DISCUSS THE SITE

East Side High-School Question Causes Controversy.

NUMEROUS DIFFERENT VIEWS

Some Counsel Abandonment of the Ground Now Owned, While Others Favor Building of New Structure on Property.

While the matter of a site for the new East Side High School will not come up for definite action for at least 60 days, a preliminary discussion will undoubtedly arise at the meeting of the Board of Education tonight. While the taxpayers have voted to bond the district in order to secure funds for the construction of this building, the bonds have not yet been issued and the work of the board tonight will probably consist chiefly in the arrangements for the floating of these bonds.

As one member of the board expressed himself, until the bonds are issued and the funds secured there is not much need to worry about a site. Still the matter of a site has even now developed antagonism, and the suggestion that the vacant block at East Thirteenth and East Washington streets, adjoining the old Central School and owned by the district, be utilized has found many supporters and antagonists.

Favors Present Site.

A large number of taxpayers favor the building of the High School on the property now owned by the district at East Thirteenth and Washington streets on the grounds that there is more than a sufficient space for it; that it is centrally located and that it would avoid the necessity of an expenditure for property. Dr. S. E. Josephi, in favoring this site, said:

"The new High School building certainly ought to be built on the property now owned, that is, at East Thirteenth and Washington streets. I notice that objections have been raised to this site, but they have all simmered down to one of any seriousness. That is, that the close proximity of the new building to the present Hawthorne Grammar School would materially increase the danger of fire. I cannot see the reason of this objection since there would be at least the width of Washington street, were it extended between the two blocks, and that alone is 60 feet. There would be no greater danger of fire there than that which exists between any of our business blocks, and, in fact, no really greater danger than that which exists in the other school buildings.

"Many arguments are to be presented in favor of this site. It is most centrally located and can be reached from all parts of the city by street-car line. Another great argument is that it hardly seems advisable to purchase another block when there is one now owned by the district and vacant. The proposed site is an ideal one and we shall certainly make a fight for its acceptance."

Fenton Favors Site Also.

W. D. Fenton is also strongly in favor of this site. He said:

"I think this location is the nearest central point geographically in East Portland and is the most accessible to all car lines. It is ample in size, and when the building is completed there would be an abundance of space between it and the old Central School. There would certainly be 100 feet clear between the buildings. Under such conditions there would be no more danger from fire than that which exists with the Portland High Schol building. If the interests of the city and the people are to be served it does not seem advisable to even consider another site when we have such a one available.

"There is everything to be said in favor of this site and nothing against it. To my mind the question is not debatable and we shall certainly insist that this site be selected."

Wittenberg Heads Opposition.

H. Wittenberg, a member of the board, is one of the leaders in the opposition to this site.

"We do not want to make a mistake in the matter of such a large building; neither should we be asked to make such a mistake. To my mind the selection of the proposed site would be a very great mistake. In the erection of this building we must take into consideration not only present needs, but the future of the city as well, and I do not think it is to the interest of either the city or the district to place two buildings in such close proximity as would occur if the new High School is built on the proposed site.

"I am unalterably opposed to this site for many reasons. Chief of these is the extreme danger of fire with two buildings so close together. With the number of pupils which would be in attendance at both schools this menace would be a serious one and should not be overlooked.

Danger From Disease.

"Then, again, should some contagious disease break out in one school the other must necessarily be closed as well. Again, the High School will contain what might be called older pupils, and with the younger boys and girls from the Grammar School in practically the same playground, there would necessarily be a large amount of the usual nagging which occurs under such conditions.

"I do not believe in bunching public buildings, and I think the new one ought to be in a prominent place by itself. To secure this an additional tax of one-fourth of a mill will be more than sufficient, and to a taxpayer paying on $1000 it would mean but 25 cents. This certainly would be no hardship, and it would provide for a High School which would be rendered as safe against dangers as possible and provide a sufficiently large playground for generations to come. The matter of playground is apparently overlooked by those who favor the block adjacent to the Hawthorne School, but this is a most important matter. To build the High School on the proposed site would simply mean doing away with the playground now there.

Will Vote Against It.

"I am not in favor of placing the two buildings together and will vote against it to the bitter end. Of course, if outvoted I will have to accept the situation, but I will be on record for all time as being one of those who protested against making such a mistake.

"As I say, I shall fight against the acceptance of this site for the new building, and shall ask the citizens to thoroughly consider and discuss the matter before taking final action."

With such views on both sides of the question, the selection of a site is certain to be marked with much controversy.

The following letter has been addressed by the Taxpayers' League to the directors of District No. 1, in connection with the proposed construction of the High School building:

Portland, Feb. 25.—To the Board of School Directors of School District No. 1, City Hall, city—Gentlemen: It having been determined that a new high school building is to be erected on the east side of the river, and is to be one commensurate with the requirements and a credit to the city, and one that will cost a very considerable sum of money, we respectfully request that in connection with the construction of this building you provide for a competition among architects to secure plans and designs. In view of the character and importance of the building, we believe that the best results will be brought about by securing competition as requested. In this connection, we beg leave to suggest that possibly by conferring with the Portland Association of Architects, you could get some valuable light shed on the subject. Respectfully,

L. J. GOLDSMITH,
Secretary of Taxpayers' League.

FOR MASSACHUSETTS HOME.

Bids for Construction of Building Will Be Opened Today.

Bids for the construction of the Massachusetts State building are to be opened at noon today. State Senator Fairbank, of Warren, Mass., who is the Executive Commissioner from his state, is at present in Portland and will remain until the construction of the building is well under way, when he will return to his home, coming again to Portland by the time the building is completed and the installation of exhibits begins. The specifications state that the building must be completed by April 1.

McCredie Goes to California.

Walter W. McCredie, manager of the local baseball team, left last night for California, where he goes to complete the arrangements for the Spring training of the Webfooters at Bakersfield. McCredie will stop over in San Francisco, and while there will take up with President Bert the tangle over the services of Jay Hughes. He will also engage a man to take charg of the team, a man who will act as trainer and rubber during the time that the team is in practice.

To Have "Drunkards' Crusade."

The local corps of the Salvation Army will institute a "drunkard's crusade" this week. Commander Evangeline Booth has issued a special call to all branches of the army to hold meetings for the purpose of inducing men to abstain from liquor. At the barracks on First street there will be special speakers on each evening during the week, and the efforts of the army will be to get men to be present.

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AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND

G J Wellington, S F
H B Fisher, S F
A W Doer, Salt Lk
O L Sutherland, N Y
C A Werthelmer, Stl
S E Cart, Chicago
P M Daniel, Los Ang
G Gillespie, S F
J C James, N Y
Dr J L Guerin, Seatl
J Kinnel, U S A
W H Hall, Chicago
B T Reed, Seattle
W Chappel and wife, Seattle
W R Lett, S F
G F Bulen, Tacoma
F G Moyer, N Y
R W L Gardiner, S F
A McCarthy, do
C H Bingham, Seattle
C P Orfield, Salt Lk
D D Pike, Wis
A W Rand and wife, Seattle
E C Drummond, St L
L Georges, S F
W R Nash and wife, Grand Forks
G F Train, Jr, S F
E McH Train, S F
F L Carter, San Fran
J I Hunt, San Fran
J Steinberger and wf, San Francisco
L D Hicks, San Fran
E Pick, New York
H B Garden, Mnpls
A T Hellyer, Japan
J Story, Boston
W H Colson, Boston
F J Turnbull, Jr, Chg

THE PERKINS.

C E Moulton, Tacom
J J Toole, Payette
H J Manhart, S F
C F Hurlburt, Junctn
Mrs Hurlburt, do
Miss Hurlburt, do
J S Wildner, Oaklnd
J M Spence, Pendletn
Ted Grenner, Minnpls
Mrs Grenner, do
Miss Grenner, do
M T Nolan, T Dalles
Frank Devenport, Hood River
Mrs Davenport, H R
A B Thompson, Echo
J Wesley, Echo
J A Snyder, Anacrtes
F O Thomson, Seattl
R W Frame, Huntngt
Mrs Frame, do
Chas Wilkins, Pendl
R Cunningham, Idaho
Mrs Cunningham, do
D F Piler, Wenatchee
B F Laughlin, T Dlls
F N Meaderer, Wasco
C L Hubbard, Dallas
T Shea, Dallas
L Schwartz, Vancvr
J M Costa, Junction
O E Calson, Astoria
H E Walker, Springfl
Mrs Walker, do
W H Dickson, do
James West, S F
J L Lombard, Eugene
O W Whitman, Asto
E A Tibbets, San Frn
Mrs Tibbets, do
M Sorensen, do
C C Matlock, Eugene
Frank Smith, do
Jas H Albert, Salem
Mrs Albert, Salem
W B Craven, Coos By
J W Hendricks, Asto
A L Bratten, do
J B Willis, do
C S Norton, Salt Lk
Mrs Norton, Salt Lk
S W Wall, Tacoma
Mrs Wall, do
Jos Lewis, Seaside
T W Wilson, T Dlles
W H Dodge, Blue Rv
E J Stark, Welser
H Travers, Eugene
Robert Burns, Coquil
Fred Langerer, Pendl
Mrs Langerer, do
Sidney Campbell, Asto

THE IMPERIAL.

Geo B Baker, Daytn
M M Godman, Daytn
J F Fink, city
H A Cook, New Rosa
H S Shelton, S F
J Wahlenberg, Pendl
Geo Harris, Phila
W O Hultline and wf, Toledo
J C Sullivan, Salem
M L Bowen, San Frn
F Mistey, Marshfield
O J King, Skamokwa
Mrs W Rickford, Vict
Mrs J O Clemnger, Kalama
W M James and wf, Victoria
W J Church, La Grnd
W J Irwin and wife, Salem
J A Herron, Seattle
J M Nolan and wife, Corvallis
Mrs M W Wallace, Independence
Mrs J S Bohannon, Independence
J S Cooper, Independc
Miss Neva Noland, Creswell
Louise Newland, Cottage Grove
Laura Newland, C G
Chas E Wolverton and wife, Salem
Ben D Boswell, Boswell Springs
Catherine Fooler, Pendleton
H G Van Dusen, Asto
J T McKenney, Tacom

THE ST. CHARLES

J A McEvoy, city
A Peterson, do
H T Groves, do
F Munson, do
R Daver, do
L Judson, do
J C Brown, do
R R Hall, do
J L Lombarch, Eugn
Mrs A Mendenhall
Mrs J Q Hoskins, Hubbard
E G Knighten, city
Mrs Knighten, do
F Jones, Cottage Gr
D S Romans, Kalam
John Wicks, do
F C Lutz, Eddyville
Miss Pierce, Vancvr
Mrs S E Fisk, Clatsk
Miss Fisk, do
Mrs Wetzel
J P Bird, Seaside
E T Wallace, Mist
M O Bryant, Clatskn
B P Morton, Rainier
L A Van Fleet
B McMullen
C Thorn
F E Clark, Yale Wn
W H Herman, Grass Valley
M W Hodge, Dayton
O H Brown, Dallas
R B Graham, Graham's Ferry
L Grafe, Newberg
M Clark, city
IZ N Seelye, Centralia
J B Burton, Gr Pass
Mrs E Hodson, Newbg
H West, Scappoose
H G Loughy, city
J Weston, Westport
Mrs Weston, do
Mrs S D Bacon, N J
Mrs B McPherson, Wasco
W G Odell
A May, Troutdale
Mrs Fleck, Troutdale
F Kunath, Troutdale
G E Linn
J A Fiske
R Johnson
Mrs Johnson
Miss A Suler, Or City
R A Lovegrove, Sacrm
E E Gilliam, Salem
C Breeding
A Dudley, Ft Stevns
E Garfield, do
M Campbell, do
A Garfield, do
E A Sweetland, Fort Canby, Wash
E C Lindsey, Gresham
M Magnese, St Paul
Jessie Talbot, city
J B Stark, So Repd
Mrs Stark, do
J W Gray, St Johns
J Lynch, Gresham
E R Newton, Cleone
L Erikson, city

THE ESMOND

Ben Smith, Seaside
A Klinger, Hubbard
G A Pendleton, do
P W Dillon, Kelso
J Bloyd, do
H H Duff, do
A H Clark, Vancouv
T Salmon, do
C C Buckles, Kalama
H B Jackson, Arlgtn
Mrs Jackson, do
J Malmquist, Heppnr
H Winton, do
N Filun, Astoria
Miss N Thompson, Dallas
W Henderson, Kalam
D Short, Aurora
H C Paris, Ft Stev
G W Curtis, Aberdn
J Doyle, Carson
C Glazer, do
F Davis, city
C Cipman, Falls City
Mrs Cipman, do
J C Elliott, Damascus
J Cafe, Falls City
T Scott, Scott's Mills
G Johnson, Westport
A Olson, Deep River
C F Strichmeier, Stella
W Potter, Monmouth
H Anderson, Stella
A L Shirer, Wolf Ck
J Wray, Wolf Creek
J B Gray, Stevenson
J J Haffey, Cape Hrn
J B Medley, Sauvies
P Castle, do
H Tallmans, Stella
H R Tomlinson, Tacm
Mrs Tomlinson, do
J Hansen, Astoria
E D Fleming, Kalam
Mrs Fleming, do
C T Gray, Toledo
Mrs Gray, do
T A Fowler, San Dgo
Mrs Fowler, do
Miss Fowler, do
S R Young, Salem
Mrs Young, do
J N Burkhard, Clatsk
H Wiencke, do

THE SCOTT.

Miss L Polli, Eugene
A J Albring, Wis
C L Logan, city
Miss N Burton, city
Miss M McCain, Omaha
J N Gass, San Fran
W F Swanson, St Pl
E A Converse, St P
A C Hartnack, S F
W C Hayden, St PCC
J S Wilmot, Oakland
Mrs B W Levens, Baker City
E L Levens, Baker C
Miss M Parr, do
G N Petty and wife, city
W N Petty, city
Miss M Petty, city
Miss A Petty, city
C Healey, St Paul

OSLER IS WRONG

Dr. G. C. Cressey Cites Facts Opposing Theory.

MEN ARE YOUNG AT SIXTY

Speaker Believes There Is No Clash Between Science and Religion if Each Is Properly Understood by Men.

"Science and Religion" was the topic of Dr. G. C. Cressey before the People's Forum last night. In introducing his subject, Dr. Cressey took occasion to reply to the recent statements of Dr. William Osler regarding the age when men ceased to be useful. The speaker said in this connection:

"The utterances of Dr. Osler regarding the lifetime of man's usefulness are totally false, and his ideas are not scientific from any modern point of view. Nowadays people are younger than ever at 50 and 60 and keep their youth. In all the walks of life the greatest accomplishments are invariably due to men beyond the age of limitation as laid down by Dr. Osler.

"Mose of the greatest achievements in the military arts in ancient and modern times have been accomplished by men of advanced years.

Old Man Forms German Empire.

"The greatest political formation of the 19th century, the German Empire, was effected with the brains of men beyond the age of 60. Longfellow, when 70 years of age, wrote poetry equal to any of his earlier productions. In the ranks of philosophy we find James Martineau, when more than 80 years old, writing three mammoth philosophical works, which rank with any of the 19th century."

Proceeding to his main subject, Dr. Cressey said in part:

"There is no reconciliation between Science and Religion simply because there is no necessity for it. Both are parts of one harmonious whole, and both are facts. The discord arises only from unwarranted inferences and theories which the theologian advocates concerning science and the scientist concerning religion.

"The invisible is by all means the most real in the universe. Science leads to the unseen; its theories concerning the origin of things and the constitution of things are purely metaphysical. The scientific spirit may and often does pervade philosophy, theology and all branches of knowledge, but science proper ends with the systematized facts of the material world, and the establishment of certain uniform processes so far as observed. These are called 'laws,' but they are powerless of themselves alone as a legal statute without men behind it.

Religious Theory Most Consistent.

"The theories of the universe based on the facts of religion are more consistent, more free from contradictions, and more inclusive than those based on the facts of physical science. Materialism seeks to explain the world and humanity by ignoring all the greatest facts in human experience.

"The atomic theory, even the nebular hypothesis, end in contradictions, which, if found in religious philosophy, would be laughed to scorn. Any explanation of the world which makes the deepest and most abiding of human sentiments mere illusion of superstition, but ignores the whole gamut of values which universal humanity assigns to its experiences may well be rejected almost without argument. They issue logically in the blackest pessimism.

"Theology, philosophy, science are all kindred, and find their harmony and unity in the transcendant yet practical thought of the imminent God."

Following the address, the usual discussion was held on the subject matter by the members of the Forum.

LEADER HAS QUIT.

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rect primary law is to apply in the coming city contest.

"The need of the hour is for clean, earnest, loyal Republicans to get together, cast out the boodlers and grafters, put up high-class men for city offices on a platform of law-enforcement, and endeavor to retrieve the name of the Republican party of Portland and Oregon from the shame brought upon it by the men who have had the party's honors."

Amos Is Uncomplimentary.

I. H. Amos, chairman of the Prohibition State Central Committee, said: "I doubt if Mr. Matthews' retirement has much effect. I do not know the man well enough to know if his statement can be depended upon, but my inference is that anyone connected with the Republican machine can hardly be depended upon under any circumstances. As to a new leader, the politicians are feeling the pulse of the people. I don't know of any first-class man who wants the job just now, not, at least, before the grand jury and the courts get through their good work. There are lots of substantial citizens in this town, but they have sat like wooden men in the conventions when Matthews was in control. Men like A. L. Mills and W. M. Ladd are regarded as among our best citizens, but they are no better and no worse than Mr. Matthews."

John Bain, of the Municipal Association, gave the following: "I doubt if it will have any serious effect upon the city election. I have no personal acquaintance with Mr. Matthews."

Political Dodge, He Says.

Councilman A. F. Flegel said: "It looks to me like a political dodge. They have got to do some skirmishing now. It's impossible to get out and stay in at the same time. I doubt if it has any effect upon the city election, for a good, strong man on an independent ticket is almost sure to win, I believe. As to a new leader, I would not be surprised at W. B. Ayer, for he has been back of the throne all the time, and if Matthews is out there will still be Ayer. He is regarded as having as much influence with Matthews as anyone in the city."

"I believe that Mr. Matthews can be taken at his word. There is plenty of material for new leaders," said Thomas I. Honeyman.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., said: "I am not interested in politics, except when a moral principle is involved. If a Republican machine would stand for moral reform and enforcement of law, I would indorse that machine. But the present machine as conducted by Mr. Matthews has been a great disappointment in this respect."

Miller Murdoch, attorney of the Municipal Association, had this to say: "Mr. Matthews has done the same thing before when he did not actually retire. I do not see how the convention can get along without him. They will be all gone with Matthews gone and the rest indicted."

El Paso Ashore Again.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26.—The steamer El Paso, from Baltimore for Galveston, with a cargo of steel rails, which went ashore off Cutoff Channel yesterday and later was floated, went ashore again today below Seven-foot Knoll. It is thought the vessel will have to be lightered.