# **BOARD EXPLAINS INCREASE IN COST** OF CITY SCHOOLS

"Everything Has Gone Up-Schools, Too," It Says in Extenuation: Figures Quoted in Defense.

The school board answers its critics in a statement of policy and procedure

Higher cost of building material, increase in equipment and salaries, and modernizing schools are held responsible for great increases in cost of education. Portland has been called upon to solve a city's complex educational problem only during the past five years,

says the board. and 50 to 75 per cent more than wooden buildings now in use, the board asserts.

The statement says that the school buildings in use are safe, well ventilated and sanitary; that by employing an architect fees have been reduced from 3 to 5 per cent and the saving in a year has been \$8000; that bids for supaward; and that the bookkeeping system is modern and reveals at once for what and how money of taxpayers is spent. The board's extended statement reads: To the taxpayers of school district

Within the past few months attempts have been made in certain quarters in the city of Portland to create the impression that the school directors of this district have been derelict in their duties and that in consequence cause of education has suffered. We have no fault to find with fair criticism, from whatever source it may emanate, of our acts as public officials; in fact we invite such criticism as being beneficial to ourselves as officers and to the department of city government under our control. Instead of just criticism, however, there has been misrepresentation, most of it, we believe, unintentional. It has not served to remedy any faulty situation that may be supposed to exist, but rather to confuse the minds of the taxpayers in regard to real conditions. That you may judge whether or not the affairs of the district are being judiciously and economically managed, we submit the following statement for your consideration; Cost of School Living Migher.

"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 the past 10 years. Even admitting this to be true, it does not prove anything that is not already known to resident of Portland. There is not a line of business in the city that is not paying higher prices for everying that it uses than it did 10 years Every business house is not only paying a higher gross rent, but a greater rent per square foot of net rental ception. As to construction, relative wholesale prices of building material are substantially 30 per cent higher now than they were in 1900. In the general advance of prices in the past 10 years, it is only natural that edu-

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Architect's Fees.

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PHOTO-SUPPLY CO. 11 Sixth St., Bet. Wash, and Stark cation should be affected and that it should ecost 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 gaugation. thorized new departments of education which have contributed their share toward the increased cost. Among these departments which have either been installed or extended during the past 10 years are manual arts, commercial ourses, sewing, cooking, night schools, circulating libraries, additional high chool and trade schools.

Things That Raise the Expense. "Other items of expense are increases in the salaries of teacners and janitors in response to public demand; oil burnes ing 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. "In many cities the size of Portland,

bonds are issued for the cost of new buildings, and the tax is levied for maintenance, which includes interest on an increase in the stlaries of teachers bonds. In Portland the only building bonds issued have been for two new high schools. A considerable source of expense is the old style buildings, some of which have been standing for many years. These are now showing the effect of age, and the cost of repairing and modernizing them is very great. It Fire-proofing schools to meet city requirements will inevitably cost 10 to be modernized, for otherwise the children 15 per cent more than in eastern cities attending them would be in danger of epidemic arising from ancient plumbing. These changes have all been authorized by the taxpayers and in many instances were first recom-mended by the board. They are costing money, a great deal of it, but we do not think for a moment that the taxpayers would have that money if the saving plies are open to competition and the would entail return to the primitive lowest responsible bidder receives the conditions of 1900. Then years ago. Portland public schools were behind the times; they are now the equal of any public schools in the country.

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. It was announced that Philadelphia was getting a fine all fireproof high school for 15 cents a cubic When the matter was examined it was found that the Portland investigators had included in the cubic contents of the Philadelphia school some very large inside and outside light courts, and an unexcavated portion of the sub-basement. The more the cubic contents of the structure increased the more the cost per cubic foot decreased. The grade schools built within the past lew years in Portland include assembly hall and accessory rooms, which are equal in cost to three and perhaps three and one half completed classrooms. Eastern Building Cheaper.

'A careful inquiry into the cost of ireproof grade buildings, containing lassrooms, assembly halls and accessory rooms, fixes it at 75 per cent more than the wooden buildings in use Portland and 60 per cent more than the cost of buildings devoted to classrooms only. It is doubtful if fireproof construction can be done as cheaply by 10 to 15 per cent in Portland, as in the only to buildings of two stories and longing: basement. In buildings of three stories and basement the cost per cubic foot Cost of mainteincreases, as has been shown in the area occupied. The same is true of adcase of a school built at Elizabeth, N. J. full number case of a school built at Elizabeth, N. J. registered 12,674 testing, labor and material of all this building is 74 by 94 feat, three Average number belonging to 10,258.5 room. It contains 256,392 cubic feet and cost \$90,000, or over 35 cents per cubic foot.

"A committee of the Portland Archiectural club, which recently examined record of the Jefferson High was lower than the unit cost of high schools in "It is not proper accounting to charge St. Louis, Kansas City, Cincinnati, New against the cost of instruction, money York, Boston, Seattle, Grand Rapids, Washington, New Haven, Philadelphia, Spokane and Newark. The same was true of the grade schools of Portland as compared with the grade schools of the cities above named.

"At the Peninsula school, the con-

tract included a concrete wall all around the block at a cost of \$1040. At the Brooklyn school the old tollets were each year, subject only to a percentage discarded and new ones installed at a for depreciation. cost of \$5414. At the new Mt. Tabor chool the contract included a cesspool, for which an excavation of 50 feet was made, partly through quicksand. The costs shown in detail above are as near as can be calculated until all accounts are closed up. Cost of extras was practically nominal.

Character Building.

"As to whether or not the frame school buildings in use in Portland are health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. She was pale, with dark lighted corridors, a principal and janicircles under her circles under her cach room. Fire escapes, stand pipes eyes, weak and irri-each room. Fire escapes, stand pipes and hose are additional means of pro-tection. Each school is required to hold doctors treated her a fire drill once a week and a fine of and called it Green 35 is visited upon the the principal for Sickness, but she failure to comply with the rules of the grew worse all the board in this respect. The efficiency time. Lydia E. Pink- of the drill was amply attested by the

building work, and we will therefore state the policy of the board in regard to architecture and quote from our records on the subject of payments. the case of the Jefferson high school, architects' fees were \$14,438.30 being 5 per cent of the contracts, which were \$288,765.97. Architects' fees added to the contracts make the total cost of the school \$303,204.27. During the year Girls who are troubled with painful 1910, the board architect received from the district, \$8,229.55 on account of of 1969 contracts, a total of \$12,000, This was 3 per cent of an aggregate cost of \$400,000, and was for architecture and supervision, as against a possible cost of \$20,000 if the work had been handled on a 5 per cent basis, the regular charge for architecture. The sav ing to the school district by the method

employed by the board was \$8000 in 1910. The board architect furnishes his office for carrying on his work, nd pays his own draughtsmen, office the concrete inspectors, whose sal-

ries are paid by the board. 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 news-papers. It is the desire of the board that there shall be full and free com-petition between bidders for all work. Contracts are always awarded to the lowest and most responsible bidders who comply with the conditions of the

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 illu-

yentilated. In respect to modern plumb-ing, Portland is far ahead of most American cities. agent has been employed by the district

and it is his special duty to make purchases authorized by the board of such materials and supplies as are required; to receive and inspect the same and to account to the board regularly for the conduct of his office. His duties include inspection of fuel and supplies. He makes a daily report of stock, received and distributed. He may not purchase any article except upon requi-sition signed by a member of the board Most of the commodities used are pur chased under yearly contracts, and in respect to these the duties of the pur chasing agent pertain merely to re ceipt, inspection and distribution. Cost of Instruction.

"Upon the recommendation of the poard in 1910, the taxpayers at their annual meeting in that year authorized amounting to about 10 per cent, thus placing splarles in Portland about on a par with those in other Pacific coast and Rocky mountain cities in the same class with Portland in respect to population. Salaries of teachers constitute the largest item of expense in school maintenance. They have increased very largely in aggregate in the past 10 years, the disbursement for the fiscal year 1910 being \$701,632.25, as compared with \$208,745.10 in 1900. In 1900 the maximum salary of a teacher in the elementary schools was \$700 per year, and in the high schools \$950 Now the maximums are \$1100 per year in the elementary schools and \$1600 in the high schools. A young teacher entering the Portland school now after the required two years' experience in other schools, is paid the minimum rate of \$725 per year for the irst five months of her service. This s \$25 more per year than the maximum salary of the best grade teachers 10 years ago. After the probationary period of five months, teachers are paid

schedule in force.

"In figuring the cost of instruction per pupil the items which enter into the for periods of one year. computation are salaries of teachers, janitors, superintendents and supervismaterials of all kinds which perish with their use. On this basis the cost of maintenance of our schools for the entire year 1910 was \$885,591.72. The house amendment to its insurance bill total enrollment of pupils for the call- calling for the election instead of the endar year was 27,796; average number appointment of insurance commissionbelonging, 21,341.6; maximum average ers. divisor to be used in arriving at the viously passed the senate. cost of instruction per pupil as it is bill is stil lodged in the rules committhe number of pupils to be provided for, tee, in spite of rumors that an attempt Whether they attend school or not, teachers and all other necessary accommodations must be provided for them, and if not so provided, there is instant complaint from the public. epidemic, or a spell of unfavorable weather, will cut down the attendance for a period long or short, but the max mum average number belonging must always be taken care of. On this basis, the cost of instruction per pupil in 1910, was \$38.19. In 1900, the total cost of maintenance was \$253,175.55. Following are comparisons of cost between 1900 and 1910, based upon whole num

eastern cities. This observation applies ber registered and average number be-\$253,175.55 \$885,591.72 registered 

costs, reported that the Jefferson High school cost 9.4 cents per cubic foot, or at the rate of \$197.50 per pupil. In respect to both these units of cost, the pared with a fiscal year ending in De-

cember for 1910. "It is not proper accounting to charge invested for the purchase of land, erection of buildings, installation of furniture, improvements to grounds, and street and sewer assessments. These are permanent investments and are so regarded in every city in the country which keeps detailed account of its school expenditures. The city owns

Invitation to Taxpayers. "We take pleasure in saying that we will be glad to meet at any time with any one interested in the schools and

### buildings or the method of instruction. BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS,

VOTES FOR SECOND CHOICES WILL BE DENIED. IS BELIEF Generous With Spellbound

(Continued from Page One.) per of the house will be to kill the bill unless the provisions include every class of female labor. It is claimed that from a post of the enate 23 senators have agreed to vote for the appropriation of \$250,000 for ad-

CONTEMPT BILL PUT ON CALENDAR OF HOUSE: **EMEMGENCY MEASURES** 

ministration buildings at Olympia.

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. This bill was introduced following the imprisonment of two editers of the Seattle Star for criticising injunctions issued by Superior Judge Gilliam against the people of the Du-wamish valley in their fight with the Puget Sound Electric railway.

Three emergency measures were passed by the house this merning pro-viding for tomorrow's elections at Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane,

Seattle gets a bill for voting, keeping the polls open from 8 to 8, on bend 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

Spokane gets a bill providing that the vote be canvassed five days after such additional sum as their certifi- all elections. This cures an omission cates and experience warrant under the in the new city charter.

Tacoma gets a bill allowing the city to own or lease waterfront property

The house this morning agreed to the senate amendments of the initiative and ors, fuel, light, water and supplies and referendum, providing for a 10 per cent call, instead of 8 on the initiative and 6 Instead of 5 on the referendum. The senate, on its part, accepted the

number belonging, 23,190.8. The latter The house is taking up the public figure is the fairest and most equitable utilities bill this afternoon. It had pre-

would be made to force it out. Death of \$4000 Doglet.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boston, March 6.—Belgar Couer Lion is dead of inflammation of the stomach, brought on by seasickness and aggravated by the New England climate The bearer of all that name was the new \$4000 imported miniature blue ribbon French bulldog of Mrs. Arnold Lawson, daughter-in-law of Thomas W. Lawson He came from Mrs. Lionell in London and weighed only 13 pounds.

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Great Pupil of Rubinstein Is Audience.

For two hours yesterday afternoon Josef Hofmann, the planist, held his audience at the Heilig enthrailed, and when the thunderous climax of the last number on the printed program had rolled away the listeners remained begging for more. The pupil of Rubinstein was generous and responded with two more encores, making six for the afternoon, in addition to a dozen or more

Hofmann is a young man, in the neighborhood of 34, yet he is now ac-cepted as one of the biggest living pi-

In his performance yesterday Hof-mann presented all the shades of the plane palette, from the most delicate and fluttering planissimo to the highest degree of forte thunderings. If a plano ever was made to sing, it was the one at the Hellig yesterday after-noon, its voice expressing all the emo-tions of the soul, at times melancholy and mournful, at times full of joy and happiness, again tender and tearful.

Hofmann has a repertory that may be called endless, and yesterday after the concert was over, when asked for some of the encores, said:

"Let's see, I don't know if I can re-member what I did play. Scherzo from Sonata, opus 31, No. 3, Beethoven; Chant Polonais in G flat major, Chopin-Liszt; Etude G flat major, Chopin; Berceuse, Chopin; Feuersauber, Wagner; 'Perpetum Mobile,' Weber."

One of the most pleasing little numpers on the program was perhaps the mulic box imitation by Liadow. Practically every seat was occupied and among those present were many music teachers and students. The concert was under the direction of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

Portland Business College Wins. The Portland Business college defeated the Trade school nine at baseball at the Park block by the score of 8 to 4 This is the first game of the season and although the grounds were wet the game was well played. The features of the game were the batting of Captain Thompson and Whetstone and the fieldin of Klieng, all of the Portland Business college.

The line-up follows—Portland Busi-ness college: V. Usendahi, Thompson, Dodson, Whetstone, Renick, Viein, John-Middleton, Thomas, Kuhng, Fink, Kelt

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