

PORTLAND SCHOOL PER CAPITA DEBT IS RELATIVELY SMALL

Seattle Has Largest of Thirteen Cities Listed; Local Board Asks for New 3-Mill Levy.

The Portland school district, which is asking that a special tax levy of 3 mills be voted at the school election of June 19 for the construction of new buildings, stands at the head of the class so far as small per capita indebtedness is concerned. According to a statement compiled by the school board the per capita indebtedness of the Portland district is \$1.87. Seattle has the largest of 13 cities from which reports were received, with an indebtedness of \$33.16 per capita. Salt Lake City has \$31.43; Spokane, \$22.41; San Francisco, \$9.96, while Oakland stands just above Portland with \$3.87.

MORE ROOM NEEDED

But at the same time Clerk R. H. Thomas points out in his compilation that the Portland district now has 119 portable buildings in use, while 27 have been ordered for the use of the elementary schools and 10 for the use of the high schools when they resume their work in September.

In other words, the district has 166 school rooms in permanent buildings less than the number required to house its school population. To construct all of these it is estimated would cost approximately \$3,500,000.

The district has 1178 school rooms now in use, and the normal increase is about 5 per cent, or 60 rooms. To provide for this increase for the coming year would cost an estimate of \$1,200,000.

BIG PROBLEM AHEAD

Even this construction, however, would not reduce the present classroom efficiency, so that, if it were attempted to care for the coming year's increase and at the same time make permanent provision to meet the entire demand, it would require an approximate fund of \$4,500,000.

The school board, however, is asking for less than the estimated demand of one year's increase. While the 60 additional rooms estimated to be necessary to make full provision for the year's growth would cost \$1,200,000, the board is asking that the voters grant a fund of \$850,000, or \$250,000 less than its expected requirements.

More than usual interest is being manifested in the coming election which will be held Saturday, June 19, with the polls open from 12 o'clock noon until 8 o'clock in the evening.

LABOR CANDIDATES NAMED

Two additional candidates for director have made their appearance, Arthur W. Jones and S. A. Murhard, both having been endorsed by the Central Labor council as the candidates of organized labor. Jones was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county clerk at the recent primary election, while Murhard is a master plumber.

Two places are to be filled on the board, the terms of Dr. A. E. Sommer and O. M. Plummer both expiring. Dr. Sommer will not be a candidate for election, while Mr. Plummer has filed his declaration of candidacy. In addition to Plummer, F. P. Woodward, Frank L. Shull, Mrs. Francis Sherman, J. N. Pearey, S. A. Murhard and Arthur W. Jones have announced their candidacies.

Shull's candidacy has been endorsed by Mesdames A. M. Webster, C. W. Hayhurst, A. F. Fiegl, C. S. Simmons, F. S. Myers, J. C. Elliott, King, E. W. Finster, Ed Palmer, J. P. Chapman, C. H. Hart, Philip Dater, W. H. Sawtelle, Carrie Odell, L. J. Steinmetz, H. B. Torrey, Hale Bliss, O. C. Wright, I. M. Walker, Forest Fisher, Otto Wedemeyer, W. H. Thomas and Miss Henrietta Failing.

SHULL ISSUES STATEMENT

In outlining the position assumed by him in his candidacy, Shull has issued a statement to the voters of the district, which is, in part, as follows:

"The position of school director is one that should not be sought, at the same time it is one that should not be refused by any good citizen if his services are required by the people. It is unfortunate that men generally do not show the same interest in the schools as is shown by the women, though they reserve the right to complain that the schools are not what they should be. I am proud, therefore, that my candidacy is sponsored by representatives of a large number of the women's clubs of the city and particularly those of the Parent-Teacher associations. The request came to me backed by the indorsement of so many men and women who have only the interest of the schools at heart that it seemed my duty to accept.

"From none of them was there even a suggestion intended to secure a pledge as to my actions should I be elected. Consequently, I am offering such ability as I may have to be used in carrying on the work of the public schools of this district. Having made no promises, I will make none other than the promise to deal justly by everyone and guarantee, so far as my efforts are concerned, a square deal to all.

WOULD SERVE PUBLIC

"I have no enemies to punish, no friends to reward, no end to serve except the welfare of the children of Portland. My educational policy is to secure for every child that kind of education that

IRVINGTON TOTS ENTERTAIN WITH PAGEANT



Camera glimpses of enjoyable little show staged at Irvington club house Friday evening by the little folk of Irvington school, who thus entertained their parents.

PUPILS' PAGEANT PLEASES AUDIENCE; PROGRAM IS VARIED

Irvington School Children Win Praises From Parents and Friends With Offering Friday.

Delighting their parents and friends with the novelty of their entertainment, Irvington school children Friday night staged a pretty pageant at Irvington club house. Splendid juvenile dancing was offered for the pleasure of a large number of guests.

After Cudler Huebner had expressed a welcome to parents, the program opened with an exposition of the "Awakening of Springtime," with all the natural accompaniments of the spring season, from the woodland fairy to the rain drop and the violet, represented by children.

The entire class offered a "Lesson in French," and a series of songs. Nancy Lou Cullers, accompanied in the choruses by the class, sang a solo. Emma Jean De Armond recited "Who Likes the Rain?" Other numbers featured the following children:

Dorothy Berg, Lucy Webb Hays, Dickie Thompson, Desda Weinert, Ruth Mahoney, Loraine Lea, Marian Jayne, Virginia Jayne, Francis Mead, Virginia Gulick, Peggy Cullers, Billy McQuade, Gordon Jayne, Josephine Scott, Lois Raymond, Billy Wascher, Saxeman Ruppe, David McGuire and Doretta Mendeshon.

Butte Postmaster Confirmed

Washington, June 5.—(U. P.)—The senate today confirmed the reappointment of Philip B. C. Goodwin as postmaster at Butte, Mont.

France's hydro-electric resources are estimated at from \$800,000 to 10,000,000 horsepower, of which about 1,650,000 horsepower will be utilized by the end of next year.

All Community service girls will participate in a big evening "get together" at Laurelhurst Park next Saturday evening from 8:30 to 7:30 o'clock. Songs, a sing by Walter Jenkins, a talk by Mayor Baker and a military drill directed by Captain D. D. Hall are the features provided not only for the girls but for their young men friends, and their mothers and fathers.

The Community service chorus will resume regular rehearsals Monday evening in room A of Central library, under direction of Walter Jenkins. During the Rose Festival, Shrine, T. P. A. and Kiwanis weeks, special songs are to be featured by the chorus singing in hotel lobbies and wherever guests of the city are gathered.

The complete schedule for Community service activities for the week is:

Monday—Chorus, room A, main library, 8 p. m.
Tuesday—Military drill and physical training, Armory, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday—Swimming, Y. W. C. A., 4 to 6 p. m.
Thursday—Dance, Irvington club house, 8:30 p. m.
Friday—Military drill and physical training, Armory, Captain D. D. Hall director, 7:45 p. m.
Saturday—Out-door "get-together," Laurelhurst Park, 6:30 p. m.
Sunday—Hike, Oswego, via West Linn, leave first and Alder, 9:30 a. m. Oregon City car.

Penrose's Physicians Report Improvement

Philadelphia, June 5.—(U. P.)—The condition of United States Senator Boies Penrose tonight was described as "slightly improved" by his physicians at the senator's home here. Five physicians were hurriedly summoned late today when it was thought his condition had taken a turn for the worse. In a bulletin issued by the physicians early in the day, it was announced that Penrose would not go to the convention. A member of the senator's office force, however, is in Chicago, and will man the wire connected with Penrose's room.

Dr. Nichol's Condition Reported Improved

Dr. A. S. Nichol, who is seriously ill at his home at 453 Vista avenue, is making slow but steady progress toward recovery, it was reported by his physician Saturday night.

WASHINGTON PARK ZOO TO BE MOVED TO NEW QUARTERS

Present Menagerie Site Entirely Inadequate and Animals Need Room for Further Development.

Portland's struggling zoo, the most popular feature of Washington park and the most neglected, like a tenement house child, is going to be moved out into the country so it may expand and grow healthy.

Just now the zoo is sick, crowded and starving—starving for enough stock to really make it what its name implies it is; crowded on space half as large as is necessary for the attenuated display now made. The specimens are unhappy and unhealthy.

And yet the city zoo is without doubt the premier attraction of Washington park, beautiful though the park is in scenic features. Nine out of 10 people who go to the park ask the direction to the zoo if they do not already know it, according to Park Superintendent Keyser.

CHILDREN LIKE IT

Hardly a child goes to the park who does not clamor to see the animals and birds.

The Portland zoo was one of the worst in the state when the city. The government food administration protested over the feeding of good meat to animals when people were starving in Europe. The rations were cut down, not only in meat, but in bread, another staple, and in grain.

The lion breathed his last during the war, whether from malnutrition or old age is not known. His hide was to have been mounted and placed in the city museum, but the city has not even enough money to pay for the stuffed specimen, so the hide is still immersed in a barrel of brine in a taxidermist's shop on Second street. The lion was acquired in 1905 from the Wallace circus, following that show's appearance in Portland during the exposition.

ELK ARE RELEASED

Some of the elk were released at the headquarters of the Clackamas and a few of the bison sent to the government's range in Montana.

The zoo stock consists generally of five buffalo, six elk, eight deer including three Japanese deer, three cougars, two wildcats, four black bears, seven monkeys, a few alligators, a flock of parrots, macaws, crows and cockatoos, a few peacocks, mostly silvers; guinea pigs, a few canaries and other odds and ends of small stock.

Somewhere around the zoo, at least the authorities fervently hope so, is the rattlesnake who usually lives in the canary house. The rattler, a veteran, dropped from sight a week ago. Superintendent Keyser said and has not since been seen. For all the park authorities know the snake may be rambling around Arlington heights or in the snake happy hunting ground.

COUGARS ARE OLD

The cougars, incidentally, were purchased during Mayor Simon's administration, more than 10 years ago, and these are the last purchases made of heavy stock. A few trades have been made since then, Keyser said. A few days ago the zoo received three young fish hawks from an Eastern Oregon naturalist. The express bill was 75 cents, and even this was paid by the consignor. The city does have a small

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PICNIC GAMES ARE FEATURE OF M.A.A.C. OUTING SATURDAY

More Than 2000 Club Members and Friends Participate in Affair at Crystal Lake.

Picnic games featured the annual outdoor gathering of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club held at Crystal Lake park Saturday. From early in the morning until late last night the park was a busy place and everything was run off in great fashion under the direction of Professor O. C. Mauthe and his staff of assistants.

More than 2000 members of the club and their friends participated in the affair. Dinning took up most of the evening and prizes were awarded to the best waiters. Following are the results of the games in the afternoon:

Event No. 1—First Section Junior Boys' Baseball—Won by Campbell, Swenson, Woods, Drury, Gilbert, Jones.
Event No. 2—Second Section Junior Boys' Baseball—Won by Cornfoot, Mult, Burpee, Knight, Bates, Ashley, Sullivan, Under, Coleman.
Event No. 3—Second Junior Girls' Baseball—By Jewel McKenzie, Lela Reed, Florence Cavanaugh, Helen Hest, Doris Ward, Camille Burton, Alice Bracie, Elma Wright.
Event No. 4—Bottle Filling Contest—

First section junior girls; winners, Irma Cavanaugh, Miriam Pruit, Katherine Clemens, Ruth Letter, Neil Patrick, Lenore Dreke, Dorothy Reed, Frances Murphy, Ione Wildemeyer.
Event No. 6, Baseball—High school junior boys; winners, Houghton, Lombard, Harnet, Peterson, Collier, Renshaw, Schmeier, Marshall, McClellan.
Event No. 7, Ladies' Volley Ball—Winners, Mesdames Feathers (captain), Strube, Gardner, Motter, Goodell, Knapp.
Event No. 8, Ladies' Baseball—Winners, Mesdames Centro, Gardner, Ley, Goodell, Covant, Swanson, Strube, Mauthe, Shipley, Chapman.
Event No. 11—Seniors' Baseball—Winners: Smyth (captain), S. Goodwin, Ramsey, Barrell, Kribs, Card, Payne, Drewery, Hutton.
Event No. 12—Senior Volley Ball—Won by: Kerr (captain), Martin, Blawell, Dr. Chipman, Peck, Houston, Rogers and Feest; third, Messrs. Martin, Payne and Goodwin.
Event No. 16—Ladies' Weight Races—120 pounds and under: Mrs. Motter, first; Miss Bonebrake, second; Miss Bates, third. 120 to 150 pounds: Mrs. Goodell, first; Mrs. Ferria, second; Mrs. Gardner, third. 150 pounds or over: Mrs. Centro, first; Mrs. Feathers, second; Chatterton, third.
Men's Weight Races—135 pounds: Ramsey, first; S. Goodwin, second; Drewery, third. 150 to 175 pounds, first: Kruger, second; Miller, third. 160 or over: Rogers, first; Fogarty, second; Chatterton, third.
Event No. 17—Shoe Race—Rogers, first; Ramsey, second; Martin, third.

Life Sentence Imposed
Mount Clemens, Mich., June 5.—(U. P.)—Lloyd Prevost, convicted of the murder of J. Stanley Brown near here on December 23, was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Lamb today.

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A year ago it was not imagined that the success of the great Shrine Convention involving entertainment of hordes of visitors from the deserts of America and the benefits which State and City will derive therefrom, would depend upon a supply of gasoline.

But now it does. The supply is limited everywhere. Competent investigation proves the fact.

The remedy lies in our ability TO SAVE ENOUGH GASOLINE between now and June 20 to supply the thousands of cars we will have to use in showing our visitors the great Columbia River Highway, taking them over the boulevards and on visits to all sections of Oregon.

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

So, we now appeal to all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and to all loyal Oregonians to curtail the use of Gasoline for the next few weeks.

We ask you to teach the Old Tin Lizzie, as the Arab taught his camel, to go nine days without a drink.

Lay up the car and use the streetcars, or take walking exercises, unless the use of your machine is an imperative necessity.

We ask all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to do this and to encourage their neighbors to do likewise. Thus will we be in position to fulfill our obligations as hosts to the greatest convention that meets anywhere in the world, and as we discharge those duties will our State and City be rewarded.

Let us do without gas today and during the next two weeks—a small sacrifice, in view of the great reward that will come.

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