

SCHOOLS' WELFARE AS UP TO CITIZENS

Authorization of \$950,000 Tax Levy Necessary.

EARLY ACTION REQUIRED

Building Needs for 1921 Cannot Be Met Unless Taxpayers Act, Says Mr. Newell.

Unless the special tax levy of \$950,000 is authorized by taxpayers in the Portland school district at the regular school election, June 19, the building requirements for the public schools cannot possibly be fulfilled in 1921, and the efficiency of the public school system must necessarily be impaired.

This was the prediction of A. C. Newell, school director, who addressed a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' council at the public office yesterday, in which he pleaded for the support of that organization and all other clubs and persons having the interests of the school children of Portland at heart.

The school board this spring authorized the levy of a special tax of \$950,000, subject to the will of the taxpayers, to take care of an urgent building programme which must be undertaken within the year if the schools are to keep pace with the growth of the city.

Programme Much Delayed. "Based on the present growth of the schools and the building requirements in every part of the city, we are now nearly \$1,000,000 behind the building programme," Mr. Newell told the mothers and teachers. "Hence it is clear that this tax levy, if authorized by the people, will not permit us to catch up with our building programme, but will only permit us to cover present urgent needs."

The speaker pointed out that at present there are 119 portable school buildings in use, while an additional 47 are to be supplied shortly, making a total of 166 portable rooms used by the public schools. This, consequently, means that the school board is 166 rooms behind in its regular building programme.

"In order that there might be no confusion between the two tax levies measures on the ballot at the recent primary election, the Portland school board has refrained at all times from advancing the cause of the local special levy," Mr. Newell told the gathering. "For that reason we now have less than three weeks in which to place the tax levy on the ballot of the schools before the taxpayers of Portland, and in order to insure the passage of this measure, it is necessary every friend of the public schools to lend whatever assistance is possible before the school election."

Yearly Needs Reported. The present needs of the Portland public schools requires the use of 60 additional classrooms annually, Mr. Newell said. With 119 classrooms now in use, this means a 5 per cent increase in rooms needed each year. He likewise pointed out that the \$950,000 tax levy which the board is now seeking will not permit the replacement of any of the 166 portable buildings, but will simply mean that the board can take care of the 5 per cent increase expected in 1921.

So far as the budgeted indebtedness for schools is concerned, Portland shows a lower ratio than most other cities in the country, he asserted. The per capita indebtedness in Portland is \$1.87, whereas in Seattle it is \$3.16, at San Francisco it is \$4.50, at Cincinnati \$2.71, Spokane \$2.41, and Salt Lake \$3.62.

RENTS OF SEVEN PROBED

APARTMENT OWNERS TO ANSWER PROFITEERING CHARGE.

Net Profits Said to Range From 9.8 Per Cent to 68, Which is Considered Too High Rate.

Seven apartment house owners of Portland will appear next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city council chambers before a rent investigating committee composed of representatives from civic organizations to answer to allegations of rent profiteering. The committee is headed by Mackay, deputy city attorney, who for some time has been occupied in obtaining data in connection with the rate of rent in the city. The committee will also be given the names of the apartment houses and names of the owners, to be given the widest publicity, he said.

With two inspectors from the Portland detective bureau, Mr. Mackay has collected evidence against the seven, and it was found that net profits to the seven apartment house owners according to the capital invested range from 9.8 per cent to 68 per cent. According to the deputy city attorney a gross income of 13 per cent from the investment will average a net profit to the apartment house owner about 6 per cent, which rent investigators do not consider too high a rate.

Rent investigation by the city authorities and members of civic orders has been under way for about two months. Investigators base their estimates of rent profiteering upon a pamphlet written by William C. Benker, president of the Philadelphia real estate board, the booklet stating that no profiteering can be possible in cases where the rent for the total invested does not exceed 8 per cent and the gross return 13 per cent.

FORESIGHT DRAWS RAISE

W. L. Palmer Bought School Supplies at Low Level.

Because its purchasing agent, W. L. Palmer, had sufficient foresight to purchase sugar when it was \$8 a sack and made other purchases of school supplies when prices were considerably lower than they are at the present time, the school board Thursday decided he is entitled to an increase in salary. On motion of School Clerk Thomas the salary was increased from \$125 to \$150 a month. Mr. Thomas said the purchasing agent had more than saved his slight increase by his judicious buying.

WAGNALL'S NEWS



Alice Joyce and Herbert Gordon, in the photoplay, "Dollars and the Woman," which will open today at the Peoples theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Rivoli—Sylvia Breamer, "His Second Wife." Liberty—D. W. Griffith's "The Idol Dancer." Columbia—William S. Hart, "The Toll Gate." Majestic—Dorothy Dalton, "The People's Choice." Peoples—Alice Joyce, "Dollars and the Woman." Star—Henry Lehrman, "The Twilight Baby." Circle—Wallace Reid, "Excuse My Dust." Globe—Mildred Harris, "Home."

ALICE JOYCE has the play of the hour in "Dollars and the Woman," which will be shown at the Peoples theater four days, commencing this morning. With the high cost of living rampant and incomes unreasonably reduced, the theme of this extraordinary play by Albert Payson Terhune, dealing with extravagance when money is plenty, not alone is a delight to lovers of good pictures, but is pertinent to the present day mode of living.

As Madge Hillier, Miss Joyce, though extravagantly well-to-do, learns the misery of poverty that when wealth comes again she is not capable of enjoying it. The story is new—up to the minute. Albert Payson Terhune, who wrote "Dollars and the Woman" is a well-known newspaper man and author. The son of Rev. Edward Payson Terhune, he was graduated from Columbia university in 1892, at the age of 21 and two years later undertook an extensive trip through Syria and Egypt, traveling on horseback. During the two years he spent on this trip he made a thorough investigation of the desert settlements and lived for some time among the Bedouins of the desert. Upon his return he became associated with the New York Evening World, where he has since remained and where he has gained a world-wide reputation as a writer.

Screen Gossp. For the man, woman or child who desires a western picture, "The Toll Gate," the new William S. Hart production opening today at the Columbia theater, is without flaw, according to Manager Raleigh. It is a typical western, he declares, having in the invariable hold-up, train wreck, shooting match, fist fighting, chases and other outdoor features, of the type which is the finest he has ever seen, Mr. Raleigh says. "The Toll Gate" was written by Hart and his director, Albert Hillier.

Just before leaving Universal City, where he has been actively engaged for the past six weeks, to return to New York, Carl Laemmle, president of the Big U, outlined a programme of the company which is to be busy for months to come and which will provide a feast of pictorial fare to furnish the hearts of both exhibitors and theater goers. "Maramba," a tale of the South Sea islands, starring the beautiful Edith Roberts, has already been started to answer to allegations of rent profiteering. The committee is headed by Mackay, deputy city attorney, who for some time has been occupied in obtaining data in connection with the rate of rent in the city.

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Socially tonight will be a busy time. There will be the hostess dance at the Waverly Country club with especially attractive features and some delightful surprises. It will be the marriage of Miss Helen Morgan and David Hunter Gowan at the E. Shelley Morgan residence with all the lovely attendants and the beautiful flowers and appointments that go to make up a smart wedding.

The marriage, also, of Miss Marian Akers and Richard Word will be of interest to their many friends. The drama league will present a Bernard Shaw programme tonight at the Little Theater and this, too, will be attractive.

Miss May Laura Myers returned yesterday from Mills college. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. MacIntyre of Joliet, Ill., are in the city for two or three weeks, visiting Mrs. MacIntyre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jesselyn. Mr. H. L. Gannon, who has been in the city, will be remembered as Dorothy Jesselyn and was married in Portland in 1917. This is their first visit to Portland in some seven years.

Mrs. Helen Lamar entertained the Social Study club Tuesday evening at an interesting afternoon in the Iris apartments. The members were the guests of Mrs. J. C. Hare at the previous meeting, when "Zachary Taylor" was the subject studied.

Rev. R. H. Sawyer, pastor of the East Side Christian church, and his daughter, Miss Jessie Lynne Sawyer, who will leave Wednesday for New York, whence they will sail for London to attend the convention of the British-Israel World federation, were the honor guests at a large reception given Thursday evening at the church by the members of the church and congregation.

He is Gannon, one of the officials of the church, presided, and the programme was opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Edith Chapman Eddy. Vocal solos were given by Eugene Chisholm

SENATE PRESIDENCY

Zest Added by Possible Succession to Governor.

FIVE ASPIRANTS KNOWN

W. W. Banks, Roy W. Ritner, B. L. Eddy, I. L. Patterson and J. C. Smith Said to Be Receptive.

Keen competition is expected for the presidency of the state senate in the 1921 session. What adds zest will be the possibility of the president of the senate becoming governor at the primary election the people approved of the constitutional amendment changing the executive chair in the event of the senate president being unable to serve.

There usually has been a skirmish over the presidency, but with the new incentive the organization fight will be marked with even more interest. As a rule, the senate is composed of 30 members, 28 of whom want to be on the ways and means committee and the other two want to be president. With the new law of succession the ratio of aspirants has been changed so that five want to be president and only two content with chairman of the ways and means.

Primaries Make Change. The primaries produced a marked change on the organization situation, but there are still five known aspirants for president, with a few more in a receptive mood. W. W. Banks of Multnomah, and Roy W. Ritner of Umatilla, have been speaking for support since the close of the regular session in 1918. B. L. Eddy of DeWitt is another aspirant and I. L. Patterson of Polk has his lightning rod up and so has Louis Lachmann of Clatsop.

Dr. J. C. Smith of Josephine is considered in a receptive condition. Had he been renominated, Julien Hurley of Malheur county might have tried his luck, and Ira Smith of Coos county was an expectant, but for unknown reasons finally decided not to file his declaration as a candidate for nomination.

On the house end there is a contest looming for the speakership. Louis E. Bean of Lane county is a candidate and T. J. Gallagher of Malheur county is another. The speaker for the last special and regular sessions was Seymour Jones of Multnomah, but this may mitigate against Mr. Kay, and Marion county's attitude on the subject of the speakership is not considered the most kindly feeling toward that county.

Election is Assured. Eastern Oregon may offer a candidate for the speakership as well as for president of the senate, Denton Burdick of Deschutes, and F. J. Gallagher of Malheur, are not far from the speakership if they saw it coming their way.

While the senate considered a bit previous to plan the senate and house organization before the final election in November, the general election will make little change in the prospective personnel. The candidates successful in the primaries are almost without exception, with no opposition, and, at all events, the various senators and representatives who are elected will be either already members of the legislature, as hold-over senators, or their election as representatives is a foregone conclusion.

Women's Activities

MRS. M. J. SWEELY, president of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. L. T. Norton, chairman of the scholarship loan fund of Idaho, will be guests of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs at their convention in Enterprise, June 1 to 4, inclusive. Mrs. C. H. Castner, who received this message yesterday at Hood River, stated that Oregon would not be any drastic changes in the list of the Idaho women.

WOODBURN, Or., May 28.—(Special)—The Woodburn Women's club held its last meeting of the year in the form of a community picnic at the home of the vice-president, Mrs. H. P. Butterfield, on the Pacific highway, Wednesday afternoon. Reports from the county federation were given by Mrs. Della Overton of Woodburn and Mrs. Ottovay of Aurora. The new officers were installed and a basket luncheon served. The Rural club of East Woodburn and representatives from the Aurora Women's club were guests. Mrs. A. E. Austin, Mrs. F. G. Havemann and Mrs. LaFayette Law are delegates to the state federation meeting at Enterprise.

EUGENE, Or., May 28.—(Special)—Mrs. D. E. Moran was elected president of the women's auxiliary to the Eugene chamber of commerce at the annual meeting of the organization last night. She succeeds Mrs. Otto Gillstrap, who has served in that capacity during the past year. Other officers are Mrs. E. L. Chambers, vice-president; Mrs. E. H. Fields, secretary; Miss E. Kaytor, treasurer, and Mrs. Fred Brown, corresponding secretary.

WATER WORKS AT STAKE

Suit on Old Mortgage Brought Over Gold Hill Property.

GOLD HILL, Or., May 28.—(Special)—A suit in equity has been filed in the United States district court at Eugene which involves the title of the diverting works and canals on Rogue river of both the city of Gold Hill and the Gold Hill irrigation district.

The plaintiff alleges that \$25,000 is due him with late a residue of \$10,000, 6 per cent per annum from December 1, 1902, together with attorney's fees in the sum of \$4000, on a certain mortgage secured by a former grantor to the Bowden Mining company, which covers these water-right properties.

These Men Lead

"Digest's" 11,000,000 Poll

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THE LITERARY DIGEST'S national presidential poll of 11,000,000 voters is now in its seventh week, and the results are of more than usual interest as the date for the Republican National Convention approaches. More than a million and a half votes have been counted up to date, and they sound the depths of political feeling in every part of the nation. The votes, state by state, of thirty-five candidates are tabulated in this week's DIGEST. In scanning this tabulation it is noticeable that since the Southern states have become more adequately represented in the balloting, the disproportion between the total number of declared Republican and Democratic voters is not so great.

Don't miss reading THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, May 29th, not only because of the article showing how more than one million and a half voters have declared their choices for the Presidential nomination, but for the additional satisfaction you will derive from reading these articles.

The Collapse of High Prices in Sight

The Meaning of the Wave of Price-Slashing That Has Swept Over Clothing and Dry Goods Stores The Hopes of the Socialists The Sims-Daniels Row British Vision of "An Irish Republic" How Spain Pays for War Recovery of Southeastern Europe City Growth and Rural Loss Expert Opinions on Coal Prices The Promise of Cheaper Shoes Syria's Self-Determination (Translations from the Arabic Press) Preventing Crooked Weights and Measures

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MOTOR TRUCK ADVERTISING

The four hundred thousand manufacturers and business men who subscribe for THE DIGEST are interested readers of the advertisements of Motor Trucks which for seven years have appeared in its

pages in greater variety and number than in any other periodical. The advertising contents of this issue, May 29th, are of unusual interest to those about to invest in transportation equipment.

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SAM KOZER TAKES OATH

BOND FILED FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

First Official Act is Signing of Warrant Under Rehabilitation Act—John Cochran Deputy.

SALLEM, Or., May 28.—(Special)—Sam A. Kozar, nominated for the office of secretary of state at the republican primary election last Friday and later appointed to the office by Governor Olcott, today filed his bond and took the oath of office before Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride of the Oregon supreme court.

Mr. Kozar's first official act was to sign a warrant under the rehabilitation act. He later announced the formal appointment of John Cochran as deputy secretary of state.

It is not believed there will be any changes in Mr. Kozar's office force, nor will there be any drastic changes in the conduct of the department. Mr. Kozar has been in entire charge of the office since Governor Olcott's advancement to the executive chair in March, 1919, and is well acquainted with the duties of the department.

W. P. HAWLEY JR. FINED

\$10 Assessed for Fast Driving—Another Speeder Loses Cycle.

W. P. Hawley Jr. of Oregon City, who was arrested by Motorcycle Patrolman White on a charge of speed-

KNOT PROVES HARD ONE

Maxfields Fated Apparently to Go On Together.

Two attempts to sever the matrimonial knot that bound W. Elmer Maxfield and Hattie B. Maxfield have failed and the couple must continue the relation, they have fought over for some time.

The pair had been employed in fruit orchards in California and Mrs. Maxfield came north for her health. She took a boarder to support herself, and

PIONEER, 85, FELICITATED

David A. McKee of Woodburn Celebrates Birthday.

WOODBURN, Or., May 28.—(Special)—The 85th birthday of David A. McKee was celebrated last Sunday by his children and other relatives, who gave him a complete surprise at his home in this city and found the pioneer and Indian war veteran as hale and hearty as he was 20 years ago. There were present four sons and four daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Those present were: Wiley McKee and daughter Eleanor of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McKee, Goldendale, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McKee and children Marion and Margaret, of Wasco, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. McKee and daughter Ruby, Monitor,

Advertisement for ALUMET baking powder, featuring a woman in a kitchen and text describing the product's quality and benefits.

Advertisement for Butter Nut Bread, featuring a woman holding a loaf of bread and text describing the bread's fine texture and ingredients.

Advertisement for Horlicks Malted Milk, featuring a cow and text describing the product as a safe milk for infants and invalids.

Advertisement for POMPEIAN OLIVE OIL, featuring a bottle of oil and text describing it as a nutritious diet for all ages.