

KINDERGARTEN APPEAL

SEEKING CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Members of the Free Kindergarten Association Present a Statement to the Public.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—The past work of the association in supporting kindergartens in this city for some 17 years is already well known. About a year ago the association decided that the time had come when the kindergarten ought to be adopted as part of the public school system of this city, support to be given by public funds. This decision was brought about by the plea of previous subscribers that kindergartens ought and should be made part of the public school system of this city, and the question which was met on every side, "Why do we not have public school kindergartens in Portland?" To further this movement much active work was done by the association in gathering together and publishing information and statistics regarding the adoption of kindergartens in other cities as part of the public school system. One thousand pamphlets were published by the association, and some 400 or 500 personal requests were written and sent out to prominent taxpayers, requesting them to be interested in the question of kindergartens, at which the question of the adoption of kindergartens as part of the public school system was to be considered.

At this meeting a report was presented by the School Board, stating the amount of money that would be needed for the year's work if kindergartens were adopted. The report was read and the members of the association present to adopt kindergartens as part of the public school system and to increase the tax levy one-fifth of a mill, thereby increasing the school fund to the extent of \$200,000. This sum was to be used for the support of public kindergartens. The action of the association which authorized this action is as follows:

"The District Board of any School District of the state of the first or second class, when authorized thereto by the qualified electors of such district, may provide for the establishment and maintenance therein, as a part of the common school system thereof, of schools commonly known as kindergartens, and such schools shall be free to children of the age of six years or under. This statute was passed by the State Legislature some years ago, and it was prepared by Joseph Seal, of this city, and by him presented to the body, through the earnest efforts of Mrs. Rosa Burrell and Mrs. Pratt. It is the opinion of prominent lawyers and judges who have been consulted that the action of the association in carrying out this statute is in direct compliance with this statute.

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Furthermore, the School Board, in regular session on April 8, passed a resolution agreeing to pay over to the Kindergarten Association the \$200 proportionately as it was received from the tax collector, provided that the teachers of the Kindergarten Association obtained such certificates as the board should require, acting upon the recommendation of the board. The association, feeling that now they were to be relieved of the work which they had carried on for so many years, and that at least kindergartens had obtained their rightful place in the public school system, offered to turn over to the School Board the entire work, with all its equipment. But as it was the opinion of some members of the School Board that an association which had carried on the work for so long knew better the needs of the work, and how to meet them, the board requested the association to continue the control of the work for a year, in trust for them, while they would supply the money for its support.

The kindergarten already in operation were better equipped, two new kindergartens were opened, and another already started by a mothers' club in the south part of the city was adopted, making in all six under the direction of the association and representing nearly 400 children. In compliance with the law which regulates such matters, each kindergarten in the department took steps to obtain the necessary certificates which should entitle the teacher to teach in the public schools, and to draw public money, and to each kindergarten was granted such certificate by the regular Board of Examiners.

Thus in every instance the association endeavored to comply with the law and to carry out the requests of the School Board. At the end of the school year they had six well-equipped kindergartens, each in charge of a competent and experienced teacher, and all doing good work. A full record of all business transacted, and of every dollar of money expended, has been kept by the secretary, and at a meeting of the School Board on September 3 a complete detailed report of all work accomplished was presented to them, accompanied by a file of the bills incurred, and a request made that the bills be paid.

At that meeting the following resolution was adopted by the School Board: "Resolved, that it is the duty of the board that it is the duty of the board, H. B. Allen, to turn over to the Portland Free Kindergarten Association 4-4 per centum of whatever portion of district tax for the current year has been collected, and is now in his possession." But as there seemed to be a doubt in the minds of some members of the School Board as to whether they had the right to do what the taxpayers had instructed them to do, and what they had already resolved and agreed to do, the money was not turned over, and the kindergartens were not opened at the beginning of the present school year. The question was taken into court and was then pending for three months, during which time the six kindergartens remained closed.

On December 15, 1901, a decision was rendered by Judge George, of the Circuit Court, which implicitly stated that a special fund, which was raised by tax for the maintenance of kindergartens, should be used for that purpose and that purpose alone. After this decision the \$2000 was at once paid over to the Kindergarten Association by the School Clerk, H. B. Allen.

On December 15 four of the kindergartens were opened in time to give the children a week's work during the Christmas season, and a Christmas celebration. On January 6 the six schools re-opened and all are now in operation and well attended.

Many changes among the teachers were necessary, due to the three months' enforced discontinuance of the schools. As a portion of the \$2000 was used to maintain the schools from January to July, the remainder will barely suffice to continue them to the end of the present school year, and another \$2000 will be needed for the work of next year.

The association regrets that it is obliged to come before the people and ask them to repeat the action of last January. On every hand is met the assertion from taxpayers, "We thought we settled this matter for you a year ago and made the kindergartens a part of the public school system."

system at that time. The taxpayers who made a part of the public school system; but the School Board has not so acknowledged them, and the association is again compelled to ask the people to give expression to their desire in a sympathetic manner that there can remain no doubt in the mind of any one as to what the public wish is regarding this matter.

What the Kindergarten Association ask of this city is not a unique request, but it is the history of the development of kindergartens work in this country, that many cities after they have been maintained by an association of interested persons, who were working for the best good of their city, and then later have been adopted by the School Board as a regular part of the school system.

There seems to be a lamentable lack of knowledge regarding the extent to which this work has been done, and the association wishes at this time to state a few facts. Four years ago the United States Bureau of Education gave the following listing regarding kindergartens as they had been adopted as a regular part of their public school system.

The number of public school kindergartens in various cities:

Table with 2 columns: City, Number of kindergartens. Includes Los Angeles, Cal. (28), Manchester, Conn. (12), Denver, Colo. (11), etc.

These are only a few of the 200 cities and towns then reported, and reliable statistics show that there are now over 1000, making some 400 cities and towns which have anywhere from 100 to 150, the number now existing in St. Louis.

Many foreign countries have adopted them, either partially or wholly, into their public school system, including Ontario, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, Austria, Italy, France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Hungary, Spain and Mexico.

James H. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools, Toronto, Canada, says: "I do not know any educator of standing, either in Europe or America, who does not now recognize the absolute need of the kindergarten as the true basis for an educational system."

William H. Maxwell, Superintendent of Schools, New York City: "The kindergarten has long since passed the experimental stage. It has demonstrated its usefulness."

Henry Sablin, ex-Superintendent of Schools, St. Louis: "There is no longer any question as to the advisability of introducing the kindergarten as a part of the public school system. And expressions of the same kind could be quoted from School Superintendents and educators all over the country."

The cost is not great. The cost of equipment is about the same as in the first grade of the public school, and the same number of pupils. In St. Louis the average cost per pupil per year, is \$13.00; New York City, \$13.00; Cleveland, O., \$14.

An editorial in The Oregonian this week commented upon the great expense of the penitentiary of this state, and another referred to the epidemic of crime among the young boys and youths of this city. What the Kindergarten Association seeks to do for this city is to establish a means of prevention, not reform. Kindergarten is true philanthropy, and common sense. "If the child is saved to a good life there will be no grown man to punish."

Every case of vagabondage has its root in the child. It is not cheaper to establish kindergartens than to maintain courts, and build jails, workhouses, and prisons? If we could get rid of the child, we could get rid of these latter institutions would disappear. "The prevention of crime is the duty of society." But has society the right to prevent a crime if it is not doing nothing to prevent it at the other end?

If the people of this city had even a faint conception of the depth of poverty, degradation, and crime which exist in the North Third street district, and the Albina district, where are located two of the present kindergartens, they would have a better appreciation of the need of these schools for little children and what they stand for; and we have no fear but that these schools would be so firmly established throughout this city that nothing would be allowed to interfere with their existence again.

We again ask the people of this city to interest themselves in this cause at this time, and to give their aid to the public kindergartens in this city or not.

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SUBSIDIES INEFFECTIVE

WORKINGS OF THE POLICY IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Growth of the Merchant Marine in Europe Is Due to Other Causes.

Any candid man must admit that many causes tended to the commercial supremacy of England in the middle of the last century, and that this commercial supremacy involved the supremacy of her merchant marine. When steam first came in to draw the ends of the earth nearer together, England at once took advantage of the quickened mode of transit. She made small contracts with the Cunard line to Halifax and Boston; with the Peninsular & Oriental Company, first to Gibraltar, and later to Egypt, India,

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SCHWAB'S IMPORTED GEMS

Duty Not Paid and He Had to Settle Bill. New York Times. Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, had at breakfast several months ago a guest who cost him \$1250. The guest was H. C. Stuart, the secretary of Collector of Customs Edward Bidwell, who had called on Mr. Schwab to ask him about a little matter of \$1250 which he had been charged with. Mr. Schwab had purchased from a Pittsburgh importing house.

It was learned through a special Treasury Agent in Paris that the stones, which were three in number, had been purchased for Mr. Schwab, and as no record of their arrival in this country was noticed, the matter was looked up. It was learned from reliable sources that the stones had been brought in and delivered to Mr. Schwab. The matter was put in the hands of Mr. Stuart, who had some difficulty in finding Mr. Schwab at home, and after several days' search located him while he was eating breakfast. Mr. Stuart was invited in and made a guest. Mr. Schwab admitted he had the gems, but said that he had not imported them himself, and had no idea that they had been smuggled in.

The gems were taken before Collector Bidwell, who made a report on the incident, and returned the diamonds to Mr. Schwab on the payment of the 10 per cent ad valorem duty. The Treasury Department filed the report, and every one thought the matter closed until some one told about it recently. Mr. Schwab could not be found to give his version of the incident.

Reflections of a Bachelor. Life is a joke as long as you are the joker. The Lord made good women to show us how different men are from each other. Most men can stand their better than success can stand them. The way a man parts his hair has a great deal to do with his character. Most women's idea of an interesting man is one who will flatter them into insensibility. That they wouldn't like to have their daughters know—New York Times.

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