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INTEREST SHOWN IN HIGH SCHOOL FUND LAW INDICATES ITS PASSAGE

Prominent Men Endorse the Measure, Telling of its Successful Application in Other Counties of the State

With the approach of the election more and more interest is being shown in the matter of adopting the County High School Fund Law in Marion county. Provision for the creation of the fund is made in Chapter 4 of the Oregon School Laws. It will be remembered that 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. The petition has already been successfully circulated in this county, and the question will be placed upon the ballots at the election next month. If it 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 pres-

cribed by the State Board of Education in order to be eligible for maintenance from this fund.

Testimonials as to the success of the system as applied in other counties are numerous and convincing. The Mail is in receipt of a large number of these, and we take pleasure in quoting from a few of them:

Ira C. Powell of Monmouth says: "I consider this one of the best acts passed in recent years for the betterment of the schools, as it enables the smaller country places to maintain the high school grades with an equitable tax."

Says M. W. Mix of Independence: "I cannot say enough in praise of this law. It helps the poor children to gain a high school education that otherwise they would not receive. It should be in every county of the state."

W. J. Turnidge of Crabtree, J. H. Brown of Dallas and many others voice their hearty approval of the measure. The most popular feature of the law is that under it, country pupils may live at home while attending school, thus removing the expense and other undesirable features connected with sending them to high schools in the cities. The adoption of the act in this county is of particular importance to Stayton, as it opens the way for establishing a high school here. As everyone knows this is an improvement that has been needed here for many years.

School Officers' Meeting Was Helpful

It was the almost unanimous opinion of the delegates present at the school officers' meeting held here last Saturday, that the High School Fund Law should be adopted in this county. The advantages of this plan were fully appreciated by the delegates, practically all of whom favored its use in the maintenance of high schools throughout Marion county.

Twenty districts of this section of the county were represented at Saturday's meeting. In addition to the regular delegates, Superintendent Smith, Miss Cornelius and others were present.

Satisfactory reports were heard on the improvements made in the various districts. Eight of the districts reporting had made very substantial improvements during the past year.

Many matters were thoroughly discussed in an informal way, among them being the truancy question, the census enumeration, and school ground improvements. Comprehensive remarks regarding truancy were made by L. S. Lambert of this city. It was decided that corrections to the school census could be made up to December 15th. The discussion of school ground improvements was general, and all who took part believed a large space for a playground to be a necessity.

Superintendent Smith and all others present were well satisfied with the results of the meeting. The delegates were pleased with the discussions that took place, which were of a decidedly helpful nature.

"Honestly, What Are You Running For, the Presidency or For Revenge?"



-From the New York Herald.

PIONEER PASSES INTO GREAT BEYOND

Henry Keene Dies at Home of Daughter in Wendling, Oregon, at Age of Eighty-one

WAS PROMINENT MAN IN SANTIAM VALLEY

Funeral Services Held Wednesday From Local Methodist Church

One of the earliest pioneers of this section passed into the Great Beyond when Henry Keene answered Death's call last Monday, October 21st. He was almost eighty-two years of age. He died at the home of his daughter in Wendling, Oregon.

Henry Keene was a prominent figure in the progress and development of the Santiam valley. He lived in Stayton and vicinity for forty years and witnessed the transformation of Oregon from a wild frontier state to the prosperous commonwealth that it is today.

Mr. Keene was born in Germany in 1830, and came to America in 1851. He lived in Canada for many years, coming to Oregon in 1870. Since then he had resided in the Waldo Hills and in Stayton. While here he occupied the property now owned by J. T. Kearns. Mrs. Keene, whom he married in 1856, died in this city nine years ago. The couple had eleven children, of whom seven survive: R. A. Keene of Los Angeles, Mrs. Laura C. Uren of Spokane, H. A. Keene of Waldo Hills, E. B. and Arthur Keene of Salem, Mrs. Julia Downing of Wendling, and Mrs. Bertha Smith of Portland. All of these except Mrs. Uren attended the funeral, which was held yesterday from the local Methodist church. Rev. T. L. Jones of Brownsville, an old friend of the deceased, officiated.

Mr. Keene was a member of the Turner chapter of I. O. O. F., and the funeral was held under the direction of that order. Many members from the Turner, Aumsville and Stayton lodges attended. During his career, Mr. Keene acted as a member of the State Legislature, and served in many other important capacities. He has left his mark in the development of this section.

BIG RAILROAD DOINGS IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

This is the electric age in the Willamette Valley. Albany and Eugene have celebrated the advent of the interurban trolley and Salem is planning a big demonstration when the new electric system outlined by the Southern Pacific reaches the state capital. President Strahorn of that organization says his people will spend \$2,250,000 within a radius of 25 miles of Salem.

Both the Hill and Harriman systems in the valley are bent on a wide development, it seems, and the future of this section of Oregon never looked so bright. There will be many other cities giving rousing welcomes to these great developers before many months shall have passed.

SHOOTS AN OTTER

Roy Mielke, while hunting at the log pond near town early yesterday morning had the good luck to shoot a full grown otter, three and one-half feet from tip to tip. Roy is justly proud of the feat as he had but a 22 rifle. It has been many years since an otter of this size has been killed here. The pelt is very valuable.

DAIRYMEN NOTICE

A meeting of the Sublimity Dairy Association will be held in Sublimity on Sat., Nov. 2, at 11 a. m. All members are urged to be present. 10-31x E. C. Downing, Sec.

BIG DEMOCRATIC MEETING TONIGHT

County Candidates Will Address People of Stayton at Opera House

Tonight the county Democratic candidates are expected to take Stayton by storm, as a mass meeting has been arranged for at the Opera House. As many of the Democratic candidates as

are able will be present, to speak to the people of this city, and explain the platform upon which they are running. Hon. W. H. Downing candidate for the Legislature is expected to speak.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER EXPLAINS STAND ON BONDS

Wm. Staiger's Candidacy Is Endorsed by the Local Banks; Is Independent Candidate

Editors The Mail:

"In reply to J. G. Moore's statement in the Salem paper concerning the deposits of county funds, he quotes Sec. 1957, Lord's Oregon Laws, entitled 'Larceny of Public Money.'

"If any person shall receive any money whatever for the state or for any county . . . or shall have in his possession any money whatever belonging to such state or county . . . and shall loan, with or without interest, any portion thereof . . . such person shall be deemed guilty of larceny, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than fifteen years and by a fine equal to twice the amount so loaned . . ."

"Mr. Moore takes the position that he would be violating the above law should he deposit county funds with any other than Salem banks. This law does not provide that he shall deposit the above funds with Salem banks, so he is guilty of doing a wrong on his own argument. But it is buncombe to ar-

gue that depositing money in a reputable bank is loaning.

"Mr. Moore's bonds to the county are signed by the presidents of two of Salem's banks, and all county funds, ranging up to half a million dollars, are deposited with these two banks, which sum is not secured by these banks. It is equally as legal, and far more just to deposit a portion of the county funds with each bank in the county.

"My proposition to the taxpayers is to have a bond furnished by a responsible bonding company and require the banks of Marion county to furnish security for the funds on deposit with them, either by depositing with the county, bonds such as are accepted by the state treasurer, or a surety bond.

"-Wm. Staiger.

"Independent candidate for county treasurer.

Mr. Staiger has a large number of friends in this city who are working hard for him and hope to see him elected. His candidacy has the hearty endorsement and support of the Stayton State Bank, the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and many of our local business men. Paid Adv.

PASTOR HAS RESIGNED

The parishioners of the Stayton Christian church have learned with regret that Rev. R. L. Dunn, who has been pastor here for the past year, has tendered his resignation. Rev. Dunn has accepted a pastorate at Gladstone, Ore., and will leave in a few weeks to take up his work there. He will deliver his final sermon here next Sunday.

Rev. Dunn has made many friends in this city, and will be greatly missed here. His successor has not yet been selected.

WOOLEN MILL BUZZING

All departments of the Woolen Mill are in operation on a limited scale. The carding and spinning machines are running regularly and two looms are going. The dyeing is also being carried forward rapidly and before many weeks Mr. Wilbur says he will be shipping out finished blankets.

OREGON APPLE DAY

Eat at least one apple on Apple Day, November 18. Governors of four states will be asked to issue proclamations setting aside this date as a time for eating Oregon's famous fruit. It is said that Oregon people eat fewer apples than Easterners, although they live in the state most favorable for apple production.

HEAVY WIND STORM HITS SANTIAM VALLEY

The Santiam valley was visited by quite a heavy wind storm last Friday night, and considerable damage is reported in town and the surrounding country. Part of the fence surrounding the baseball park was blown down, and several old trees about town were uprooted. A number of electric light poles were torn up, while in the hollow between here and Sublimity the telephone wires were broken. It is reported that some of the startled old-timers took to their cellars, but the later arrivals from Oklahoma and Kansas slept peacefully through what they considered merely a gentle zephyr.

FARMER COMPLIMENTED BY SALEM FARM PAPER

C. S. Bowne, one of the enterprising farmers in the vicinity of Stayton, called on the Homestead one day last week. He reports matters lively on his farm, with thirty cows to milk every day, besides caring for other stock, among which are several head of hogs that he is getting ready to turn off as pork when the price is right. His sow is full to the very top and his barns and sheds have a large supply of other feed, and then there is a large acreage of kale and splendid pasture, all due to the genuine know-how of Mr. Bowne, who is making a success of farming, and always takes an optimistic view of the agricultural industry. Such farmers are what make the country better all the time.—Pacific Homestead.

Mr. Bowne, who is one of the successful farmers of this valley, is well known in the state as well as locally, because of his successful farm methods.

OLD TIMER LEAVES

S. Polreis and wife started yesterday for Anaheim, California, where they expect to make their future home if the California climate comes up to their expectations. Mr. Polreis had a pleasant visit with an old friend of his, Jos. Summer of Chevilla, Washington, this week. Andy Rauscher will occupy the Polreis property.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dalrymple of Hall's Camp visited at the Tom Riggs home the first of the week.

REPUBLICANS TO COME TOMORROW

Candidates of This County Will Speak; Prominent Men to be Present

A public meeting conducted by the county Republican candidates will be held in the Opera House tomorrow night, Friday, Oct. 25th. Many of the candidates will be present, and either

Thos. B. Kay or P. H. D'Arcy will address the gathering on party principles. A large attendance is expected as an invitation is extended to all to come out to the meeting.

FIRST BIG SALE OF SEASON JUST AS WINTER APPROACHES

Chambers & McCune, Big Albany Cloak House, Gives Timely Bargain Offering

Chambers & McCune frankly admit that a backward season and an overstock forces them to adopt this sale plan rather than carry over hundreds of garments. It's an opportunity that every woman, miss and child should take advantage of, for never before have such low prices been quoted on Ready to Wear Apparel so early in the season. A large circular announcing the price concessions has been spread broadcast and out of town people who do not receive one should send their name and address and one will be sent by return mail. The Sale starts Tues-

day, October 29th, and ends Saturday, November 9th.

The finest stock of Suits, Coats, Dresses and Millinery, larger than all other Albany stores combined, will be on sale at lowest possible prices. One of the leading features of the Sale is that all garments will be altered free of charge and express prepaid to out of town patrons.

If you don't receive one of the circulars, just drop a card to Chambers & McCune, Albany's Leading Cloak and Suit Store, Albany, Ore. It's more than worth your while. Paid adv.

FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. Polreis, who started yesterday for Anaheim, Calif., was held Tuesday evening at the home of N. J. Gehlen. Over sixty took advantage of the occasion to wish "Steve" and his wife a pleasant home in their new location.

STREET IMPROVED

Notices have been posted for the grading of West Water street. If no remonstrance is filed in 8 days bids will be advertised for.

RIVER RISES

The Santiam is trying to make a break into Linn county and if the water had continued to rise yesterday it would have made a permanent job of it, but with the falling water it is to be hoped that the work can be resumed soon. Judge Duncan was over to see it yesterday.

P. Diedrich was a West Stayton visitor Tuesday to see about unloading the plate glass for his new building.

Harvey Beauchamp started last Friday for Long Creek Oregon, where he will work in the drug store of his brother, Dr. F. E. Beauchamp.