

URGES ASKS FUND FOR SCHOOLS

Urges Legislature to Turn Over Unsold Water Powers to Irreducible School Fund to Lessen Taxes in Country Districts.

Where School System is Unfair.
Most children living in the country get from three to six months of schooling every year; some get none at all. The boy or girl who is fortunate enough to have a home in the city receives the benefits of public school education for 10 months of the year. Why should the son or daughter of the farmer be handicapped in life by this unfair distribution of things?—County School Superintendent R. F. Robinson.

Committees from the County Teachers' association, the state grange and the state board of education will meet in County Superintendent Robinson's office Saturday to decide what school legislation shall be recommended to the state legislature when it convenes next month.

Mr. Robinson does not know at this time just what recommendations are to be made, but thinks the principal thing that will be asked for will be a re-adjustment of the state school fund in the interests of all the school children of the state, especially of those of the small country districts.

The irreducible school fund must be built up to at least \$100,000. It is becoming unbearable in many of the isolated districts of the state, says Mr. Robinson. "In order to give every child in the state the educational privileges that are his by birthright, we must increase this fund, and the way to do this is to shift the burden from the few to the many. The ideal condition would be to meet all the school taxes with the proceeds from the irreducible fund. The more money in this fund, the less will be the local taxation.

Our remedial plan is two-fold—first for permanent relief, second temporary. For the former we ask that the legislature turn over, if it be lawful, all the unsold water power in the state to the irreducible fund, and increase this yearly by adding to it the revenue derived from leased water rights which do not have the same effect as the water power it has left. For the permanent relief funds we would also add the inheritance tax receipts.

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At the time Oregon was admitted to the union, land was very valuable and the needs of the schools were such that most of it was sold for a song. The result is that there is remaining to the state only a small part of the vast acreage it had and the land left is comparatively poor. The result is that the prospective revenue from this source is entirely incommensurate with the growth of the population.

Some remedy will have to be adopted by the state. The one we suggest is considered favorably by the state grange and educators in general. If the legislature has a better one we will be glad to see it put into effect.

It will take a long time to increase the production of water power, and meanwhile we urge the legislature to aid the schools for the present by giving us some portion of the revenue from the water power that this should not be withdrawn from the general fund, but we hold that the school interests are just as important as any other.

The individual district unit is too small for taxable purposes. For this reason the county has always been placed at a disadvantage. To secure educational benefits for even three months in the year in some districts such hardship has been entailed.

Illustrating this take, for example, adjoining districts No. 46 and No. 50. The first has 13 children and a taxable property valuation of only \$180,905. To raise the same proportionate sum of money for District No. 50, people living in it must be taxed something like 10 mills to a little over 1 mill for those in No. 46.

discrepancies, while not so marked, perhaps, exists throughout the state. The only way to correct them is to increase the irreducible school fund, and make the state the unit of taxation as far as possible.

THREE MASKED ONES ROB STATION AGENT; THOUSAND REWARD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—It has just been learned that three masked bandits in cowboy garb held up and robbed the agent at Breaville, Wash., on the Marcus division of the Great Northern railway, a few nights ago. The storekeeper at the same place was also robbed of about \$100. A reward of \$1000 is offered by the Great Northern.

PLUNDER IN HIS ROOM; BUT WHERE IS ROOM?

Though convinced that in his room is a quantity of stolen articles, the detective has been unable to learn from Nick Bolire where he was. He was arrested by Detective Coleman last evening while trying to pawn a watch afterwards shown to have been stolen. The officers believe they can prove Bolire, a young Greek, is responsible for a number of room thefts. But first they must find his room, and the supposed cache of stolen goods.

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The first train over the Oregon Electric into Forest Grove will probably be operated late tonight, and tomorrow regular service will be begun. The company has been awaiting the removal of the "Y" at Hillsboro for some days, preparatory to running cars through to the end of the line.

With the announcement of the commencement of regular train service into Forest Grove comes the statement by the Southern Pacific that the old family commutation tickets which have been in use between Portland and Forest Grove and other points along the west side branch of the Southern Pacific are to be abandoned. According to John M. Scott, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, this was done because the old rate of one half a cent a mile on the commutation tickets was absurdly low.

"We have had a very little call for such tickets to Forest Grove," said Mr. Scott. "I don't think half a dozen men in Forest Grove come to Portland to work every day. The call for commutation tickets has been so small that we decided to drop them. The new rate we have put in effect a student's rate of 1 cent a mile to accommodate those coming here to school. We believe that practically everyone who comes to Portland to work every day resides within the 16 mile limit, which we have prescribed for family commutation tickets."

The rate now made by the railroad is said to be about 2 cents a mile and there has been a good deal of complaint from Forest Grove residents in consequence.

The Oregon Electric company gives a commutation ticket from Forest Grove to Portland of 25 rides for \$12.95. The regular one way fare is 15 cents, round trip is \$1.45; week end \$1. Some new rates on the entire Hillsboro and Salem lines of the Oregon Electric are in process of making and will be announced in a day or two and go into effect January 5.

32 YEARS APART; SOON WILL WED

Pretty Romance in La Grande Merchant's Life Brought to Life.

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La Grande, Or., Dec. 24.—Gus Bengel-dorff, one of this city's most prominent merchants and a pioneer citizen, will leave Friday night for San Francisco, where he will be married to Augusta Bengel-dorff, his 32-year-old bride. Mr. Bengel-dorff has been in this city no one has had an inkling of any romance in his life until he was informed of his trip to San Francisco brings to light a pretty story.

One August morning in 1876 the "call of the west" caused young Bengel-dorff to leave his home in Wisconsin, and eventually find himself in Oregon. That was 32 years ago. He rolled into this city, and he ceased writing to his boyhood sweetheart, the woman who is soon to be his wife, and when her family moved from Sheboygan he lost all trace of her. Twenty years passed.

In February of this year an old Wisconsin settler has increased his income sufficiently to be adequate to the needs of the commonwealth.

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PENDLETON GIRLS BEAT MAIDS OF THE DALLES

The Dalles, Or., Dec. 24.—The girls' team of the Pendleton High school defeated the local High school girls by the close score of 15 to 13 here last night. The score tied the visiting team, which hurled the ball into the basket in the last 10 seconds of play, winning the game.

The game was very fast and rough, frequent penalties being inflicted on both sides.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis James are trying a new experiment, which has grown out of the trying and hard yet cloved together. Mrs. James declares that among actors it is not usually considered a good business proposition to have a husband and wife to play together, but she adds that they have been working together ever since they were married, and they think it an excellent business venture.

Most people spend their time wondering if I am Mr. or Mrs. I keep the Miss on the stage because it is better. Usually people lose their interest in you as soon as they know you are a Mrs.

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John C. McCue of Clatsop county, refused to be counted out of the race for speaker of the house of representatives. He believes he is just as much in the running as any other candidate and says that when the time comes he will be a factor in the struggle that will have to be reckoned with. He is now in Portland looking after the reckoning.

Friends of McCue contend that the Clatsop county man has at least 100 votes upon which he can depend in caucus. McArthur says he has 22, but on the other hand those opposed to him argue that he could not muster many over 11 if the caucus was to be called today. Bean is supposed to have some 13 or 12 votes tucked away. Campbell is credited with about three votes, his own and those of Jones and Dimmick of Clatsop county.

McArthur contends that he has certain men pledged to him. Bean's friends contend that some of these men are pledged to Bean while McCue's friends contend that they are pledged to neither candidate, but are friendly to the Clatsop county man.

It is pretty badly tangled, though, at this time it appears to be more favorable to Bean than to any one else. It all depends upon which way the cat jumps within the next 30 days, and no one knows how the feline is going to hop.

McCue was in Portland today looking after his interests. He says he is feeling optimistic and that he has strong hopes of being elected to the speakership. Other than this there is no change in the situation so far as is known.

In the upper house the fight is about as it was. Senator Jay Bowerman came down from Condon yesterday and went back to the hills to land the senators from Wasco county. He will return to Portland again tomorrow and will remain here until after the election. Senator T. B. Kay of Marion, Bowerman's opponent, is also in Portland, though he is only attending to politics incidentally, having come primarily to attend the Finch murder trial. R. E. Fisher, the murdered man, has been his brother-in-law.

It is evident, however, that there will be some definite alignments made during the coming week and perhaps during the caucus. The caucus will be held on the 24th of January. While it is not believed that the organization question will be definitely decided until the caucus, the caucus speaker are elected, it is probable that there will be some definite groups formed within the next few days. Bowerman claims to have the support of the senators from Wasco county. He will return to Portland again tomorrow and will remain here until after the election. Senator T. B. Kay of Marion, Bowerman's opponent, is also in Portland, though he is only attending to politics incidentally, having come primarily to attend the Finch murder trial. R. E. Fisher, the murdered man, has been his brother-in-law.

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George L. Calkins, whose house he entered, seems to be marked as a burglar victim. If the man goes to the penitentiary it will be the sixth instance of men being convicted for burglarizing Mr. Calkins.

BELIEVES THEY ARE STOLEN DIAMONDS

Two diamond rings found in the clothing of Owen Jack Hayes and supposed to have been stolen by a burglar taken from the Pacific Express car in last week's train robbery, were submitted to a local jeweler and given a microscopic examination. The jeweler declared that they fit the technical description of the stones that were sent from New York to a Portland liquor firm.

The sheriff's office has been trying since yesterday to identify the stones which were recovered from the Seattle postoffice yesterday, and which had been taken by Hayes to a Seattle woman. They have been unable to find any action among the articles taken from the car, but as their list is not complete they expect a telegraph identification some time today.

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The San Francisco authorities were notified, and as a result Chief Grizmo-moher today received a telegram from Acting Chief Cutler, saying that A. J. Williams had been arrested in that city and the property recovered. A warrant

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