

NEW ELECTRIC PLAN FOR STATE IS SURGED

H. B. Miller Takes Exception to Deductions Made in S. B. Huston's Article.

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Privilege of Towns and Rural Districts Combining to Provide Benefits for Themselves Declared for Good of All.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Representative S. B. Huston's article, published Sunday in full in The Oregonian, headed "Hydro-Electricity Not Advocated," has clouded the public mind as to the purposes of the measure presented by the Hydro-Electric Commission for discussion at the commonwealth conference at the State University.

The question presented was that of a measure for the purpose of creating a public utility district combining two or more municipalities, combining a single municipality with the rural district surrounding it, or combining a number of municipalities with an extensive rural district, for the purpose of providing public utilities, such as light, pumping plants, water, heat, power, etc. The question was not, as appears in the article above referred to, hydro-electric power versus steam power. It was not hydro-electric power versus steam power. The proposition under consideration is that which these powers is the most efficient, economical and useful. The problem was primarily that of giving the municipalities and rural districts about them the right and privilege, if they so elect, to create public utility districts for the development, extension and use of such public utilities as they may find necessary and essential for the improvement and development of their territory.

As the law of Oregon now stands, a municipality may have that right within itself to create these public utilities, but there is no law by which a municipality may combine with the rural district about it for the creation of a public utility district. The Hydro-Electric Commission in its investigations for the extension of the use of these powers particularly discovered this deficiency existing in these laws and in the Hydro-Electric Commission's bill, and it is this bill, however amended, which is now before the legislature.

The bill provides that these districts may issue bonds for this purpose and carry on the enterprise under the control and direction of a board of directors created by this law. The main motive which the Hydro-Electric Commission has in presenting this measure is to assist in the real development of the state and especially of the rural districts, and it is under this law that there are many possibilities for small districts, rural districts with light and heat for their households, pumping plants for irrigation, power for many agricultural purposes, such as milking, washing, house-cleaning, cultivating and, possibly, plowing land, as is done in Italy. In fact, it would make the water powers of the state do much of the farm work that is now done by animal and human power.

Our hydro-electric survey has revealed to us the fact that rural districts in many parts of the world are doing these things successfully. With the splendid powers in this state we believe the same can be done here, and will be done by the people as soon as they understand the benefits to be derived therefrom. The bill that we have prepared requires that before any funds are invested by a district for this purpose it shall apply to the Railroad Commission for a survey of the conditions existing and secure a report from said Commission as to the practicability of the enterprise. We provide in the bill, however, that even if the Railroad Commission should report against this development a district may, if it so elect, proceed with its construction. It is, however, hardly to be expected that a careful and practical investigation by the Commission and an adverse report by them would result in a continuation of the enterprise.

It is argued by the existing utility corporations that more power is already developed than can be disposed of at a profit and that what the country needs is not further development of powers, but a market for those already in existence. The Hydro-Electric Commission fully comprehends the truth of this statement. It appears to us, however, that this very fact that there is more power developed than is used requires some reorganization, some rearrangement, of the laws so that these powers may be used.

It is not intended in any sense that this law should do any injury to invested capital, nor is it believed that such will be the result. On the other hand, it is believed by the Commission that the law which creates these utility districts, by which they can either contract or lease power and engage in the distribution of it for the public welfare, will result in a better security for money invested in future enterprises of this character and consequently in a lower rate of interest on money used in their construction.

Better Distribution Predicted. As conditions now are, these utility districts under this new law may organize and purchase the power that is already in existence at wholesale rates from the power companies in the districts, create their own lines of distribution and marketing the product to their own people. The utility district of this type would make a contract with a corporation or power company for the wholesale purchase of power and would take upon itself the matter of distribution of this power, pledging the property and interest of the community to pay the obligations of their contract with the power company. This would result in a greater security for money invested in these power developments and, consequently, provide a lower rate of interest.

The Dalles Streets Improved. THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Under the direction of City Engineer Hinsh, the "Brewery grade," the eastern entrance to the city, is being widened and paved, the existing being eliminated and retaining walls erected. Jackson street, in the same vicinity, is being paved and curbed, becoming one of the most strictly suburban thoroughfares of the city. A large majority of farmers in this county use this thoroughfare in coming to town.

improving the conditions of life about them, are willing to take an excessive burden for a year or two in order that they may have these necessary improvements, with the expectation that as the uses are extended into every household and upon every farm that a few years will bring such a reduction of rates that they will be justified in their enterprise. The power companies' point of view, however, is necessarily different in some measure from this and at least sometimes results in checking the necessary uses to improve the economic, social and general welfare of the rural sections, where the people themselves would go further. There are many sections of this state where the situation practically prevails, Hood River perhaps being the most marked example.

In this plan of development of utility districts a municipality might choose to burden itself even with a slight excess in the cost of light and other necessities so that the surrounding rural section may be improved. It is clear to anyone who studies the economic problem of extension of power and light in these rural districts that this combination of municipality and rural section should be provided, if cheap money is essential for the development of these powers, and especially their extension into rural sections, it is clearly evident that this combination must be provided.

PORTLAND MAN IS CHOSEN COACH OF PHILOMATH COLLEGE SPORTS.

PHILOMATH, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Charles S. Poling, of Portland, has been employed by the Philomath College Athletic Association to take charge of the college basketball team and general field sports. Mr. Poling ranks second among the all-around trainers of the Northwest, having been connected with the famous Dallas basketball champions, and also captain and center of the Archer & Higgins Women's 1913-14 champions of the Portland City League. He also was picked all-star center of that league. Philomath has the material and under Mr. Poling's physical directorship the athletic season promises to be one of unusual interest.

Dr. Hugh Wins Honors in Contest. Dr. Hugh received his education in the schools of California, and first attracted attention as the champion competitor for a prize of \$1000 in a contest, treating on moral education. His paper, with four others on the same subject, was published by the New York house, the volume being entitled "California Prize Essays on Moral Education." Dr. Hugh is the head and animating force of the practice high school of Oakland, which was founded by the Cosmopolitan Association of that city and is under the charge of the University of California. The convention programme will be as follows:

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TEACHERS MEET AT EUGENE TOMORROW

Western Division of Oregon Association Will Discuss Needs.

BIG PROGRAMME IS READY

Prominent Educators to Consider Various Phases of Work—Dr. E. B. Bryan and Dr. Charles E. Rugh to Give Addresses.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Probably the most important meeting of educators ever held in Oregon will be the convention of the Western Division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association at the State University in Eugene, beginning tomorrow and continuing three days. J. Percy Wells, Jackson County Superintendent, president of the association, and the other officers have made elaborate preparations for the meeting. Hundreds of teachers are expected for the opening day.

Among the prominent educators, who will deliver addresses, are Dr. Elmer B. Bryan, president of Colgate University, New York, and Dr. Charles E. Rugh, of the University of California. Dr. Bryan for two years was general superintendent of education in the Philippine Islands. He was first president of the normal school in Manila. For his work in these islands, he was awarded a gold medal by the Japanese academy. Returning to the United States in 1903, Dr. Bryan was made head of Franklin College near Indianapolis. He accepted a call to Colgate University four years later. It is the largest Baptist educational institution in the Empire State. Under the instruction of Dr. Stanley Hall, Dr. Bryan evolved a paper on "Transitional Periods in Child Development" which has attracted much attention in this country and in Europe. He is the author of a book entitled "The Basis of Practical Teaching" and another, "The Fundamental Facts for the Teacher."

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J. H. Miller, University of Oregon. "Standardization of Accounts and Statistics," J. A. Bexell, Oregon Agricultural College. "Some Problems of the Commercial High School," A. L. McCauley, The Dalles. "Feminism as Viewed From a Practical Standpoint," J. A. Wess, Portland. "Teaching Actual Business in the Classroom," Clyde Blanchard, Oregon Agricultural College. "Home Economics Division. "Comparison of Home Economics as Taught in Our Own and Other Lands," Lillian Tingle, Portland. Report of committee for suggestive course of study for domestic science, domestic arts and applied science, Mrs. H. B. Brooks, Oregon Agricultural College; Carrie Pimm, Eugene, and L. P. Gilmore, Oregon State Normal. Round table, "Suggestions on Equipment," Mary Hartung, Springfield. "Agriculture for Oregon High Schools," F. L. Griffin, Oregon Agricultural College. "Correlation of Science With Agriculture," L. P. Gilmore, Oregon State Normal. Round table discussion, D. O. Robinson, Roseburg; C. P. Stevens, Albany; L. P. Griffin, Oregon Agricultural College. "Manual Training Value in Balance. "High School Credits in Industrial Work," A. R. Sullivan, Corvallis. "Methods of Handling Manual Training in the Rural Schools," H. H. Wardrip, Grants Pass. Round table, "Methods of Conducting a Demonstration," "The Place of Power Driven Tools in a Manual Training Shop," F. H. Buchanan, McMinnville. "What is the Situation in Oregon to Educate Teachers for Industrial Work?" E. D. Ressler, Oregon Agricultural College.

Art Division. An informal meeting will be held to consider the advisability of establishing a permanent art division. Wednesday Forenoon—Commercial Division. "Accounting in the High School," Merritt Davis, Salem High School. "Cost Accounts and Estimates," J. A. Bexell, Oregon Agricultural College. "The Relation of High School Commercial Work to Business Commerce," Don B. Sowers, University of Oregon. "Teaching Stenography," W. H. Parks, of Portland. "Problems in Teaching Penmanship," Burton O. Cleary, Portland. Home Economics Division. "Relation of Home Economics Department to the Community," Deak Calvin, Oregon Agricultural College. "How We Co-operate in Our Neighborhood," Helen Cowgill, Oregon Agricultural College. "Home Economics Literature," Mrs. Horning, Hood River. Agricultural Division. Round table, "Suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the department," "School Gardening in Oregon," M. O. Evans, Oregon Agricultural College. Round table and informal programme, Business meeting. Manual Training Division. "The Relation of Vocational Education to the Industries," J. L. Kerolien, Portland. "Manual Training in the Central States," F. M. Gresham, Portland. "How can local industries be connected with the schools so as to aid in the education of the youth? Where vocational work should begin and where the cultural side should leave off," Round table, led by H. C. Brandon, Oregon Agricultural College. Business meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Primary Section—Monday Afternoon. Registration and address by Superintendent E. J. Moore, Lane County. "The Story," with class, with class demonstration, by Miss Pearl Eaton, Eugene. "Second Grade Number Work," with class demonstration, by Miss Sigmund Martin, Springfield. Tuesday Afternoon. Address by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. "Reading in the First Grade," with class demonstration, by Miss Alice Abel, Eugene. "Reading in a Few Grades," results and Remedies," by Miss Ruby Shearer, Primary Supervisor, Portland, Or. Wednesday Forenoon. Address: "Let's Work in the Primary Grades," Miss Naomi Wilson, Eugene. Drama of "Katharwa," by Miss Vera Dunlap, Springfield. INTERMEDIATE STUDIES ARE PROGRESSING. Monday Afternoon. Registration and address by Superintendent E. J. Moore, Lane County. "The Story," by M. S. Pittman, Monmouth Normal. "Geography," by Principal S. F. Ball, Franklin High School, Eugene. Tuesday Afternoon. Address by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. "Outline for the Study of the Individual Child," by Superintendent O. M. Elliott, Salem. "History in the Fifth and Sixth Grades," by Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Monmouth Normal School. Wednesday Forenoon. "Art in the Intermediate Grades," with paper, class demonstration and exhibits, by Miss Mabel Vandiver, Eugene. "Language in Fifth and Sixth Grades," by Miss Katherine Arbutnot, Monmouth Normal School. ADVANCED SECTION. Monday Afternoon. Registration and address by Superintendent E. J. Moore, Lane County. "Common Problems of the High School," C. E. Rugh, University of California. "The Teacher's Training," J. A. Churchill, Superintendent Public Instruction, California. Tuesday Afternoon. Address by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. "Efficiency," by E. F. Carlson, Salem. "Work by White Arts for the Sixth Grade Teacher," by M. S. Pittman, Monmouth Normal. Wednesday Forenoon. "Some Characteristics of an Educated Man," by Superintendent O. M. Elliott, Salem. "Four Present Day Educational Demands," by President J. H. Ackerman Monmouth Normal School. DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Chairman Joseph Schaefer, Ph. D., Department of Education, University of Oregon, December 21, 22, 23, Library, first floor. DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SCHOOLS. Afternoon. "What Rural School Supervision Has Done for Oregon," A. J. O'Reilly, Eugene. General discussion of above subject. "Rural Club Work," Dr. Joseph Schaefer, University of Oregon. Tuesday Afternoon. "Parent-Teacher Clubs for Rural Schools; how to organize them, how to conduct them and benefit derived from them," H. C. Seymour, Dallas. "Some Things We Are Trying to Do," J. A. Calver, Oregon. "Constructive Work in the Rural Schools," Frank H. Shepherd, Corvallis. New ideas in rural education that are worth while. General discussion. "Should Manual Training Do for the Rural School?" M. S. Pittman, Monmouth. "The Relation of the State University to the Rural Schools," Dr. Joseph Schaefer, University of Oregon. SUPERVISORS' DIVISION. "The Work of the Supervisor in the

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School, James H. Jack, Washington County. "The Relation of Supervisors to School Boards," E. R. Peterson, Jackson County. "The Co-operation of Supervisors and Superintendents," Jennie M. Hosen, Lane County. "The Part of the Supervisor in the Organization of Industrial Clubs," Lewis W. Mackin, Polk County. Tuesday Afternoon. "Vocational English," Frederick Berstol, Corvallis. "Branislav as Related to English," Round table. Oral composition.

METHODISTS—ATTENTION

Do not forget that Methodist ladies will have charge of the store of the Columbia Hardware Company on

Tuesday, December 22d

and remember the splendid contribution to be made by that firm to the new Deaconess Home. There will be a big showing of beautiful Christmas Goods, and they give S. & H. Green Trading Stamps. Show your appreciation by at least calling at the store on that day to encourage the ladies in charge.

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