

ALL FAVOR BETTER SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Prominent Citizens Believe \$100,000 Is Needed for Improvements, but Differ as to Best Method of Raising This Amount.

The proposed school tax levy for new public schools in Portland continues to cause considerable discussion among the public and taxpayers. The following interviews show a decided disposition in favor of new school buildings and a willingness to pay for them, but there is a wide difference of opinion as to whether the money should be raised by direct taxation or the issuance of interest-bearing bonds.

Dr. L. Buck advanced an idea which is said to be new as applied to Portland. He said:

"I have not studied the subject myself, but there seems to be a general opinion that we need more and better school buildings. If bonds are issued, I am sure the people of Portland—that is, the school district—a chance to buy them—to take care of their own bonds. I think they can be floated at home among the people better for \$100,000 or \$250,000. The principal and the interest would thus be kept at home. I recall the ease and eagerness with which the people subscribed for United States 3-per-cent bonds issued during Cleveland's last administration to re-establish the gold reserve, and I think the same experience would be repeated in Portland if the bonds were offered to the people."

Walter F. Burrell, a leading taxpayer and member of the taxpayers' league, said:

"I think we should pay as we go. I hope bonds will not be issued. I think we should raise from \$75,000 to \$100,000, or whatever sum may be decided on as actually needed, by a direct tax. It seems to be the rule that where a large sum of money is raised by a bond issue that the people who have charge of the fund somehow feel under obligation to spend

it, and are not as careful with expenditures as they would be if the money were raised by direct taxation, or in some other way. There has been some talk among members of the taxpayers' league of floating bonds for half a million dollars and building schoolhouses of brick or stone, or both. Individually, I am opposed to this. We are in a timber country and can get lumber cheap. Who can say that a brick or stone school building created this year would not be out of date in 10 years in ventilation and in other sanitary arrangements? The last decade has brought forth wonders in the way of scientific invention and in discovery. Things we never dreamed of a few years ago are now regarded as necessities. I hope bonds will not be issued."

Dr. S. A. Brown of the taxpayers' league said: "I do not like the borrowing idea. Pay as you go, I say. We have enough bonds to make care of now. I understand Mr. Wittenberg wants \$25,000 for new school buildings, but that other school directors think that about \$100,000 would be sufficient for the purpose. I think we should be conservative in the matter and get along with \$100,000 if we can. We'll have to pay for the bonds; there's no getting around that. We have bonds enough out now. Pay as you go—direct taxation—is the way I feel about it."

A. B. Steinbach said: "Bonds by all means. If we can't pay the bonds, let them take the property. Our taxes are high enough now—look what they are going to be this year. As to the amount of money that is needed for new school buildings, I cannot say; I have not looked into the subject deep enough to express a competent opinion."

FINE SPECIMENS OF OREGON FIR

MAMMOTH SPIES TWO FEET SQUARE BY 65 FEET IN LENGTH BEING PUT ON BOARD A DROGGER BOUND FOR JAPAN—FREE OF BLEMISHES.

Remarkable pieces of timber are being put aboard the schooner Forester, which is loading at the Inman-Poulsen mill for Kobe, Japan. They are two feet square and 65 feet in length. Every one of the mammoth sticks is absolutely perfect, so far as blemishes are concerned. Not the remotest sign of a knot or weak spot is visible.

Those who inspected the big timbers say that nowhere in the world outside of Oregon or Washington could such perfect specimens of fir be secured. Larger timbers could be found in California, but they would have to be of the redwood variety, which is far inferior to the Oregon fir.

A slight conception of the immense size of one of the timbers can be had when it is known that it contains 2,920 lineal feet. If put on the scales one of the sticks would tip the beams at a ton and a half, figuring on the basis of a pound to a foot, which is the usual estimate made. Placed on the market the lumber in one of the sticks would bring \$50. Just how many of these monsters are to be taken aboard the Captain Daeberwitz, master of the Forester, does not yet know. He says that he will probably take a full deckload, at least.

What is going to be done with them at Kobe? He continued: "No more than I know, unless Japan intends to build a fortress with Oregon fir to keep out the Russians. By placing two of them together they would certainly prove almost as effective as armor plate. All told the Forester will take out more than a million feet of lumber."

At the same mill the schooner Annie E. Simale and barkentine Georgia are also receiving cargoes for the Orient. They both go to Yokohama. The Simale will carry 1,500,000 feet, while the Georgia will take out nearly 1,700,000 feet. All three of the vessels will be ready to sail for the far east at about the same time. The several captains are keeping a close watch on the war movement, as they will be obliged to enter right into the center of hostilities if war is declared. They are strongly talking of a plan to provide themselves with a number of galling guns before leaving the Columbia river.

"A lumber fleet turned into a war squadron," said Captain Daeberwitz, "would be a little out of the ordinary, but I propose to land those big sticks of Oregon fir at Kobe if I have to fight my way by inches through the entire naval fleet commanded by officers of the czar. I think I will also arm all my crew—just in case of an emergency. I may need some help."

RIVER CHANNEL IS NOW IN FINE SHAPE

A fine channel is now open from Portland to the sea and the dredge Columbia has discontinued operations. She has been tied up at St. Johns since being the engineer, machinist and foreman, the crew has been paid off. During the past few months the Columbia cut deep channels through several bars below the mouth of the Willamette, and the river is now considered to be in better shape than ever before.

Capt. Harry Emkins says that a vessel drawing 25 feet of water would experience no difficulty now in going from this city to the ocean and he attributes the splendid condition of the channel to the untiring efforts of the Port of Portland commission.

The basin for the drydock has been completed and the dredge Portland is opening a waterway from the dock site to the main channel in the river. J. M. Arthur & Co. have been awarded the contract for building the steel tank, adjoining the power house, their bid being \$457. The wooden tank will be furnished by Fairbanks, Morse & Co. for \$150. The same firm will also supply the pumps for \$265. The contract for furnishing 84 feet of bolting was given to the Page Bolting company, whose bid was \$32,80.

FIRE ENGINE TRUST.
NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 3.—Vice-Chancellor Finney has appointed J. H. Clark and G. Kimball receivers for the International Fire Engine Co., a New Jersey corporation, with \$9,000,000 capital. The company is known as the Fire Engine trust which was organized five years ago.

ONE OFFICE FOR THE GOULD LINES

RIO GRANDE OFFICIALS HERE GIVEN MISSOURI PACIFIC BUSINESS—M'BRIDE BECOMES GENERAL AGENT—GENERAL POLICY OF CONSOLIDATION.

The Gould lines will hereafter be represented in Portland by one agent and all the work of these lines will be done in one office. The Gould lines include the Missouri Pacific, the Iron Mountain & Southern, Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, Texas & Pacific and the International & Great Northern.

General Agent McBride of the Rio Grande becomes general agent in this territory of the other lines of the Gould system and will hereafter emphasize the Missouri Pacific business instead of the Rio Grande. Last season the change was made throughout the country and the Gould offices were bunched and in the East Missouri Pacific officials took the job of Rio Grande men, in the South Iron Mountain people received the plums and in the West the Rio Grande men represented the system.

Locally the Missouri Pacific office was discontinued last summer, but Mr. McBride until recently was known as the Rio Grande agent. A few weeks ago the Texas & Pacific was added to his list of roads and then came an order from the Eastern headquarters directing that his office take charge of the Gould business and that the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain signs with the rest of the lines tacked on as incidentals. In the East Missouri Pacific officials will handle Rio Grande business and push the interests of this road as the Western agent will that of the Missouri Pacific. George Gould officiates as president of all the lines included in the system, following the example set by Mr. Harriman.

VERY AGED BRIDEGROOM.
(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Christian Klenk, aged 81 years, today applied for a license to marry Mary Pitjan, aged 20 years.

RICH MEN ARE NOT ALL HAPPY.

Croesus, King of Lydia, Had Troubles of His Own, and There Are Others.

Croesus, the John D. Rockefeller of the kingdom of Lydia, was very well-to-do in his day and a chatterbox. "As rich as Croesus" is a saying about 2,500 years old. He had his troubles, however, and some of them were full grown. He was taken captive once by Cyrus and only saved himself from being burned alive by quoting a saying of Solon, the Sage. He finally had to flee his kingdom for parts unknown.

Many of the rich man's troubles today come from high living and could be avoided. They are brought on by eating all kinds of rich, heavy foods at irregular times, lack of proper exercise, undue mental strain, unnatural stimulants, etc., and are commonly known as indigestion, dyspepsia and weak stomach. They are serious troubles all right, but not only can they be avoided, but can also be cured, and that without loss of time or proper food and nourishment. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are the certain relief of dyspepsia, rich and poor alike. There is no such thing as stopping their onward progress now. A great nation has placed its stamp of approval upon their noble work. The thousands and thousands of cures they have effected and the happiness resulting therefrom have made their name a household word throughout the land.

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No house in this town is selling as good a suit at \$22.50, but in our case we must sell, at no matter what sacrifice, for the hard hand of vexatious need is upon us.</p> <p>\$13.75 Buys any of Heavenrich Bros.' \$25.00 to \$35.00 exquisitely tailored Suits. We can't describe them to you; you must see them to really believe what marvels of the tailor's art they are; and to fully realize in what a close corner we must be when we would sell such suits for \$13.75—but necessity has no law.</p> <p>\$16.75 Takes pick of any suit in the house— All the \$75 full dress. All the \$60 tuxedos. All the \$55 Prince Alberts. All the \$50 Prince Alberts. All the \$45 cutaways. All the \$40 frocks. All the \$40 suits.</p>	<h3>O'COATS</h3> <p>From Heavenrich Bros.' stock of 1400 Overcoats we make you the following Must-sell-price quotations:</p> <p>\$5.00 For all Heavenrich Bros.' \$17.50 to \$12.50 and \$15.00 Overcoats, in light, medium and dark colors, blue and black beavers; 386 Coats at this one price. Just think—a five-dollar bill for a fine tailor-made Overcoat. This is the only way we know of to raise that \$12,000, by giving you values that will compel you to purchase now.</p> <p>\$7.50 For Heavenrich Bros.' \$17.50 to \$20 up-to-date Overcoats, in belt backs, automobile, Monte Carlo, Cassock, Napoleons, box coats, topcoats—100 colors and kinds.</p> <p>\$10.00 For Heavenrich Bros.' \$28 to \$30 fine Overcoats. The magnificence and workmanship of these hand-tailored garments, in short, medium or long cuts; silk, satin, serge and Venetian lining; thibet, frieze, kersey, melton and vicuna cloths; broken plaids and bars, with or without belt back, in Surtout and all other new styles. Must is our master.</p> <p>\$12.50 For Heavenrich Bros.' \$30 to \$35 Overcoats, in all the new cuts, belt and Surtout shapes, that most houses ask you \$35 for.</p> <p>\$15.95 Takes the best Overcoat in Strain's, all shapes and makes, of \$35.00 to \$45.00 tailor-made, silk lined coats, go at \$15.95.</p>	<h3>PANTS</h3> <p>From the greatest Pants stock in Portland we are forced to quote you these ridiculously low prices, which in no case is more than the cost of cloth:</p> <p>\$1.19 For your choice of over 500 pairs of all-wool Pants from the great Heavenrich Bros. purchase. They cost wholesale \$2 per pair, but go they must and shall.</p> <p>\$1.99 For your choice of 1180 pairs of fine tailor-made Hardin all-wool Trousers, in all sizes, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00.</p> <p>\$2.99 For your pick of 1,500 pairs of Lester worsted Pants that are sold by every first-class house in the country for \$6.00 and \$7.00 per pair, but must be our motto, and they must be sold great as is the sacrifice.</p> <p>\$3.99 Takes pick and choice of the finest pair of Pants in the store; 800 pairs in this lot, all tailor-made, in finest imported all-wool worsteds, broadcloths, clay worsteds, doestings; neat, stylish stripes and checks. Regular \$7.50 to \$15.00 values.</p>	<h3>OUR NEW STOCK OF MEN'S FINE HATS</h3> <p>AND FURNISHINGS</p> <p>Are slashed right and left in our efforts to raise the needful.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <h4>Wool Vests</h4> <p>1,000 of 'em at 10¢ apiece. 50¢ for a lot of \$3.00 and \$4.00 Wool Vests. \$1.00 buys the best Wool Vest in our house. 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