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The New School House.

Editor Jacksonville Sentinel:—In the issue of your paper of date December 11, you criticize the action of the directors of this school district, as follows:

"Roseburg has let the contract for a school house that is to be one of the finest in Southern Oregon. It is to be a ten room building, with halls, offices, cloak rooms and basement that is to contain play rooms, lunch rooms, closets, fuel and furnace room. And what is of interest to Jacksonville is that all this big ten room building is to cost but \$17300 against \$10000 for Jacksonville's five room building."

The above item was evidently published by you for the purpose of showing the taxpayers of this district that they paid more for their school house than the building was worth,—also for the purpose of creating a prejudice against the directors who were in office at the time the school house was built. When you published the above criticism we believe that you were not fully advised in the premises.

In addition to the foregoing criticism you published a communication in your issue of January 1, 1904, dated at Jacksonville and signed "His Folks" in which communication appears the following sentence:

"Perhaps he aspires to some of the plums that grow in the court house yard, or mayhap he has been casting about for some settlement that needs a new school house worth the money."

The above sentence is an innuendo which attempts to point to something one of the directors has done in connection with building the school house. By innuendo "His Folks" attempts to injure a friend.

In view of the foregoing publication and oral criticisms which have been produced by such publications, we deem it a duty we owe to the taxpayers of this school district to publish a statement of our doings in relation to building the school house.

On the 17th day of February, 1903, the directors authorized the district clerk to post notices calling a special school meeting for the purpose of considering the matter of building a new school house and to get the opinion of the taxpayers in relation to the kind of school house they desired built.

Pursuant to said notice the meeting convened on the 28th day of February, 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The object of the meeting was stated by the chairman to be the building of a new school house and for the purpose of determining the kind of a school house desired by the taxpayers. It was moved that the directors be instructed to build a brick school house, which motion was put to the meeting and carried by a unanimous vote. The sentiment expressed at the meeting indicated that a modern, up-to-date school building was desired in this school district.

Immediately after the directors received the instructions of said meeting they caused plans and specifications to be drawn by an architect who makes school architecture a specialty.

After receiving said plans and specifications the directors advertised for bids to build the building according to such plans and specifications.

In answer to said advertisement three bids were received by the directors, as follows to-wit:

Welch & Maurer—All complete, basement of brick.....\$10160
All complete, basement of local stone..... 9999

By making roof of metal shingles in place of shingles..... 10648

H. Snook—All complete, basement of brick with heat..... 10500

All complete, basement local stone same price. With roof of metallic tile in place of shingles..... 10800

John McChesney—By plans and specifications..... 10625

With tile roof..... 11025

The bids of Welch & Maurer and John McChesney did not include the heating.

H. Snook was the only bidder that included heating apparatus. J. C. Bayer filed a bid to build heating apparatus for \$863.

Estimating that it would cost \$650 to build the heating apparatus, it would increase the cost of Welch & Maurer's bid to \$11209 and John McChesney's bid to \$11675, including tile roof for both.

At the time bids were opened the directors were of opinion that they were all too high and much more than they expected the building would cost and they did not receive any of the bids at that time and took the matter under advisement.

The board of directors had the matter under advisement from April 25 to May 15. The object of this delay of 25 days was to device some plan by which they could lessen the cost of the building with-

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You have as near a five room building as Roseburg has ten and you have the blinds, one coat of paint and half the tinting, the best. Here the prices are in my favor.

Prices of material at Roseburg and Jacksonville:

	Roseburg	Jacksonville
Frame lumber	\$9.00 per M.	\$14.00 per M.
Brick	8.00 " "	10.04 " "
Wainscoting	13.00 " "	22.00 " "
Frt on cement	.24 per cwt.	.37 pr cwt

Everything else in proportion. I do not think that the taxpayers of Jacksonville have any cause of complaint and it shows very poor form for your local paper to compare a building complete in every way with one that only includes part of the work.

Yours truly,
H. SNOOK.

We respectfully submit the foregoing statement to the taxpayers of Jacksonville school district.

Jacksonville 1-25-1904.

J. H. HUFFER, SR.,
T. J. WILLIAMSON,
Directors Jacksonville school district.

out materially changing the plans. They believed the plans could not be much improved. As to the correctness of their judgment in relation to the plans being good, they offer the building as evidence.

During the consideration of the matter we were advised by a builder who had much experience in building walls and piers of concrete, that we could build the basement of our school house much cheaper by using concrete in place of brick or stone and if properly built would be as durable. We further investigated the matter and concluded to build the basement of concrete. We immediately notified Mr. Snook, who was the lowest bidder, of our determination. Mr. Snook agreed to lower his bid \$800 by change of the specifications from brick or stone to concrete.

On the 15th day of May Mr. Snook entered into a contract to complete the building with heat and metallic roof for the sum of \$10000.

If we deduct \$800 off of each of the bids of Welch & Maurer and John McChesney by reason of changing the specifications to concrete, Mr. Snook's contract price is \$499 less than Welch & Maurer's bid and \$875 less than John McChesney's bid.

In relation to the comparison of the Roseburg and Jacksonville school buildings, we submit the following correspondence:

Jacksonville Or. Jan. 3, 1904.

Mr. H. Snook, Roseburg Or.

Dear Sir:—Our local paper has published some criticisms on the cost of building our school house. To prove that our building costs too much, the editor compares the Roseburg school house with ten rooms, the contract price of which is \$17300.00, with our building of five rooms which cost \$10,000.00, leaving the inference that we paid too much for our school building.

You will confer us a favor if you will answer the following questions.

What would have been the additional cost of our school house if we had added another story to it which would have made eight school rooms and one assembly room, assuming the roof and basement to be the same as they now are?

Is the finish and window blinds more expensive in the Roseburg building than in ours?

As you are the builder of both buildings you are better qualified to judge as to the expense of building them than any one else, far better than one who has not seen the Roseburg building or the plans and specifications.

Yours Truly,

J. H. HUFFER, SR.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 13, 1904.

J. H. Huffer, Jacksonville, Or.

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of Jan. 3, will say that you got full value for your money and I would not build another for the same amount.

The additional cost of an eight room building, or four more rooms on the same building would have been \$4300 including blinds and heat the same as you now have.

In regard to the Roseburg school house you might as well compare the old building that you had with the one you have now. I get \$17320 for the Roseburg school house. It has eight rooms and an assembly hall, with four large sliding doors so it can be partitioned off and that makes the other two rooms. And my contract does not include heating, vent-

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