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SCHOOL ELECTION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Opposition to the program presented by the Roseburg district school board for decision at the permissive election to be held Monday has been vocal and aggressive, indicating a sizable vote against the school board's request. Little expression has been heard from the affirmative side, making it impossible to forecast the outcome of the election in advance of the vote. It is quite evident, however, that the aggressive opposition will prevail if the election follows the usual pattern of a light vote on school issues.

The school district is NOT asking for more money. It is asking that it be permitted to use funds now on hand for a purpose other than that for which the money originally was authorized.

It is proposed by the school board that a new grade school building shall be erected west of Coates addition on a part of the 20-acre site recently acquired, and that the Fullerton elementary school be transferred to the new building. The present Fullerton school building would be incorporated into a campus-type high school. The 9th grade from junior high school would be moved to the senior high school, restoring a four-year high school program.

Bond money originally was voted to enlarge the existing high school building, but the money on hand is not sufficient to construct the annex, but will cover cost of the program outlined by the board.

Would Give Temporary Relief

The school board reports that its program will provide only temporary relief. In fact, indications are that it will supply accommodations for a period of about two years, after which more facilities must be arranged.

The proposal, however, does look toward a long-range pattern.

The board has in mind a ring of grade schools at the outer fringe of the district, with a high school at the center. Junior high schools would occupy intermediate sites. Within a few years it probably will be necessary to build a grade school building about halfway between Roseburg and Winchester. If population continues to spread westward, as is anticipated, another grade school will be needed even farther west than the proposed new Fullerton school.

It then would be possible to convert Riverside school into a junior high school and to build a second junior high structure on the new 20-acre site, location of the proposed Fullerton school being selected with the possibility in mind that part of the property may later be required for junior high school purposes.

Campus Proposal Questioned

Considerable controversy surrounds the plan for a campus-type high school. While the plan has some disadvantages, it also has its strong points, the school board contends. The educational trend is toward departmentalization. It is anticipated that population increases soon will necessitate creation of a junior college. Thus the campus project would fit into the long-range plan.

The principal argument for the campus-type high school, however, is that it is the only plan the school board can devise to fit the district's financial limitations. Money on hand will not build an addition to the high school building as originally contemplated and the district does not have sufficient bonding capacity, within current legal restrictions, to proceed with the construction program outlined at the time bonds were voted.

Difficult Situation Faced

The Roseburg school district faces a difficult situation. The exceedingly high birth rate of the past few years, coupled with continued in-migration of population, will require steady expansion of school facilities. Within about five years it will be necessary to virtually double school accommodations over present capacity. Keeping pace with community growth will require considerable shuffling and revision in the school system.

If we had several million dollars available for capital investment, the problem would not be difficult. But the state law limits the amount of bonds the district can issue. Consequently we must piece and fit as best we can, probably tolerating some imperfect conditions until growth becomes static and income catches up with financial requirement.

The school board has given much study to current and future outlook. It has had the advice of experts. The board consists of intelligent, conscientious men, extremely interested in the welfare of our educational system.

Having studied our school problem from all angles, the school board, we believe is in the best position to know what should be done. Personally, we think the board is entitled to a vote of confidence through an affirmative majority at Monday's permissive election.

Engineer Positions Opened To Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission today announced an examination for engineer to fill positions paying from \$4,600 to \$6,400 in various federal agencies in Washington, D. C., and vicinity. A few positions throughout the United States may also be filled. The positions covered by this examination are in all branches of engineering.

The age limits, which will be waived for persons entitled to veteran preference, are 18 to 62 years. Full information about the examination and application forms, may be obtained from the commission's local secretary, Jack Calkins, U. S. post office, Roseburg.

from civil service regional offices, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications for this examination must be received in the commission's Washington office not later than May 9, 1950.

The National Geographic Society says Americans use 125,000,000 wooden matches a day.

Bees sometimes carry insecticides into their hives, killing the entire brood.

Ethylene dibromide, a soil fumigant, has been found effective against wireworms in Wisconsin.

Arsenic sprays are most harmful to bees of all insecticides.

Time For Another Bipartisan Tune-Up



In the Day's News

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public economic activity."

But, he added, that isn't being done. Instead, he told his hearers: "THEY ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO FEEL THEY CAN USE ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL POWER TO GET SEPARATELY MORE OUT OF THE SYSTEM THAN THEY ARE SEVERALLY PUTTING INTO IT."

WHAT we need, Dr. Nourse is telling us, is TEAMWORK.

That suggests a question: Did you ever do your spring plowing with a three (or maybe five) horse team? If so, you'll remember that at the beginning your horses were all prima donnas. Each thought it was the whole works and the others were merely hitched in to provide an audience. If there were three horses in the team, they went three different ways at the corners. If there were five horses, they went FIVE ways. All the way around, they worked against each other instead of with each other.

As a result you didn't get much ground plowed the first few days. If you turned under an acre and a half a day, you were doing pretty well.

But, as the days passed, things began to go better. Your horses slowly began to work AS A TEAM. When you came to a corner, they would swing just far enough out into the plowed ground to give you turning room without spoiling your furrow.

(Usually, by the way, one horse would act as a kind of sub-foreman. This would be some animal that was SMARTER than the rest. It would figure out what you were driving at and would chivy the others around so that the corners would be turned with the least loss of time. That is what in industry we call organization.)

As soon as your horses began to work as a team, your efficiency would RISE and in a little while you would be turning over your three or maybe three and a-half acres a day, which was pretty good going in those benighted days before the internal combustion engine was invented, thus making the tractor possible.

ANYWAY, Dr. Nourse is telling us that if we want to accomplish a lot in this country—PRODUCE a lot, that is, so that everybody can have a lot—we must work as a team instead of working as separate pressure groups, each seeking to get for itself the bulk of the cream, leaving only the skim milk for the other groups.

LORD Macaulay, the great English historian, told us the same thing a century and a half ago, using somewhat different words and putting it in a somewhat different way.

In one of his fascinatingly interesting letters to an American friend he said (in effect, that is; these are not his exact words): "Your American system is the most wonderful thing that ever came into the world. As it is working now, it is producing for Americans more satisfactions and more comforts than any governmental system ever produced before since the world began."

It will continue to do that until your people learn that by ganging



After living a while in Oregon a piece of lumber comes to be something more than a casual bit of wood. One sees beyond it to the sawmill, to the log, to the hauling, to the felling of the tree, to the precarious work of the toppler.

Does one ever pick up a newspaper here in which logging casualties are missing? What a price was paid for some logs before they reached the mill—and even there the hazards are great!

Undoubtedly the logging work is easier now than there is so much mechanical equipment; and there must be a saving in manpower too. But the highlines still break . . . the tree still falls in a manner unexpected . . . the log rolls as the branches are being chopped off . . . during the loading process something slips or breaks, or the log rolls . . . and in the mills, the saw breaks . . . a man slips . . . a log out in the pond rolls too fast. Yes, there is a price beyond any computing paid that rafters may ridge the house; that floors may be laid; that clapboards may make the walls snug.

—A. M. Sullivan

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

DIVERSION OF NORTHWEST WATERS

The Oregon Statesman That diversion of water from the Pacific Northwest to California is not just talk is demonstrated in the report of the reclamation bureau on what it calls its United Western Investigation. From headquarters in Salt Lake City bureau engineers are studying this proposal which has been promoted particularly by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Warren. No definite findings have been made and will not be until the preliminary survey is completed in 1952.

The press release from the bureau talks about utilizing the "surplus and waste waters" of the northwest in areas with deficient supply (California). The engineers are trying to estimate what that surplus would be "after a supply for all possible future demands of the northwest has been reserved." That means a computation of maximum needs for irrigation and for industrial and domestic and other uses. Power evidently would be given a low priority for the news release suggests that steam power might be substituted for hydroelectric energy lost by water diversion. This would imply a tapping of Columbia basin waters above Bonneville.

Water demand in southwestern United States is growing rapidly and the inadequacy of local supplies is generally admitted. The entire flow of the Colorado river for instance, a principal supplier of the southwest, is estimated at less than 5 per cent of the water now emptying into the ocean from streams on the northwest coast.

up in pressure groups they can use their voting power TO GET FOR THEMSELVES SPECIAL PAYMENTS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OUT OF THE NATIONAL TREASURY.

When that happens (Lord Macaulay said) your American system will cease to produce for everybody as it is doing now (he was speaking a century and a half ago.) His words were at least prophetic.

To be sure one reads of logging, the old days and the present, in many a story. But not until one has driven around and has seen with one's eyes, the precipitous logging roads, the enormous size of the logs, the constant hazards increased by rainy weather; not until one has seen logging at first hand with one's own eyes, is the work of the loggers, and the mill workers, too, appreciated. In a recent issue of Dun's Review was a picture of a "sheared" hilltop, with a mill in the foreground, and the pond close by. Below it was a poem. I quote by permission the last two verses:

The bull chains grip the fir and pine
Out of the river's muddy spine
And sawyers listen to the whine
Of metal as it turns a line,
Throwing wood-spray high and
straight,
While the nails and hammers wait.

Hills are sheared like huddled sheep
But shingle and the clapboard dare
The winds of winter and they keep
Love caged, while lovers wake or sleep.
The sawyers, with their bright fangs
share
The trees' vast shelter everywhere.

reparable damage to northwest economy. The idea seemed utterly fantastic when it was broached, and still seems so; but federal engineers often have dim conceptions of the laws of economics and in their zeal for projects they may come up with a favorable report, knowing that once initiated the treasury will carry the cost and absorb the losses. At least the northwest must be on the watch to see that its interests are not put in jeopardy.

Estimates of the cost of diverting waters from the northwest to the southwest will be made and the whole report will be submitted to congress. All states concerned will have the opportunity of reviewing the final report and their comments will also be referred to congress.

We have reviewed this at some length so people in this area know just what is afoot. Naturally our people are alarmed at any threat to our water abundance. Warren's phrase about "climbing the ladder to the north," meaning to tap the streams above the Sacramento and on to the Columbia is disturbing. We do not know how one can compute the ultimate requirements of the northwest, for it is showing rapid gains in population and industry and hence in needs for water. Any substantial diversion from the Columbia basin might impair navigation between Portland and the ocean and that would do ir-

LETTERS to the Editor

Douglas' Share Of State Highway Fund Announced

ROSEBURG—After the apathetic public finally awakened and discovered that Riverside school was located adjacent to a sawmill, three bulk gasoline plants, a wrecking yard, and a narrow, noisy highway, all well sandwiched in an industrial area with its characteristic beer tavern, we realize the importance of considering the location of school buildings.

When the taxpayers of the school district authorized \$895,000 of bonds the money was to be spent for four things:

1. Certain improvements at Benson school.
2. An addition to Riverside school.
3. An addition to Fullerton school.
4. An addition to Roseburg high school.

The first three were accomplished. The school board decided that the plan authorized in the bond issue was impracticable and proceeded to upset the fruit basket to settle on what came forth. The result was as follows:

1. Utilize the old high school and Fullerton with its brand new addition and the proposed \$175,000 library-arts building as a campus high school.
2. Spend the remainder of the money on a grade school of a capacity of 600 students on a 20-acre farm farther west on the Melrose road.

It matters not that the present population of the Fullerton school is slightly over 300 or that two smaller grade schools could be constructed and eliminate the growing expense of conveying pupils from one part of the city to another in school buses.

Unusual activity has been carried on to sell the plan to the public. Junior high school students have been told definitely that the ninth grade will be on the high school campus next year with the faith that goes along with well-planned propaganda. Work is already started on the library-arts building and the plan of a campus high school that grew up like Topsy will be sold to the public regardless of what the bond money was voted for. Students in shirt sleeves will be going from the library-arts building in January because they left their coats in Fullerton hall or vice versa. The campus high school plan has never been worked in Oregon; but there is one school of thought that if it works in Oregon, you are reminded that students on a university campus carry their outdoor clothes with them.

There are over 30 school buses serving the public schools. The contract expenditures on these buses each year would probably build a school building. Some of these buses bring students from outside the district into the district. Others haul students from one part of the district to another. The construction of large grade schools tends to perpetuate this system. After the construction of the large grade school, there will not be pupils to fill it while at the same time the junior high is so bursting at the seams that the ninth school which in turn will be filled to capacity. The plan of the school board should not be adopted too hastily without looking ahead at least a few years and without considering the construction of a union high school.

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In a talk to the Washington Institute of Mental Hygiene, he said: "Only as we love those about us can we control the hate that also comes from the deepest layers in our personality."

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