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RUSK AIDS THE SCHOOL BILL

HOUSE PASSES BILL THAT ALLOWS 8 PER CENT TO DIRECT

Question of Continuing High Schools May Be Brought Up Easily.

Speaker Rusk, who aside from having climbed into the lime light as a prospective congressional candidate has gone on record as favorable to the Miller county high school discontinuance bill and by appearing on the floor of the senate, swung the house against the Enterprise opposition.

If the senate passes the bill and the regular session is carried out the county high schools of the state may be discontinued by popular vote and the measure placed on the ticket by eight per cent of the voters. It was to prevent such a measure that the Enterprise delegation went to Salem early in the week and the Loring, Joseph, and Wallows delegates, who held a meeting here Wednesday night, desired passage. Details of the vote are explained in a special from Salem.

Protesting against further juggling of a bill by Miller of Columbia, providing method for discontinuing county high schools and in which he was interested, Speaker Rusk called Reynolds to the chair this afternoon, and taking the floor, demanded an immediate vote on the measure. It was passed with 25 votes in its favor.

The bill provides that on petition of 8 per cent of the duly qualified electors of a county who are taxpayers, the question of whether a county high school shall be continued is to be submitted to the voters of the county.

Speaker Rusk, in explaining the need for such a provision in his county and that Wallows county had a high school maintained by the county and located at Enterprise. Excellent high schools embracing the same course of study and advantages are maintained at Loring, Joseph and Wallows by a special tax on the taxpayers of

those respective towns. For that reason the voters of those three towns are opposed to continuing the county high school at Enterprise at the expense of the county, said Speaker Rusk contending that they have no use for the school, having provided equally good educational facilities in their own communities.

The bill was opposed by friends of the county high school, for fear its enactment might endanger the continuance of these institutions in other counties of the state, where conditions were not the same as in Wallows county.

ISIS TO BE SWELL SHOW HOUSE

MANAGER SHERWOOD PUSHING AN IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

New Curtain Installed and Opera Chairs Will Come Next.

The Isis theatre is to be one of the swell show houses in the Northwest, according to the plans of Manager Sherwood. He has just installed a very expensive curtain, had the interior of the theatre tastefully decorated, besides adding a touch here and there that makes things convenient and comfortable for the large number of patrons of this show house.

The next move will be to install opera chairs of the latest model and when this will have been done the Isis management will have no hesitancy in stating they have one of the most modern family theaters in the country. This theatre has always been very successful in bringing out first class pictures and Manager Sherwood gives every performance his personal attention. He is a host to his patrons, seeing that unattended ladies and children have proper attention. His ambition was to make the Isis a family theatre and from the regular customers who watch each change of program it is reasonable to believe that he is succeeding.

STEPHENS MINES SOLD OUT

MYSTERY CLOUDS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND OWNERSHIP

Turner of Union and Hopkins are Said to be Closely Affiliated.

One of the most important mining deals in many months has been closed in this city though the exact terms of the deal have not been made public property. F. Turner of Union and T. F. Hopkins of Camp Carson are the local people who stand for what has taken place in the deal consummated between Tacoma people. It is believed, and Al Stephens a former locomotive engineer out of here who bought and operated extensive mining interests up the Grande Ronde river, but is now living in Portland. Hopkins today affirmed the deal had been closed and that Turner has an interest in one or another is also known but how much the mine brought Stephens or how the men are going to develop the property are the mysteries closely shrouded by the men here who, it is believed, not only have interests of their own but represent money from Puget Sound. It is presumed the affair has not reached the point where future plans and proposals can be announced with any degree of certainty.

The deal has revived interest in Union county mining, to say the least.

DROWNED IN POWDER RIVER

Frank Hutton's Body Located Near Radium Springs.

The body of Frank Hutton, who has been missing since last Saturday, was found this morning in the Powder river near the Radium Springs sanatorium, says the Baker Herald. The dam was blown out yesterday afternoon and the river dragged but it was not until this morning that the searchers located the body. He was removed from the river and taken to the sanatorium, where the inquest was held. Coroner E. F. West was summoned and left shortly before noon to hold an inquest over the body.

Every indication points toward suicide. Hutton had removed one shoe and sock before taking the fatal plunge but he had on the rest of his clothing. The body was slightly baled, but this is thought to have been caused by the explosion, as the body was found near the dam.

The searching party which found the body was composed of A. J. Toney, Andrew Toney, A. Long, J. Barker, C. C. Cochran, Frank Ray and John Smallbird. They had been hunting since Monday and if the body had not been found in the river they were planning to search the adjoining hills.

Hutton disappeared Saturday afternoon after taking a bath at the sanatorium. He left the house and went out past the barn, through the pasture to the river, which is about a quarter of a mile from the springs. He could be traced through the snow, to within five feet of the river bank, where he had stopped and tromped the snow. There was one more foot print which was about three feet from the bank and there all trace of him was lost. Evidently he stopped and

look of one shoe and sock and either threw them into the river or in the nearby brush.

The cause of the rash act is not known, unless it was because he was under the influence of liquor. He had been drinking quite heavily Saturday morning and went to the Springs to take a bath. It is said he had a quart bottle of whiskey with him when he left the house.

His mother and sister reside in this city and are now at Haines to make arrangements for caring for the body. The time of holding the funeral has not been announced.

Schools as Social Centers.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 17.—The movement to make the public schools in the city and country alike the center of the social activities of their respective communities was given definite shape here today at a conference of the leaders of the Social Center Movement for the southwest. The conference was attended by educators, social workers, public officials and other interested persons from many points throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

MINE PROMOTER INVOLVED

T. F. HOPKINS SUED FOR BIL OF LONG STANDING.

Board Bill Unpaid in Grants Pass Brought up for Collection Here.

Suit to recover \$533, affirmed to be board money and other items, amounting to \$420 and interest for four and a half years which makes the total named, has been brought by George E. Good, manager of the Sommer hotel, against T. F. Hopkins, the mine promoter who is affiliated with the purchasers of the Stephen mines up Grande Ronde river. The papers were served on Mr. Hopkins yesterday afternoon when he was in the city preparatory to returning to the Camp Carson mining district. He left he city today for the mines.

The indebtedness was accumulated in Grants Pass when Mr. Good conducted a hotel in that city and the account has run for four years. Mr. Good attempted a settlement on an cable basis several weeks ago when Mr. Hopkins first came to the city. He was negotiating for the purchase of the Stephens mines but the cable situation turned into court matters when the settlement was not forthcoming. The case will take its regular course through the circuit court here.

Minnesota Pedagogues

Mankato, Minn., Feb. 6.—Three days of work and pleasure are in store for the members of the Southern Minnesota Teachers' Association, whose annual convention began in this city today. The attendance is unusually large. Among the noted educators to deliver addresses are President Hill of the University of Missouri, Professor F. Hodge of Clark University and Mr. Flora Cooke, principal of the Park school in Chicago.

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