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T H E ELECTRIC UNEEDM CLOTHING SALE

"Electric" Because it shocks competition and enlightens bargain seekers.

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WEST END WILL GET ITS SCHOOL

Levy for New Building Authorized at Last Night's Meeting of Taxpayers.

GENERAL LEVY ALSO MADE

Ten Mills Required to Run City Schools for Nine Months—Estimate of Expenditures.

The people of West Astoria have finally arranged to secure their school house. The West Astorians were out in numbers at last night's meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 1, and, without opposition, succeeded in getting a levy of 2 1/2 mills for the purpose of building the school. The levy was made after considerable discussion. The levy for school purposes will be 10 mills, and the amount of money to be derived from this levy will run the city schools for nine months only. Last night's meeting was very largely attended.

The first matter to come before the meeting was the report of the school board, embodying recommendations as to the levy. The clerk's financial report was also submitted. The board's report was to the effect that the floating debt had been reduced to \$54.05. It was specified in the statement that at the last meeting insurance had not been provided for and also that the repairs to the Olney school had amounted to considerable, thereby making the showing a poorer one than would otherwise have been made. The board recommended that some provision be made by the taxpayers for an additional room in West Astoria, as well as increased room at the Adair school. The latter building could be improved, the report stated, at a cost of \$500 or \$700. A levy of 10 mills for general purposes was recommended, while the report contained the statement that a 2 1/2 mill levy would be necessary if the taxpayers decided to build a new school house in West Astoria.

A motion by Thomas Dealey to authorize the board to erect a school building in the West End, provoked warm discussion. Mr. Dealey wanted a building that could be properly enlarged as the West End grew, while other taxpayers wanted to leave the matter to the board. Judge Taylor said the Taylor estate had donated eight lots for school purposes in West Astoria, and that the donor would not be satisfied with the erection of a shack. The residences and public buildings there were houses of value, he said, and he wanted a respectable appearing school house. The motion authorizing the board to put up the building was unanimously carried.

James W. Welch moved the levy of 2 1/2 mills for general school purposes, and 1 1/2 mills for building purposes. Mr. Dealey offered as an amendment that the levy be 10 mills for general school purposes and 2 1/2 mills for building purposes. This motion was followed by a discussion as to whether it was better to borrow money or raise it by taxation, a variety of views being expressed. Finally the amendment was adopted, and the school levy this year will be 12 1/2 mills, of which sum 2 1/2 mills, which will net about \$400, will be used for the West Astoria school building.

According to the clerk's report, the total bonded indebtedness of the district is \$74,575.82, while the floating indebtedness is \$437.81. In October an \$11,000 note becomes due, while bonds aggregating \$33,000 will become due next year. The district has the option of extending the bonds for the last-named amount to a long term of years. It was stated at the meeting that the debt could be refunded at 5 per cent, or 1 per cent less than is now paid.

The estimate of receipts for the present year is \$26,201.61, while the estimate of expenses is \$25,812. Last year's estimated receipts were \$25,800 and the amount received was \$27,732.60.

The board estimates that it will receive money from the following sources this year:

County school fund \$7,500.00

State school fund 2,500.00

Delinquent taxes 100.00

Special 10-mill levy 15,000.00

Tuition 120.00

Cash on hand 281.61

\$26,201.61

The estimate of expenses for the year is as follows:

Teachers' salaries \$15,500; janitors' salaries, \$1,700; water, \$250; clerk's salary, \$600; bond interest, \$4500; fuel,

\$500 interest, \$115; supplies, \$450; repairs, \$900; expense, \$115; electric, \$20; outstanding warrants, \$450; total, \$12,812.

EXTENSION OF BURLINGTON
Building from Billings to Great Falls to Begin in Three Months.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 23.—Engineer E. M. Peterson, of the Burlington & Missouri River Railway company, has arrived in the city. He is en route to join the Burlington camp of engineers at Stanford.

In an interview concerning the proposed construction by the Burlington of a line from Billings to Great Falls he said:

"I think it is safe to say that the actual building of the extension of the Billings-Great Falls line will have been started within three months."

"As soon as a grade has been definitely ascertained then building from the Billings end will begin. It is not the opinion of those here that the Burlington will ever reach the coast by the Northern route. If it ever does it will probably be from the Salt Lake extension. Therefore, while it will probably make a westward survey from here, it is generally accepted that Great Falls will be the western terminus of the Burlington system."

Several parties of Burlington surveyors are now in the field locating proper grades for the new line.

McKINLEY DAY
Special Exercises to Be Held in Oregon Schools Next Wednesday.

SALEM, Jan. 23.—Governor Geer today issued a proclamation to the people of Oregon, urging that Wednesday, January 23, be observed in the schools as "McKinley Day." He urges that the occasion be observed by special exercises, and the children be given an opportunity to contribute to the memorial fund.

He also requests that on the Sunday preceding January 24th, the churches in the state have special memorial services, when contributions to the fund will be raised.

PRICE OF SILVER
NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Silver, 55 1/2.

ARE OPPOSED TO SALE
PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS DENOUNCE VAN JASDEN.

Danish Representative Called on Those Favoring Sale of Islands.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The St. Thomas, D. W. L. correspondent of the Tribune says that with the departure of the Danish representative of the National Trade of Copenhagen, Herr Franz von Jasden, for the island of St. Croix, whence he goes to New York on his way home, one would have supposed that this community would have settled down to its normal condition. But the heaven has set it still fermenting, and the feeling is as intense as ever with regard to the sale, question. Had he interviewed those who desire the transfer of these islands, people would have been better satisfied, but it was not until the last day of his stay in St. Thomas that he invited some of the pro-sale natives to meet at 5 p. m. Naturally when they received the invitation they declined, stating that as he had called upon those who were against the sale of the islands, he should have called upon them.

It is characteristic of the one-sided nature of his mission that he has only seen those of his own party, says the Tribune's representative.

Out of the 50 or 60 merchants and shopkeepers on Main street, of whom over thirty are natives, Mr. Johnson only interviewed half a dozen. On the second evening a message was sent by cable to the Danish ministry and Rigsdag, confirming their memorial to the king in 1900 and advising, "that unless the American markets were secured by transfer of the islands, the sugar industry would suffer severely and would have to cease to be near future, prices ruling at present being below the cost of production."

This was signed by 100 representative inhabitants, among whom were thirty-seven planters, representing 35,000 acres of land out of a total of 50,000. The signatures have been increased to 146.

DRYDEN SELECTED
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—The Republican caucus to select a candidate for United States senator to succeed the late Senator Sewell, selected on the 19th ballot John F. Dryden, of Newark, president of Prudential Insurance Company. The Republicans have a majority on joint ballot, which assures the election of Mr. Dryden.

FOR WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY

Industrial Commission Will Assist in Solving the Problems of the Times.

ITS FINAL REPORT COMPLETE

On Subject of Trust Commission Closely Follows Lines Laid Down by the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The industrial commission, after several years spent in investigation of the industrial condition of the country, with a view of making recommendations to assist in the solution of the problem of the times, has completed its final report.

On the subject of trusts the commission follows closely the lines of recommendation laid down by the president in his annual message. Supervision by the national government is recommended. The most radical specific step suggested in that direction by the report is that the books of all corporations should be subject at all times to inspection as are books of national banks.

PURCHASED BANK STOCK.

Financiers Invest in Commercial National Bank.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—Announcement is made of large investments in the Commercial National Bank of Chicago by prominent New York financiers. The gentlemen named are J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, Daniel S. Lamont, George F. Baker, president of the First National bank, James T. Woodward, president of the Hanover National. It is also said several other New Yorkers have become interested in the Commercial National bank. Something more than 1000 shares of Commercial stock have been placed among these gentlemen by James H. Eckels, who has just returned from New York.

The price paid is understood to be about \$20 per share. At the same time Judge H. Gray, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation has enlarged his holding of Commercial stock. Judge Gray and Paul Morton of the Santa Fe each took a portion of the 700 shares of Rawson stock which Mr. Eckels bought last summer shortly before the capital of the bank was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. Both of these gentlemen were added to the board of directors at the recent annual meeting of the stockholders.

TAFT ON PHILIPPINE TARIFF
Favors Taking Off Duties Imposed by Dingley Bill.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Referring to the Philippine tariff in a speech before the Union League Club before his departure for the East, Governor W. H. Taft is reported to have said:

"I know from reading your papers and talking with some of your merchants that you are anxious to have free trade between the Philippines and America. In many respects that would be an admirable arrangement. If it were possible to run the government of the Philippines without the indirect taxation involved in levying customs duties, it would gratify the commission very much if congress would take off altogether the tariff imposed by the Dingley bill. All we desire is to have money enough to run a good government. My view is that as soon as trade is established and avenues opened, a small tariff will form a very slight obstacle to the course of business between the Philippines and California."

MRS. HARRISON DIDN'T PROTEST.
Has Made No Objection to Presentation of Pension Bill to Congress.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 23.—The friends of Mrs. Benjamin Harrison have had their attention called to statements that she has asked those in charge of the movement to grant her a pension not to present the bill to congress.

This is incorrect, as stated by them. They say Mrs. Harrison has at no time made an objection to the presentation of such a bill.

OLEOMARGARINE BILL
Favorably Reported on by House Committee on Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Friends of the measure for a rigid restriction on oleomargarine and kindred products carried their point before the house

committee on agriculture today, and at a vote of 12 to 5 ordered the report of the bill, which is even more restrictive than the original Groat bill.

The original bill placed a tax of 10 cents a pound on oleomargarine and butterine colored to imitate yellow butter. The word "yellow" was struck out, thus making the restriction apply to imitations of any kind of butter. Another change makes those who take uncolored butter and color it subject to all the taxes and penalties of manufacturers.

WILL BE PASSED TODAY.

Consideration of Urgent Deficiency Bill Completed in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The consideration of the urgent deficiency bill in the house was completed today, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the passage of the bill was postponed until tomorrow.

A successful effort was made to increase the pay of rural free delivery carriers from \$500 to \$600 per annum. Bill of Connecticut, made a motion to increase the appropriation for this purpose. It was resisted by Cannon and Lord, chairman of the postoffice committee on the ground that the method was irregular, but members with rural constituents supported it and it was adopted.

RED CROSS PROTESTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The Red Cross Society of California, through its president, Mrs. E. A. Harrington, has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt stating that "in the opinion of this society the present method of government transportation from this part to the Philippines cannot be changed without grave injury to the health and comfort of the officers and enlisted men of the army." This protest has been referred to the secretary of war, who acknowledges its receipt from the president.

MONSTER PACKING PLANT.

DENVER, Jan. 23.—The News today says: Work on the construction of a monster packing plant to be erected in this city by local capitalists will be commenced within the next forty days. The company is to be incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

MCKINLEY'S BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 29 TO BE OBSERVED IN NEW YORK.

Board of Trade Choose the Day for Annual Banquet—Distinguished Speakers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—President McKinley's birthday, January 29, has been chosen by the New York board of trade and transportation for its annual banquet. Charles Emory Smith, ex-postmaster general, will deliver an oration on "William McKinley and His Policies." Ex-attorney general of the United States, John W. Griggs, will respond to a toast.

Among the other distinguished guests who will participate are Senator Hanna, Colonel Myron T. Herrick, also a close friend and adviser of the late president, who will speak to the toast, "The Middle West." Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, the new president of Columbia University, who will speak to the toast, "The Educated American." Ex-Governor Woodruff, "The State of New York," Samuel Gompers, "Labor Always Honorable—To Its Performers Honor Is Due."

Among the guests the United States army will be represented by Major General John R. Brooke and the United States navy by Rear-Admiral Barker.

RESOLUTION WAS NOT CONSIDERED

Senator Mason's Effort to Have Thanks of Congress Extended to Schley.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Resolution Also Provides \$10,000 for Men "Under Command of the Admiral."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—An effort was made in the senate today by Senator Mason to obtain consideration for a joint resolution which he introduced extending the thanks of congress to Rear-Admiral Schley "for his brave and able conduct while in command of the American fleet at the victorious battle of Santiago."

The effort, however, was not successful. Mason's reason, in addition to the thanks of congress, provided that Schley should be presented with a sword; that bronze medals commemorative of the battle of Santiago should be distributed among the officers and men "under command of Schley during said battle," and that \$10,000 be appropriated to meet the expense of the resolution. The resolution was referred to the committee on naval affairs.

The resolution introduced yesterday by Teller providing for intervention on the part of this government in behalf of the Boer commandant, Scheepers, sentenced to death by British South African authorities, was postponed indefinitely as Scheepers already had been executed. Teller made a brief but caustic speech on the actions of Great Britain in the Boer war, and declared that if the facts of this were as he understood them "Great Britain, in putting Scheepers to death, is guilty of a vile assassination."

The department of commerce bill was under consideration during the greater part of the session, but no definite progress was made.

HAVE DISCARDED MISTRUST.

Salisbury's Actions Said to Be Appreciated by United States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The Daily Graphic, referring to Lord Cranborne's statement in the house of commons, says that the real significance of Lord Salisbury's action is known and appreciated by the United States government, but if it is to bear the fruit to which it is entitled it should be better known to the American public, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

The old policy of this country, adds the Graphic, "was based on a certain element of mistrust and suspicion. Lord Salisbury has rightfully judged that if Anglo-American relations are to be eternally friendly, and if the fundamental identity of the supreme interest of both powers is to be completely realized, every vestige of mistrust between them must be discarded."

SUPERVISOR DISMISSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Upon the recommendation of Immigration Commissioner Fletcher, of New York, Supervising Inspector Frank Axon, on duty at New York City, has been dismissed from this service. He has been on duty as supervising inspector at New York for the past seven or eight months. The ground for dismissal is given as neglect of duty.

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