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SEEK TO CREATE HIGH SCHOOL FUND

Petition to County Court Asking That the Question be Placed on Ballot is Being Circulated

OPENS WAY FOR GETTING A SCHOOL FOR THIS CITY

Law Provides for Maintenance from General County Tax

Walter Mayo is this week circulating a petition to the county court, asking that the question of creating a county high school fund be submitted to the voters at the November election. Copies of this petition are being circulated in all the districts of the county with considerable success, and it is practically certain that the matter will be presented to the people this fall.

The county high school fund as designed by the state legislators, is intended for the maintenance of high schools by money secured through a tax levy upon the county as a whole. This lessens the burden that would fall upon any particular district if the entire support of its school devolved upon it alone.

The fund is provided for in Chapter 4 of the Oregon School Laws. This chapter specifies that the county court must submit the question of creating the fund to the voters upon presentation of a petition signed by ten per cent of the qualified school electors. If the question carries at the election, the fund thus created shall be under the control of a high school board, consisting of a county judge and the two county commissioners, the county treasurer and the county school superintendent.

The high school board shall make an estimate of the money required for the instruction of all high school pupils for the ensuing twelve months, and submit this estimate to the county court. This body will then levy a special tax upon all the assessable property of the county, sufficient to raise the money estimated as necessary. This money will then be distributed among the county high schools in amounts based upon the average daily attendance. All schools must meet certain requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education in order to be eligible for maintenance from this fund.

Many counties of the state have already availed themselves of the benefits provided by this fund, and Marion county is merely stepping into line in asking to have the question placed on the ballot. Local people are quite strong for the measure, as they see in its passage the possibility of securing a high school here before this time next year. With such a fund created, it should be much easier to establish and maintain a high school in this city.

VALUABLE HORSE IS DROWNED IN SANTIAM

Giles Thomas lost a valuable two-year-old colt by drowning in the Santiam last Sunday. The animal fell off a high bank along the river's edge, landing in about twenty feet of water. The colt was probably hurt in the fall, and so rendered unable to swim to safety. The accident occurred just above the Salem ditch dam. Bud Davie who is city marshal during Henry Smith's absence in the mountains, helped get the dead animal out of the river Monday so as not to contaminate the water supply.

POLISH COLONY

Plans are well along to plant a large Polish colony in Oregon. The Polish Society of Philadelphia is seeking from 5000 to 10,000 acres of good land in a body suited for this purpose and hopes to bring about 250 Polish families here within the coming year. The society is in correspondence with Oregon people with a view to securing such a tract.

Mulai Hafid, Who Renounces Claims to Throne of Morocco



ANOTHER figure is added to the group of kings and dictators in exile in Europe in the person of Mulai Hafid, until lately sultan of Morocco. This potentate, probably esteeming the doubtful honor of posing as sultan under a French protectorate less safe and pleasant than resting abroad, has formally abdicated his throne with the understanding that an allowance shall be made him by the French government. He has expressed the desire that one of his brothers succeed to the sultanate, and Mulai Youssef, who has held the rank of caliph of Fez and is friendly to France, is said to have been designated. The ex-sultan, who wrested the throne from his brother, Abd-el-Aziz, is well educated for a Moor, is a poet and has written a book. He is said to be an authority on the Moslem religion, of which he is an orthodox adherent. He also had the reputation in the early part of his reign of being a monster of cruelty.

LOCAL BANKS SHOW FLATTERING GROWTH

Increase in Stayton's Banking Capital is \$54,000 Over This Time Last Year

The approach of fall has brought a marked increase in the volume of business of the local banks. This increase is indicative of considerable prosperity among the farmers in spite of the damaging rains experienced this summer. Taken in conjunction with the present good weather and the fact that the loss hereabouts was not so heavy as had at first been feared, prospects are good for a prosperous fall and winter.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank has taken great strides in its brief career, its report in this issue of The Mail showing a total of \$86,418. This is an increase of more than \$3,000 over the last report published June 27th. The deposits have increased more than \$7,500 during this brief period, now totaling \$43,867. This is a very flattering

showing for a comparatively new bank.

The Stayton State Bank's increase has been \$10,886 in the 11 weeks since the last report, bringing its present total up to \$142,980. The individual deposits have jumped from \$66,506 to \$78,511. This bank has safely weathered a hard storm, and its present condition justifies the confidence in which it is held.

It is interesting to note that at this time last year the Farmers & Merchants Bank's total was \$49,500, while that of the Stayton State Bank was \$125,700. This means a growth of \$37,000 for the former and \$17,000 for the latter, or a total increase in Stayton's banking capital of \$54,000 during the year.

WHEAT GROWERS INTERESTED

Oregon wheat growers hope to capture the \$5,000 traction engine and plow offered as the prize for the best five bushels of wheat grown in the American Northwest this year, by the Northwest Products Exposition at Minneapolis, November 12-23. There will be sharp competition for first place. All who enter should ship their five bushels of grain to Will A. Campbell, Minneapolis, in time to reach him by Nov. 1.

TO HELP FARMERS

Uncle Sam proposes to be the big brother of the Oregon farmer. A movement has just been started whereby the Department of Agriculture, the Salem Board of Trade and the Oregon Agricultural College will co-operate to maintain an agricultural specialist in Marion county, and others will soon be placed. The expense is distributed between the various interests, and farmers are advised as to best methods.

PROMOTER ASKS A BONUS OF \$1,500

J. F. Mounce Wants Money as an Inducement to Build a Railroad Into This City

IS IT WORTH \$1,500 TO HASTEN BUILDING OF LINE

Promoter Says Will Finish Road in One Year if Bonus is Paid

The receipt of a new proposition from J. F. Mounce this week again reopens the all-important railroad problem. As heretofore, Mr. Mounce asks assistance of this city, but his demands are this time more reasonable and his terms more logical. Interested parties are now busy sounding the sentiment of the community in order to learn how the promoter's proposition shall be dealt with.

In his present request, Mr. Mounce asks a bonus of \$1500. In return for this amount, he agrees to construct and place in operation within one year, a railroad between this city and West Stayton. As a safeguard to the citizens who contribute to this bonus, he suggests that the money be placed in a bank subject to his demand only when the road shall have been completed and placed in operation. This method of handling the money is eminently fair, since under it the amount would be returned unless the purpose for which it was given were fully carried out.

The provision that the road is to be built only between Stayton and West Stayton for the bonus stipulated, leads many to believe that Mr. Mounce is working in the interests of the Southern Pacific.

A number of our citizens are of the opinion that the road will be built anyway, regardless of the promoter's ability to secure a bonus. There are many more, however, who feel that even though the road should be assured, it would be well worth while to donate \$1500 to secure the line at once. A conservative estimate shows that more than the amount asked would be saved to this city in railroad fares alone within a single year, to say nothing of the money saved on freight, and the other advantages the road would bring. For this reason, a large number think it worth \$1500 to hasten the construction of the line.

Geo. Brewer and wife moved to the Eisenhart place near the Catholic church, on Monday.

His Nemesis Was Surely on the Job

The old saying that "It never rains, it pours," again vindicated its truth in the series of misfortunes that pursued P. L. McNeal, erstwhile Portland chauffeur, who came to Stayton a few weeks ago to operate an auto stage line between this city and Salem.

First the Rose City cops pinched him for joy riding, and caused him to bring one of his two cars to Stayton. Then he figured in a fire in a Portland garage where his other car, uninsured, was totally destroyed, and where he himself received injuries that necessitated considerable medical treatment. Next his infant child broke its arm in a fall; and finally, to cap the climax, his remaining car, a White Steamer, was wrecked by a boiler explosion while on the way to Salem Monday morning.

McNeal had decided to discontinue the stage service, and was bound for Portland with J. P. Wilbur and wife as passengers as far as Salem. Two miles this side of Turner the explosion occurred without warning. The force of the shock was fortunately downward, for had it been carried upward, a fatality would probably have resulted. As it was, the machine was wrecked and McNeal, disheartened, abandoned the car and secured a wagon to carry his passengers and himself into Turner.

TO TEACH JOURNALISM AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Journalism, which is the catalogue word for what the newspaper men usually call "newspaper work," will be among the subjects taught at the University of Oregon this year. The work has been placed in charge of Eric W. Allen recently northwest editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Allen's idea is to keep the work in close touch with the practical newspaper men of the state, and he has also arranged with many of them to address his classes later in the year. The best newspapers of Oregon will be in daily use.

Dr. Beauchamp reports the birth of a ten pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Trask of Lyons on Friday Sept. 6th.

JONATHAN GIVES EXPLANATION OF BILL

Oregon's Senator Explains the Provisions of the Parcels Post Measure Just Passed

BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST OF THE YEAR

New Maximum Weight Is Established For Mailable Matter

In response to many inquiries for information, Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of the senate committee on post offices and post roads, has prepared the following summary of the provisions of the new parcels post law, which will become effective January 1, 1913:

Any article is mailable if not over 11 pounds in weight nor more than 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor likely to injure the postal equipment or employees.

Flat rate of one cent per ounce up to 4 ounces regardless of distance.

Above 4 ounces, rates are by the pound or fraction thereof, and varying with distance as follows:

Rural route and city delivery—First pound, 5c; each additional pound, 1c; 11 pounds, 15c.

Fifty-mile zone—First pound 5c; each additional pound, 3c; 11 pounds, 35c.

150 mile zone—First pound, 6c; each additional pound, 4c; 11 pounds, 46c.

300 mile zone—First pound, 7c; each additional pound, 5c; 11 pounds, 57c.

600 mile zone—First pound, 8c; each additional pound, 6c; 11 pounds, 68c.

1000 mile zone—First pound, 9c; each additional pound, 7c; 11 pounds 79c.

1400 mile zone—First pound, 10c; each additional pound, 8c; 11 pounds \$1. 0.

1800 mile zone—First pound 11c; each additional pound, 10c; 11 pounds, \$1.11.

Over 1800 miles—First pound, 12c; each additional pound, 12c; 11 pounds, \$1.32.

RIVER WORK PROGRESSES

The work being done along the river is beginning to assume tangible form. The task of clearing a new channel to carry the stream directly beneath the bridge is proving a large one, but the workmen are making a considerable dent in the river bed. The work of building cribs across to dam up the present channel is progressing nicely, and will shortly be completed according to present indications.

NORTHWEST LAND SHOW TO HAVE FINE DISPLAY

Assurances of co-operation are being received by the management of the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show from all sections of the north coast country. A letter has just come from Idaho promising that each county in that state will have an exhibit.

Twenty-two different districts in the Northwest states are ready to sign contracts and make a splendid showing and there is every indication that the land show in late November will be a remarkable exposition of soil products. Coupled with it, and held at the same time in Portland, will be the biggest dairy show ever held in the West.

These exhibitions are bound to be of permanent benefit to the whole state and to the neighboring states, which like Oregon, find their greatest asset in the soil and its varied wealth. The show will do much to encourage agricultural development.

Ed Shaefer, a street car conductor of Portland is here with his wife visiting relatives.

ALSO AT ARMAGEDDON.



—New York World.