

UP TO TAXPAYERS

Question of Supporting Free Kindergartens.

VOTERS MUST SAY YES OR NO

Monday's School Election Will Settle It—Views of Those Interested in Child Education—What Kindergartens Do.

At Monday's school election, the taxpayers of the district, who alone are entitled to vote, will decide whether or not they desire to have the free kindergartens maintained; that is, taken over by the School Board and made a part of the public school system. The Free Kindergarten Association, under whose control and by whose support the kindergartens have been conducted in the past, have found that the city has become too large for it to keep up with; in other words, it is unable, with the means at its command, to provide enough schools for all the children of kindergarten age, and the members feel that it will be useless to continue their work when it is inadequate to the task at which it aims, that of providing amusement and instruction for all the children in the city whose parents cannot afford to send them to private kindergartens.

The society has been supported in the past largely by the subscriptions of a few wealthy women, and they do not care to make these bear the added expense incident to the growth of the city and the increase of the number of children. An effort was made at the school meeting in January to have the board take over the schools, but the taxpayers present declined to authorize a director to proceed without authority from the directors. The election Monday will probably settle the matter one way or the other, as the school election usually calls out a large vote, and a strong effort will be made to secure an expression of opinion. The members of the Free Kindergarten Association have been very active and between the election and election day will endeavor widely to disseminate a sentiment in favor of the schools. A number of the friends of the movement were seen yesterday, and their interviews are appended.

C. R. S. Wood—If the state ought to educate any one, it ought to begin as early as possible. Many doubt the wisdom of an education being given by the state to any one, and believe that those who desire education will manage to get it, and will value it the more for the struggle. This is a narrow view of the higher branches of the lower. It is of less importance to the state that a man or woman knows Greek than it is that he or she can read English. It is not very important to the state that a citizen can sing or draw—but it is important that he can read and write.

Thomas Jefferson, though in theory an anarchist, understood that under existing conditions, opportunities were not in fact equal in the lives of all men, and poverty was not necessarily the mark of incompetency. Therefore, although he opposed the state aiding the individual in commercial matters, he believed the state itself was so vitally interested in its citizens that it should be paternal in providing a common school education for the children of today who are to be the citizens of tomorrow. This is the idea which lies at the root of the public school system. It is not a charity, but a duty. This duty they should begin at the most effective period: Early childhood—when the nature is most susceptible to influences. It certainly should seek those children, who, by reason of the lack of home advantages, are left much to themselves. The logic of the situation is then that there should be kindergartens because they mold the child at an early age and give such instruction that the kindergarten child can complete his school course one to two years earlier than otherwise, and there should be free public kindergartens, because the masses of the people are unable themselves to provide these schools for their little ones.

The child under six has the same right to instruction as the child over six. He needs it more and will profit by it more. In all the important states and cities kindergartens are part of the public school system. The possible increased rate of taxation is too trifling to be considered. It is less than 25 cents a year as a maximum on \$3000 worth of property. Moreover, that state is poor, indeed, which counts the cost of making good citizens.

I hope the day comes when state aid will not be needed or asked for by any individual benefit, but until that millennium arrives, let us take care of the growing generations, and let us get out in force on Monday and vote for kindergartens as public schools for the little fellows.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise—The question whether the kindergarten should be incorporated as a part of Portland's public school system may be properly discussed from two points of view—the municipal and the educational, or the taxpayer's and the educator's. The prior question undoubtedly is, Will the incorporation of the kindergarten system promote the good of our city? and not, Should the taxpayer be burdened with the cost which the kindergarten entails? I am not unmindful of the fact that the matter of expense must be considered, but, after all, a city cannot be governed solely from the taxpayer's point of view. The taxpayer naturally regards with suspicion and alarm any plan, however meritorious, which is likely to add to his tax bill. Reforms, whether municipal or state or National, which are likely to operate to the cost of the taxpayer, are rarely effected save after opposition and antagonism on the part of those who must bear the expense. In a matter such as this, under discussion, we have the right to appeal from the taxpayer to the citizen and ask him to be as solicitous for the public weal as for private interests. I dwell on this aspect of the subject, because the voters are taxpayers.

It is good cause for hopefulness as to the outcome of the matter that little has been said during the past few weeks respecting the value of the kindergarten as an educational force. There was, for a time, a reaction, a surging back, as it were, of the pendulum from the wholehearted endorsement by educators of the kindergarten, but again, during late years, an equilibrium has been struck showing the preponderance of educational sentiment in favor of the extension of the kindergarten system, under wise and competent management. Fortunately, the question has passed beyond the academic stage in our city and an opportunity has been afforded to those interested in matters educational to observe for themselves the benefits which accrue to the child from the kindergarten. There are some "Educational missionaries," to use President Butler's phrase, who are opposed to any and every educational reform, which threatens the integrity of the "3 R's" system; if any such reside in Portland, I trust that they are not taxpayers. Portland needs the kindergarten. Portland's citizens ought to resolve to meet that need at the coming election. Even Portland's children under 6 have educational rights which Portland's citizens are bound to respect.

W. R. Mackenzie, secretary Free Kindergarten Association—If people knew just what the free kindergartens are doing and how great were their benefits, I am sure that 90 per cent of them would vote

that they should be taken into the public school system Monday. I have found that most of those who talk against the kindergartens do not know anything about them. I myself was not always in favor of them, but since I became interested in them by being elected secretary of the association some years ago, I have learned what is being done. I am very enthusiastic. The kindergartens have been exclusively supported by some half-dozen of our worthy women, and it is not right that they should continue to bear the burden. The kindergartens which are now largely attended by children of parents who have little means, should be extended so as to include children whose parents are in good circumstances, and if they are made a part of the public school system this can be done. If the schools are taken over by the city, it will not stop the gifts of those who are supporting them, it will merely divert their charity into some channel which is better suited to it, for this should not be classed as a charity.

We have been endeavoring to make the benefits of the kindergartens generally understood, and I believe we have succeeded so well that a large vote will be cast in their favor Monday.

H. Wittenberg—I am in favor of all that can be said about the establishment of free kindergartens. I believe that money spent in training youthful minds is money saved, as it tends to lessen the number of criminals, and in that way keeps down the number of reformatories. The kindergarten age is the proper age when the child's mind should be developed in the right direction. Lessons learned at that time are the most lasting. It would be a blot upon the city not to adopt all modern measures in the education of the children. The measure should be taken up and be allowed to grow gradually. I think that the proper rate of taxation would be 31 cents for every \$1000. This is a light rate, and there is not a taxpayer who would begrudge giving such a small amount properly to bring up the youth of the city. The hue and cry raised against the incorporation of free kindergartens with the public school system is largely because of ignorance on the part of those people. I know of many business men in this city who were opposed to the move, but when I explained to them the object and necessity of such institutions, they saw that they did not previously understand the subject, and were then in favor of adopting the system. People have found free kindergartens to be a pleasant and healthful diversion for their children, where they can secure a proper development of the child mind. I hope that the kindergarten measure will win by a large majority, and I shall do all in my power to make it a success.

General Charles F. Beebe—About all that I can say is that I am heartily in favor of having the kindergartens combined with the public school system. I have always been in favor of free kindergartens. This movement ought to have been carried through long ago. The circular issued by the kindergarten association clearly sets forth all that can be said about the measure. It is certain that if the free kindergartens are not incorporated with the public schools of this city the present system of free kindergartens will cease, as the people will not always continue to run them by private subscription. The kindergartens catch the children at just the proper age to place them under influences that will be lasting. The taxation would be so light as to be incorporated with the good derived.

Mrs. R. P. Burrell—I am and always have been heartily in favor of free kindergartens, and have often so expressed myself. They afford an opportunity of education for children between 4 and 6, which they need, and which they can obtain in no other way. I also believe that the time has come when the kindergartens should be made a part of the public school system.

W. D. Wheelwright—I am deeply interested in kindergartens, and believe that they result in great benefit to children. I have been spreading free kindergarten literature where it will do the most good, and will do all that I can to secure a vote in their favor Monday.

ROOM FOR HOTEL PORTLAND

Directors Decide to Make a \$40,000 Addition.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Hotel Portland, it was decided to go ahead with the addition planned some time ago, and work on it will begin immediately. The addition will consist of a large room off the main office, in what is now the western court, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. It will be used on ordinary occasions as a promenade, and when the hotel is crowded, as it is now, and will be many times in the immediate future, it will be used as an auxiliary dining-room. It will be of modern construction, without columns, and will be decorated on the inside to correspond with the handsome interior finishings of the rest of the hotel.

Directors for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: H. W. Corbett, C. A. Dolph, W. M. Ladd, Martin Winch, C. H. Scott, C. A. Langworth, W. R. Mackenzie, W. K. Smith, John McCracken, H. W. Scott, Charles Heggie.

The hotel, under the management of H. C. Bowers, has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity during the past several years, and the report of the treasurer, C. H. Gaylord, showed affairs to be in a condition that was eminently satisfactory to the directors.

The demand for accommodation has often exceeded the capacity of the building, and the overcrowding of the dining-room during the recent conventions determined the directors on making the extension, the ultimate necessity for which has been foreseen for some time. The hotel has grown in fame as the years have gone by, and is now known all over the country as the place to stay on the Coast.

Manager Bowers has added improvements from time to time, and the various apartments such as the ladies' parlor, the grillroom, the writing-room and the cafe, have been taken up one at a time and redecorated under the supervision of the manager until they are now unsurpassed in the West for artistic furnishing and comfort.

With the approach of the Lewis and Clark Fair the accommodations will become still more inadequate, and it is not unlikely that further additions will be made, if the directors shall deem it advisable.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-State Representative T. J. Kirk, of Astoria, is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fulton, of Astoria, are among the guests at the Portland.

Attorney G. C. Moser leaves today for Chicago and Milwaukee on business. He will also visit his old home in Wisconsin. Among the prominent men attending the Masonic festivities in this city are: State Senator J. D. Daly, of Corvallis; Judge J. C. Fullerton, of Roseburg; Dr. J. F. Calbreath, of Salem; Dr. D. A. Faine, of Eugene; and S. H. Friendly, of Eugene.

J. H. Townsend, of Dallas, is a delegate to the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., now in session in this city. Mr. Townsend is a prominent lawyer of his home town, and is the husband of Mrs. Alice E. Townsend, who has just been elected Grand worthy matron of the Eastern Star of Oregon.

Hon. Henry E. Ankeny and wife, of Jacksonville, are at the Portland for a few days. Mr. Ankeny is one of the Republican candidates for the nomination for Governor, who did not work against Mr. Furnish, and "kissed" him at the polls. Mr. Ankeny says he is a Republican, and believes in supporting the candidates of his party. He is attending the Masonic festivities in this city.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland, Ore.—H. C. Guernsey, at the Grand Union.

From Spokane—J. F. Young and wife, at the Imperial.

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(See window display)

"The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop," by Hamlin Garland, \$1.08
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All the Latest Copyrighted Books will be found on sale here at \$1.08

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Some interesting values that will attract scores of eager buyers.

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(See window display.)

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JUDGE THOMAS O'DAY.

He Contents Himself With Giving the Boers His "Moral Support."

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—(To the Editor.)—I am glad that The Oregonian has opened a bureau for assistance for the Boers. But I don't understand why you call upon Boer sympathizers to contribute to the fund. Those like myself, who sympathized with the Boers were anxious to prevent the British Government from robbing these people of not only their homes, but their country. Our advice was not taken, however, and it would seem that those who robbed the Boers of all they had, ought to take care of them. This would indicate a noble spirit, but probably the British victors will not be guilty of showing it in a very high degree.

I don't think that any nation, because it has power or strength, should fall upon a weaker nation and crush it, either in the interests of trade or because it has diamond and gold mines. I think the British are as much justified in robbing the Boers as this country is in robbing the Philippines, and if this imperial policy is to be followed out and the weaker countries are to succumb to the power and strength of the stronger nations; if they are to be looked at all they have and the inhabitants who happen to live through it are to be supported by charity, it seems to me that this ought to

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Cheney's best grade Foulards in this season's leading designs and colorings—All the

\$1.25 grades at 79c yd
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almost to a standstill by his exorbitant price for their principal necessity—dynamite? These little Americans are like the "little" Englishers across the water. They worry themselves to death about the Boers and the Philippines, while weeds are growing in their own onion beds.

They admire Kruger principally because he got away with the boodle. Many of the so-called anti-expansionists failed to get any. That's where the shoe pinches. Thank Heaven that England and America are strong enough and sufficient good-natured to smile at the little fellows who spin round on their own tiny pivots seeking for whom they can de-

vour. And strange to say, the world goes on. TRAVEL

Can Pay on East Side. A citizen who has lately moved to east side of the river writes to The gonian to ask if there is any place that side where he can pay his water rates. There is a branch of the water works office at 250 East Oak street, door to Rafferty's drug store, where there is another branch office of a Russell street where citizens of Albion their water rates.

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