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THURSDAY, December 4, - 1913

THE SCHOOL LEVY.

As will be noted from the account elsewhere in this issue of the special school meeting on Saturday afternoon, the taxpayers of the district have voted a ten mill tax for the maintenance of the school for the coming year. Of this levy, six-tenths of a mill will provide for a sinking fund of the district.

The bonded indebtedness of School District No. One at the present is \$48,000.00. \$8000.00 of these bonds is on account of the old school building, and these have been running for about six years. They are redeemable after ten years but may run twenty years at the option of the district. There is in the sinking fund to meet the maturity of these bonds about \$4000 at the present time, and at the rate this fund is increasing, these old bonds should be retired at the end of ten years from the date of their issue. The interest on these bonds is \$420 per year.

The late bond issue, out of which the new school building was constructed, amounts to \$40,000.00 and runs for twenty years from July 2nd, 1912. It will not be necessary to begin providing a sinking fund for these bonds until the old bonds are retired. To pay interest on the new bond issue, \$2200 per year is required.

These matters have all been made public heretofore but people forget as time goes on, and many peculiar statements are heard and put forth as facts, which do not conform to the actual facts at all.

At the present time the district is having to pay out in salaries to teachers, \$890 per month, and for janitor, \$85 per month, making a total of \$975 per month for nine months of the year. Incidentals will bring this up to about \$1050 per month during the school year, while the salary of the janitor continues the year around.

Now it is not the intention of this paper to offer any criticism, particularly, upon the policy that has been pursued by the school board for we believe that their actions all the time have been for the very best interests of the school. They have made some mistakes, no doubt, as all human beings do but in the main they have succeeded well, and are gradually bringing the school up to a high standard. Our contention is that the taxpayers of the district have been largely at fault for the lack of interest taken heretofore in the affairs of the district. The people have no right to sit back and quietly

acquiesce in the work being done by their school board when they do not take enough interest to turn out at the regular and special school meetings and endorse such policies as they feel they want. And this has been the habit too much of late years.

In contrast to this, the meeting on Saturday was more what it should be at all times. The turnout was good and the interest displayed was of the proper sort. And when it came to voting a sufficient tax to keep up the school, it was unanimous.

People, the school is yours; become interested in it and know that you are getting all that your money will bring in efficiency of teaching force, and understand that what you are putting into this institution is being judiciously and economically handled. By attending all meetings of the district you are enabled to keep in line with what is being done, and there need be no misstatement of facts.

HARDMAN.

T. H. Drum and family moved to town Monday.

Claud Adkins is busy these days nursing a sore hand.

Mrs. Ed McDaniel is quite sick at the home of Frank Howell.

Chester Saling returned from Canyon City the last of the week.

Wm. Moreland finished the house at the cemetery last week.

Mrs. T. H. Williams is very sick at her home west of Hardman.

Alex Warren and Tom Colliver have been fixing up A. L. Hudson's store the last few days.

Frank Ward returned home Sunday from Fossil where he has been at work the past summer.

Hog killing is all the go in Hardman now. The weather is fine but we are having lots of mud.

The young folks went out to Jim Hayes' last Saturday night to a dance. They report a splendid time.

Ezra Graves departed Thursday for the Willamette Valley and will go from there to his in Tennessee.

The ladies of Hardman held a bazar in Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday, the proceeds to go toward furnishing a Christmas tree for the children on Christmas eve.

Our primary teacher, Miss Margaret Osten spent Thanksgiving in Washington in attendance at the wedding of Earl Cramer and Miss Margaret Allen. We wish the couple much joy.

Mrs. J. C. Walton and little daughter departed for Albany on Wednesday where they will join Mr. Walton and make that place their future home. Mr. Walton has been at Albany for some time past.

In a melee in one of the Heppner joints on Monday night, Gid Hatt added laurels to his fighting record by beating up Dick Lahue. The row was over an election argument, and Lahue was too drunk too stand on his feet at the time and his countenance was badly marred. Recorder Williams thought them equally guilty and they were fined \$5 apiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirk, who have been visiting with relatives in this vicinity for several weeks past, departed for their home near Junction City Wednesday.

Elder J. V. Crawford will visit Morgan Sunday and at 11 o'clock will preach to the people of that place. He may remain over and preach in the evening also.

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