

REAL ESTATE TALKS HEARD

Local realtors, gathered about their radios last night, listened in on KGO broadcasting the banquet of a realty board meeting at Oakland, Cal., which featured addresses by J. Nolan, of the chamber of commerce, the chief justice of California, Charles Young, San Francisco editor, the commissioner of public works, Ray Gilbert, real estate commissioner of California, Horbert Reed, member of the educational class, and others.

Mr. Reed's speech was devoted largely to a definition of "realtor" and a comparison of old time real estate men and modern realtors. Mr. Gilbert installed officers.

Sherwood Williams, Ray Williams, and B. A. Benham all tuned in on the Oakland station. They report that approximately 350 men were seated in the banquet room.

Perhaps the nicest thing about being a man is you don't have to worry even if you have an Adam's apple.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST
SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO
THE EDITOR IF THEY
DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

Cove, Oregon,
Feb. 10, 1926.

To the Editor of The Observer:

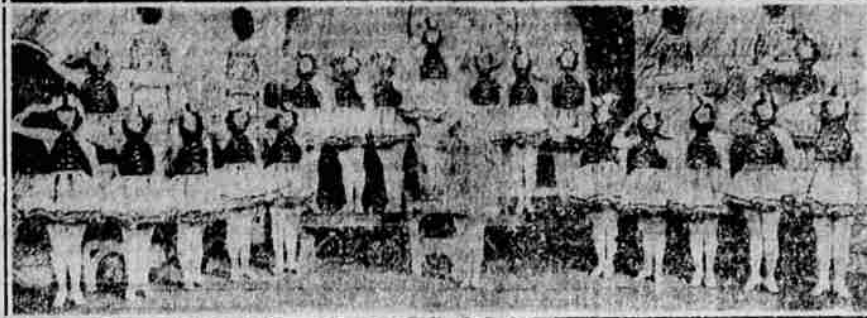
On Feb. 5, last, the Cove and Shanghai school districts held an election on the question of consolidating the two districts, in which the proposition was strongly defeated in the latter district.

For years, what seemed to be a majority of the people living in the Shanghai district, or No. 4, had been talking for and were figured favoring consolidation; but when it came to the test it proved quite different.

It appears that just before casting their ballots in District No. 4, quite a number of the voters became carried away by ill-founded surmises concerning the Cove district, purporting that we were "head over heels" in debt and that we were just waiting for this consolidation to launch an extravagant building program—floating a large bond issue, etc., etc.

The facts are quite different. The Cove school district has no standing indebtedness whatever, nor has

At Arcade Tonight



A scene from "Bringing Up Father in Gay New York," which is the latest vehicle for the stunts of "Jiggs" and "Maggie," their family and intimate friends including Dinty Moore and the whole Mahoney clan. They will all be at the Arcade this evening.

had for a dozen years. Nor is there any plan whatever on foot or brewing, to build a new school house in the near future, unless a Union high school district is organized, in which event, according to law, a building for same should be independent of the grade school.

With an assessed valuation ranging around \$250,000 for some years, we have been averaging close to a 9-mill special levy, and paying as we go, which is less than half of the average for the rest of high school districts in Union county, and if Shanghai had come in with her \$250,000 assessed valuation, this would have reduced our total special levy to about 6.2 mills, or have been just about 2 mills more than now is levied in that district, as tuition for high school pupils and general, which next year will be increased .5 mills.

However, before district No. 4 could have become subject to our taxes, we propose to organize a union high school, and if we carry this out over our local territory, we should get altogether near \$2,200,000 assessed valuation, which, when effected, would reduce our needs to less than 3 mills total above the normal income from all established school funds, therefore Shanghai, instead of having to pay more toward schools than they do now, would have reduced their taxes for next year more than one mill, and for the second year nearly two mills.

However, the union high school district would have to provide a new high school building, and as we figure the needs of such for the near future, a modern and a satisfactory building for this purpose would probably involve a cost of around \$20,000, which would add 1 mill annual taxes if carried until amortized, or one per cent, if paid for in cash, in one year; which, naturally, would be determined by all the people of the un-

ionized districts.

It should therefore become plain to all concerned, that not a single voter in any of these districts need be disturbed over the cost, as the average for five or six districts contemplated would not be increased, and after the new building is paid for, it would be reduced for all concerned.

We invite the fullest investigation, or the reliability of every statement made, and only ask the consideration that the all important school question deserves.

European Battlers to Invade Coast Slates

OAKLAND, Cal. (AP)—A Pacific coast invasion of European boxing talent is indicated in advices received by Tommy Shapson, Oakland promoter.

Writing from New York city, Charlie Harvey, fight manager, says he is leaving for the coast in the near future and would like matches for his stable which includes Roland Todd, Johnny Brown, and "Bermontsey" Billy Wells. Todd is listed as middleweight champion of the British empire, and Brown as bantamweight titleholder of Europe. Wells, a welterweight, is

the only member of the trio who has appeared in coast rings.

Columbia county spent \$400,000 on roads during 1925.

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That's why we welcome the small accounts as well as the large ones.

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ELGIN LOCAL NEWS BUDGET

ELGIN, Ore. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Montgomery are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday, February 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons were surprised by a number of their friends Saturday evening. A pleasant evening was enjoyed, at the close of which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Clarence Bean was visited Tuesday by Misses Grace Phelps and Emily Sanders of Portland. Mrs. Bean's guests served with her as Red Cross nurses during the World War.

Mrs. Willie J. Thomas has returned to Elgin after a two months visit in Portland.

Mrs. Minnie Owens and son, of

Walla Walla are visiting relatives at Palmer Junction, spent the week-end with his father.

STUDENTS IN PROGRAM

HOT LAKE, (Special)—For the second time within a month, students of the Union high school are assisting with one of the regular programs at the sanatorium by presenting a play here tonight. Miss Anna Bracht, dramatic supervisor, and three students are cast in tonight's production, a one-act valentine fantasy. They are guests to Dr. W. T. Phay at dinner preceding the performance.

Some day some wise congressman is going to be re-elected on the platform that he didn't introduce a bill.

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