

BOARD IN DESPAIR

School Funds Not Equal to Need for Buildings.

FEWER TEACHERS PLAN

Score of Districts Find Present Quarters Not Adequate and Improvements Are Necessary. Levy for Taxes Limited.

To fix the tax levy for the coming year is the problem now confronting the Portland School Board.

With nearly a score of communities asking for new buildings and improvements to existing buildings on one hand, and a general cry for economy audible almost everywhere, the Board realizes that it will have a hard nut to crack when it tackles this problem.

Under the present policy of the Board all new buildings are paid for out of current funds raised by direct taxation. No improvement work is paid for through bond issues.

Confronted by the stern probability that it will be impossible to reduce substantially the expenditures for new buildings, Superintendent Alderman has devised a plan that will effect a reduction in the number of teachers required.

Segregation of Studies Plan.

His plan is a modification of the system inaugurated and carried out so successfully by William A. Wirt at Gary, Ind. It provides for a segregation of the academic studies in the grammar schools from the special studies. Work in special studies, such as music, drawing, gymnastics, sewing, manual training, domestic science and the like, will be performed by larger groups of from 50 to 75 pupils each.

While one group is devoting its time in one part of a building to special work of this kind other groups will be in the classrooms with their academic studies. Superintendent Alderman proposes to divide the time equally between academic and special studies. Obviously he will have to be arbitrary in designing which studies are academic and which are special. It is possible that such familiar courses as penmanship and spelling will be found in the list of specials. Mr. Alderman believes that they can be taught to classes of 75 as easily as to classes of 25.

Fewer Teachers Proposed.

This system now is being used, tentatively, in one or two of the schools, and can be adopted universally throughout the city next year. A material reduction in the number of teachers can be accomplished, says the Superintendent.

While the Board members realize that a substantial saving can be effected in this manner, they throw up their hands in despair when it comes to economizing on new construction work.

In the first place there are a number of improvements that must be made. One of these is the \$100,000 unit of the Benson Technical High School, which the Board has promised to build next year. The first unit, costing \$100,000, is to be started this year and will be paid for, by S. Benson.

Many Schools Ask Additions.

An addition is demanded for the Franklin High School, which now is being pushed to completion. This new high school building will not be ready

until early next Spring. It is intended to accommodate 550 pupils. Already Franklin has an enrollment of 750. The Board doubtless cannot escape authorizing an addition to this building.

Other improvements seriously considered are a new building for the Terwilliger School, an addition to the Hoffman School, new buildings at Alameda, Beaumont, Capitol Hill to replace temporary portable structures; a new school in Laurelhurst; a new building at Willbridge in place of the portable; an addition to the East School in what formerly was St. Johns; increased ground space at the Holman and Elliot schools; more ground for Washington High and for the Brooklyn School.

Central East Side Wants Structure.

People in the Central East Side also are asking that the new building to replace the Buckman and Hawthorne schools be erected this year. The Board has bought ground for this purpose at East Eighteenth and Ash streets. It is probable that when this new building is erected it will receive a new name. The suggestion has been made that it be named in honor of some heroic character in American history.

While it is not probable that all these improvements can be provided this year, a large number of them are absolutely necessary, and the Board will have difficulty in keeping down this item of expense in the budget.

This year the Board will be permitted to fix the tax levy itself. Formerly a tax-meeting of taxpayers was held for that purpose. The last Legislature changed the law and abolished the mass meetings.

Last year the levy was 5 mills. The year before it was 7.2 mills. The last Legislature also passed a law prohibiting a tax-levying body from increasing the levy more than 6 per cent of the highest levy in either of the two preceding years.

SHOOTING RE-TRIAL IS ON

Charles Hayes Is Charged With Attacking Man Who Aided Him.

For the second time within two weeks, the previous jury having disagreed, Charles Hayes was placed on trial in Circuit Court yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to kill Diego Marciel near Bonneville a few months ago. The evidence shows that Marciel acted the part of Good Samaritan to Hayes, a stranger, giving him food and lodging. The state contends that Hayes returned and shot Marciel through the head the following night, but left Marciel's valuable lying in the wounded man's blood when his money was found to be in form of certificates of deposit.

The evidence against Hayes is purely circumstantial. It consists largely of the fact that he was seen around the place just prior to and after the shooting, and that when arrested he had in his possession a revolver similar to that with which Marciel was shot. This weapon at that time showed evidence of having recently been discharged.

TWO BURGLARIES REPORTED

Woman Loses Furs and Man's Money and Watch Are Taken.

While Mrs. W. E. Armstrong was absent from her home in the Victorian Apartments, 428 Columbia street, Tuesday night someone entered the place and took a set of Alaska mink furs belonging to her and valued at \$212. City Detective Hammerley is making an investigation of the case.

J. F. Watkins, who rooms at the Monarch rooming house, reported to City Detectives La Salle and Leonard that someone had entered his room Tuesday night and taken a gold-filled watch, a bunch of keys and a purse worth \$1 or \$5 in it.

Can you play the game? See page 5, Friday morning.—Adv.

CORN SHOW PRIZES SET

O-W-R & N. EXHIBITS TO BE MADE AT WALLA WALLA DEC. 2, 3, 4.

Awards Aggregate Nearly \$1000 in Cash, Best's Implements for Contest for All Northwest.

Prizes aggregating nearly \$1000 in cash, besides many valuable and useful agricultural implements, will be awarded at the O-W-R & N. Company's annual corn show at Walla Walla on December 2, 3, and 4.

The contest will be open to all parts of the Northwest. Inasmuch as corn-growing has become a well-established industry in the Northwest a large number of exhibitors is expected.

Ten prizes of \$25, \$15, \$10, \$7.50, \$5, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50 and \$2.50, respectively, will be given for the best acre of corn grown on irrigated land. Similar prizes will be awarded for the best acre on non-irrigated land.

Similar awards will be made for the best 12 ears on irrigated land and the best 12 ears on non-irrigated land.

Five prizes of \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50, respectively, will be given for the best display grown on irrigated land by a boy under 18 years of age. Similar prizes will be given in the non-irrigated division. Prizes in the same amount will be given to boys under 18 years of age for the best 12 ears, both on irrigated and non-irrigated soil.

Special prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15, respectively, will be given for the best general displays and a prize of \$25 will be given for the best single ear of any variety at the show.

C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the company, will give \$5, \$3 and \$2, respectively, for the best 12 ears of popcorn.

Additional prizes are: For the best 10 ears of flint corn, a rotary harrow attachment; for best two acres of dent corn on irrigated land, a riding cultivator; for the best two acres non-irrigated dent corn grown by dry-farming methods, a rotary attachment; for the best five acres of corn grown on irrigated land, a corn planter; for best five acres of corn grown on non-irrigated land, a two-horse riding cultivator; for best 10 acres grown without irrigation, a 14-inch combined plow and drill.

Lou S. Smith, assistant agriculturist of the O-W-R & N. Company, offers to the boy or girl under 15 years of age entering the 12 best seed ears of his or her own selection, with story of how the crop was grown, a vest-pocket kodak with two rolls of films. This contest is open only to Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow and Grant counties, Oregon.

EMBEZZLER IS PAROLED

Man Who Stole \$300 Must Not Drink While His Mother Is Alive.

Withdrawing his plea of not guilty and substituting one of guilty, Earl L. Smith, who embezzled \$300 from the Moneyweight Scale Company, drew a sentence of from one to 10 years in the Penitentiary and an immediate parole before Judge Gantenbein yesterday. The conditions of his parole provide that he must not touch intoxicants during the life of his mother; that he must refrain from gambling; refund the money embezzled; remain within the state, and work for his father, F. E. Smith, to whom he was paroled.

Plans of guilty also were made by Arthur C. Graham, charged with forgery; Ollie Richardson, theft of \$98.40 from Bert Allen, and Edmund Winkler, theft of \$98 from the bill of a restaurant at 538 Washington street. All three will be sentenced tomorrow.

PRINTING PLANT ATTACHED

East Side Concern Is Sued for \$1000 on Promissory Note.

Fred J. Brady's printing plant, which he operates under the name of the Press Printing & Advertising Company at 420 East Alder street, was attached yesterday in connection with a

suit commenced by L. G. Carpenter to recover on a promissory note for \$1000. The note was drawn April 3, 1914, in favor of Eugene Blazier and was signed by Fred J. Brady as president and Eugene Blazier as secretary of the Press Printing & Advertising Company. Carpenter becomes plaintiff by reason of an assignment of the note to him by Blazier.

The People's Press, an East Side publication, is issued by Mr. Brady from this office.

Want to win \$401? Look on page 5, Friday morning.—Adv.

The Most Remarkable Values In Trimmed Hats Ever Offered!

To \$17.50 Hats, Special at \$4.95

A FAMOUS CREATOR of artistic millinery has shipped to us by express his entire line of show-room samples—116 hats in all.

—These hats are mostly copies of imported models and are made only of the finest French velvets—and into them have gone the most exquisite workmanship.

—Not one of these wonderful creations has ever been shown here this season.

—They represent the final word in Winter Millinery—no two of them alike.

—We are placing them on special sale—for three days only Thursday—Friday—and Saturday at..... \$4.95

—We could write pages and pages, but it's only by seeing their wonderful diversity in our windows can you appreciate the exclusiveness.

—Black—Brown—Purple—Navy—and Gray are the colors—with an odd one here or there of Grape—or Garibaldi.

Again we repeat—
To \$17.50 hats.....Special \$4.95

The Wonder Millinery

The New Store At Alder and Sixth Streets

BURNED AREA IS SURVEYED

Government Will Reforest 7000 Acres Near Tanner Creek.

C. P. Willis, forest examiner of the United States Forest Service of this district, has returned from a planting reconnaissance of the burned-over area at the head of Tanner Creek, that flows

into the Columbia River at Bonneville. Approximately 25,000 acres of burned land were examined by Mr. Willis, and of that amount he discovered that 7000 acres will need reforestation by the Government officials. Most of the remainder will be naturally reforested. The 7000 acres was found to be burned clear to the mineral soil, and the forest officials will take up the matter of replanting in the early Spring.

Sweden is importing American coal.

COMING

Golden West Coffee Week

October 18 to 23

The Coffee Festival participated in by your grocer and every dealer in food products--an opportunity to buy the genuine steel cut, fresh roasted Golden West Coffee at an unusual price concession. Order early--order a season's supply. Golden West is packed in inner parchment seal cans and stays fresh--No dust--No chaff--Just right!

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