MAY PACK MEETING

Tax Payers May Rally for or Against Teachers.

SALARY QUESTION TO COME UP

Prospects Are That School Board Will Refer the Matter to Annual District Gathering for Final Discussion.

The teachers in the public schools have asked for an increase of salaries, and it is probable that when their request comes before the Board of Education at its session Monday evening, it will be referred to the annual meeting of school taxpayers, which will take place on the 20th inst. The taxpayers' meeting will be held in Assembly hall of the High School. It has in past years been attended by, on an average, 150 out of a school voting population of about 9000, At the meeting a voter's qualifications are not questioned. He may speak, he may say yes or no, and he may upset the order of the meeting, and the chairman, not having the necessary information at hand, must give him the benefit of the doubt and recognize him.

The powers of the Board of Education show a strange conflict of statutes. Under the law, the board must be elected by school taxpayers. The City Council is elected by all resident taxpayers. The board must appoint all school teachers, etc., but may not levy a tax. The tax may be levied only at a taxpayers' meeting. The City Council, which often has

no taxpayer on its roll, may levy a tax. Dropping comparisons and taking up the annual meeting, it may be said that the gathering will undoubtedly be a live-ly one. Voters who will attend it will, it is understood, be better informed than in past years. The full report of the board will, a director said, be published before the day of the meeting, in order that all voters may have time to read and consider questions that are present-ed to them. Heretofore these questions have been presented at the meetings, and the only discussion has been by orators who are able to gain audiences on such

The annual meeting will in the its regular attendants and others. The others, said the director, may vote either for or against the teachers' petition. It was possible for either side to pack the meeting. Taxpaying friends of the teach-ers might drop in a vote for them, and some others might put in a vote against them. So far as he was concerned, the teachers' salaries were good. Some sdill i inborers did not receive the mininum of \$50 per month paid to the gram-mar grade teachers, and hundreds of the best workingmen did not receive the maximum salary of \$70, even by working longer hours.

The teachers take a different view of the matter, and they have presented to the board a table of the salaries paid in different cities in the country, From this table the following examples are

	operin-	high	gram-	high	gram-
San Francisc	24000	\$3000	\$2160		\$ 900
Detroit	4500	3000	1800	780 780 1000	725
Indianapolis	4500	2500	1200	700 1200	575
Denver		2000	2000	S00 1000	760
New Haven		2000	2500	500 1800	750
Omaha	3600	2400	1330	6.5	6540 7500
Los Angeles	3300	2500	1500	1690	760
Portland, O	r 2500	1700	1500	900 950	700
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Salt Lake (City 2600	2500	1282	712	540
	2000	1700	1250	750 500	700
Spokane	3600		900 1250	900 900	636 750
Walla Wall	a 1500	950	1000	1100 750	850
Wilkesbarre	2800	1800	1f00	700 1100	600

Blanks for statistics had been sent to 125 cities. The average salaries given were: City superintendent, \$3028; prin-cipal of high school, \$2333; principal of grammar school, \$1570; teachers of high school. \$757 to \$1477; teachers of gram-mar schools, \$604 to \$662. The average was for 30 cities, beginning with Denver and closing with Wilkesbarre, which dif-fered from Portland in population by less than 50,000. The maximum rates per month were given for grade teachers in a few Western cities as follows: Sp kane, \$76; Walla Walla, \$75; Tacoma, \$75; Seattle, \$86; Butte, \$75.

PROMINENT CHILEAN LEAVES Commissioner Lanz Greatly Enjoys Inspecting Oregon Products.

Senor Don Enrique Lanz, of Santiago, Chile, commissioner to the Pan-American Exposition, who has been spending a few days in the city, has gone to San Francisco, on his way home. He came here armed with letters from Commissioner Dosch, and expressed himself as highly gratified with the attention shown him by Commissioner Johnson, George Lam-

He was much interested in prune growing, and intends to plant 50 or 100 acres on his estate near Santlago. He saw the Oregon prunes exhibited at Buffalo, and was anxious to learn how they were dried and prepared. He was taken to Vancouver by Commissioner Johnson and shown through the drying and pack-ing establishment of Kelly & Clarke and General Bacon's evaporator. He says they dry their prunes in the open air in Chile and occasionally lose heavily from

He was also interested in Oregon lumber, and says the Oregon lumber exhibit at Buffalo was the finest there. He was taken through several of the large sawmills here, and was much impressed with the manner in which the huge logs | girl's has were handled. He says he has a small sawmill on his estate, and raises popfor trees to be made into lumber. trees are irrigated and grow very fast, and when he gets an order for lumber cuts a tree or two and saws them up. to give them a chance to grow as much

Don Enrique raises cattle, bariey and wheat on his large estate. The best wheat is known as Oregon wheat, A favorite wheat here at one time was known as Chile club. He took several samples of Oregon wheat home with him

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BOY ATTEMPTS SUICIDE wolver over his heart, and the

EIGHTEEN - YEAR - OLD CLARENCE CLARK GROWS TIRED OF LIFE.

A Tiff With a Sweetheart Drives the Lad to Shoot Himself Over the Heart.

Because he had had a little "tiff" with his sweetheart and was unable to secure immediate employment, 18-year-old Clarence Clark, formerly a messenger boy hotel, saw that the injured boy would for the Western Union Telegraph Com. probably bleed to death unless medical pany, became tired of life last night, and he attempted suicide at the Hotel gur J. Hymelinck hurried Clark to Dr. Will-Rheinpfalz, 252 Front street, by shooting himself over the heart. The bullet fortunately struck a rib and traveled around to his back. Clark was taken in the police patrol wagen to St. Vincent's Hosquille examining the wound. So Clark pital, where the bullet was extracted, and

his only known relative in town is a pital.
brother, who is in ill health. Clarence Clark used to live with his father in a curiou scow on the East Side, but when the old man died the boy began to earn his own living as a messenger boy for the Western Union, at the office at Third and Stark street. He is a stout-looking, stocky lad, and several months ago he began to drive a butcher's wagon for the Fulton Market. Third street but he stopped working there about a week ago. He boarded at the Hotel zur Rheinpfalz, and paid his way there regularly. Of late he had telephoned considerably to a girl whose name is not known; in fact, he was so often at the telephone with the receiver glued to his left car that more than one hoarder remarked: "There's that kid 'phoning to his left car that more than one boarder remarked: "There's that kid 'phoning to 'Oh, he did not hurt himself, anyway. his girl again." Letters addressed in a He did it for a 'bluff' all right. Never girl's handwriting used to arrive, and the mind who's talking, perusal of their contents used to bring a sweet, girlish voice.

beaming smile to the boy's face. Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday after-noon Clark met a messenger boy he knows at the Western Union main office, and he said: "Hullo, kid, are there any letters

"Haven't heard of any." said the other boy, while the gloom deepened on Clark's face. He walked to the Rheinpfalz and sat down on a chair near the door and began to read a letter which he drew from his side pocket. Apparently the letter did not afford him much satisfac-tion, for he afterward sat staring moodily into vacancy. Other boarders, mostly men, were scated near him, reading news-papers and magazines. Clark was then

volver over his heart, and the next mo-"Catch him! He'll do it again," shouted several voices. Two men made a spring for the desperate boy, but he waved them aside, and stood there, staggering. His right hand, containing the smoking pistel, shook, and he fired a second time, evi-dently akining for his head, but the bullet went wild, and was afterward picked up on the floor, flattened. Before he could fire a third time he was seized and tue

revolver taken from him.
"What made you do this?" asked Thomas Ryder, a young friend. "Oh, I had private troubles of my own I'm tired of living, and I want to die," said Clark, doggedly. And then he add-ed; "I could not get work."

John Matthiesen, the proprietor of the iam C. Brun's office, 241 First street. where it was found that the patient was shot in the left breast, over the heart pital, where the builet was extracted, and the sound was taken downstairs to Gradon & Koehtt is now thought that he is out of ler's drug store, and was afterward hurried by Policemen Carr and O. N. Smith Clark's father and mother are dead, and | and Julier Roberts to St. Vincent's Hos

curious conversation over the telephone was taking place at the Rheinpfalz, "Bir-r-r" went the telephone, and a young

man went to the receiver and said: "Is that the Rheinpfalz?" asked a girlish

"Is Clarence Clark there? Tell him I want to speak to him at once," went on

the girl. rassed sort of way, and then said: "Well, er-er-the fact is Clarence Clark is not here now. I'm sorry to tell you that he

mind who's talking. Good-bye," said the The young man hung up the receiver, amazed, and when he told the other young men around him of the conversation with

I've seen Clark with a young girl more "Maybe she is the one who wrote the letter that made him blue, and the same girl who has just 'phoned," suggested another man. But the subject proved too hard a nut to crack, and in five minutes the smoking and reading of news-

the fair unknown, one man said: "Huh!

papers went on, and the shooting of Mes-senger Clark was forgotten. Clark was examined at the hospital by for seed.

Don Enrique was taken to call on Mr.

Ewald, the Chilean Consul, and to visit
Balfour, Guthrie & Co. and talk about
wheat, and had a chat with Dr. Cardwell on the subject of prunes, and altogether enjoyed himself immensely while
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(Second Floor.)

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minutes after the shooting, Clark's broth-er was with him, and the meeting between the two orphan boys was touching.

The shooting was about the sole topic of conversation between veteran messenger boys last night, and the usual bit of comment was: "Who'd thought Kid Clark would have done it?"

TO PAINT OREGON SCENES Charles R. Hall to Prepare Canvasses for St. Louis Fair.

Charles R. Hall, who, with two brothers, has an art studio in Omaha, and is about to remove to Seattle, came to Portland yesterday on his way to visit the Cascades, of which he is making an the Cascades, or which he is maxing an oil painting for exhibition at the St. Louis Fulr. The Halls are painting a dozen pictures of Northwestern seeney for exhibition there, three scenes from each of the Pacific Coast States and from British Columbia. The canvas of each will be about 30x50 inches. The pictures are painted from nature at some favorable mood, the colorings being in-dicated at the time by a scheme of color ratings that serve as a guide to the artist when he puts the scene on canvas.

The three pictures for Oregon will be the scene at the Cascades, which will be the scene at the Cascades, which will be called "The Whisper of the Wheel," because fish wheels loom up prominently in it; Mount Hood and moonlight on the Pacific off the mouth of the Columbia. For Washington the three pictures will be Mount Rainier, the Pacific Ocean from the Westersteen shore and sunset on Puthe Washington shore and sunset on Puget Sound. The Yosemite Valley, the return of the Queen at the Golden Gate and the sunlit Sacramento are the scenes selected for California. For British Columbia the pictures will be sunset on the Seikirks, moonlight on the Sound and Fraser River.

Mr. Hall is enthusiastic over the scenery of the Pacific Coast, and thinks these paintings will do much to attract attention to this country. He says that is what made California grow so fast, and if Oregon and Washington can get their scenery before the world they will reap

MR. HUGHES' STATEMENT

HIS DEMAND ON SWIGERT WAS PERSONAL AND PRIVATE.

He Says That He (Swigert) Is No Gentleman, and He (Hughes) Is Merely Doing His Duty.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7 .- (To the Editor.)-As I am repeatedly asked for my side of a subject, to one side of which The Oregonian has devoted several columns, and I am weary of giving repeated ex-planation, I ask for a few lines of space to answer publicly, once and for all.

I am at all times ready to answer to
the public, collectively and individually.

for my action as a member or officer of the Port of Portland Commission, even to the smallest detail. For my private action, I answer to no one save those di-rectly affected thereby. There appears to be an impression that I, as president of the Port of Portland Commission, demanded the resignation of Mr. Swigert as a Commissioner, and that the matter a public one. Such is not the case, My letter to Mr. Swigert was individual, private, personal. To the best of my rec-It was not even written on paper of the Port of Portland. I certain-ly paid the postage on it out of my own pocket, and it was signed by me as an individual. Though I demanded Mr. Swigert's resignation, for the reason that I considered him unfit for the position which he holds I did so on grounds per-sonal between him and myself. He had but to answer the letter as it was written. Had Mr. Swigert been a gentleman, the matter would have remained where belonged. It concerns neither the Port of Portland Commission nor the public. As for the reports of what I have said, ine-tenths of it is pure fabrication.
As for the charge of imperialism, in a
commission which has six votes to one, to the average intelligence the charge ap-pears silly. Had I been the dictator rep-resented, had the Commission even allowed me to do so, I would have put our dredge in such condition last Spring that we would have had none of the gests that Hughes, Swigert and Adams

obstructions in harbor or channel of the last season which so damaged, not alone land Commission, and you suggest that individual shippers, but the reputation of it is up to them "to consider the merits" this port. A 30-inch dredge, having a capacity of 6,000,000 yards per year, and capable of keeping river and harbor open for vessels of any size, would now be at work, instead of one of doubtful capacity

being still in embryo, and a drydock

would now be nearing completion.

The record of the Commission speaks for itself. Believing that it was my duty as a Commissioner to understand any work which I undertook for the public, I have devoted several years of my time and my best ability to a careful study of the work done by this Commission and the means to be employed. I have given my time and best effort to the work of the Commission, doing my best even against the steady opposition of the Com-missioners. If advocating at all times, earnestly and to the best of my ability, what I know to be for the best interests of this port and city, opposing in the same manner what I know to be against them, knowing neither friend nor foe in the work, having no jobs to secure for personal friends, opposing the serving of all private interests, is imperialism, I am an imperialist, always have been, and always expect to be, where the interests of this city are concerned; nor have I that meeting were well aware ever asked, nor do I expect ever to ask, any favors from the public in return for doing what I consider nothing more nor less than my duty as a citizen. If you will give this space in some obscure corner of your paper, I will be greatly obliged. Very truly yours,

ELLIS G. HUGHES.

It might conduce to a clearer public understanding of the merits of this controversy if Mr. Hughes would expose the text of the correspondence that passed between himself and Mr. Swigert. As for The Oregonian's part in this matter, it has endeavored to report the facts as nearly as it could ascertain them; and it does not discover from this letter that Mr. Hughes has corrected it in any par-

Who Should Resign? PORTLAND, Jan. 7 .- (To the Editor.)- should all resign from the Port of Port-

of this rare suggestion." Didn't it ever occur to Commissioner Banfield and to yourself that if he himself alone should resign harmony we be restored to the Commission, as alone has invariably stood with Swigert and Adams in their efforts to thwart the well-matured schemes of Mr. Hughes, who has given both time and attention to the very serious problem of keeping our river open, which neither of the three young combined kickers have done? If Bandeld will take his own medicine harmony will be restored. In the interests of the public, he should swallow the A QUIET LOOKER-ON.

Mr. Richardson Not a Democrat.
PORTLAND, Jan 7.—(To the Editor)—
I notice in this morning's Oregonian that
the Democratic Central Committee, at its meeting last night, recommended me has one of the judges of election for the Eighth Ward. As I have never been a Democrat or affiliated with them during my residence here of over 20 years. I fall to see what their motive was in naming me for the position. It could not posbe a mistake, as many present at was a member of the Roosevelt Republican Club during the last election, and am still a member of that club, being elected secretary for the ensuing two years at a meeting held on last Saturday evening. S. G. RICHARDSON. evening.

BUSINESS PTEMS.

If Raby Is Cutting Teeth.

