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SOUTHEAST PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT URGED

**Rousing Meeting at Creston Monday Evening Voices
Sentiments of Patrons from Ten Sub-Districts. Statement Presented to Board**

According to plans previously announced patrons of Franklin High School met at Creston on Monday evening and listened to addresses from various patrons of this section of the city, including G. K. Berry, H. L. Gano, J. J. Johnson, Geo. L. Baker, and S. P. Lockwood, the latter of the City School Board. The addresses and desires of the patrons were summarized in a well prepared report offered by C. A. Elwell, member of a special committee, appointed to present the needs of the district. Mr. Elwell's report was adopted and a committee was appointed to present it to the school board at the earliest opportunity. They will probably meet with the board on Thursday afternoon.

Another matter almost as important to the work of the meeting as the views in regard to the high school, was the feeling expressed in regard to the limitations that have been placed on the use of the school auditoriums for public gatherings. It was expected that the Creston auditorium would be used for the meeting but when the people began to arrive they were informed that they could not gather in the auditorium, according to information from the school clerk, who placed the blame on the fire marshal. Commissioner Baker devoted considerable time to ventilating the absurdity of the fire department's attitude in regard to the use of the school buildings. It looked to him that a building that was safe to house about a third more children than can be conveniently accommodated, ought to be safe for a couple of hundred parents for a couple of hours occasionally.

The Fire Marshall has refused to give permits for the use of any of the school auditoriums in this section of the city, except Richmond. The auditorium at Lents has two double door exits, one at each end of the hall, and from that there are six stairways leading to the lower floor, from which there are seven outlets.

Creston school is practically as well arranged, and most of the other schools are just as well fixed for disposing of a crowd. It appeared to most of those present that the limitations laid down by the fire marshal, and accepted by the board, were absurd, and extremely harsh and unwarranted. Such conditions if carried out will prevent the people of the city from having any of the benefits provided for in a recent legislative act, and keep the buildings closed to all sorts of public gatherings. The report of the committee which will be presented to the Board of Education is as follows, and it presents the needs of Southeast Portland in high school matters, in a very concise and complete form:

The report reads:

WE are met together this evening to present to the members of the school board the need of additional room and facilities in the Franklin High School, the reasons therefore, and the facts that we believe should convince the board of the necessity and propriety of including in the coming school budget of a sufficient sum to provide for these needs. We are aware that many sections of the city are asking for additional school facilities and no doubt they deserve them, but we believe there is no place in the entire district where additional room is needed so badly as in the south east section of our city and we also believe there is no place where an equal expenditure of money can relieve so much congestion and overcrowding as can be done by increasing the number of rooms and school facilities at the Franklin High. By providing sufficient room at the Franklin High you will relieve an abnormal condition in two Grade schools, viz., Creston and Glencoe; also to a great extent you can help relieve the crowded conditions in the Washington and Lincoln High schools, as many pupils from this section are now attending those schools who would attend Franklin if sufficient room and proper facilities were provided.

At present the student body of Franklin High is divided between the Creston and Glencoe buildings, about one mile apart, and in addition to this all art classes have to go back and forth to a store building three or four blocks from the school to receive their instruction, regardless of the weather. This causes a loss of time from their classes that is undesirable and the entire situation is one that prevents a proper supervision and control by the principal.

The student body of the Franklin High consists at present of over 500 pupils and will be augmented in a few weeks by another class that will enter from the grade schools of this section. Figures secured from the Principal of these schools show that there are nearly 300 pupils to graduate at the end of this term and if the same per centage of this class enter high school that have in the past, as shown by the records in the Superintendent of Schools of the office there will be over 200 more pupils from the south east section that will have to be provided with high school facilities next February.

These children and those now attending Franklin High, some of whom have been made to do with make shift conditions for nearly two years, are just as much entitled to proper instruction in all branches, proper physical culture, and suitable buildings fully equipped for all branches of high school work, as any other children in the city. The years in which all of them may receive this education are rapidly passing and if the means are not provided to give it to them now, they will never be able to receive it, as time is never known to turn backward.

We, the parents and tax payers, are willing to bear the necessary financial burden and we expect you gentlemen of the school board to proceed at once to supply the facilities needed in order that our children may receive the education and training that will enable them to battle with life's problems.

Now what is it that we consider necessary? We will bring them to your attention one at a time. 1st. The completion in full of the building now being constructed, including both wings, as soon as possible, in order that there may be sufficient class rooms. As it is being built at present with only one wing there will not be class room enough by the opening of the fall term and there is bound to be over crowding as the result. This fact is so plain that it permits of no argument.

2nd. The construction of a manual training building which shall be equipped for various sorts of manual training for the boys as well as quarters for cooking and sewing for the girls. In as much as the most of our children will be compelled to follow some trade for a livelihood we want them as fully prepared as possible during their school life and we consider that a properly equipped manual training building is the most urgent necessity. We would call your attention to conditions in the present quarters assigned

STILL BITTER MEDICINE.



—Hoppman in New York Telegram.

for that work. The teacher in cooking is trying to instruct 27 pupils with equipment for only 16. Other rooms for vocational work are all up to the limit or past it.

3rd. The construction and equipment of a gymnasium in order that our children may have proper instruction in physical culture and development during inclement weather. We have been informed that a member of the school board has made the statement that this instruction could be given out of doors and while this is true certain parts of the year, and undoubtedly would be preferred by all concerned, we venture to say that not one member of the board would care to take such instruction out of doors during one of our Oregon mists. Furthermore we wish to call your attention to the fact that during a large part of the school year the weather is such that it is necessary to keep the buildings closely shut and the necessity for gymnasium exercise is much greater in order that the pupils may be in a proper physical condition to carry on their studies. We are sure that it will need but very little thought on your part to convince you that a gymnasium is an urgent necessity of the Franklin High school.

4th. In as much as the physical development of our children is as essential to their future welfare as their mental development and in some ways more so as it is impossible to have a healthy mind without a healthy body and as open air exercise when the weather permits is the most beneficial of all kinds we believe that the grounds should be graded at once in order that they may be in shape for use next year and while this work is being done the walks should be laid so that pupils may reach the school buildings without having to wade through mud, water, and wet grass. If this work is put off until next year the grounds will be unfit for use before 1917. As it will cost no more to have this work done now than it would at some future time, we cannot see where there is any economy in postponing it, and urge you to have it done immediately.

5th. The construction of an Auditorium. In as much as it is necessary that all the pupils shall be assembled together at frequent intervals for such purposes as the organization of the school at the beginning of each term, for instruction in singing, debating, etc.; in order that their oratorical and dramatical talents may be developed, and in order that they may hear lectures and addresses by eminent educators, professional and business men, it is necessary that a place be provided where the entire student body may be assembled for such instruction. We leave it to your judgement gentlemen, if you were called upon to address a school upon some vital question concerning educational matters, would you have the time or inclination to visit 20 or 30 class rooms and repeat your address in each room? We think you can readily see that an auditorium is one of the most needed additions to this High School and that you will agree with me that it must be provided for at once.

In closing we wish to call to your attention some figures that should prove both instructive and interesting to the members of the school board. The present enrollment at Franklin High is 515; prospective class in Feb. 1916, 200; prospective class in Sept. 1916, 300; prospective total enrollment Sept. 1916, 1015. Class rooms under construction at present time, 26; capacity at 30 pupils per room, 780; additional class rooms needed next Sept. 8 for 220 more pupils, 12. This does not allow for any transfers from other high schools or for any pupils who may move into this district. We also wish to call your attention to the fact that the first class to graduate from this school will be in Feb. 1918 and that the student body will rapidly increase until after that time as the first classes to graduate are small ones numerically speaking.

We also wish to call your attention to the slow progress that is being made upon the building now under construction. It was expected that this building would be ready for occupancy at the

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ALMEDA A. MILLER LAID TO REST.

The many friends of Almeda McGrew Miller were painfully surprised to hear Sunday that she was no more and that her funeral was planned for Monday forenoon. Death occurred at 3:30 Sunday morning, at her home at 672 East Taylor Street. She had been afflicted for some time with asthmatic tendencies.

Mrs. Miller was born near the present site of the town of Gresham and grew up to girlhood mostly near Lents. She attended school here and in Portland, taking part of the high school course. She began teaching school at sixteen years of age and taught for seven years. She was married October 5, 1904, to B. F. Miller, with whom she lived a devoted wife till the time of her death. She leaves a baby boy born Oct. 7, and a little daughter, Virginia; her husband, and father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGrew, and two brothers Finley and Chester, of Lents, besides numerous other relatives and a host of friends. She was a member of the Artisans, Oregon Assembly No. 1 and of the Grange at Lents. Her cheerful temperament and companionable disposition commended her to all who knew her. Her going will be felt by a large circle.

The funeral was held Monday at 11, at Holman's, Rev. W. B. Moore officiating, assisted by Rev. Browne, and she was laid to rest in Multnomah cemetery.

A WARNING TO NON-ADVERTISERS

When Mark Twain, in his early days, was editor of a Missouri paper, a superstitious subscriber wrote to him saying that he had found a spider in his paper, and asking him whether that was a sign of good or bad. The humorist wrote him this answer, and printed it:

Old Subscriber—Finding a spider in your paper was neither good luck nor bad luck for you. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant is not advertising, so that he can go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward.

Conrad P. Oleson Breaks Parole

Conrad Oleson, arrested several times within the past year for abusing his family, and paroled under condition of staying away from Lents, returned again Tuesday and began making trouble. In the mix up someone shot a load of buckshot at Oleson and he got a considerable portion of it in his face. He was arraigned before Judge Stevenson Wednesday morning and given 100 days and \$200 fine. That will keep him busy for some time. Oleson makes a good trusty as long as he is not allowed to leave the jail.

Ira Kilborn has returned to Lents to live.

A reception was given by the members and friends of Bennett Chapel Wednesday evening in honor of the new pastor, Rev. Brown, and family.

John Conrad is rebuilding and improving what is known as the Regan place on the corner of Foster Road and Buckley Avenue.

Ed Decker and wife of Foster Road are expecting to leave soon for Chicago and other Eastern points, and will be gone six months.

There will a Halloween entertainment and social, Friday the 29th at at Gilbert schoolhouse. The program will begin at 8 p. m.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Moore, of Canby, attended the funeral of Mrs. B. F. Miller, Monday morning, and visited with friends until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman have been entertaining their old time friend and schoolmate, J. C. Craft and wife, who were on their way from Ellendale, N. D. where they have large wheat farms, to their home at Anaheim, Calif.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold their next regular ten cent tea at the home of Mrs. Dr. Hess, 5406-92 st. Wednesday Nov. 3, at 2 P. M. All members and Friends are invited to attend.

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FIREMEN'S BENEFIT TUESDAY EVENING

The Volunteer firemen of Lents are planning a big benefit show for next Tuesday evening. The show will be a money raising undertaking for the purpose of financing a change in the alarm. As this is an undertaking benefitting every body in this part of the city it is probable that the show will be given to a crowded house. Everyone feels obligated to the fire department as it is an institution that stands ready to protect our homes under any and all conditions of danger and weather. The men who are willing to devote their services to such an association should have the encouragement of the public at every turn. The program will consist of an unusually good run of moving pictures, several home talent acts, and special vocal music from a quartette from the Prudential Fire Insurance Company of Portland. It will be advisable to avoid the rush, get tickets before hand, ensure admission as seats will be at a premium if everyone does their duty.

LENTS SCHOOLS WILL HAVE EXHIBIT FRIDAY

A home products exhibit is being planned by the teachers and pupils of the schools at Lents. The exhibit will be open from ten in the morning till noon. The plans were changed owing to a public lecture which the teachers will be required to attend in the afternoon at two o'clock. The children will have all sorts of samples of their home work for show, particularly out of door and garden products, carpentry, samples of sewing, cooking and canning. If previous records are approached it will be well worth the attention of every one in the district, and it will likely excel past efforts.

Fairview Couple Celebrate Wedding

D. S. Dunbar and wife of Fairview, pioneers of 1850, married in Vancouver, Washington, in 1865, celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday evening in the public hall. Two hundred relatives and guests were in attendance. A fine program of addresses and music was rendered and refreshments were served. Mr. Dunbar told of his courtship and wedding and admitted that there was some disposition on the part of his wives parents to delay the wedding as she was only seventeen at the time, but they ran away and came to Vancouver and settled the question. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar are among the best known and dearest of Fairview's "old folks" and they all enjoy hearing him tell of the early days and the experiences of early day pioneers. They were the recipients of many presents and evidences of the high esteem by which they are regarded by their acquaintances.

Little Miss Merritt Gets Surprise

About twenty of the little friends of Miss Louise Merritt of 1st Ave. played a surprise on her Saturday afternoon coming in on her unawares, to congratulate her on the arrival of her twelfth birthday. Each brought her some suitable present with best wishes. After Louise was sufficiently recovered from the shock of surprise she proceeded to entertain her visitors and the afternoon was passed with games on the lawn and nice lunch, after which an old fashioned taffy pulling was engaged in by all. They report a very happy time.

If I Were A Milk Dealer

The following little contribution to the public in reference to the conduct of the milkman was clipped from "System." Perhaps some of the Mt. Scott milkmen might profit by its suggestions:

If I were a milkman, I would make myself known as the "noiseless milkman." I would require my drivers to wear rubber-soled shoes. I would put rubber tires on my wagon wheels, noiseless shoes on my horses' feet, and rubber linings in my bottle-carriers. These precautions would render my delivery service noiseless.

Then I would advertise this feature, and solicit patronage on a guarantee that neither my delivery men nor wagons would disturb the early morning slumbers of the lightest sleepers.

Daily Mails

Mails at the Lents postoffice arrive and depart daily, except Sunday, as follows:

Arrive	Depart
8:00 A. M.	7:15 A. M.
12:50 P. M.	12:30 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	3:30 P. M.