

# "SCHOOL CITY" IS GOVERNED BY THE STUDENTS ALONE

Even Discipline Is Left in the Hands of Pupils at Stephens—Experiment Is Two Years Old Now.

The pupil government of the Stephens school, East Seventh and East Harrison streets, has passed the experimental stage and is now an acknowledged success. It has taken two years for the pupils, the teachers and the parents to become accustomed to it, but now that the government of the Stephens School City has become a matter of routine, the results greatly exceed the most favorable predictions.

The school officers consist of a mayor, chief of police, school judge, school clerk, clerk of the court and other minor officials. These officers are elected yearly by the pupils and the procedure is patterned after a regular city election. Ballots are printed and a regular election board appointed. A registration book is also used and all pupils must register before voting.

Two weeks before election each room above the fourth grade elects two delegates to the nominating convention. This convention is held one week before election and two candidates are named for each office. During the week before election the candidates are allowed to address the school in the assembly hall and give their qualifications for the office to which they are named.

**Police are Active.**  
The police system is the most important part of the school government. The chief of police appoints an assistant who helps in the discipline of the whole school. One captain of police and two patrolmen, of both boys and girls, are appointed from each room and in this way the conduct of the pupils is perfectly controlled.

Court is held every Wednesday afternoon where all cases of disobedience and laxity in discipline are tried. At first it was thought somewhat of a joke to be called before the court but now that the pupils realize the seriousness of their government there is no desire whatever to be even a "one time loser."

Not only is the police system in effect during school hours but also in the evening and on Saturdays and Sundays. In this way the system of the school is beneficial to the whole neighborhood. "Under our system of school government," stated Principal R. R. Steele, "the pupils take great pride in all of the helping activities of the school. The teachers are relieved of three-fourths of the monitoring duty which enables them to spend their strength in the real class work; and the teachers and pupils have been gradually but effectively brought into closer and lasting cooperation. In all particulars our system is a great success."

**Girls Have Gardens.**  
Athletics play a prominent part in the school life of the pupils of the school. Handball is the principal exercise of both boys and girls and some very good players have been developed. Tournaments are held each term and letters given to the best players of each room. The boys always have their school athletic teams but this year the baseball team got off to a bad start with the result that they have lost all but one game.

The school garden contest has created unusual interest among the pupils and every plot of the community garden has been assigned. The community garden is 102 feet by 109 feet, and accommodates 60 pupils. Forty more pupils will cultivate home gardens.

The Stephens school maintains a complete sewing training department for boys and sewing class for girls. Many of the boys have shown exceptional ability with the result that some very splendid pieces of furniture have been made. The girls have also entered the advance part of the sewing work and many of them are now making their own garments.

Nor is the social life of the pupils overlooked. Each term school entertainments are prepared in which all of the students take part. The school has a boys' quartet and a glee club composed of boys and girls. They have always proven successful features of the school entertainments.

With so many varied school activities it might appear that the regular class work of the pupils is overlooked, but Principal Steele states that since the advent of the new system of school government the class work of the pupils has been much better than ever before. The Stephens school is truly a remarkable institution.

## OLDTIME CLARKE SETTLER DIES AT BLANCHET HOME

(Special to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., May 17.—Mrs. Katharina Dillon, 78 years old, died this morning at the Blanchet Home in this city, death resulting from infirmities due to old age.

Mrs. Dillon was born in Ireland and came to this country 47 years ago, when with her husband she settled on what is now known as the Clarke county fair grounds just outside the Vancouver city limits. She left the farm about 13 years ago, and for the past 10 months had been an inmate of the Blanchet Home. She is survived by four children who are: John Dillon and Mrs. Kate Moore, both of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Nora Rand of Sheridan, Or.; and Mark Dillon of Vancouver.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning at St. James cathedral and will be conducted by Rev. Father Verwiltgen. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery beside the remains of Mr. Dillon.

## Aerial Aviation Proposed.

Paris, May 17.—An important bill to regulate aviation has just been approved by the cabinet and will be brought before parliament. The principal object of the measure is to safeguard military aviation, the security of airmen and the public, and also the rights of private property.

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# NINE STATE CAPITOL EMPLOYEES TO BE GRADUATED IN LAW THIS MONTH



Employees in state capitol who will be graduated in law this month from Willamette university: 1—Mabel Welborn. 2—Ralph A. Watson. 3—Fern Hobbs. 4—Charles A. Willson. 5—G. G. Brown, class president. 6—C. L. Starr. 7—C. Babcock. 8—W. B. Dillard. 9—T. A. Rinehart.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., May 17.—The graduating class of the Willamette law school this year has several distinctions. It is the largest class ever graduated from the school; there are 36 members of the class. The dean, Charles L. McNary, will ascend to the state supreme court bench at the end of the school year.

The commencement exercises will be held on the evening of May 23 at the First Methodist church. Nine of the graduates, two of whom are young women, hold positions in the employ of the state. They are: G. G. Brown, president of class, secretary of state land board; R. A. Watson, secretary to Governor West and appointed corporation commissioner; C. D. Babcock, formerly corporation clerk in the secretary of state's office and appointed a member

of the state industrial insurance commission; Fern Hobbs, private stenographer to Governor West and appointed to succeed Watson as private secretary; C. L. Starr, secretary of state tax commission; C. A. Willson, cashier in state insurance department; T. A. Rinehart, state land agent; W. B. Dillard, assistant state school superintendent; Mabel Welborn, stenographer in office of secretary of state.

## FIREMEN'S PENSION MEASURE FAVORED

Labor Council and Jewish Women Among Those Behind Plan.

The proposed amendment to the charter that will provide for a relief and pension fund for the members of the Portland Fire Department is receiving indorsements from many quarters. The Central Labor council at its Friday night meeting adopted unanimously, a resolution favoring the measure, and has pledged the support of practically all its members. The Metal Trades council indorsed it earlier in the week, and several local unions have added their approval to the bill.

At the last meeting of the Council of Jewish Women a vote was taken on the matter of indorsing, and it passed unanimously. The Woman's club, at its last meeting, gave the measure the same vote, and the plan was not only indorsed but was taken as the topic of discussion with the result that it was declared fair, just and humane. The measure will have the first place on the ballot, and will bear the following caption: "An act to amend section 178 of the charter of the City of Portland creating a relief and pension fund for disabled infirm and retired members of the fire department, and the widows and dependent children of deceased firemen. Shall section 178 of the charter of the City of Portland be so amended?"

The number of the vote in favor of the measure is 100. Being the first on the ballot it is expected that more votes will be cast for it than for any of the other 13 amendments that will be submitted to the voters.

The measure has for its purpose the retiring and pensioning at half pay, all members of the fire department who have reached the age of 55 years, if they have been in the service 20 years, or any fireman who has reached the age of 50 years with 25 years' service to his credit. It also provides for the care of widows of firemen killed in service, and for dependent children under the ages of 18 years. It further provides for the care of firemen who are temporarily disabled by injuries or exposure resulting from fire fighting, and for the permanent care of firemen totally disabled through an accident while on duty.

The firemen pay one per cent of their salary monthly to the fund, which amounts to from \$13 to \$25 annually for each man, and taxpayers are asked to pay annually one-tenth of a mill on the assessed valuation of the property of the city.

A careful perusal of the tax roll of the city, shows that the average taxpayer will pay annually between 10 and 15 cents to this fund. The police were provided with a similar pension fund by an act passed by the last legislature and now in effect. This fund will bear the same relation to firemen that a workman's compensation act would to a person engaged in hazardous occupations.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION WILL BE OPENED TODAY

Multnomah County Association to Hold Annual Meeting in First M. E. Church, Beginning at 2:45 P. M.

The first session of the annual convention of the Multnomah county Sunday School association will open today at 2:45, in the First Methodist church at Third and Taylor streets. A. A. Morse, president of the association, will preside. The program is as follows:

2:45—Prayer service, conducted by Dr. Benjamin Young.

3:00—Adult and vested choir of Sunnyside M. E. church, Jasper Dean, Music Director.

3:10—Address, "Seven Things S. S. Stands For," Rev. C. A. Phipps.

3:50—Adult and vested choir of Sunnyside M. E. church.

4:10—Address, "Glimpse of Home Visitation," Rev. J. H. Bennett.

4:40—Appointment of committees, announcement.

## Second Session Monday.

The second session of the convention opens Monday afternoon at 2:45 with the following program:

2:45—Prayer and praise service, Rev. C. C. Poling. Music director, Mrs. H. A. Goode.

3:00—"Health and Temperance," Dr. Frederick Rosseter.

3:20—Solo, Mrs. H. A. Goode.

3:25—Round table, "Our Eighth Variety," conducted by Rev. C. A. Phipps.

3:45—Offering and registration.

3:55—Solo, Miss Marguerite Moore.

4:00—Address, "A Plea for Sunday Schools," Rev. James S. McGraw.

4:30—Chorus, "Gamma Beta Chi," of Sunnyside Congregational Church.

4:40—Address, "Effective Teaching in the Sunday School," W. S. Hollis.

Monday evening at 8:15 a supper will be served in the church parlors at 15 cents a plate. Responses will be made to the following toasts:

Dr. John H. Boyd: "How the Pastor Can Assist in the Uplifting of the Sunday School."

Mrs. Delmar H. Trimble: "Handwork in the Sunday School."

T. S. McDaniel: "What Has the Sunday School to Offer the Business Man?"

Dr. Luther R. Dyott: "Musical Organizations in the Sunday School."

Mrs. S. W. Ormsby: "The First Girls' Conference in Oregon."

Rev. F. W. Emerson: "The Boy and the Church."

## Last Session Monday Evening.

The last session of the convention opens Monday evening at 7:45 with James D. Ogden presiding. The following program has been arranged:

7:45—Devotional service, James D. Ogden. Music director, W. H. Phillips. Orchestra director, L. H. Hanson.

8:00—Organized classes, Mrs. S. W. Ormsby. Open discussion.

8:20—Map song, Graded Union.

8:25—"Building Up a Sunday School," James F. Ewing, superintendent First Presbyterian.

8:40—Offering and registration.

8:50—Ladies' Harmony Chorus, Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp, director. Two selected choruses.

9:05—Address, "The Pastor and the Sunday School," Rev. F. W. Emerson president Oregon State Sunday School association.

9:25—Song, led by W. H. Phillips.

9:40—Annual report of the Graded Union. Election of officers. Closing song, led by W. H. Phillips. Benediction.

Officers of the association have requested that delegates come prepared to make pledges for their schools toward the work the coming year. Many schools have voted upon this matter and have instructed their delegates as to the amount to pledge.

## No Cruelty to Ostriches.

London, May 17.—The apparently universal idea that cruelty attends the obtaining of ostrich feathers for the European and American millinery trade is indignantly denied by experts who are to testify in connection with the plumage bills that are soon to be introduced in the houses of commons.

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## Armless Woman a Good Rider.

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