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THURSDAY, June 20, . . . 1912

The Board of Directors of the Heppner school upon being petitioned by twenty of the legal voters of the district to do so have called an election for bonding the district in the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a new site and construct a new school house. The election is to be held on July 2nd, and at this writing is arousing no little interest. In fact there is developing considerable opposition to the bonding proposition, tho up to date but little, of any, argument has been produced as to why it should not be done. So far as we are able to ascertain it is a sort of a "poverty" argument presented by a number of people of the town who ought to be the last ones to oppose a move of this character. They are afraid to have the increase of taxation; seem to think that the \$40,000 will have to be paid in a few years, whereas the bonding proposition contemplates a twenty-year loan with the privilege of extension at that time of another twenty years if it should be found necessary to do so. True, it means the payment of some interest and this will have to be met each year, and will be upwards of \$2000, providing the bonds can be floated at a five per cent interest rate. To meet this expense will require a very small levy on the assessable property of the district which is now near \$1,500,000. It will not be necessary to begin the provision of a sinking fund for at least ten years, so no additional levy will be required to take care of the principal.

The present bonded indebtedness of the district is \$8000. The present school building was constructed twenty years ago and the district bonded in the sum of \$10,000 to help pay for it. These bonds matured some five years ago without any provision having been made for their liquidation so it became necessary to make other arrangements. The district had on hand at the time in the general fund \$2000, and a new issue of bonds was floated in the sum of \$8000, the State of Oregon taking the bonds at six per cent. For the past three years or a little better, the School Board has been providing a sinking fund to meet these bonds at maturity, upon the basis of a one-half mill tax. There is on hand in the sinking fund at this time nearly \$2 00 to be applied toward the liquidation of this debt. Surely no one has felt the burden of taxation in this connection, and had the former boards of directors practiced the good business judgment that they were want to apply to their affairs, this old debt would have been wiped out at the time of maturity of the first bond issue.

Now as to the need of a new and up-to-date school building there is no question at all. People may stand down on Main street of Heppner and gaze up at the old structure with pride swelling their bosoms and feel that it is sufficient for all present needs as well as being adequate for many years to come—at least until they have passed off the stage of action and ceased to be the burden bearers of the community, but this is not true. The house is too small today to accommodate the growing needs of the school. There is no room now to properly care for the High School. But this is not the worst feature. The building is in an unsafe condition. To prove this it is only necessary to ask any of the pupils in attendance the past year, or any of the teachers having charge of the work. A severe wind will some day wreck the building entirely, and this of course is bound to happen when school is in session, and a catastrophe even greater than the Heppner flood will be the result. Dollars and cents count for nothing against such a contingency as this. A storm the past spring came near blowing this old shell down. It is not a safe building and should be condemned.

In order to maintain the standard set for our High School of making it second to none in the state and an institution of which every citizen of the community will be proud, it will be absolutely necessary to arrange for the installing of several new departments. This will require at least three additional rooms which will have to be built onto the present school house. Aside from this, the old building is not big enough to

properly care for the school as it now stands. There is no room for the commercial department and no place for the proper housing of a laboratory, a thing much needed to properly care for what little apparatus the school now has, to say nothing of what is needed in addition. The High School has outgrown its present quarters and seating capacity, and there are many other things aking in this connection that is not apparent to the casual observer but loom up big to those directly in charge of the affairs of the school. All these things should be provided, and the proper way to do this is by authorizing the Directors to construct a new building that will take care of the present needs and care for the future as well. Come to think of it the future will have a good deal to do with the paying of these bonds, and of course their needs must be cared for.

Then there is always the question of health that confronts the patrons of the Heppner school. Some are inclined to make light of this feature but it is nevertheless one of the great considerations. Many parents of this town can testify to the ill results to health of young girls just coming into womanhood, because of the terrible daily climb to the school house. It is no less than criminal to perpetuate such a condition, and for anyone to look upon this side of the question in a flippant manner and without due consideration, shows that they are not giving a serious question its proper place. Every parent in this town should line up for the new school building on this question alone if no other reasons prevailed. This should especially appeal to the mothers of the town, and it no doubt does. Vote to get that house down off the hill.

In the agitation for the new school building there is no call for misrepresentation on the part of any one. If you are against it, it should be for good reasons. There is certainly no disposition on the part of any one to "bull" this thing through and least of all considerations is any personal interest. It is a move for the benefit of the public, and if the people of the district authorize the bond issue, which they undoubtedly will, the School Board will work constantly to the end that every dollar will bring value received in the shape of a splendidly built and equipped house. It is estimated that it will cost \$1800 to buy a new lot, and require about \$5000 for furniture and equipment. The house itself should be built for about \$32,000. It should not require above this sum. Now if you are a taxpayer and patron of this school, get busy and figure out what it is going to cost you in taxes additional to what you are now paying to have this much needed improvement. It may surprise you to find that the burden will be light, and that the work can be accomplished and cared for in an easy way.

The farmers of our county will certainly reap a splendid harvest of the golden grain this season. From all reports that we can gather there is nothing now that can hinder the harvesting of the biggest crop of grain ever produced in this county. The season has been an ideal one; the rain has come just at the right time; there has been no hot winds, and there were no blighting frosts. The crops have grown and are maturing in splendid shape and in a few days more the farmers will be in the fields with their headers and reapers and gathering in the grain for the harvest. The soil is filled with an abundance of moisture—much more in fact than is really necessary for the maturing of the present crop, and this leads us to suggest that it would be a splendid thing to commence the work of summer-fallowing right now so that this moisture may be conserved for use next season. There is no doubt at all but that the thorough working of the ground now, to be followed up later on by the killing of weeds and keeping the ground clean and well mulched there could be a good crop next season even though we do not have half the moisture of the present season. It is gratifying to know that a large number of the best farmers of the county are doing this, and it should be universal. Crops can be raised in this county every year but our farmers should learn that there is no profit in half farming; too many are trying to raise big crops by having in a large acreage and this is of course a handicap to the thorough working of the soil and conserving of the moisture. In comparison with other sections of the Northwest we have but a few weeds, and some one has stated that it would be better for our farmers, perhaps, if they were afflicted with more weeds and had to work their ground the more thoroughly in order to get rid of the pests and get a crop. There is great virtue in working our soil thoroughly and keeping it absolutely clean of weeds as fast as they come up. Killing the weeds mulches the soil and the moisture is thereby conserved. We must not trust too much to Providence in these matters, for the Lord helps those who help themselves, and

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LEXINGTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Breshears were Heppner visitors on Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Beymer is visiting her Grandmother Beymer.

Joe Thornburg and Miss Edwards took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gentry.

Mrs. Frank Parker visited her daughter in Heppner on Saturday returning Monday.

Mrs. Karl Beach and three children left on Monday's train on an extended visit at Portland.

We are glad that Lawrence Reaney and his wife are home again from their pleasure trip.

Mr. Powell and wife, accompanied by her sister, drove through to Milton Monday, expecting to return on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry have moved back to Lexington. Mrs. Gentry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munkers.

Mrs. Robert Rice and son Edward departed the first of the week for a four months visit with friends and relatives in Missouri.

About 30 young people went out to the country Saturday night and chivvied Ed Burchell and his bride who returned from Portland last Wednesday.

Rev. Powell and wife, while out driving had a run-away which ended very fortunately for himself and wife as neither were injured. It seems that one of the horses broke the tongue of the buggy the team then getting loose.

The Bijou Comedy Company has been giving a show here for the past two nights. They will give their last performance on Monday night. A real good show was given and several prizes. Miss Picket won the prize for the handsomest lady. There is also a contest going on and Monday evening a gold set ring will be given to the handsomest child under five years of age.

Each age of our lives has its joys. Old people should be happy, and they will be if Chamberlain's Tablets are taken to strengthen the digestion and keep the bowels regular. These tablets are mild and gentle in their action and especially suitable for people of middle age and older. For sale by Patterson & Son.

Oscar Schafer and Lawrence Sweek were in Heppner on Friday and Saturday last from Monument. They speak of plenty of rain over that way and a lot of hay down to receive it. In some of the alfalfa fields the wet weather has caused no little damage by weighing down the grass and making it very hard to cut.

Impure blood runs you down—makes you an easy victim for disease. For pure blood and sound digestion—Burdock Blood Bitters. At all drug stores. Price, \$1.00.

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