

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

DEFY OPPOSITE

By approving the printing of high school magazines in the Benson Polytechnic school plant, the board of education has challenged the Portland Typothetae and the constitutionality of the recent legislation prohibiting public print shops doing other than public work.

Members of the board were informed Friday by a representative of the typothetae that, if the work was continued, they would request a restraining order. The board takes the stand that, as the Jefferson Spectrum and Benson Record are now in type ready for the press, to quash them would entail a loss to the students.

O. W. Athey, instructor of printing at the Benson school, states that the work of printing such publications is confined to the students from an educational standpoint. That the law is unconstitutional and should be brought to the attention of William J. Woodward, head of the finance and judiciary committee of the board. He brands the measure as unfair and tending to stifle the activities of the pupils.

FIREMEN ELECTION NEAR

BY 'BOSSSES' REQUEST

measure and the methods of calling upon them for distributing the leaflets and dispersed to their various districts. SIGNED BY LEADERS. The circulars were signed by Commissioner Bigelow, Fire Chief Young, Assistant Chief E. E. Egan and Election Chiefs Grenfell, L. G. Holden and J. Dillane.

The call made by Bigelow and Young has drawn very few replies from the payers. Notices for the men were posted in the various fire halls Friday. The instructions read: "As it appears on one of the bulletin boards the instructions read: 'All men off duty tomorrow report at six and Oak street, American Legion Headquarters, at 12:30 in uniform to distribute pamphlets for the Portland fire department bill on next election.'

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CRITICISM IS VOICED. "I am opposed to the bonding measure for fire equipment which appears on the ballot Tuesday. I am opposed to all bonding measures most operating expenses. To use the firemen in campaigning for the bill is launching the department into politics," said Joseph N. Rea, member of the executive committee of the Taxpayers' league, was outspoken in his criticism of Commissioner Bigelow. "If Commissioner Bigelow can use the fire bureau as a campaign organization, then Mayor Baker would be equally justified in employing the police bureau as a campaign organization," he said. "The abuse might go on and on, thus, until our entire commission form of government had been subjected to propaganda and politics. It is an abuse of public function. To use the public money, furthermore, in paying the cost of these pamphlets is an outrage."

Commissioner Bigelow announced that the public will not pay for the pamphlets. "The cost of the pamphlets will come out of my personal pocket," he said. "It would be entirely proper to pay for them out of the council's fund, because they contain information on a public measure which the public should have. But since this criticism has arisen, I will meet it in the most direct way."

"No order was issued directing firemen to circulate pamphlets. We have no right to issue such an order. It was a request. Response was entirely voluntary on the part of the firemen. Former Captain Riley, who is quoted as saying that the firemen resent the request, is merely trying to 'get even.' Mayor Baker and Commissioners Barbur and Pier were inclined to support Commissioner Bigelow. Commissioner Mann was more negative. Mayor Favors Plan. "Bigelow's action meets my approval," said the mayor. "The heads of the fire bureau represented the urgent need of additional equipment. We didn't have the money to buy it. We didn't want to

JAPANESE READY

TO DISARM

By Ralph H. Turner. United News Staff Correspondent. Washington, June 4.—Japan is ready to discuss disarmament and would welcome a conference on the subject. This is the opinion of Baron Tokochi Uruu, retired admiral of the Japanese navy and one of the leaders in Japanese naval thought. Admiral Uruu, a graduate of Annapolis, came to the United States to attend a reunion of his class. As one of Japan's leading naval experts, Admiral Uruu is in a position to express the sentiment of his people to disarmament.

DOOR IS OPENED. "A disarmament conference would at least enable the nations to express their views on the subject and would permit them to discuss the terms of any agreement," said Admiral Uruu in the first interview he has granted since arriving in the United States. "While I cannot speak for the Japanese government, it is my personal view that Japan is willing to discuss disarmament whenever a call for a conference is issued."

Admiral Uruu, however, placed certain qualifications upon Japan's readiness to disarm. "Japan is an island empire," he explained, "and will always need warships to replace old vessels which are out of service. We are going to have a navy at all, we must have a good navy; especially so long as other countries continue to build new vessels."

But there is no intention in Japan of attempting to compete with the United States in naval construction. We could not afford to do this even if there were danger of war with America. But talk of war between the United States and Japan is ridiculous. It will never happen. "A false impression has been created lately by exaggerated reports which represent Japan as embarking upon a vast naval program that would threaten the peace of the United States. Japan entertains no idea that she can compete with America."

Admiral Uruu does not believe it is the aim of disarmament advocates that the nations of the world should wholly disarm. "Each nation should retain certain ships for defensive purposes. This is Japan's view," he said. "The press has given me a distorted picture of the fair and accurate way in which the convention was reported, by Master Spence, who said it was the fairest account I have since he has held the executive chair. It was the most successful convention ever held by the nations of the world. Many delegates left last night for their homes and the rest are leaving today."

SENATE BILL URGED. As Substitute for House Packing Plan. Washington, June 4.—(U. S. S.)—The senate agricultural committee voted today to report favorably the senate packer control bill, as a substitute for the bill passed by the house this week regulating the packing industry. The senate bill would place control of the packing industry under a livestock commissioner, while the house bill would place the control in the hands of the secretary of agriculture.

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CRUELTY CHARGES. Made Against Red Cross in the House. Cincinnati, June 4.—(U. S. S.)—James S. Hastings, humorist known throughout the country as "Luke McLure," died at 12:10 o'clock this morning at Good Samaritan hospital. His widow, Mrs. Rose Hastings, and that son survive. Mr. Hastings was born in Lowell, Mass., 53 years ago.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the C. M. Hall Fruit duce company in the federal court Friday afternoon by the Creamery Package company, the Imperial Creamery and the Maplewood Cream company. The creditors allege that their shares against the company total more than \$100,000 and that Hall is unable to pay them. They have petitioned the court to appoint W. R. Boyle as receiver under \$500 bond to immediately action is requested of the court to prevent loss to products.

MACHINIST'S CHIEF. Speaks in Portland. William Hannon of Washington, D. C., a member of the general executive board of the International Association of Machinists, Thursday night addressed the members of that organization in Portland. He was accompanied by E. D. M. Ellis, district representative; O. R. Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, and other speakers briefly. The speaker then returned to his headquarters building in Washington, D. C., which also houses their own bank. The organization carries on life benefit department under the fraternal plan.

GRANGE PROPOSES

INCOME TAX LAW TO REDUCE TAXES

Eugene, Or., June 4.—(U. P.)—Much business was crammed through the Friday night and last session of the Oregon state grange, which concluded its four-day convention here early this morning. One of the resolutions passed by the grange was that a graduated state income tax law be devised and put on the statutes so that really owners would not bear so much of the burden of taxation as they do now. A committee of five is to make an investigation of the tax situation and report later. As a so-called economy measure it was voted to initiate a bill abolishing the greater part of the commissions of the state government.

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LOWER RATES SOUGHT. Congress will be memorialized to drop railroad rates to such a point that farmers can ship produce reasonably. Mrs. J. French, who has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the home economics committee. The press of the state, and particularly the Portland Oregonian, were thanked for the fair and accurate way in which the convention was reported, by Master Spence, who said it was the fairest account I have since he has held the executive chair.

It was the most successful convention ever held by the nations of the world. Many delegates left last night for their homes and the rest are leaving today. When Fred Woolen, 494 Vancouver avenue, appeared before Municipal Judge Rossmann this morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated, patrolman Larry Evans, who had arrested him Friday night, after his automobile had crashed into a telephone pole at Broadway and Sandy boulevard, offered no testimony to support the charge, and Woolen was released by the court. In his report to the captain, Evans stated Woolen and George Stanley, who was in the automobile, had both been drinking. Stanley was fined \$5. Evans had taken the car into custody with one wheel smashed in. The report stated the two men tried to "get away from the officer" and in court Evans said he had no witnesses who saw Woolen drive the machine and that he himself could not testify that Woolen was drunk.

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Des Moines, Iowa, June 4.—(U. P.)—Sara Barbara Thorsdahl, pretty young country school teacher, was found murdered near Valley Junction early today. She had been missing for two days. Indications were that the girl had been attacked. Her head was crushed and her hands tied behind her back. A negro suspect under arrest has told different stories.

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EXPERIENCE CUT

6-W. RENTAL FAIR

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According to the contract, entered into for the year 1920, the county was to pay \$222,500 annual rental, while \$700 a year depreciation for the first year, to be increased \$700 a year for 25 years. This is an increase of 13,000 over the rent paid by the company previous to that time.

Linden maintained that this contract, which was made on the recommendation of J. F. Newell, engineer, the investor and partner for the county, was unconscionable and unfair, a debt exceeding the 5000 feet of the bridge, and a violation of the original contract. Judge Stapleton declared that "no right thinking man" would hold the contract unfair. He pointed out that the county had paid the taxpayers far more than will the upper deck of the Steel bridge.

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BANKERS PREDICT

BEETLEWEGS IN VIEW IN COUNTRY

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Seaside, June 4.—Predictions of better times for the country and praise of the system which brought the nation safely through the stringent financial period were voiced by speakers at the opening sessions of the Oregon Bankers' association here Friday. The sessions were attended by 150 Oregon bankers from all parts of the state.

President N. U. Carpenter of Portland urged that the bankers use their efforts to force the repeal of the initiative law in Oregon, saying in his opinion the law should go on the ground that it permits a group to initiate a measure next year after, entailing heavy expense and effort in combating those considered bad. NEW YORK BANKERS SPEAKS. The feature of Friday's session was the address by Edwin P. Grant, vice chairman of the Irving National bank of New York, on the subject of "Deflation."

"We have passed the worst," Grant said. "The domestic situation is much better than it was after the Civil war. We have an abundant paper money to take care of all the needs of the federal reserve machinery has proved its ability to ease credit stresses. The banks have an ample margin of security and legitimate business as these needs arise."

A serious problem is how to get rid profitably of the large stocks of certain raw materials now awaiting a market. It should be emphasized that from a world standpoint there is no real overproduction. A latent demand exists in various countries for every kind of American group products and manufactures. Within our own country are many kinds of manufactured goods which the public will buy if prices are reduced.

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The two candidates who had filed prior to today were George B. Thomas, who seeks reelection as a member of the board, and James C. Calne, an inspector of the electrical division of the bureau of public utility, who filed his candidacy Friday afternoon. Rumors have been afloat during the last day or two that B. S. Joselyn, former president of the Portland Railway Light and Power company, would become a candidate, a petition in his behalf having been put into circulation several days ago. The petition had not been taken up to noon, however. Although the office of the school clerk closed at noon, Mr. Thomas will receive additional petitions, should such be offered to him, up to midnight. This day provided arrangements should be made with him for their delivery to him at 10 o'clock to noon, however, constitute the whole list of candidates.

Chehalis Marriage License. Chehalis, Wash., June 4.—Marriage licenses were issued here Friday to Charley M. Howel and Edna Roover, both of Dryden; Alex. Ashton and Mary Gordon, both of Raymond; Lindsey Alvin Hull and Christina Boach, both of South Bend.

Club to Be Reorganized. Napavine, Wash., June 4.—The Napavine Community club is to be reorganized Monday evening at a meeting called by President Roy H. Ward and Secretary E. M. Underwood.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE. A new size package! Ten for 10c. Very convenient. Dealers carry both; 10 for 10c; 20 for 20c. It's toasted.

Old High Bicycles With Hard Tires to Be Seen in Stunts. The old-fashioned high-wheeled bicycle of the solid rubber tire era is coming into its own again Sunday, when cyclists leave Lowndale park, Third and Salmon streets, on a possible ride to Peninsula park, according to Fred St. Onge, who will lead the procession. "Several old wheels have been reaurcted and their owners are expected to appear in line when the bicycle era starts on the run," St. Onge will lead the procession on a wheel built in 1855. After Peninsula park is reached, he will go several miles to the north and back to the park for all cyclists who appear in line.

Winlock Pets Poisoned. Winlock, Wash., June 4.—Several cases of dog poisoning have occurred recently, a valuable Airedale belonging to Charles Eyerly dying on the fourth attempt to kill him.

THE PLEASURE BOAT BLUE BIRD DANCING ON THE RIVER Tonight and Sunday Night Admission Free—Men 50c Ladies 25c Notice—Boat Leaves Sunday Night at 8:15 o'clock sharp

Due to a typographical error in our advertisement of Thursday, the word "suit" was used instead of Jersey Sport Coats At \$5.95

This is a very special price for coats of such style and quality. They are fashioned in the Tuxedo style as illustrated. Made of two fabrics—jersey knit and jersey cloth in red, brown, navy, black, sand and heather mixtures. Lennons CHAS. F. BERG Vice-President and Manager 829 Morrison Street Fort Lincum Opposite