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The Annual School Meeting

Held Monday Evening—Clerk's Annual Report Submitted.

The annual meeting of the board of school directors for district No. 24, was held last evening. The meeting was attended by about thirty patrons of the district.

The first business considered was the annual report, which is as follows: To the Legal Voters of School District No. 24, Marion County, Oregon:—Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Pursuant to the requirements of the law we herewith submit our annual report for the year closing with February 28, 1897, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
The monies received from all sources during the year have been as follows:
Former clerk.....\$ 73 80
Special 4 mill tax.....11,511 27
County school fund.....11,547 20
State school fund.....3,003 00
Rate bills.....37 50
Ladd & Bush, on notes.....15,350 00
Overpayment by county.....4,996 06
All other sources, delinquent taxes, etc.....266 79

Total.....\$46,785 62
The following disbursements have been made during the year:
Teachers' salaries.....\$18,422 50
Janitors' salaries.....1,803 00
Rent of school rooms.....150 00
Repairs, etc.....1,578 45
School furniture.....615 85
Expenses.....1,933 72
Wood.....911 32
Clerk's salary.....180 00
Ladd & Bush, bills payable and interest account.....13,041 86
Marion county.....4,996 06
Insurance.....57 36
Interest on bonds.....2,989 00
Cash on hand.....156 50

Total.....\$46,785 62
FLOATING DEBT.
The floating debt of the district at this time amounts to \$17,956.22, and is made up of the following items:

Bills payable to Ladd & Bush.....\$16,800 00
Interest on same.....516 22
Interest on bonds, now due.....640 00
Total.....\$17,956 22
There are no outstanding warrants. After deducting from the above—the cash on hand—\$156.50, there remains against the district a floating debt amounting to \$17,799.72.

This is an increase of about \$3,000 over the indebtedness at the close of last year, and, as has already been explained to you in our report to the meeting of January 23d last, was caused largely by the extensive repairs to the furnaces of the several buildings of the district. We might add, also, that the levy of last year was hardly sufficient to enable us to properly maintain the schools of the district, without going more deeply in debt. With the increased levy of the present year we hope to be able to hold our own, and possibly to reduce the debt during the year now at hand.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.
The subject of the bonded indebtedness of the district was dwelt upon at some length in our report to you at the last January meeting but, owing to the press of other matters before the meeting, it did not receive attention. While it may yet be necessary to take definite action at this time, in reference to it, we again call it to your notice hoping that you will give it consideration, to the end that when the bonds are due the district will be found ready to dispose of them, by

paying, refunding or otherwise, to the best advantage of the taxpayers. We believe that by another year a sinking fund should be started with which to take up a portion of these bonds at maturity.

The particular issue of bonds referred to is that for \$16,000, which matures September 1, 1900, and draw 8 per cent. annual interest. The other issues have longer to run and bear 6 per cent. interest.

SALARIES.
The salaries remain the same as those of last year, except that those teachers receiving \$55 per month were put down to \$50; one primary teacher was placed on a salary of \$60 per month, and a principal put in the Central school at \$60 per month. We believe the high standard of excellence of the Salem schools of former years has been maintained during the past year.

SCHOOL CENSUS.
The census will show about the same number of persons of school age as was returned last year, which indicates that the population of the district, is stationary. There will probably be but little gain, if any, during the ensuing year so that the present school facilities are expected to be sufficient for some time to come.

IN CONCLUSION.
Other matters of interest and importance were fully covered by our report to you at the meeting of last January 23d, and need not be repeated here. In conclusion, we beg to say that it has been our aim to make the schools of this district fill the legitimate and proper purposes of a free school system and the record of the past year will, we believe, compare very favorably, both as to thoroughness and economy, with that of any other district, of similar size, in the state.

GENERAL STATISTICS.
The annual report of Clerk Bozorth to the county superintendent was also read and, from its pages the following totals are taken:

No. of resident persons between 4 and 20 years of age in district—males 1,460, females 1,380.....2,840
No. of resident pupils enrolled in public schools during the year.....1,793
Average daily attendance during the school term or year.....1,320
No. teachers employed—7 males, 28 females.....35

Estimated value of school houses, including grounds \$95,000 00
School furniture.....12,273 00
Apparatus, etc.....300 00
Insurance.....58,700 00
Average salary paid male teachers per month.....65 83
Average to female.....47 85

The clerk's annual report was read and adopted.
Upon motion the board was instructed to assign to H. C. Fletcher a certain tax title which was erroneously issued.

Adjourned to the third Monday in January, 1898 at 7:30 p. m.

STAYTON.

Editor Mann and wife changed their plans, and instead of locating in the Eastern part of the state they will go South to Forrest Grove.

The Jubilee Singers were the attraction at the opera house, Thursday night.

Rev. Green and family have removed to Athens, Or., where he will reside in the future as pastor of the Christian church, of that place.

The Hard Time social at the opera house, Monday night, was a decided success in every way. The young people had prepared a program, which was indeed very appropriate for the occasion.

Miss Tempest Dunnin left for Salem, Sunday, where she will take a three month's course in elocution, under Mrs. Chas. Riley.

Stayton is to have electric lights in the course of a very short time, which will be a great improvement to the town.

Miss Minnie Mangle is quite ill at her home near town.

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