



FINISH 8 GRADES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

New Law Provides for Keeping Pupils at Work to End of Course.

Salem, Or., March 25.—A "stay-in-school" campaign is being planned by the state school superintendent following the enactment by the last legislature of the "part time" bill. The new law provides that all children, unless they have completed the first eight elementary grades, must remain in school until the age of 16 years. At the age of 16 if the pupil has not completed the eight grades he must either stay in school until he is 18 or until his work is completed or if he is employed at some legal occupation he must attend a part time school throughout the school year for at least five hours a week.

A statement issued by the state educational department, says in part:

"Under the operation of the new part time law and of the raising of the standards for the compulsory education law, Superintendent Churchill hopes through the stay-in-school campaign to hold every boy and girl in school until they have completed the eighth grade. With our remarkable growth in high schools Mr. Churchill is sure that those completing the eighth grade will by that time realize the value of an education so that practically all will go on through the high school."

\$500,000 Bond Issue Planned at Yakima.

Yakima, Wash., March 27.—The county commissioners have passed a resolution for a bond issue for \$500,000 to build permanent highways and the election is called for April 29. If the election is favorable Yakima county can go ahead with its road building program at a faster rate than was recently deemed possible. The commissioners believe the federal government will put up half the money for the needed roads under national government's provision for appropriating certain money for post roads if the state will make an equal appropriation. Now there is available for the next biennium \$250,000 in federal money. The bonds are to run for 10 years, but may be redeemed after four years.

Marshfield—Management of Beaver Hill coal mine undertakes additional development and is increasing output.

A STITCH IN TIME



Egypt Wants Independence.

Paris, March 26.—Leaders of the Egyptian nationalist movement describing their body as "the Egyptian association of Paris" have addressed to M. Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, asking that the conference in accordance with the doctrine of the rights of the peoples as proclaimed by President Wilson, hear and adjudicate the claim of the Egyptian people to national independence apart from autonomy.

Spain Again is put Under Martial Law.

Madrid, Monday, March 25.—Martial law was proclaimed at 5 o'clock this morning. It is understood that constitutional guarantees may be suspended forthwith throughout Spain.

A general strike has broken out at Barcelona. Premier Romanones, who had intended to resign, has declared that he considers it his duty to remain in office.

Health Officer in Skagway First Victim.

Dawson, Y. T. March 24.—Skagway one of the few places on the American continent hitherto free from Spanish influenza, has a case of the disease. Dr. Gabie, health officer, is the victim. Health Officer Clark, of White Horse, also is ill. Governor MacKenzie, of Yukon territory has decided to establish quarantine against white Horse and Skagway for the protection of Dawson.

Motor Service to Parkdale to Start.

Hood River, Or., March 25.—A harbinger of spring, the Fashion Livery company announces that it will resume its regular motor stage service between here and Parkdale on April 1. The concern has just secured a large four-seated bus, which will be put into commission on a daily run between here and Portland simultaneously. Bert Head, who had been at Camp Lewis in army motor service, will drive the big Portland bus.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Fall from Bicycle Fatal.

Eugene, Or., March 24.—Lowell Miller, aged 4 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Miller, 2047 Franklin boulevard, Eugene, died Saturday evening from injuries received Friday afternoon when he fell from a bicycle while riding with Ernest Bettis.

The bicycle struck an obstruction and the boys were thrown to the ground. Bettis was rendered unconscious.

Commission Pursues Officer.

Independence, Or., March 22.—First Lieutenant Raif Floyd's commission has been chasing him over the country since July and reached his family here this week. He has been a first lieutenant for several months and doesn't know it yet. The young man is in New York now. He has just passed his examination and will leave soon for Washington, D. C., where he will further pursue his work as an aviator.

Cottage Grove Soldiers Ready for Organization.

Cottage Grove, Or., March 25.—The service of millions of our men with the colors is going to have a tremendous effect upon the future social, political and economic life of the country, was held in the preliminary organization of the soldiers and sailors of this community at a meeting held in the Masonic temple last week. Among the objects of the organization will be the suppression of monarchy and anarchy and the upholding of clean civil and political ideals. Following this meeting the boys were entertained by the Masonic lodge. After the banquet a number of informal talks were given.

Boring Resident Passes.

Oregon City, Or., March 24.—James W. Roots, for many years a resident of Boring, died yesterday in Los Angeles, where he had went for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Roots was 69 years of age and was heavily interested in property in eastern Clackamas. Mrs. Roots accompanied her husband to Los Angeles. The body will be brought to Oregon City for interment.

Tuberculosis is Fatal.

Sheridan, Or., March 23.—Heavy inroads of tuberculosis among the Indians of the Grande Ronde reservation, 15 miles west of here, is announced by the local doctors. Two deaths have taken place within the last week, and several other Indians are afflicted. The cases seem to be among the younger generation.

Course in Judging Meat is Planned at Corvallis.

Corvallis, Or., March 24.—A novel course to be given young women in the spring course at the Oregon Agricultural college will be one in meat judging under Professor E. L. Potter, of the animal husbandry department. Advance students in home economics will study types of cattle with particular reference to meat judging, meat qualities, cuts of meat and inspection and sanitation. It is planned, in the course of the term, to inspect retail and wholesale markets in Portland.

Highway Work Started.

Eugene, Or., March 24.—Engineers from the state highway commission have started a survey of the Pacific highway between Eugene and the underground crossing at the Southern Pacific track, five miles south, and announce that the commission will advertise for bids to pave this piece of highway as soon as the survey is completed. The pavement will be 16 feet wide with a strip of four feet of macadam on each side.

The commission plans to build an overhead crossing at the intersection of the highway with the Southern Pacific track at McVeigh Point, four miles south of Eugene, and engineers are making a survey accordingly. It will be necessary to change the route of the highway for a considerable distance on each side of the railroad to make this possible.

Pendleton—About 8-miles more of Wild Horse road, passing through Athena and Adams, will be immediately hard surfaced.

PHONE INCREASE DENIAL EXPECTED.

Rate Hearing Before Public Service Commission Ends; Testimony Strong.

Portland, March 23.—After a session, which began last Monday, the hearing of the public service commission on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a general increase in its telephone rates came to a close yesterday afternoon. Within the next seven days protestants of the application will file briefs with the commission, and it is believed that soon thereafter the commission will announce its decision.

J. P. Nowell, consulting engineer for the commission and Fred A. Riech, its utility expert, concluded their testimony for the commission yesterday afternoon, and if the trend of their testimony can be depended on as a guide the commission will deny the company application. Both rapped the company for its heavy overhead expense, red tape and its inefficient service to the public. The proposed tariffs would increase rates on an average of approximately 77 per cent.

BALLOT TITLES ARE FILED.

Numbers Assigned to Bills Referred to Voters.

Salem, Or., March 23.—In keeping with the provision of the state law, providing that any measure referred to the people by the legislative assembly shall be numbered in the order in which such measures are filed in the office of the secretary of state, Deputy Secretary Sam Kozor yesterday assigned the ballot numbers of the various constitutional amendments and measures which are referred to the people at the special election to be held June 3, 1919.

Titles and numbers follow: Six per cent county indebtedness for permanent roads (S. J. R. 11), 300 yes, 311 no.

Industrial and reconstruction hospital amendment (H. J. R. 20), 302 yes, 303 no.

State bond payment of irrigation and drainage district bond interest (H. J. R. 32), 304 yes, 305 no.

Five million dollar reconstruction bonding amendment (S. J. R. 25), 306 yes, 307 no.

Lieutenant-governor constitutional amendment (H. J. R. 31), 308 yes, 309 no.

The Roosevelt coast military highway bill (H. B. 147), 310 yes, 311 no.

Reconstruction bonding bill (S. B. 256), 312 yes, 313 no.

Soldiers, sailors and marines educational financial aid bill (S. B. 269), 314 yes, 315 no.

Market roads tax bill (S. B. 283), 316 yes, 317 no.

Wilson to Ask League Amendments.

Paris, March 24.—President Wilson is said, intends to propose some amendments to the league of nations covenant, one of which is supposed to relate to the Monroe doctrine. It was said here that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, had declined to submit on his own responsibility amendments on this or any other subject.

Southern Oregon asks Retention of Booth.

Salem, Or., March 25.—Joint resolutions adopted by the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, the Ashland Commercial club and the Medford Commercial club have been received by Governor O'Leary declaring the confidence of the people of the southern part of the state in R. A. Booth as a member of the state highway commission. Mr. R. A. Booth is declared to be "wholly incorruptible, conscientious and capable," and his retention on the commission is urged.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

March 24.—Madras—North Unit industrial district carried election for \$5,000,000 bond issue, to be guaranteed by state.

Salem—State fair grounds to be leasing place for airplane fleet.

Pendleton and Walla Walla soon to be connected by permanent highway.

Oregon City fishermen's union again submit measure to limit taking of salmon for commercial purposes to gill nets.

Waldport—Reports from oil field continue encouraging.

Astoria completing reservoirs to supply city 4,000,000 gallons daily.

Salem labor unions and employers adopting voluntary mediation councils.

Tokdo—Yaquina bay sawmill, electric plant and logging road to be in full operation by new company by March 25th.

Willamette valley tile manufacturers are organizing to extend output.

France is in the market for 2,000,000 railroad ties.

Henry Ford looking for water power to establish motor car plants.

Railroad fares from Portland to San Francisco to be increased from \$20 to \$22.50 or full three cents a mile. All special and excursion rates are abolished under new ruling of government operation.

Astoria—California capital planning large milk and vegetable canner to be located here. Greatest obstacle is shortage of suitable labor to milk cows and grow vegetables.

Petitions are out to refer national prohibition amendment.

Portland—N. W. Steel Co. authorized to finish two more steel ships.

Portland macaroni factory has 200 barrel per day driver.

Astoria—Clatsop county cranberries averaged 35 bushels to the acre.

Pendleton to get \$25,000 Standard Oil distribution station.

Echo—Contract let to Warron Co. for \$1,000,000 irrigation project.

Portland school board will cut out school canteens.

Sutherlin—New cannery incorporated here for \$50,000.

Bend to get new theater this summer.

Reedsport and Smith River to be connected by Smith River Mutual Telephone Co.

Prairie—Work on highway between John Day and Fish Creek to start soon at cost of \$111,000.

St. Helens—Contract for new school-house let for \$35,000.

Bon1—Immediate construction to begin on The Dalles-California highway.

Bond—1169 acres of land, 2200 ewes and 209 tons of hay in this vicinity sold for \$75,000.

Linn county to get hard surface roads. First unit of 6.9 miles between Santiam River and Albany to be built this summer at cost of \$163,000.

Highway Commission awards \$146,000 contract for grading and paving of 7-mile Albany to Jefferson road.

Salem—\$500,000 paper mill to be established here.

Twenty-two miles good road will be constructed from Medford to Crater Lake this year by state and county assisted by Federal government. Cost \$246,000.

Marshfield—Coos county dairymen organize to better their herds.

Drummond—New bank established here.

Sutherlin—Cannery and fruit drier to be built here.

Malheur is Interested in Roads.

Baker, Or., March 23.—Baker County good roads boosters, including Engineers Bennett and Kopack, returned this evening from a successful trip to Ontario, where they went to inspect the Baker-Ontario link of the Columbia Highway and to interest the people of Malheur county in completing that county's portion of the project this season.

Malheur county will submit to the voters a proposition to bond the county for \$300,000 at the earliest possible date, and those who attended the Ontario meeting assured their visitors that the bonding election would carry.

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