

KINDERGARTEN BILL GRANTS FULL CREDIT

Expressed Approval of Majority of School Board Is Now Obtained.

EXPENSE FEATURE LIMITED

Support of Multinomial Delegation Is Expected by Backers of Public School Plan—Opposition Believed Removed.

The bill prepared by the Portland Kindergarten Association for the establishment of kindergartens in connection with the public school system has been so amended that the majority of education advocates of it believe that with the expressed approval of the majority of the school board which they have just obtained support will be given to it by the Multinomial delegation.

Mrs. S. M. Blumauer, first vice-president of the Kindergarten Council, said yesterday that Superintendent Alderman and a majority of the school board have approved the bill as amended. Because of this, the opposition to the bill in its original form has to a large extent been removed. Mrs. Blumauer thinks the opposition, she feels, was based on a misapprehension that the purpose of the bill was to open the way for numerous kindergartens in public school buildings, and that the cost would be considerable.

The bill has been amended to remove any ground for the misapprehension and definite maximum cost limits have been fixed for the first 10 years.

Expense Is Limited.

The amendment gives to the school board only the power to open kindergartens in the public schools and limits the expense to \$10,000 annually for the first five years. For the second five years the expense cannot exceed \$20,000 annually.

"This amendment specifically limits the cost annually and invests the school board with the sole authority," said Mrs. Blumauer yesterday, "and actually sets forth the ample protection against the school board's authority to determine the number of kindergartens during any particular school year."

Representative Gordon is the Multinomial delegate on the House Educational Committee, and we find there is keen interest in the bill among the kindergartens. We realize that there is a strong tendency to lend aid where most needed and at the same time we realize the responsibility in judiciously enacting laws that will call for funds only where necessity demands.

Many Favor Plan.

"We have found many who express themselves in favor of educational facilities being added for those young children who come from the meager homes in our industrial centers. Hundreds of these children never go beyond the first grade, and the school profit largely by the natural education and training received in the kindergarten under specially qualified teachers."

Mrs. Robert H. Tate, a member of the Council, has pointed out that Oregon is the only state in the Union having no public school kindergartens. "Among our Western States," said Mrs. Tate, "Colorado has 10 kindergartens, Utah 45, Wyoming 27, and Wyoming 10. California has made rapid strides in the past two years, and now has several hundred kindergartens. The Bulletin No. 6, published by the United States Bureau of Education in 1914, gave 85 kindergartens in public school kindergartens."

Pasadena Report Cited.

The superintendent of the public schools in Pasadena, Cal., states that kindergartens are getting greater value from the kindergartens there than from any other single department of the school system. East we have a statement from the superintendent of the New Haven schools that probably every first-grade teacher prefers kindergarten children.

"Their testimony is that these children have more self-reliance, more experience and a larger fund of school information, and a habit of doing school work in conjunction with other children. The superintendent of the Seattle public schools pronounces the kindergartens successful after eight years of experience."

"The Department of the Interior of the National Government urged that Oregon make some progress in the way of kindergartens. The Bureau of Education at Washington has called attention to the fact that Oregon is the only state in the Union without a system of public school kindergartens."

Field Manuscript Brings \$2400.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—It was announced at the close of the allied bazaar last night that the manuscript of Eugene Fields' poem "Little Boy Blue" brought \$2400. It went to John McCormack, the singer.

Collection of Thoughts.

"What are you doing now, Peter?" "I'm collecting." "Collecting what?" "My thoughts." "Gosh, you always were lucky getting light work."

Internal Bathing's Rapid Growth

It is but natural to expect that a relief from Constipation and the many ills which it causes which is so effectual and so natural as Internal Bathing should quickly make many converts.

But its general use has increased so tremendously in the past few years as to suggest other reasons, and these are found in the statements of users that they feel as if "made over new" the morning after an Internal Bath.

The elimination of the persistent and poisonous waste which is ever present in the Lower Intestine gives Nature a chance to work unhampered. And one arises in the morning clear-headed, able, bright, confident and eager for the day's duties.

Mr. F. B. Smith writes: "Dear Doctor—Your 'Cascade' made a new man of me at the age of 40. I persuaded my wife to use the treatment also and today she has better health than ever before. Since the use of the 'Cascade' she sleeps better and can walk for hours without fatigue. Her fingering spells have become a condition of the past; can eat anything on the bill of fare and drink all beverages. Do not take cold when exposed; hot weather does not cause oppression."

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REHEARSAL IS FINE

All Is Ready for Presentation of Opera "Mignon" Tonight.

CAST IS HOME TALENT

Preliminary Presentation Suddenly Interrupted and Amazed Musical Director Is Presented With Wedding Gift.

The first full-dress rehearsal of the Ambrose Thomas opera comique "Mignon," with principals, chorus and orchestra present, took place yesterday afternoon at the Eleventh-street Theater, and was so successful that even the veteran stage hands, scene shifters and others, said at the close: "Good! Very Good!"

The first public performance of "Mignon" takes place tonight, with a repetition Wednesday night. The opera is being presented by home talent, that of the membership of the Portland Opera Association, of which Jacob Kautler is president. Not one of the principals is a professional singer. The costumes come from San Francisco. Otherwise, it's all Portland.

Roberto Corruccini is musical director, and he has trained both principals and chorus. He has been busy in this work for nearly three months.

One of the hardest workers and the best friend the association has is Mrs. Corruccini. She has done much to keep together the diverse elements of the organization, and has secured several principals and many chorus members. She has kept a record of chorus members, with addresses and telephone numbers.

Miss Dinmore is indefatigable as prompter. For a long time she has been piano accompanist at all rehearsals. Her husband is Carl L. Reed, brother of George Wilber Reed. Waldemar Lind is concert master.

The hard work of all these good friends of the Portland Opera Association was much in evidence at yesterday's rehearsal. Everything went in clock-like order. There were not any of the usual hitches so common in many amateur organizations that face the verdict of the footlights.

Soloists and chorus sang splendidly, and the fun in the opera was cleverly accentuated. The principals are Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Miss Inge Anita Hall, Miss Katherine E. Linton (Mrs. Corruccini), George Wilber Reed, George Hotchkiss, Street Otto T. Wedemeyer and Harry Scoullar.

There was one surprise not on the bill at yesterday's rehearsal. Mr. Corruccini was busy with rehearsal work toward the close of the rehearsal, when the orchestra suddenly ceased playing.

"On the matter," demanded the puzzled director, looking up from his music score.

President Kautler came quickly to the astonished bridegroom and informed Mr. Corruccini that, as a recently married man, he required an additional night's rest.

"Therefore," Mr. Corruccini said the president, "on behalf of the Portland Opera Association, I present you with this silver percolator."

Mr. Corruccini returned his heartfelt thanks, and his bride smiled her thanks.

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TAX BOARD WANTED

Mr. Fenton Would Divorce Tax Levying and Spending.

LEGISLATIVE ACT ASKED

Proposed Body in Each County Is Plan and Each Would Pass on All Budgets of Administrations Within Jurisdiction.

Divorce of the tax-levying function from the tax-spending function in Oregon, through creation of a "Public Revenue Commission," is contemplated in legislation proposed to the committee on assessments and taxation in the House of Representatives at Salem.

The plan for the reform legislation, through which it is believed the taxes of the state will be enormously reduced and the returns from their expenditure made more effective, is outlined in a letter which W. D. Fenton has sent to Herbert Gordon, of the Multinomial delegation, at his request, following a conversation on the subject which he had with Mr. Fenton.

Mr. Fenton thinks that the Multinomial delegation will be solidly in accord with the purposes of the proposed measure.

Mr. Fenton in his letter asks that the committee on assessments and taxation draft the measure, offering to cooperate in any manner possible. It may be that the committee will ask him to prepare the draft.

Attorney-General to Aid.

He took the matter up in December with the office of the Attorney-General and received an answer from Mr. Winkle, Assistant Attorney-General, in the absence of Attorney-General Brown, pledging assistance in every possible way from the office in preparation of a measure embodying the ideas set forth for control of tax levies and expenditures.

Mr. Fenton's letter to Mr. Gordon covers in full detail the plan suggested, and in part as follows:

I have been investigating the situation, and particularly the subject of assessment and taxation of property and the expenditure of public revenues in the city of Portland and Multinomial County, Oregon.

I am satisfied that some radical relief must be obtained, and that soon, or I would like to have the committee draft, and a bill to be submitted to you, to be introduced and passed at the ensuing session of the Legislature, or to be reported by the committee for such passage, and to be substantially along the following lines:

The creation of a commission of three members, one of whom shall belong to the minority party, and who shall constitute a commission to be called the "Public Revenue Commission," for the State of Oregon, and all municipalities, school districts, ports, commissions, or other municipal corporations, therein, to be located in each county of the state. The latter shall provide that the first commission should consist of three members, one to be chosen from the majority party, and the first commission to be appointed by the Governor, and to hold office until the next regular biennial election, when their successors shall be chosen, two from the majority party, and one from the minority party, who shall hold office for the term of four years, and to be elected every four years thereafter.

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FIRE INQUEST IS ORDERED

CORONER TO INVESTIGATE DEATHS OF THREE IN NEW ROSS HOTEL.

Lack of Safeguards, Despite Notification by Fire Marshal, Reason for Inquiry.

An inquest upon the deaths of the three victims of Saturday's rooming-house fire will be held at the Court-house tonight, according to Coroner Dammasch, to set at rest the discussion as to responsibility for delay in installing fire prevention fixtures.

To the end that the investigation shall be as thorough as possible, Coroner Dammasch said subpoena had been issued for Fire Marshal Stevens, for Mark Schlusel, agent for the owners of the ruined New Ross Hotel, for Mrs. Ida Morris, the landlady, and for City Attorney LaRoche.

Coroner Dammasch declared that the inquest appeared necessary, inasmuch as discussion had arisen concerning the responsibility of the persons notified by Fire Marshal Stevens of the needed safeguards and of the delay that had dragged on after the notification.

The bodies on which the inquest will be held are those of Taylor Washburn, of Kelso, Wash.; Thomas Logan, of Holbrook, Or.; and Ernest F. Marquardt. All three lost their lives in the early morning fire at the New Ross Hotel, 124 1/2 Front street, on Saturday.

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Portland's Opportunity to Test the "Automatic" Without Cost!

Like Minneapolis, Portland will see the superiority of the Automatic. I am giving 1000 homes the use of this modern, secret service WITHOUT COST until July 1. The only conditions are that you do not have an Automatic now and it will be the only phone used during this time. Call A 6221. Just say you want Automatic service at my expense.

until their successors have qualified so as to be in office on the first Monday in December, 1918.

The bill should provide that it should be the duty of the commission to compile accurate information as to the indebtedness of the county, whether bonded or otherwise, and keep permanent record thereof, to date, and of the annual interest charges, and on account of what fund, and they should in like manner keep a careful check and record of the expenditures, annually of the county and each municipality or other public corporation in such county for the fiscal year ending December 31 of each year, and that the County Commission should annually, and on or before December 1 of each year, submit to the commission its annual budget, and the amount of money needed to be expended by the county for all purposes, for the fiscal year beginning January 1 of each year, and that said County Commissioners should present said budget to said commission.

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LEWIS MEN TALK ROADS

CHEHALIS CITIZENS CLUB HOST TO GATHERING OF 50.

Completion of Pacific Highway Is Urged and Merits of Other Proposed Improvements Discussed.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Last night at the Hotel St. Helens, in this city, the Citizens' Club of Chehalis was host at a dinner given to 50 representative men from every part of Lewis County, representing the various commercial organizations and different neighborhoods. The Lewis County Initiative Delegation was present, including Senator Judd, and Representatives Swofford, Lease and Siler, as were the County Commissioners, R. R. Somerville, Ed. S. Orr and J. T. Bivin. The primary purpose of the gathering was to consider the subject of 1917 road improvements desired in various parts of Lewis County.

Chehalis and Centralia delegations, as well as Toledo, urged the Pacific Highway completion, with a needed new bridge across the Coville at Toledo. The Western Lewis County Civic League desired money for the surfacing of the National Park Highway from Ceres to the Pacific County line on the west, a distance of about 20 miles. Winlock, Vader and Rainier delegations wanted the road surfaced along the double-track railroad line which connects them with the outside world, owing to the long-neglected condition into which that principal highway has been allowed to fall. From Eastern Lewis County points other proposals were set forth on their merits.

N. B. Coffman, of Chehalis, who is a member of the executive committee of the Washington State Good Roads Association, made a stirring appeal for completion of the Pacific Highway from a point of strategic preparedness importance.

The best of spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and it was considered one of the best get-together gatherings ever held in this section of the state.

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