

ADVANCEMENT HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF '13. SCHOOL SURVEY

Houston, Texas, Educator
Completes Investigation of
System in This City.

TENURE LAW CONDEMNED

Instructor Makes Numerous Recommen-
dations Looking Toward Further
Progress of Portland Schools.

Portland schools have shown advancement as result of the adoption of 48 meritorious suggestions made in 1913, declares P. W. Horn, superintendent of schools of Houston, Texas, who has just completed a systematic survey of the school system here.

With these advances have taken place a backward step, namely, the removal of the board of directors power to regulate teachers, according to Mr. Horn.

Selection of a woman to be known as "Primary Supervisor," is suggested as a good thing. The election of another assistant superintendent, man or woman, whose office shall pertain to the intermediate grades, is recommended.

Teachers should not all be home products. Such practice is said to be conducive of breeding in.

Mr. Horn hopes that petitions for the increase of salaries of high school and grade teachers will be granted.

Examinations of papers and personal inquiries led Mr. Horn to provide instruction in trades which have lumber for their basis is recognized.

Satisfaction is expressed over the progress made by the two group plan, which is said to be a modification of the Gary system. He believes that the plan can be made to succeed providing teachers and principals are properly trained along this line.

Loing away with sample cooking is praised. Manual training is found beneficial. Home garden work wins the praise of Mr. Horn.

Establishment of a permanent committee on school progress, community house plan and one story school building are advocated. Additional efforts to enforce the compulsory school attendance law is advised. A school for delinquent children is said to be needed. The tax limitation is declared to present a serious situation.

TEDDY ASKS WEST TO "LICK THE KAISER" AND TO DO TASK QUICKLY

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The sooner the others get out the better. I don't care what nationality or from what country a man comes, as long as he is a straight American.

Wants Germans in His Army.

"If I am permitted to raise my division I hope to get a large percentage of members who are wholly or partly German. I am part German myself. But they must come in as Americans or not at all. I am fighting with France for civilization and humanity and every American worthy of the name will join in the struggle."

When asked his opinion of the "slacker" bridgebroke more than 600 of whom rushed to the license clerk's office here in the early days of the war declaration, the colonel smiled.

"Well," he said, "for any man who marries as a preparation for war, but those who hide behind the skirts to avoid military obligations should be expelled from the country."

Fully 1500 persons crowded the banquet chamber at the Hotel La Salle at noon to hear Roosevelt make his first speech.

Governor Lowden extended the city's welcome and short addresses were made by Major General Barry, Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, and Edmund J. James of the State university.

"I believe with all my heart in the men and women of the west," Roosevelt stated. "The world is facing a shortage of food. Soon we in this country shall face a shortage of food. Therefore, let us use all the grain we have for food, and not for intoxicants. Let the government help the farmer by mobilizing labor, if necessary, and tell our young men that it is a case of farm and arm."

Wants Complete Preparedness.

"During the last 24 years of peace we have been fool enough not to prepare for war. Now that we are at war, let us avoid the further folly of failure to prepare for the great tasks of peace—the tasks with which we will have to deal now, while we are at war, and which will be of overwhelming importance as soon as the war is over. We need thorough-going military preparedness, not a halfhearted company and represent and be based on thorough-going economic preparedness."

"I come to Chicago to say, substantially, what I said to you in this city a year ago, when I spoke for Americanism and preparedness; the only difference is that some of what I then said as prophecy can now be repeated as history. I know no politics, no division of creed, national origin or section, when the nation is at war with a foreign foe."

Cannot Afford to Run Risk.

"As yet our people are not waked up to the vital significance of this war. This is because at the moment we are safe behind the British fleet. I do not believe that Germany will be able to make her submarine warfare a success. But this is always a possibility; and if she does succeed, it would mean that we would be a helpless victim to Germany, for the matter of that, to any great military power. We cannot afford to owe an ignominious safety to the British fleet."

"I appeal primarily for the instance

meeting by this nation of the three great military needs of the situation. Needs Are Pointed Out.

"We should immediately institute, not only for this war, but as a permanent national policy, the system of universal, obligatory military training and service for all our young men."

"We should, at the earliest moment, strike hard and aggressively at Germany; and this can be done only by sending abroad, at the earliest moment, an expeditionary force. At least a division should be put in France within the next few weeks; and then put on the firing line as quickly as the allied generals say it is ready; and its numbers kept filled, and as rapidly as other divisions can be gotten ready, they should be sent over beside it, until, without an hour's unnecessary delay, we accumulate at the French front a formidable fighting army."

Would Strengthen Navy.

"To proceed at once to do everything for the upbuilding of the navy, capital ships, submarines, auxiliaries, cargo ships, everything."

"Remember that these needs should be met at once. On the whole, the worst folly that we can commit is to refuse immediately to introduce a system of universal, obligatory military training and service. I believe in universal service so emphatically that I wish to include myself and the men who are anxious to come in the division I desire to help raise. If we are denied this chance, most of us will be denied the chance of all service, under the proposed obligatory system."

"Give the allies ships and food and money by all means, but send our men to the front if we value our own self-respect. Nothing in the world now counts with France except the men who go out to face death in the field."

"This man's perdition to be safe. When for the truth he ought to die."

EDWARD A. SAXTON IS DEAD AT AGE OF 80; LIVED-HERE 20 YEARS

Life-Long Presbyterian and
Long Identified With Rose
City Church, Passes Away

Edward A. Saxton died this morning at his residence, 398 East Forty-fourth street north, in his eighty-fourth year, after a long illness. He was born in New York city, and was in business there until 1876, when he removed to Los Angeles. Twenty years ago he came to Portland, and was identified with the Equitable Savings & Loan association until a little over two years ago, when advancing years compelled his retirement from active business life.

Mr. Saxton was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, and identified himself with the Rose City Park Presbyterian church early in its history. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Holman company, and will be announced later.

REV. GEO. W. MESARVEY DEAD

Rev. Geo. W. Mesarvey died Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bard, 1027 Westover road, in his eighty-eight years. He came to Oregon six years ago from Lincoln, Neb. He was pastor of the Baptist E. church in that city for over 38 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Mesarvey, and his son of this city, and by two daughters, one in Lincoln and another in Great Falls, Mont.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Holman company.

FIRELESS MONTH FOR PORTLAND IS PLAN OF MARSHAL STEVENS

Campaign of Safety Will Be
Conducted in Theatres, on
Streetcars and Signboards

BONFIRES TO BE WATCHED

Thirty Thousand School Children Are
Called On to Aid in Effort to Es-
tablish a Record.

A city wide campaign to make May a fireless month in Portland begins in earnest Monday, April 30, under the direction of Fire Marshal Stevens, his deputies and 30,000 school children. By the campaign it is hoped that the month will go by without a single fire, thus establishing a new record in Portland.

The campaign is to include motion picture exhibitions on fire prevention, the exhibitions to take place in the motion picture theatres, signs on the streetcars and signboards calling attention to the need of fire prevention.

In the statement concerning the campaign, Fire Marshal Stevens says: "Inasmuch as the first week of May has been declared 'cleanup' week in the state, it is appropriate that we start our campaign and cooperate in the 'cleanup' plan. The ban on bonfire permits has been lifted temporarily and people will be permitted to build small bonfires provided there is an attendant at the fire at all times until it has been thoroughly extinguished with water."

"The public is requested to be careful about calling out the fire department unnecessarily, but in case an actual fire is discovered no time should be lost in notifying the department. Every good citizen should give every assistance and cooperate in every way in this campaign to make May a fireless month."

The most common causes of fire are carelessness of smokers with matches, cigars and cigarettes; carelessness in permitting children to play with matches, hot ashes; defective heating apparatus; carelessness with gasoline; carelessness with electrical appliances."

**SELECTIVE DRAFT BILL
RECEIVES SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BY LARGE VOTE**

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The clerk commenced reading the rest of the bill, Sears of Florida, with the assistance of a fellow member, tried to get recognition to make a left-over speech. He was finally squelched.

"Selective" Draws Opposition.

In the house, Representative Moore, Pennsylvania, presented an amendment to make the conscription a plain draft proposition, eliminating the "selective" feature for fear of favoritism.

Representative Mason, Illinois, aroused the dormant volunteer proponents when, discussing the amendment, he said:

"This amendment removes the coat of sugar from the bitter pill of the draft servitude. Jesus of Nazareth, on the cross, was a volunteer."

"The gentlemen on each side of Him were conscripts."

**KAHN LEADS IN FIGHT
FOR PRESIDENT'S VIEW
OF RAISING AN ARMY**

Washington April 28. — (U. P.) — With a brilliant address by Representative Julius Kahn, Republican, of California, in favor of the draft sys-

tem and a reply by Representative Dent, chairman of the house military affairs committee, upholding the volunteer bill reported by that committee, the house debate on selective conscription came to a close Friday night. Representative Kahn immediately moved that the provision giving the volunteer system a trial be stricken from the bill and the house agreed to vote at the beginning of this morning's session on this amendment, bringing the first voting test of strength between the volunteer and selective draft systems of raising an army, the latter of which is urged by President Wilson and the general staff of the army.

Strain Tells on Kahn.

When Representative Kahn descended to the well of the house to begin his argument it was evident to every member that he was suffering under much physical distress. The arduous duties of the past fortnight have told upon his none too robust constitution. He was pallid and a look of pain was in his eyes. However, he launched into his attack on the "obstructionists" who favor the retention of the obsolete and discredited system of army organization. He was cheered vociferously from the time he left his seat until the chairman had reduced the noisy house to order.

Representative Kahn urged that the army of the republic be composed of representative men of every walk of life and every degree of importance so that the first line and the lines which are thereafter drawn to fill the ranks should be of the same balanced, representative domestic character.

Britain's Experience Cited.

He pointed to the experience of Great Britain in the present world war. He urged that America not repeat the mistake of Britain with that glaring mistake not yet two years old on the part of her army.

Abraham Lincoln's famous letter to the Massachusetts mother who had given five sons to the cause of the union in the Civil war furnished opportunity for the most telling point of Representative Kahn's effort.

"Why should she have made such a sacrifice?" demanded Kahn, with a catch in his voice as he pointed toward the group of his opponents seated around Chairman Dent. "Why should she give five sons, and another, a nearly five domestic character, not a man with difficulty subdued it, while from every quarter of the house members clustered around the Californian wringing his hands."

The concluding address by Chairman Dent, favoring the volunteer bill, as reported by the military affairs committee, was more explanatory of the position of the opposition to the administration views than a defense of the volunteer system.

**Government Wants
500 Tons of Oats**

The Alaska engineering commission wants 500 tons of oats and 500 tons of hay for delivery alongside the transport Crook at Seattle before May 15, according to requests for bids received by the Chamber of commerce and J. H. Hittinger, representative of the purchasing agent here. Bids close May 4 on the material.

The depot quartermaster at San Francisco wants 10,000 packing box shooks for delivery at San Francisco, bids for which close May 7.

Suit on Farm Started.

Oregon City, Or., April 27.—Lorena M. Lundgren has brought suit to recover the sum of \$1345 from Thad Robinson, from whom she purchased a farm and buildings valued at \$7000. She alleges that certain personal property on the farm at the time of purchase was withheld from her possession.

PROPERTY OWNERS ON UNION AVENUE FILE A SUIT ON ASSESSMENT

Petitioners Ask That Pro-
ceedings Be Set Aside and
Quashed.

LEVY IS TERMED UNJUST

Claim Is Put Forth That Assessments
Are Illegal—Complainants Requested
by William M. Killingsworth.

Seventy-five property owners, headed by W. M. Killingsworth, in the district affected by the improvement of Union avenue from Bryant street to Columbia through road, today filed a complaint in the circuit court against the city of Portland and A. L. Barbur, city auditor, seeking a writ of review in the improvement proceedings and asking that such proceedings be set aside and quashed.

The complaint alleges the improvement to be unjust, unreasonable, discriminatory, and that the apportionment is unconstitutional as a taking of property through confiscation for public use without compensation or due process of law.

It is declared that the council apportioned the assessment arbitrarily without reference to special or particular benefits and to property, that property largely vacant territory was as-

essed on a front footage plan, the same being an illegal method of assessment; that upwards of 500 lots in the district are assessed at from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per lot, while other lots not benefited at all but damaged, are assessed higher; that nearly all of the assessment is placed against property fronting on Union avenue, which is only 100 feet in depth, and lots fronting on Union avenue are assessed at from 12 to 18 times as great a sum as lots of the same size lying adjacent but which do not front on the avenue, although all lots are affected in much the same manner and degree.

The writ is made returnable May 7.

FISTIC ROW BRINGS SUIT

L. A. Jones Demands \$5150 Damages Because of Broken Nose.

As an aftermath of a fistic row, said to have originated in an inn at the flag at a Third and Yamhill streets butcher shop on April 4, a damage suit for \$5150 was filed in the circuit court today by L. A. Jones against Fry & Co. and C. A. Colnatty, manager. Jones alleges that he was maliciously and wantonly attacked and assaulted by Colnatty, and suffered a broken nose, lacerated face and a bruised body. He asks \$5000 damages and \$150 special damages for the cost of an operation to his nose.

TITLE TO PROPERTY SOUGHT

Action in Estate of John Green Filed in Circuit Court.

An action for the purpose of vesting the title to property in the estate of John Green, who died December 20, 1897, in Frederick V. Holman, as sole trustee, was filed in the circuit court today. The respondents are the heirs of the late D. P. Thompson and B. G. Whitehouse.

Under the terms of the Green will D. P. Thompson, B. G. Whitehouse and C. J. Reed were named executors, with a provision that for the purpose of fac-

ilitating the settlement of the estate all real estate of the decedent should be conveyed to the executors in trust. These executors have since died and in a court action of October, 1912, directed against the heirs of the Reed estate, Frederick V. Holman was appointed trustee of the Green estate in the place of C. J. Reed and the interests of the Green estate held in trust transferred to Holman. This action is sought to be ratified in the new suit as against the heirs of D. P. Thompson and B. G. Whitehouse.

Pioneer Fisherman Passes.

Levi W. Ball, who died at the Good Samaritan hospital on Friday last, was one of the pioneer seine fishermen on the lower Columbia river. He fished for over 45 years and resided near Clatskanie, making a success of the business. Before coming to Oregon he

was a miner for many years on Feather river, California.

His only immediate relatives are his granddaughter, Mrs. Albertina Crandall, and a great granddaughter, Mrs. Lena C. Thompson, both of this city. Mr. Ball was in his eighty-first year and was a native of Pennsylvania. Funeral services will be held at the Holman parlors on Monday, at 10:30 a. m., and interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

Lost Piece of Thumb.

Oregon City, April 28.—As a result of having his hand caught in the machinery at the Oregon City woolen mill yesterday, Marcus Skinhorn, an employe, is minus a part of his left thumb, which was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated by Dr. H. Melsaner.

And Now, Mrs. Rinehart

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