the farm is reported to be one of the finest country homes in Lane county.

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT VOTES FOR GOOD ROADS

For the purpose of carrying on road construction in 1920 road district No. 48 recently voted for a levy of six mills by a vote of five to one.

Six other road districts in Lane county have voted for road tax levies in 1920 varying from five to ten mills. According to reports three road districts have voted against good roads, being No. 26, known as the Goshen district; No. 31, the Mapleton and Knowles district, and No. 13, the Walker section of the Delight valley.

## GENERAL FIELD OFFICER COMMENDS LOYAL LEGION

A. W. Mueller, general field officer of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, former member of the legislature and former Columbia county attorney, visited Loyal Legion camps in this section during the past week. He made the statement that the legion is doing the greatest work of any organization of working men in the history of the world and that this fact is being rapidly recognized by employers of labor. He found the legion in a prosperous and healthy condition in this section.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

## JENKINS STILL HELD BY MEXICO

**Mexican Government Puts Envoy's Case in Hands of Civil Authorities.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Mexico has replied with an argumentative diplomatic refusal to the American government's demand for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, the consular agent imprisoned at Puebla.

The official note was delivered today but not made public. There is no reason to doubt that it agrees with the copy given out last night by the Mexican consul-general at El Paso.

The Mexican reply, which, according to its text, was prepared at the direction of President Carranza, argues in the main that the Mexican government cannot order the release of a prisoner while his case is under adjudication in the civil courts of one of its states, and contends that the American government's demand for the consular agent's release had no foundation or precedent in international law.

### Note Sent to Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 27.—Surprise and exasperation were expressed by the government of the United States in its note to the Mexican government demanding the release from prison of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, it became known tonight, following the publication of the text of the American note by Andres G. Garcia, consular-general at El Paso.

## SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE MARRY ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Two marriages occurred in Springfield on Thanksgiving day and one in Cooburg. Those marrying in Springfield were William J. Culver, 38, a laborer, and Mabel A. Fegles, 17, both of Springfield, and Edward I. Reynolds and Virgie Townsend, both of this city.

Wallace C. Wetzel, 20, a farmer of Cooburg, and Rosa Bailey, 19, also of Cooburg, were married in Cooburg yesterday.

The McKenzie river country, which has long been famed throughout the northwest as a rich hunting and fishing country, will hereafter be given space in the tourist books issued for the northwest. J. B. Young, a representative of the Pulver Tour Book company has recently completed a trip up the McKenzie river as far as Foley Springs, making charts and gathering data that the tourist wants to know.

## MARTIN A. CLARK GETS NEW TRIAL

**Judge Contends Evidence Not Sufficient to Warrant Second Degree Verdict.**

In an opinion given out Tuesday before the attorneys and the accused, Judge Skipworth set aside the verdict of the circuit court jury which found Martin A. Clark guilty of murder of Charles L. Taylor in the second degree. This will at least defer his sentence, which would be a life term in the penitentiary, three months. The new trial will be held at the regular term of court in the new year.

Judge Skipworth said that although there was evidence that might lead to a verdict of manslaughter, he believed there was not evidence sufficient to warrant a verdict of murder in the second degree. He also said that no error was committed by the court in permitting the attorneys for the state to ask Clark on cross examination whether he had been in the saloon business. Following are parts of the judge's opinion.

"The court is not attempting to reconcile the conflicting affidavits of E. A. Farrington and John W. Vaughn. The court accepts the affidavit of E. A. Farrington as being truthful. He was examined upon oath touching his qualifications as a juror in the case, and surely a juror, under these circumstances, must feel the weight of responsibility resting upon him, and the court does not believe that E. A. Farrington is the kind of a man who would perjure himself on such an occasion or that he would file a perjuring affidavit in the case, and the court accepts his statement as true. Therefore, the defendant is not entitled to a new trial upon this ground.

"It is strenuously insisted by counsel, that whenever the state proved that Clark killed Taylor, then the presumption is that he intended to murder him. But counsel's reasoning is at fault in this, that before there is a presumption that Clark intended to murder Taylor, the state must show a deliberate use of a deadly weapon, and if the state fails to show the deliberate use of a deadly weapon, then there is no presumption of an intent to murder.

"The conclusive presumption that an intent to murder is to be presumed from the deliberate use of a deadly weapon is of no avail in this case, for the reason that there is no evidence either circumstantial or direct that Clark deliberately shot Taylor, and before the state can invoke this presumption, the state must prove the deliberate use of a deadly weapon, to-wit—a rifle in the hands

of the defendant. The presumption, therefore, becomes a disputable presumption.

"The state has a right to prove, if it can, by circumstantial evidence, that Clark deliberately shot Taylor. But the state has yet failed to point out to the court wherein it has proved deliberation. Deliberation is not an element of murder in the second degree but it is an element of the presumption claimed.

"The state claims that the fact that Clark was discharged by Taylor constitutes the motive in this case, although the district attorney in his argument to the jury practically admitted that no motive was shown, or at least the motive was very weak.

"There is absolutely no evidence that Clark laid in wait for Taylor. There is no evidence that Clark fired a signal shot or attempted to attract the attention of the deceased Taylor. The claims of the state in this respect are purely speculative and are not to be deduced from any fact proved and are inferences which the state draws from inferences.

"There is no evidence and no fact proved from which it can be inferred that he purposely and maliciously fired the shot, if he did fire it. Before this defendant can be convicted of murder in the second degree, the state must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant purposely and maliciously killed Charles Taylor. The defendant is presumed innocent of this charge, and this presumption attends and is with him throughout the entire trial of the case and can only be overcome when the jury can say from a consideration of all the evidence that the state has proved beyond a reasonable doubt, the truth of the charge.

## BE THERE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

**Completion of Chamber of Commerce Postponed Account School Election.**

The final meeting to complete organization of the local chamber of commerce was postponed from last Monday night to next Monday night, December 1, at 8 o'clock in Stevens hall. The school election was held last Monday night, which most of the business men attended.

All business men of the city and any one interested in the welfare of the city and vicinity are urged to attend this meeting.

John E. Edwards, temporary secretary reports that a number of new members have been signed up since the last meeting.

About 650 people were engaged in taking the first census; 90,000 people will take the 1920 census

## COUNTY NURSE GIVES INTERVIEW

**Eugene Woman Has Charge of Lane County Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale.**

The following interview with Miss Mary A. Brownell, Lane county public health nurse, is of vital interest to the people of this community in view of the approaching sale of Red Cross Christmas seals:

"If the people of Oregon only realized what a tremendous public health problem confronts them they would buy up all of the Red Cross Christmas seals the first week of the sale for only by a liberal purchase of them, (90 per cent of all proceeds) to be kept here in Oregon) can the county public health nursing be extended throughout the state.

"The people of the rural districts need this service more than anybody. I have been doing the work in this county only three months, but in that time I have learned that the prevailing impression that there is no tuberculosis in Oregon is a very dangerous impression for the unfortunate cases are seldom recognized until it is too late.

"For six weeks I have been inspecting school children. I have time only to examine those attracting attention as being physically unfit; these are sent to me in groups of three. Those that I am unable to see usually feel hurt. There are frequent requests from parents to have their children examined especially in the rural schools remote from physicians. The parents anxiously await the visit of the public health nurse. My recommendations are usually met with, the parents making the effort as soon as possible to have the child's teeth cared for, glasses fitted, adenoids removed and other defects remedied.

"A 14-year-old girl recently came under my observation who showed many of the symptoms of tuberculosis. On questioning her I found her mother had died after a lingering illness from the dread disease and she had been left to keep house for her father and care for a younger sister. Neither of the girls had ever been under a doctor's care. Arrangements have been made to have them both examined, also the father, who is subject to frequent colds.

"Last week I found a 13-year-old boy in the second grade. The teacher who had had the grade for only a few weeks, felt it could not be his eyes that troubled him as he wore glasses. On examination, however, I found his glasses had not been changed in three years and I now doubt whether they were ever correct. He could see as well without them as with them. He could scarcely see and complained of constant headaches. On my recommendation the boy's eyes were tested, he was given new glasses, now he sees well and is free from headache for the first time in years.

"During the past month I visited 19 schools and made 296 inspections finding 59 without defects; 61 with tooth defects; 155 needed treatment of tonsils; 35 had adenoids; 7 had diseased glands; 24 had defective hearing; 44 had defective vision; 18 had been under nourishment and 15 were in need of treatment for a variety of things. I visited 36 homes, making a total of 150 visits.

"The county is as large as Connecticut and it is impossible to cover it as it should be covered. I have divided up my field into four parts, a week regularly for each, but I would like to divide myself into four parts also, but as this is not possible, perhaps an additional nurse may be given to Lane county at some future time."

Mrs. W. P. Boynton, president of the Lane County Public Health Association, will have charge of the Red Cross Christmas seal sale, to begin in Oregon December 1.

## CHICKEN THIEVES GET DINNER

Thanksgiving dinner for an unknown party was evidently made up of several choice fryers which were missed from the roasts belonging to the writer.

