# BOARD OF EDUCATION BIDS FOR TEXTBOOKS

Misunderstanding Over Fact Awards Not Yet Made Believed to Warrant Course.

Although the question of readvertising for bids for the adoption of school text books was volubly discussed at yesterday's meeting of the board of education, the matter was left unde cided but it is probable that it will be brought up for settlement soon. The discussion arose from the fact that 32 book concerns put in bids last July and only 20 were represented in the bidding last month. Knowing that several of the 12 unrepresented were not cognizant of the fact that the question of text book selection had not been settled, the board members discussed the advisability of throwing down the bars again and allowing all

Tonight the board will hold a meeting, when the final hearing in connec-tion with the selection of history and geography text books will be had. Music Books to Come Up.

On March 16 the final public hearing on books for the musical courses will be held. On this evening it is understood that representatives of the Parent-Teacher association will make another protest against the adoption of Frank Rigler's arithmetic, "Numbers,

Should the board decide to readver-tise for bids on other text books it has the right to do so at any time, but it is expected early action will be taken to settle the matter one way or another so the publisher one way or another so the publishers will have plenty of time to get the books in Portland before the opening of the next school year.

J. H. Mason was elected to prepare an exhibit of the Portland schools for the Panama Pacific exposition. His salary was placed at \$150 per month. Property which had heretofore been offered the board for school sites at prices which they failed to consider, was again offered yesterday at materially lower quotations.

Property Prices Reduced. Mall & Von Borstel offered 25.89 acres at the southeast corner of Fiftysecond and Division streets at \$70. 225, a reduction of almost \$12,000 under the proffer made a month ago.

J. H. Middleton, for V. Cook, offered block 155, between Hall, College and Fourth and Fifth, for \$110,000 net, which is \$15,000 less than they wanted

Others who offered property options were Kupper & Humphry, prop-erty 200 by 250 feet at Marshall, Loveloy and Nineteenth streets at an outside price of \$90,000 or \$95,000, H. Idleman offered 21/2 blocks, each 200 by 660 feet, between Twentyseventh and Twenty-ninth avenues, at East Seventy-fourth street, at about \$11,700 per block, and Thomas M. Myers offered all of block 180, Couch addition, at a price of \$141,000, and block 20, Caruthers' addition, between Third and Fourth, College and Lincoln streets, for \$165,000. The options were referred to the grounds committee. Bills Ordered Paid.

Bills amounting to \$44,062.26 were R. Alderman transmitted a referred to the teachers' committee.

sion with one of the company's cars, was accepted.

the recommendation of the rapidly as conditions permit.

plies committee to purchase items in the ppen market whenever it sees fit Jonesmore and Terwilliger schools.

In the future all buildings will be provided with translucent window shades, and it was ordered that they be installed immediately in all south fronting windows.

#### JOHN READY LEAVES

Of an estate consisting of \$1210 eash John Ready, who died February 18, left \$700 for masses for himselt, his deceased wife and for perpetual membership of himself and his wife in Diocesan Directors of the Propagation of the Faith, New York. The latter bequest was \$400. Other bequests, were \$100 to the Benedictine Fathers of Mt. Angel college, \$100 to the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the Protection of Homeless and Destitute Children, of New York, and spellers in the county will be secured \$100 to Father Hughes, of St. Law- to challenge the champion spellers of rence Parish. Francis W. Black, a Polk county schools. The winners of nephew, was bequeathed \$300 and the county spelling will be determined in residue of the estate was left to Mary Clackamas by a number of spelling Courtney, a sister-in-law. William H. and Frank J. Courtney were named will be the first intercounty spelling

## Fickle Seal Seeks New Fields THREE SECTIONS OF MAY AGAIN CALL FOR Wanderlust Gets Him Into Hole



Dick Abandons Mates and Takes Up With Swan Family; Then Deserts New Loves Only to Come to Grief by Falling Into Deep Trench.

Dick Seal, the peripatetic pinniped which he fell and from which he was of Washington Park, with a nose for unable to extricate himself. adventure, a propensity for breaking out and a sinister liking for dry land, who deserted his brothers and sisters of the genus phoca vitulina last week for a family of swans, had an attack of spring fever yesterday that almost got him into trouble.

Dick, as he is called by the park employes, found a hole in the fence surrounding the swan pond and proceeded forthwith to crawl through it and seek brighter and greener fields. He started down the hill and might have reached the bright light district but for a pesky hole in the ground benind the Ford street car barns, into

## ESTATE IS DECLARED UNDER REAL VALUE

Those Informed Say This Is Particularly True of Home Place, in Business Center,

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 6.—The appraisal of the Asahel Bush estate, which was placed at \$1,530,475, has caused much discussion among persons who are acquainted with land values. The opinion is freely expressed that the appraisers' estimate of the value of the real estate is far below the actual

The appraisal was filed yesterday with the state treasurer, whose duty it is to collect the inheritance tax which in this instance will be 1 per cent of the appraised value, less \$10,000 exemption. It has developed that the appraisers, who were H. B. Thielsen, J. Baumgartner and Russell Catlin, were disqualified to serve as appraisers because of their indebtedness to

the estate. State Treasurer Kay said he had not had time to go into the matter yet, and was not prepared to say what action he would take

request of E. D. Curtis, principal of Those who are acquainted with prop-Those who are acquainted with propteach Esperanto in the school. It was ly all the real estate holdings are greatly under-appraised. This is par-The building committee's recommendation that the Hoffman school be actor to the Bush home place, which concepted was adopted, as were the plans sists of the family residence and about for a school building at Fulton Park.

A proposition of the Portland Rail- few blocks of the business center. The way. Light & Power company to pay property is surrounded with residences, \$70.35, half of the damage to one of the district's automobiles in a collieven \$3500 less than its assessed valu-

The appraised value is \$500 an acre, grounds committee a policy of install- while disinterested persons say that ing shower baths in the schools was adjacent city lots are valued at that adopted and will be carried out as figure. The lowest estimate they place on this property is \$1200 an acre, or The board also authorized the sup- more than double the appraisal.

Another piece of property which is said to be appraised at less than its the reject bids from firms.

The board also decided to advertise leated a few miles north of Salem, assessed value is the 560 acre farm The board also decided to advertise for eight planes with the intention of providing instruments in the Chapman, Fernwood, Hoffman, Kenton, at \$50,000, and is assessed at \$60,300, or more than \$10,000 higher than the appraisal.

This farm is appraised at a fraction over \$89 an acre, while an estimate of its true value, said to be conservative, is \$200 an acre, or a difference in valuation of \$62,000.

A similar valuation, and then de-MONEY TO CHURCH clared to be very low, is placed on the uppraised at \$25,200, or \$70 an acre. Aside from the home place, most of the town property is appraised at a slight advance over the assessed valuations. But it is declared that the appraisal of the Chicago Store building property, which is placed at \$26,000, is

Spelling Bee Probable.

Monmouth, Or., March 6. — According to the plan of Supervisor James of eastern Clackamas county, the best six bees. When these counties clash it match held in the state.

## BONDING ORDINANCE ARE DECLARED VOID

Passed Upon by Circuit The section requiring a \$1000 bond Judge Morrow,

Circuit Judge Morrow, in a decision

iled yesterday, declared void three

bonding ordinance." came on a demurrer filed December under consideration since it was argued, shortly after it was filed. The demurrer was filed to a suit instituted by Philip Gevurtz, of the Multnomah, Mallory and Carlton hotels; Thomas J. Hammer of the Ockley hotel; J. H. Dietz, J. W. Blaney and Edward W. Mueller of the Rainier, As a hole it was a very ordinary Rowland, Parsons and Minook hotels; sort of a hole but it was enough to W. Bushong of the Netherlands hoseal Dick Seal's fate, with the hole tel; Frank A. Clark of the Clark and all around and the azure ceil of heaven Clyde hotels, and C. Venable of the Venable hotel. The plaintiffs asked The moanings and gnashings of that the city be enjoined from putting beaks on part of the disconsolate the ordinance into effect. They alleged swans attracted the attention of park that 300 hotels and rooming houses employes to Dick's absence from the would be affected, and that 200 of pond and a posse was sent forth to these authorized the suit. The hotels oring him back to water and captivity. represented by the plaintiffs have ap-

After an hour's search he was located proximately 1500 rooms. Judge Morrow declared void the secback on a rope across the same ground tion providing that the ordinance shall over which he had so merrily flipped apply to only such hotels and rooming houses as shall contain 10 or more repaired and Dick returned to the power to revoke any permit given swans. If he escapes again he will under the ordinance at its pleasure, under the ordinance at its pleasure. Hyde claims the shooting was acci- Kansas City has a 12 hour day law and the section prohibiting any hotel dental. He was admitted to \$250 bail. for horses.

or lodging house proprietor or em-ploye in a place coming under the terms of the ordinance from letting a room to any persons of the opposite sex of whom one or the other is a minor, unless the persons have baggage or are properly identified as man and wife.

The first section is declared unrea sonable, because it creates a distinc-tion; the second is held to permit deprivation of property without due process of law, and denial of equal protection under the laws, and the third is called "an unreasonable re-Measure Affecting Hotels Is striction on the conduct of a lawful

from the proprietors of all hotels and lodging houses is upheld. Attorney A. E. Clark, who represented the plaintiffs, declared this morning that the secure refund of special corporation findings of the court practically meant excise taxes paid the internal revenue the nullification of the entire ordinance, as the section designating the sections of the ordinance passed in Class of hotels and lodging houses to branch lines of the Oregon-WashingOctober, 1912, known as the "hotel come under the ordinance has been bonding ordinance." The decision declared illegal. If the remaining porThe complaints allege that these tions of the ordinance are held to con-

#### BAKER ATTORNEY HAS TROUBLE WITH RANCHER

Baker, Or., March 6 .- Charles former district attorney Union, Wallowa, Grant and Malheur counties, at his preliminary hearing today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Hubbard.

The courtroom was crowded, interest in the case running high, because of the prominence of the defendant in egal and business circles. Hyde is accused of shooting Tom Williams, a Grant county race horse man, following a quarrel over a case rooms; the section giving the council in which the latter's son is defendant, Williams was shot in the hand.

REFUND OF EXCISE TAX

O.-W. R. & N. Subsidiaries Allege They Are Not in Business for Selves.

Suits directed against Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, and department, were filed in the federal court today in the name of four of the

17, 1912, which Judge Morrow has had stitute an ordinance he said it would themselves, their property being leased under consideration since it was armean that any person renting one or by the O.-W. R. & N. company; that more rooms must file the \$1000 bond despite this fact, the collectors of internal revenue forced them to pay the excise tax; that they applied to the commissioner of internal revenue at Washington for a refund and that he ordered them to make a more complete statement. For this purpose, that a detailed investigation may be made, the suits are brought,

The plaintiffs and the amount of taxes each is suing to recover are: W. R. & Idaho R. R. company, \$685.96; the Columbia River and Oregon Central R. R., \$486.51; the Snake River Valley R. R., \$870.70, and the Columbia Southern Railway company, \$870.

The complaints recite that all the plaintiffs were made subordinate corporations of the O.-W. R. & N. in 1907 and that the collecting of the corporation excise tax was not begun until 1911. The suits were prepared by W. W. Cotton and associates of the O.-W



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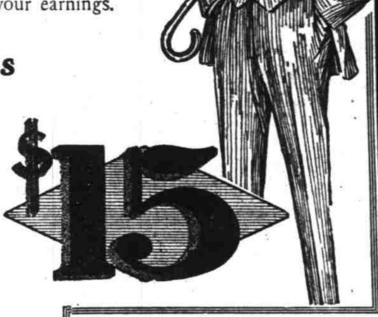
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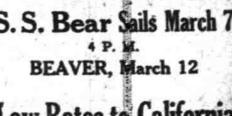




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