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Three newspaper men are being mentioned for Congress in the Second District to try conclusion with Representative Ellis. These are Editor Dellinger of the Astoria Astorian; B. E. Kennedy, of the Baker City Herald and Frank Davy, of the Harney County News. Other papers are yet to be heard from. This is the first time that so many quill drivers have been discussed in relation with a Congressional nomination in many years, and the reports may give Representative Hawley some uneasiness, as there are many newspapers in the First district who may advance candidates against him, says the Portland Telegram.

Mr. Dellinger, who has been a resident of Astoria for many years, and has been identified with politics in Clatsop county, will be more pleasing to the people of that county than some one from Eastern Oregon, for Astoria wants appropriations. Mr. Kennedy has been talked of considerably of late. Kennedy has been active in state politics, though never holding a public office, and has been a progressive Republican. Frank Davy, ex-speaker of the House, and several times a member of the Oregon Legislature, is now a resident of Eastern Oregon, located at Burns. Davy is, perhaps, the best known of the three newspaper men in Portland through his work in the Legislature when he represented Marion county, and for his campaigning for the Republican ticket on various occasions.

Since Ellis has shaved off his flowing patriarchal whiskers, which formerly served as a chest protector the newspaper men figure that they have an even chance with Ellis on the farmer vote. Of course, George Sheppard will be a candidate until he is elected. Shepard is not an editor, however, so he is not in the same class with Dellinger, Kennedy or Davy.

There are not a few in this city who are firmly of the opinion that athletics take entirely too prominent a position in our public schools. Be this as it may, there is no question but that from 300 to 500 people turn out to witness a football game between Baker City and La Grande. Tomorrow evening in the Presbyterian church the debating teams of Baker City and La Grande will contest for oratorical honors. do you imagine there will be 500 present? It should be and it is the duty of the citizens of this city to see that the house is crowded.

If you have not personally investigated the crowded condition in our school rooms, you have only one day more to do so before you vote on the bonds. Until you make such an examination you are not in a position to intelligently vote against a matter that has been carefully examined into by a committee of our largest taxpayers and interested in the future of

the city. The committee made the examination and filed a report of the conditions as they found them and asked that \$74,000 be expended upon improvements and new buildings.

If all the snow should happen to go off with a warm rain and not wash out a score or more of bridges and run through the streets of the city and fill all of our cellars and tie up the railroads for several weeks, some will be disappointed. However, these things have occurred in the past.

The qualifications of voters at the school bonding election Saturday are tax payers, men and women. The polls are only open from 1 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

With three newspaper men out after Congressman Ellis's position there will undoubtedly be active campaigning in the Second district during the coming months.

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EXPLAINS POSITION

Local members of the railroad or ders have requested publication of the following article.

Mayor Daniel W. Layler, who has been engaged as a counsel by the switchmen, gave to press the following statement:

"The railroad manager's committee fully realizing the force of public opinion and fearing it, are making a concentrated effort through newspaper items and editorials to charge the switchmen with unfairness because they have declined to submit to arbitrate under the Erdman act. The switchmen could easily retort by saying truthfully that the managers are in no position to make this complaint for the reason that the managers from the very commencement of the controversy have refused to make any advances or consider any suggestion relative to an increase in wages. With regard, however, to arbitrate under the Erdman law, anybody who reads that statute will readily understand why the switchmen have consistently refused to proceed under it. It is a very catchy and taking proposition to claim that where two parties have a controversy they should be willing to submit to arbitration. The arbitration provided for under the Erdman law, however, is hedged about with legal provisions which would strip the switchmen of all power to legitimately press their claims, and it would put them completely in the power of the railroad companies. Admitting that the decision were favorable to the switchmen, the railroad companies, under section 4 of the Erdman law, could within 10 days after the filing of the award in the clerk's office of the circuit court of this district file exceptions and take an appeal to the circuit court and if the decision still went against them, they could take an appeal to the circuit court of appeals. This would delay the final decision for a period of from one to two years. It would be unlawful for the switchmen or any member of the switchmen's union to strike, or in any way aid a strike. Under the first proviso of section 3 of the act, it is provided: That pending the arbitration the status existing immediately prior to the dispute shall not be changed. That means that during the period just mentioned the switchmen would be compelled to work at the old schedule of wages and under all the conditions of which they complain. In other words, if the

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switchmen were to put their heads into this noose they would be compelled to accept the present schedule and present conditions for a period of from one to two years, and would surrender the right to strike during that time. President Taft, when a judge, said in one of his famous decisions that the right to strike was one of the most precious rights of manhood and citizenship. In view of the operation of the arbitration clause of the Erdman act, the switchmen would be untrue to themselves and to those whom they represent if they accepted it. The moment the public understands that the switchmen have not refused to arbitrate but have refused arbitration under the Erdman act, and have refused to commit suicide, the attempt of the manager's committee to enlist public opinion against the switchmen will fail."

Mayor D. W. LAWLER,
Attorney for Switchmen.

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