

COMMITTEE STARTS WORK

Publicity Men of Chamber of Commerce to Tell People of School Needs.

Working in close harmony with the Salem school board, the committee on school publicity from the Salem Chamber of Commerce has set valiantly to work to put before the people the actual conditions of the Salem schools. The schools are educationally and financially away above par; they rank at the very top of all the schools in Oregon in general efficiency, in desirability, in economical maintenance, as shown by the exhaustive studies of the committee. But they are grossly overcrowded, and with no building for the past seven years, save one or two grotesque little "port-

able" schools, the crowding has reached the point of inefficiency and even danger.

Issued for Ten Years

The program now being proposed to come before the voters on March 13 calls for a bond issue of \$500,000 for building purposes. This money will be authorized, but will not be spent until the program calls for its use; some of this issue might not be spent for four or five years. The bonds will not draw interest until they are actually sold for immediate needs. It has been figured that the present city bonding limit for school purposes is a little more than \$500,000. The program to be adopted calls for a steady building growth to keep pace with the city's growth, and is estimated to cover every possible need up to 1930.

The bonds are to be issued for 10 years from date of issue and sale, which may be this year or five years from now, depending on the immediate needs, and they are to be paid from a sinking fund that will actually retire them all at the end of their allotted ten years. In the past there have been many bonds refunded. Only a few weeks ago the school board cleaned up a \$10,000 bond issue that has come down for 35 years. No further refunding and pyramiding of bonds is to be allowed under the new program.

Circular Sent Out

The committee on publicity has issued and spread broadcast an informative circular regarding the Salem school conditions that can not well be further abbreviated without failing to tell the whole story. It is here given in full:

Enrollment Feb. 1, 1919.....	2548
Enrollment Feb. 1, 1923.....	3908
Increase in four years.....	1460
Estimated by 1929.....	5700%
Estimated by 1939.....	34.7%

Taking Salem as an educational center, it is the largest in the state, with no state-aided institutions. Counting enrollment February 1, 1923, of public schools, Wilamette university, Salem Business college, and three private denominational schools, Salem had 5155 students. This does not include Salem Indian training school at Chumaw, or state schools for defectives, totalling nearly 1000. Investment in the above educational equipment is estimated at \$2,500,000. Number of teachers and employees, 250, with monthly payroll of \$27,675. Estimated investment required by public and private schools at present for salaries, equipment, fuel, supplies repairs, water, insurance, etc., \$500,000 per annum, or \$25 per capita based on population of 20,000. This money is practically all spent again in this community.

Housing Provided.

Salem public school requirements have been outgrown and are at present not provided for. Following temporary housing has been provided:

One portable school in East Salem.....	55
Office of principal at Park school.....	20
used for classes.....	20
Basement Garfield school setting.....	40
Assembly room at High school.....	102
High school using former manual.....	100
training space for.....	50
Public school children attending.....	50
Sacred Heart school.....	50
Total number Salem school children only temporarily provided with housing.....	347
The number attending Sacred Heart.....	2

VICTOR IN WILL CONTEST.



Mrs. Reginald Bell, wife of Reginald Bell, San Francisco broker, who has succeeded in breaking the will of his mother, who disinherited her five children and left \$850,000 to friends. The mother was adjudged insane by a jury who heard the case.

Records of high schools in the state show that Salem district has sound and conservative management over a period of years, and only nine high schools in the state pay salaries as low as Salem, while the tenure of teachers is above the state average. Salem pays an average wage of \$1334 for high school teachers and \$1045 for grades. Salem pays only \$910 a year for janitors, while the rest of the state pays \$1020 a year, the average wage. Six cities pay higher salaries for superintendents than Salem, not considering Portland-Salem paying \$3800. Only two other schools in the state show a lower per capita expense for students than Salem. For the whole state, high school budgets show \$104 per student in high schools, and \$58 for students in grades. Salem shows \$95 for high school and \$86 for grades.

Nov. 1, 1921, Salem district had warrants outstanding \$75,000 and cash on hand..... \$7,000

Jan. 1, 1923, total bonded debt, issued 30 years ago..... \$5,000

Assessed valuation district..... \$12,853,581

Other cities show: Albany, \$180,000; Astoria, \$277,500; Baker, \$174,000; Bend, \$207,500; Corvallis, \$195,000; Eugene, \$200,000; Hood River, \$114,000; La Grande, \$170,000; Oregon City, \$128,000; Pendleton, \$110,000; The Dalles, \$183,000 as the total debts of other first class districts. Salem's per capita debt is the least of any.

The \$300,000 ten-year serial bonds to be issued to build two wings to high school, permanent units at Grant Washington and Lincoln, and additions and improvements at other schools. Bonds to be issued as used, and levy for interest and sinking fund to pay off same each year. Bonds to be completely paid at maturity. Special election called for March 12. Vote yes or no on bond issue.

ELMO WHITE, Chairman.

C. E. WILSON,

E. HOOPER,

Committee on Publicity, Salem Chamber of Commerce.

TODAY

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Comedy

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THEATRE

LETTER WRITTEN IN THE YEAR 1853

The Writer Was in Polk County and the Recipient Was in Missouri

"Spring Valley, Polk county, Oregon Territory, Feb. 15th, 1853

"Dear Sir:—I embrace this opportunity of informing you that we are all well at present, hoping these lines may find you enjoying the same blessings. I received the letter that you remitted to me from Mr. Ellis, which gave us considerable satisfaction to hear that he was well, and, able to learn his postoffice address, I have written to him and shall direct his letter to you, and shall send yours and it together, and you will oblige me by tearing off the envelope of his and directing the letter to him. I pursue this course from the fact that I believe that he will be more likely to get it, for before it reaches there he may change his location, and you will be most likely to know it. I received another letter from your father at the same time that I got yours, giving us six weeks later news from you all. I am very much pleased with father's promptness in writing, and if you will write with the same promptness we will keep well posted up with news from those who are near and dear to us, by the ties of relationship. You will be informed before this reaches you (in the last letter to father) of the death of John Pigg, who died the fifth day of November last, leaving a wife and one child, a girl whom he called Martha Eleanor. I do not know that I have any news of importance further to communicate that you will not learn in the letter that I sent to father not long since. Adaline is quite well now, and I have got my new house up and the roof almost on. As soon as I finish shingling I shall stop the work on my house for want of seasoned lumber, and do some fencing and sow some oats, for as yet I have done no farming except raising a garden last summer. This has been the hardest winter ever experienced in Oregon, on account of the snow storm in the fore part of the winter, and the scarcity of breadstuffs, yet flour is falling. It is now only worth sixteen dollars per hundred, when some few weeks ago it was worth twenty-four dollars per hundred. Several vessels have already arrived with flour, and more are expected shortly, although the weather since the storm has been very good (for the time of the year.) The stock are very poor; the snow storms and rains have so benched the grass that there is scarcely any nutriment in it, and the weather has been just cold enough to keep the young grass from coming. Beef will be very high until May or June. Beef is worth eleven cents per pound. All this difficulty arises out of a neglect of the farming community in not saving their straw to feed their cattle through such storms, and the scarcity of bread for want of putting the grain in the ground, for it is the best farming country I ever saw, and I consider it a far healthier country than that, for good constitutions. I am much pleased with the country in many respects, yet I have some objections to it. Adaline is not pleased with the country, but that can be easily accounted for. I have not decided in my own mind that I will stay here many years. Eleanor's health is very poor this winter. Reuben and Henry are well. Henry is a remarkably stout boy, but Reuben is rather delicate. I want you to write when you receive this. Let us hear often from each other, and tell Andrew to write likewise, and any other connections, as it is the only means at present that I have forming an acquaintance with newly acquired, and I promise to answer promptly every line you write, besides it is a source of much gratification to me. I think if the Lord spares our lives that we will see you yet in the flesh, for if I continue to reside in Oregon we will visit the East in about two or three years. Give my best respects to all the connection and tell them to write to us. Nothing more, but remain your most obedient servant,

—GEORGE W. GREER."

Explanatory.

The above is a copy of an old letter written Feb. 15th, 1853, at Spring Valley, Polk county, Oregon, by Dr. George W. Greer, to Fielding Belt of Dover, Lafayette county, Mo. The paper used in the original letter was of a light blue color, 8 by 10 inches, unruled, and sent to its destination sealed with a wafer. Envelopes at that time had not been used very extensively. This letter was copied for The Oregon Statesman (for publication) from the original letter by permission of the present owner, a lady by the name of Booth, of Santa Barbara, Cal., by courtesy of Reuben R. Graves of Salem, Oregon, and a step-grandson of George W. Greer. The original letter for several years has been in possession of Mrs. Booth,

CARSNER BILL IS UP TODAY

Measure to Put Salaries Back to 1919 Level Will Get Third Reading.

The Carsner salary reduction bill, intended to put all salaries of state employes back to the 1919 level, reduce the salaries of employes of school districts, port and drainage districts, and take from the hands of the boards of regents of the state institutions of higher education the power to fix salaries of the faculties, will be up for third reading and final passage tomorrow without recommendation from the house committee on salaries and public officials.

Little Hope Held

It appears that there is slight possibility of the bill passing in view of the fact that the committee did not endorse it even after a large number of amendments had been made.

Something of the effect of the passage of the bill, which would cut the salaries of the presidents

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The Alaska mountains have taken to smoking. So has Joe Cannon.

of OAC and the University of Oregon to \$5000, each per year and that of the governor to a like figure, was explained to the committee yesterday by representatives of the two schools.

B. F. Irvine, a member of the board of regents of the college; J. K. Weatherford, president of the board of regents; President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, and C. C. Colt, a member of the board of regents, addressed the committee.

Student Cost Shown

The fact that the college and university are forced to compete in the open market with other institutions and private corporations who are willing to pay increased salaries, was pointed out by President Campbell and the other speakers.

"The increase in the production of eggs in the state, due to the

work of Professor Dryden of the agricultural college, would pay the cost of operating the school from its beginning until now," according to Irvine.

It was shown that the average cost for educating a student in the Oregon university is \$343, while the average per capita cost throughout the nation is \$350 to \$400.

More life insurance was sold last year than ever before. As the street traffic leaves us daily with less insurance of life the drift toward life insurance seems perfectly natural.

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