

D. A. GROUT ELECTED FOR THREE-YEAR TERM

Slight Opposition to Long Period of Service Shown.

BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD

School Board Programme for New Buildings Provides for Expenditure of \$3,000,000.

In brotherly amity, with the single dissenting vote of Chairman Drake, the Portland school board yesterday afternoon voted to elect D. A. Grout as superintendent of schools for a period of three years from June 30, 1919, members of the board commending him highly for efficiency and progress during his tenure as acting superintendent following the removal of Superintendent Alderman.

Also, the board, in line with its announced policy of aiding through the reconstruction era, officially ordered preparations for a special election, to be held within 20 days, at which a \$3,000,000 bond issue for new school construction will be submitted to the district.

Clerk Thomas was instructed to prepare the arrangements for such an election without delay, the date to be announced some time during the coming week.

Little Opposition Appears.

Prospects that dissension would arise over the election of Mr. Grout, inasmuch as the educational affairs committee had recommended that he be elected for a one-year term from June 30, 1919, while Director Sommer was known to favor a longer term, were smoothly dispelled when the amendment to the resolution found entire agreement among the board members, with the exception of Chairman Drake.

When the recommendation for the one-year term was read, and opened for debate, Director Sommer spoke in favor of the longer term, advocating a three-year term from June 30, 1919, and that Mr. Grout, as acting superintendent, had demonstrated exceptional ability, that among the applicants for the position, he had been unable to find anyone superior to the incumbent, and requested that consideration be given to the need for sufficient time in which the superintendent might work out his policy.

"I object," said Director Sommer, "to the superintendent being made the annual football, as he has been in the past. If he is the correct man, why not give him a term commensurate with his worth?" Whereupon he moved the longer term.

Confidence in Mr. Grout Shown.

In a flash, Director Thomas had seconded the amendment, though he was one of the three directors who concurred in the one-year resolution. Both Director Plummer and Director Orton also expressed their confidence in Superintendent Grout and their agreeable disposition toward the longer term.

In elaborating upon his vote, Director Plummer said that he had always been a partisan of former Superintendent Alderman, and that he had in nowise lost faith in him. He added, however, that he had become convinced of Superintendent Grout's fitness for the position, and was not disposed to stand in the way of any action for the best interests of the district.

About this time, the meeting was addressed by the acting of Samuel C. May, instructor in Jefferson high school, who started last year in a somewhat celebrated controversy and judgment case, following fistifuffs with a belligerent pupil. Mr. May came up with emphasis, demanding to be heard.

"This is not a question for your discussion," dryly commented Chairman Drake, reaching for the gavel. "Keep your seat."

Mr. Thomas Gets Angry
The insurgent instructor shouted that he stood upon his rights as a citizen and a taxpayer and that his right to be heard should not be ruled down thus rudely. The directors gave their assent, stipulating that he must be brief.

Mr. May harried back to political history of the recent school election, regarding the board that he was a prospective candidate for director at the time that Thomas and Orton announced their candidacies. At that time, he said, he had discussed the situation with the former.

"Mr. Thomas promised me," excitedly exclaimed Mr. May, "that he would need Mr. Alderman's usefulness to be about over, and that he did not believe any local man could handle the situation."

"That's an infernal falsehood," observed Director Thomas, in rising indignation. "I didn't know you at that time."

Mr. May's expression is best described as "pained and shocked." He stared at the brilliant director and vented his "Oo-oh, Mr. Thomas," he reproved. The gavel fell. With Directors Orton, Sommer, Plummer and Thomas voting

for the long-term amendment, and with Chairman Drake snapping out a negative, Superintendent Grout was chosen.

Citizens' Committee Urges Work.
Relative to the co-operation of the school district in hurrying work so that the employment problem may be solved, a committee waited upon the board, headed by Emory Olmstead. Other members were George Trowbridge, William Cornfoot and R. W. Schmeer. Otto H. Hartwig, president of the state federation of labor, and Harry Anderson, president of the central labor council, were also present.

The committee was assured that the board already had prepared a programme calling for \$3,000,000 in new construction, including a new high school in the James John-Jefferson district, and probably ten grade buildings elsewhere, and that its members were unanimous in believing that such action was imperative, not only to meet actual school extension needs, but to aid in the reconstruction work as well.

During the presence of the committee, for which Mr. Olmstead acted as spokesman, the board authorized Clerk Thomas to begin preparations for the calling of a special election to ratify or reject the proposal of the \$3,000,000 bond issue.

School Lodgings Discussed.

As chairman of the war camp community service committee, Mr. Olmstead also reopened discussion of the charge of lodging at the Atkinson school, which had been fitted up to accommodate bedless soldiers and sailors. A fortnight ago, in violation of an agreement between G. J. Stannard, former local secretary of the war camp community service and the school board, an attempt was made to inaugurate the charge. Director Thomas tore down the sign announcing the charge, and all members of the board concurred in his statement that the Atkinson school quarters should not be commercialized.

Mr. Olmstead explained that investigation had proved that it was the announced policy of the war camp community service not to give free beds, unless in case of special emergency, and that the local committee was under the jurisdiction of the higher authority.

Mr. Stannard came in for a severe roasting from various members of the school board, who accused him of double-dealing in not informing them of the true state of affairs at the time the school was fitted out by the board. It was declared by Director Thomas that the board would not have sanctioned such an arrangement, had it known that any attempt to charge was in prospect.

Members of the board, when Mr. Olmstead had made the situation clear, and had added that the war department also held to the policy of payment when possible, agreed that the war camp community service should not be hampered. The matter was referred to the buildings committee for further investigation.

LA GRANDE DRIVE STARTS

Livestock Exposition Mass Meeting to Be Held This Morning.

O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, to be held in Portland the week of March 24, left last night for La Grande, Or., where a meeting of livestock men, bankers and commercial men of Union county has been called by the Union county chairman. The purpose of the meeting is to secure pledges for subscriptions to the fund being raised in a state-wide drive for \$250,000 to cover the costs of the exposition. Half of this sum is to be raised in Portland and the remainder in Oregon outside of this city.

Mr. Plummer is very optimistic over the outlook for the campaign for funds and feels confident that he will return from the La Grande meeting, which will be held in the Union county courthouse at 10 A. M. today, with \$5000 of Union county money in his grip. The quota set for that county is \$4500.

Similar mass meetings will be held at each of the county seats of the state in the near future, according to Mr. Plummer. An organization, he says, has been perfected similar to those of the recent John campaign, and no trouble is expected in raising the full amount.

PIANO COMPANY WINS SUIT

Court Upholds Claim of Excessive Tax Assessments.

Decrees were handed down by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh yesterday in two suits of the Reed-French Piano company against Multnomah county in favor of the plaintiff, which alleged excessive tax assessments.

One assessment was made March 1, 1917, on a valuation of \$20,220, while the real assets were held worth only \$12,201.64. The other assessment was made March 1, 1918, on a valuation of \$43,200, which, it was said, should have been only \$1580. Judge Kavanaugh declared the plaintiff's statements correct.

The county's valuations, it was said, included a large number of piano sale contracts or installments, which had been assigned or sold to brokers in which the piano concern alleged it had no future interest.

ALLEGED SLAYER IN JAIL

Kenewick Man Said to Have Made Murder Confession.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Pat Murphy, accused of the murder of Joe Carter, was brought to Pasco and lodged in jail by the sheriff of Benton county Monday, as the Benton county jail is not considered safe. Murphy and Carter went to Richland together Sunday and Carter's body later was found in the Yakima river with the head crushed and a bloodstained handkerchief found nearby.

Murphy was traced to Pasco and was taken back to Kenewick. Monday he took the sheriff and a deputy to where he had left his overalls, which were stained with blood and, it is said, broke down and made a full confession.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY SUED

\$25,000 Demanded for Failure to Deliver Telegram.

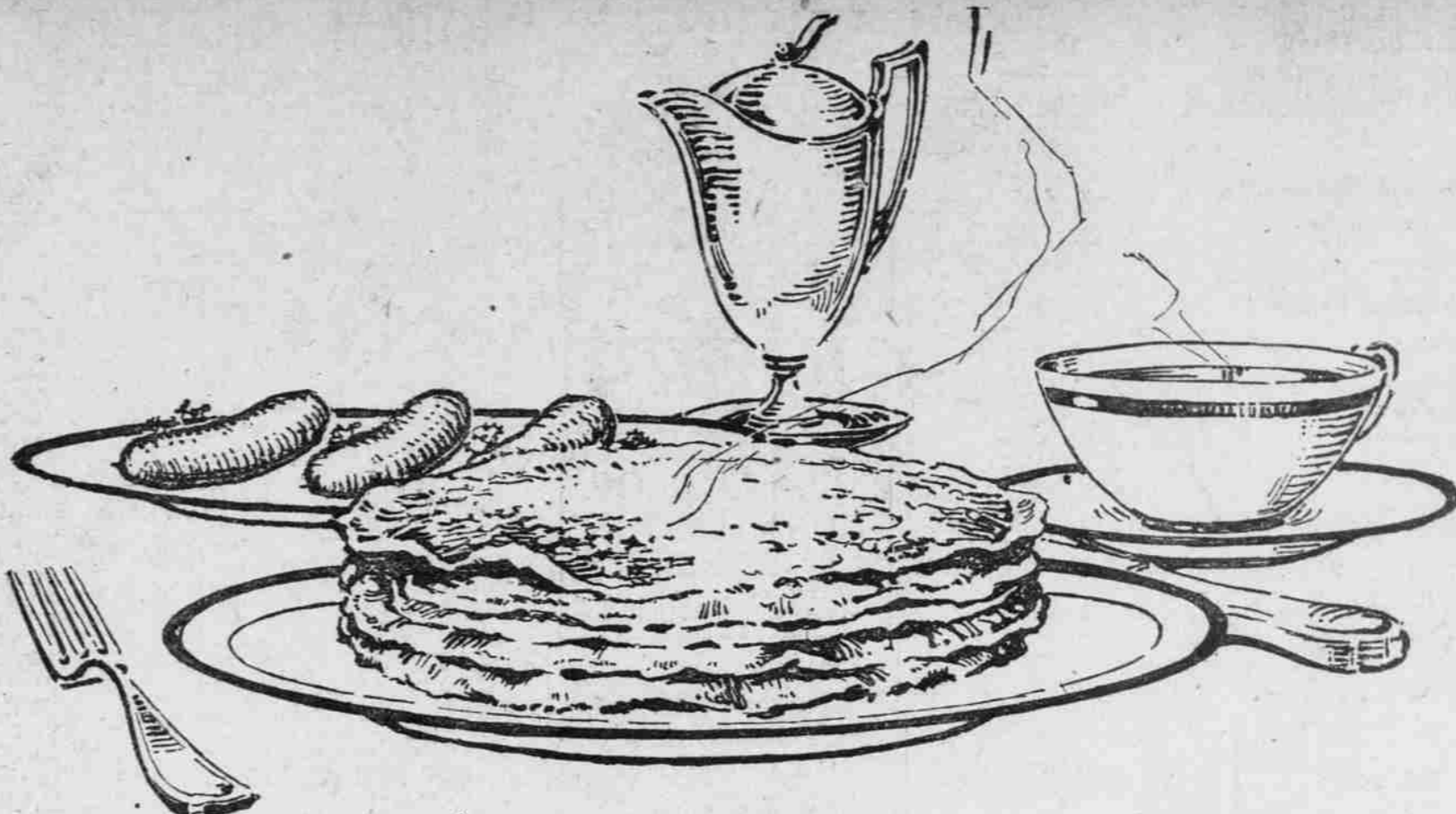
For alleged failure to deliver a telegram costing the sender 75 cents, the Western Union Telegraph company has been sued for \$25,000 damages in an action brought in the circuit court yesterday by Clara Roy Clark.

On the night of July 14, 1918, the plaintiff telegraphed her sister, Mrs. N. C. Love of Baker, from Portland the news of the death of Margaret Ellen Nunn, a sister; Earl and Frank Nunn, nephews, in a collision between an automobile and train near Cascade Locks. It is alleged that the message never was delivered.

HIGHWAY ROUTE IS CHOSEN

Commission Adopts Route From Seuferts to the Deschutes.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—According to state engineers who arrived in The Dalles this week to work on the preliminary surveys and estimates of the Columbia river highway, the route from Seuferts to the Deschutes river has been chosen by the state highway commission. It will follow the original line, approximately along the railroad grade. The new



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TRUSTED INDIAN PAYS FINE

Judge Grants Freedom and Waits Until Redman Obtains Money.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Sam Jones is an honest Indian. He may imitate too freely of drugstore bottles, but financially he meets his obligations in a way that would shame many of the white race. Jones was arrested January 18 on a charge of drunkenness. Haled before City Judge Cates, Jones was fined \$5, but as he had no money and the city didn't want to give him free board, he was granted his liberty. The fine wasn't even entered in the police court docket.

GROWERS ATTACK RATES

Inland Empire Shippers' League Files Protest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Grain growers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, organized as the Inland Em-

pire Shippers' League, filed with the Interstate Commerce commission today an attack upon the 25 per cent increase in freight rates on grain and grain products made by the railroad administration last June.

The complaint of the shippers asserts that the increased rates from points in the three states to Portland, Or., "were, when exacted, and still are inherently and relatively unjust and unreasonable" by comparison with other portions of the general freight rate structure. They ask a return to former rates and reparation.

RAILWAY SOLUTION PUT OFF.

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