

BOARD EXPLAINS INCREASE IN COST OF CITY SCHOOLS

"Everything Has Gone Up—Schools, Too," It Says in Extension; Figures Quoted in Defense.

The school board answers its critics in a statement of policy and procedure issued today. Higher cost of building material, increase in equipment and salaries, and modernizing schools are held responsible for great increases in cost of education.

Fire-proofing schools to meet city requirements will inevitably cost 10 to 25 per cent more than in eastern cities and 50 to 75 per cent more than wooden buildings now in use, the board asserts.

Cost of School Living Higher. "One statement which has been made and upon which particular stress has been laid, is that the cost of education in Portland has been greatly increased in the past 10 years.

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ation should be affected and that it should cost more. Not only are the items which entered into expense 10 years ago more costly now than they were in 1900, but the people have demanded and the taxpayers have authorized new departments of education which have contributed their share toward the increased cost.

Things That Raise the Expense. "Other items of expense are increases in the salaries of teachers and janitors in response to public demand; oil burning plants; vacuum cleaning in the new schools; additional help for the school clerk and the school superintendent; fire escapes; hose and standpipes; installation of electric lights in all buildings; new buildings, drinking fountains; playgrounds. Many new school buildings have been erected, all paid for principally with money raised by taxation.

Cost of Construction. "Exact comparison of cost of construction of school buildings in Portland with cost in other cities is impracticable for the reason that no two cities have the same system of keeping accounts. For example, it has been sought in recent discussions to compare the cost of Portland high schools with that of the William Penn High School in Philadelphia.

Cost of Maintenance. "A careful inquiry into the cost of fireproof grade buildings, containing classrooms, assembly halls and accessory rooms, fixes it at 75 per cent more than the wooden buildings in use in Portland and 50 per cent more than the cost of buildings devoted to classroom only.

Character Building. "As to whether or not the frame school buildings in use in Portland are safe, it can be said for them that every one has doors opening outward, numerous stairways and exits, wide and well lighted corridors, a principal and janitor in each school, and a teacher in each room.

Architect's Fees. "Reference has been made to our custom of compensating architects for building work, and we will therefore state the policy of the board in regard to architects and quote from our records on the subject of payments. In the case of the Jefferson high school, architects' fees were \$14,428.20 being 5 per cent of the contracts, which were \$288,765.97.

Method of Awarding Contracts. "For all building work required by the district, plans and specifications are prepared and bids invited by advertisements duly published in the newspapers. It is the desire of the board that there shall be full and free competition between bidders for all work. Contracts are always awarded to the lowest and most responsible bidder who complies with the conditions of the proposal.

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"The district has been enabled to obtain a rate which has effected a saving of about \$2000 per year in premiums. This is not a large sum, but it illustrates the policy of the board in avoiding any unnecessary expenses.

discuss with him any subject relating to educational work. Likewise, we will be pleased to show any interested person through any school building in the district and supply him any information that may be desired in regard to buildings or the method of instruction.

VOTES FOR SECOND CHOICES WILL BE DENIED, IS BELIEF (Continued from Page One.) per of the house will be to kill the bill unless the provisions include every class of female labor.

CONTEMPT BILL PUT ON CALENDAR OF HOUSE; EMERGENCY MEASURES (Quoted From Leased Wire.) Olympia, Wash., March 6.—Today, with four more days of the present session to act, the house rules committee put on the calendar the bill providing a jury trial and an impartial judge in contempt cases on newspaper criticisms of judges.

Spokane gets a bill providing that the polls open from 8 to 9, on bond issues when they fall on the same day as a regular election. Otherwise the Seattle bond issue for a municipal carline could be voted on only from 9 to 7 o'clock.

Spokane gets a bill providing that the vote be canvassed five days after all elections. This cures an omission in the city charter.

Death of \$4000 Doglet. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, March 6.—Beigar Couer de Lion is dead of inflammation of the stomach, brought on by seasickness and aggravated by the New England climate.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1909, 1910) and various cost metrics (Cost of maintenance, full number registered, Average number belonging, etc.)

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