

Editorial

A MATTER OF POLITICS

The State Land Board on the 9th day of October passed a resolution regarding the irreducible school fund.

WHEREAS, in the issue of the Morning Oregonian of Wednesday, October 8, 1924, on page seven, the following statements were made: 'Both Governor Pierce and Mr. Myers have intimated that they favor investing the school funds in bonds, which would deprive the farmers of money at a reasonable cost.'

'Now, whereas, the above statement is misleading and untrue both in facts as stated and intimations conveyed and does by its very nature tend to unsettle the invested money of the school funds, increase unrest and dissatisfaction among the farmers of said school fund and add to the burden of the farmers of Oregon and is by its very nature injurious to the best interests of the most sacred money of our commonwealth, the irreducible school fund; therefore, be it

'Resolved, that we, the members of the State Land Board, duly assembled in special meeting this ninth day of October, 1924, do hereby declare that it is not and at no time has been our purpose to change in any way the character of the loans from the irreducible school fund and that we shall during our term of office continue to loan said fund to the farmers of Oregon on their improved farms in such amounts as shall be properly safeguarded by the security of said farms as offered to us; and further, be it

'Resolved, that we do not and never have contemplated any action looking towards the unjust foreclosure of any properties now covered by our mortgages. That we will extend to the farmers of the state who are now making use of this money every courtesy and consideration compatible with the safety of the fund and the laws of Oregon. That we will give earnest and careful consideration to all requests for extension of interest and other payments due, realizing that the farmers of Oregon are in many cases temporarily embarrassed by economic condition now existing, and that we will in no case make foreclosures of properties covered by state mortgages until every other means of protecting this most sacred fund has been exhausted; furthermore, be it

'Resolved, that we hereby state that in practically every case where foreclosure proceedings have been instituted the properties covered by the mortgages are worthless and abandoned, the taxes overdue and foreclosure the only remedy left for us, and that we never have and never will deny to the farmers of Oregon every opportunity to make good on their loans, but will on the other hand extend to them every aid in keeping with the state of the fund intrusted to our care.

'And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the press of the state and mailed to each person who is now making use of the money of the school fund of Oregon.'

In the first place an auditor was employed last spring for the purpose of making an investigation of the school fund. It is stated that he never investigated the financial end, contenting himself with going through the files of the office and giving the records of each loan. For this alleged audit the state of Oregon paid \$1200—a sum certainly sufficient to have made a complete audit of all the affairs of the land loan branch of the state government.

That audit was filed under date of June 30th and yet it was held privately until about four weeks before the election when it was handed out cautiously among the friends of the administration. The secretary of state, Sam Koser, demanded a copy and received it as was his due, but not until about four months after the audit was filed. Then he had to fortify himself for defense against the innuendo and give to the state the facts to prevent a spread of the

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally cloudy; probably rain near coast; light southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER

(Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 71. Minimum temperature, 44. River, -2, stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, southwest.

NEW CAMPAIGN IS UNDER WAY TO HELP YMCA

Workers Resume Canvassing After Re-Organization Dinner Served to Them Wednesday Noon

FOUR DIVISIONS TO RAISE \$5000 EACH

Executive Team Hopes to Report Subscription of at Least \$20,000

'Forget Morgan and Ford and all those rich fellows who might give you the money to finish your job of building the Salem "Y." It is your job; get in and do it, and be proud of yourself. It would be fine if one of them would do it, of course; but it's more fun to do it yourselves—to roll up your sleeves, spit on your hands and earn your own salvation. If you will stay with your new director, Dillon, you'll win; he never quits; and doesn't believe you will, either.'

This was the message of Harry Stone, of the Portland "Y," who spoke at the reorganization dinner Wednesday noon. He is just home from a trip to the east, and he brings a wonderful message of what the "Y" program is doing elsewhere. Waking up to the need of the "Y" influence in developing boys into men, building campaigns of staggering magnitude are being carried on in many cities. Chicago raised \$4,000,000; Detroit is starting on a \$5,000,000 building campaign. Boise, Idaho,

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ALL IS READY FOR CORN SHOW

Premium List Available; Boys' and Girls' Department Is Emphasized

Premium lists for the annual Marion-Polk county corn show to be staged in the Salem armory November 20, 21 and 22 under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce cooperating with the Marion County Community federation, are being mailed out and are available at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. With the corn show will be an industrial exhibit and a display of English walnuts and filberts.

Under the rules all corn exhibited must be grown by the exhibitor in 1924. Entries will close at 6 o'clock Wednesday, Oct. 19, and must be delivered at the armory to A. N. Fulkerson, president of the federation. There are no entry fees and all premiums will be paid in cash at the Chamber of Commerce the day of the award.

Because the Brush College community has won so many first prizes it has consented not to compete this year, but probably will offer a fine display. Eight communities are expected to have booths. Last year there were but five communities. Special emphasis is being placed upon the boys' and girls' club department this year. A new classification in the corn department is that devoted to 10 stalks of silage corn, stalks and ears included.

Speakers from the Oregon Agricultural college will talk on subjects of interest to corn growers in the afternoons while all awards will be made by specialists from the college. W. H. Baillie, club leader, will be in charge of the boys' and girls' exhibits. An orchestra and other music will be offered each night of the show and at 8:30 o'clock there will be a 30-minute address by a prominent speaker.

The premium list is as follows: Community Exhibit

For the best community exhibit of vegetables and home canned vegetables, including corn display in main show: First, \$15; second, \$10; third, ribbon.

Sweepstakes Best 10 ears in show, \$5; best 50 ears in show, \$5; best and most complete individual display, not less than 3 varieties, \$10.

Boys' and Girls' Club Department For Boys Ten ears any variety: First, \$5; second, \$4; third, \$3; fourth, \$2.50; fifth, \$2; sixth, \$1;

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Candidate for Seat in Parliament



LADY CURZON Viscountess Curzon, wife of Lord Curzon, heir to the Earl of Howe, has been called the most beautiful woman in England. She is a candidate for parliament in the general elections to be held this month.

FOUR DIVORCES GIVEN BY COURT

List Includes One Couple Who Have Been Married for Over 26 Years

Four couples were legally separated yesterday by the circuit court of Marion county, with Judge McMahon presiding. All were by default, the plaintiff failing to appear in each case.

Zadie Welmer was divorced from Ralph Welmer, and allowed to resume her former name of Zadia Miles. Olga Miller was separated from L. P. Miller, given the custody of three minor children, Margaret, Juanita and Derold, and allowed alimony of \$30 per month.

Carrie Morarity, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment on the part of her husband George Morarity, was given the decree she asked. A. J. Anderson was divorced from Ruth E. Anderson. He alleged that his wife deserted him in March, 1923, in Mexico. The two were married in 1898.

Professor Laughlin to Give Lecture Tonight

Announcement was made last night that Professor Laughlin of Willamette University will give a stereopticon lecture as a part of this evening's church night service at the First Methodist church. The title of the lecture is "Experiences in Palestine," and he will show a large number of pictures that he himself took while in the Holy Land.

The usual supper and social hour will be held from 6:30 until 7:15. From then until 8:00 o'clock, the time of the lecture, four study groups will be formed. After the lecture there will be a half hour of devotional service, led by Dr. Kirkpatrick.

DRAINAGE PETITION FILED WITH CLERK

Contains the Names of 230 Property Owners in Northeast Salem

Petitions relative to the organization of the drainage district in northeast Salem were filed yesterday with county clerk U. G. Boyer. Signatures of property owners holding something more than 500 acres over the required fifty per cent of the land in the district appear on the petitions. There are 6516 acres of land in the district, and of these approximately 3500 acres are represented by signatures. There are 230 signatures in all.

The petitions were filed by Robert Simpson of the engineering firm of Cupper and Simpson.

Illinois Bank Looted of Approximately \$4000

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., Oct. 22.—Four men held up the State Bank of Bethalto, eight miles north of here this afternoon and forced a young woman in charge of the bank and a number of patrons to lie on the floor while they looted the safe and drawers of approximately \$4,000. The four escaped in an automobile.

EXPENDITURES INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUED

Small Sums Paid Out to Bring Labor Leaders to Washington to Hear President Coolidge

MONEY WAS LATER REPAID, STATEMENT

Testimony Indicates That \$365,000 Was Raised in Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Intimate details of the bringing of labor leaders to Washington to hear President Coolidge in a Labor day address and additional light on methods employed to raise money for the conduct of the republican party's national campaign fund were furnished today to the senate campaign investigating committee.

T. V. O' Connor, chairman of the Shipping Board testified that he had arranged to bring the labor leaders here and had advanced the money, about \$360, to pay their hotel and taxicab bills in Washington. The sum, he added, later was repaid to him by Joseph Ryan, vice president of the international longshore's union. He denied that he had discussed the matter with either president Coolidge or the president's secretary, C. Bascom Stemp but under sharp cross examination he stated that he had taken it up with one white house attaché.

Grundy Testifies

Joseph R. Grundy, wealthy manufacturer of Bristol, Pa., and chairman of the Pennsylvania says his organization had raised \$365,000 up to today in 53 counties in the Pittsburgh district. W. L. Mellon, a relative of Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of treasury is in charge of raising money in that district, he said.

A denial of information reaching Senator Robert La Follette, that he had been named at the recent convention of the American bankers' association at Chicago to head a committee to solicit funds from the bankers of the country to aid the republican national or other tickets was made by Edward T. Stotesbury, Philadelphia partner of J. P. Morgan. He told of collecting approximately \$50,000 in Philadelphia for the Grundy committee of which he is a member.

Deny Further Knowledge

Both Stotesbury and Grundy told the committee that they had no knowledge of the collection of funds for the republican campaign by any Pennsylvania organizations except the ways and means committee, the Union league, an old republican organization and the manufacturers club. They disclaimed any knowledge of special and independent efforts to raise funds among the bankers and business men.

Asserting that he himself had made no effort to raise campaign funds, but loaned his name to the Grundy committee for what it might be worth, Samuel L. Vaulcin, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, testified that he had contributed \$6,100 of his personal funds.

Company Gave \$10,000

He told also of donating \$10,000 of his company's funds to the American Economic league, through Julius Kruttschnitt, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, and in that connection insisted that big business interests had a right to employ people to influence sentiment as affecting legislation.

Mr. Vaulcin told the committee he would not approve of the use of any of the \$10,000 to fight Senator La Follette, and added that he was not afraid of La Follette; that no "true working man" would vote for the Wisconsin senator, and that "it will not take more than one hay wagon to carry the La Follette vote."

He also suggested a four years recess of congress, saying that President Coolidge, whom he described as a "good president," could run the country in the meantime. "Then you don't believe in representative government," he asked. "Yes, when we are represented," he retorted.

HOME RUN KING THRUSTS HAND THROUGH GLASS

Babe Ruth Breaks Door of Automobile When He Sees Klamath River Salmon

YREKA, Cal., Oct. 22.—Hermon "Babe" Ruth, home run king, became so excited while watching the leaping salmon in the Klamath river near here today, that he thrust his hand through a pane of glass in the door of his automobile, cutting the hand slightly. Upon his arrival here he had the hand treated by a physician. It is expected that the hand will be healed sufficiently to permit Ruth keeping an engagement to play ball in the San Francisco bay region Saturday and Sunday.

Ruth surprised a number of the boys of the Yreka grammar school, who were playing ball, by appearing in their midst unannounced.

THIRD BANDIT IS CAPTURED

Sam Meyers, Participant in Robbery and Murder, Nabbed at Asotin

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 22.—Sam Meyers, the third member of the Craigmont bank robbers who yesterday held up Glade Olson, bookkeeper of the Bank of Vollmer at Craigmont and secured \$575 and later shot and killed City Traffic Officer Gordon Harris when they were stopped on a road entering Lewiston, was arrested today by an Asotin posse near Asotin. Currency in the amount of \$540 was recovered from the person of Meyers.

Meyers stated he was born in Union county, Oregon, and has spent most of his life about La Grande and North Powder. He is 33 years of age and said he has followed farm work and logging camp jobs.

Meyers and the fourth member of the robber gang abandoned their automobile in the suburbs of Lewiston last night and Meyers states he has not seen his companion since they left the car.

Chester Marrs and James Marrs were arrested yesterday near Lewiston shortly after the shooting affray with the Lewiston officers.

P. A. Schmidt Is Injured In Automobile Accident

P. A. Schmidt, a farmer living on route 6, east of Salem was brought to the Willamette sanitarium early Wednesday morning as a result of an automobile accident a mile south of the Four corners on the Cottage farm road. He was brought to the hospital by Hans Hofstetter, who found him with the wrecked car.

It is presumed that the car was speeding and because of the slippery pavement the auto skidded off the surface on a curve. So great was the speed that a telephone post was knocked down when the machine struck it and the auto was badly wrecked, and is almost a total loss.

The report of the accident was made to the police station 2 a. m. Wednesday morning. Schmidt's injuries consisted of several bad cuts on his face and head and several cuts on his legs. No bones were broken. He is employed by the American express company.

What the Boys Say of the "Y"

By IVAN WHITE

The boys of Salem have put their faith in the citizens of this town to get them a new Y. Why do they want this new building? Because in former years it has been a place for them to congregate and carry on many activities under the right kind of leadership.

A place where they can enjoy themselves in the gym, swimming tank, and game rooms. But the building where we have enjoyed ourselves has outlived its usefulness and is far inadequate to the needs of our large city. If you want the boys in this city to run on the streets, to be getting constantly into trouble and finally to become a detriment to this city, don't support the campaign. But, if you want this city to continue along its present lines of progress, to have a YMCA that is a credit to you, if you want the young people to grow into the right kind, put this campaign over. The boys of Salem leave it to you.

SHENANDOAH HEADS EAST TO NJ HOME

Navy Dirigible Passes as Far as Texas Without Serious Mishap—Loses Bearings for Half Hour

COURSE OF AIRSHIP FOUND AFTER EFFORT

Latest Report Indicates Bisbee Junction, Arizona, Left Behind

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 22.—The navy dirigible Shenandoah, on her return trip from the Pacific coast to Lakhurst, N. J., passed over Mohawk, Ariz., 60 miles east of Yuma at 5:22 p. m., mountain time, according to telegraphic advices received here by the Southern Pacific.

BISBEE, Ariz., Oct. 23.—After hovering over this vicinity for nearly a half hour, "hunting about" as though lost, the giant naval dirigible Shenandoah was reported at 12:45 a. m. to be headed toward the Mexican border in the direction of Naco.

A local private wireless station is endeavoring to "tune in" in an effort to determine if the ship is off her bearings.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 23.—After sailing around in a circle and calling for wireless locations for about 30 minutes, the USS Shenandoah straightened and resumed her journey east at Bisbee Junction, Ariz., at 1 a. m. today, according to information received here by the El Paso & Southeastern railway dispatcher. Bisbee Junction is about 239 miles west of here.

TWO BOYS SURVIVE DEBATE TRY-OUTS

Nineteen Aspirants Turn Out Wednesday; Eight Get Another Chance

Two members of the Salem high debate squad have been definitely selected and are assured a berth on the team. They are Homer Richards and Avery Thompson, who won their positions in a competitive tryout Wednesday afternoon. Nineteen aspirants for debate honors were in the tryouts and eight of these, besides the two high point men, are to be in a second trial next Wednesday afternoon.

Those selected for the second tryout are Margaret Pro, Leroy Grot, Thomas Childs, Lewis Oimsted, Clark Durham, Earl Tomlinson, Winston Williams and James Fairchild.

The additional members of yesterday's tryout are Jack Sponz, Lydia Childs, Anna Lanke, Carl Ramsdyer, Howard Gill, Kenneth Allen and Teal Fanning.

The Salem high debaters, under the coaching of Prof. J. B. Hornung, won the state championship last year, and are headed to win again this season. If the enthusiasm shown is indicative of results, the question on which Professor Hornung is coaching the team is, "Resolved: That a third strong political party would promote the interests of good government in the United States."

Former American Legion Commander Is Shot Down

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 22.—With the words "You broke up my home" on his lips, Chedell Simpson, 44 years old, fired a bullet today into the left arm of Col. John G. Emery, veteran of Cantigny, the Argonne and St. Mihiel, and former national commander of the American legion. The shooting was in Emery's real estate office; where Simpson's 26-year-old wife is employed as a stenographer.

Tonight Colonel Emery is at a local hospital recuperating from his wound, and Simpson, against whom Mrs. Simpson recently filed suit for divorce, is in a cell charged with assault, with intent to kill.

CITY BUDGET READY FOR CONSIDERATION AT SPECIAL MEETING

Total Amount Needed for 1925 Is Placed at \$249,959.28, a Reduction of Nearly \$19,000 From Estimated Needs; Official Axe Felt by Several Departments; Take Action Friday

Cut and slashed in order to keep it within the 6 per cent limitation clause, the city budget, slightly under \$250,000, is ready to present to the citizens' budget committee which meets with the city council Friday night. Approximately \$19,000 was lopped off the original requirements submitted by the various departments of the city to the ways and means committee.

The official axe fell the heaviest upon the police department, with other departments receiving less than the amount sought. Members of the ways and means committee, which has worked hours on the budget, are L. J. Simeral, Hal D. Patton and W. H. Daney.

The citizens' committee, each member of the council and the mayor making a selection, consists of 15 prominent Salem men, and include George Arbuckle, August Huckestein, U. G. Boyer, John Bayne, R. P. Boise, A. H. Moore, W. E. Park, U. G. Holt, H. W. Hale, Dr. E. E. Fisher, Fred A. Williams, Earl Race, O. T. Larson, B. C. Miles and P. M. Gregory.

Actual figures for the budget requirements for 1925 are given at \$249,959.28, which represents a cut of \$18,874.10 from the original estimate of \$268,833.38. Upon first considering the requirements, it was believed that a cut of \$25,000 would be necessary to keep the total within the six per cent limitation law, but \$6000 was added to the estimate receipts, which had been quoted too low. The receipts for the coming year are estimated at \$40,509.67.

According to figures made public by Marten Poulsen, city recorder, the police department is the greatest loser, being granted \$25,100 for salaries, with \$23,600 sought. Originally Chief of Police Frank A. Minto asked for a force of 20 patrolmen, but later compromised on 15 men. Other expenses of this department are the marshal's salary, of \$1800; police matron's salary, \$1200; departmental expenses, \$1815; which was cut \$550 by the ways and means committee, and \$225 for the expense incidental to the city jail.

The sharp edge of the axe was also felt by the fire department, which was cut from \$48,685 to \$45,029, a reduction of \$3656, including the loss of two firemen. Salaries make up the greater portion of the expenses of this department, \$40,564 going to pay Fire Chief Buck Hutton, one captain, one engineer, 27 firemen with four vacation firemen. The remainder of the appropriation is needed for incidental upkeep.

Another department to receive less than asked is the engineering and surveying, which will receive \$3000. The cut was \$200 here. Lighting expense estimates were reduced \$540 and will be \$17,861.

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Your Last Chance To Save \$2.00

COOLIDGE FINISHES WORK ON ADDRESS

Speech By President Will Be Begun at 3:30 Pacific Coast Time

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—President Coolidge directed his attention mainly today to completing the address he will deliver here tomorrow night before the eastern division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in which he is expected to sum up his views on government affairs.

This will be the last extended address of the president before election and detailed arrangements have been made to have it radio cast to every section of the country. He will start speaking about 9:30 o'clock eastern standard time.

Among several callers at the White House today were William Willeox, chairman of the republican national committee in the 1908 campaign, who drew an enthusiastic picture of the republican political outlook in New York. Members of the Retail Grocers' association of New England and New York were also received by the president.

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