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SHALL SCHOOLS BE SUPPORTED?

Some Figures Showing Prevailing
Condition Throughout
the State

That the people of Oregon are keenly interested in the passage of the bill which provides for a two mill tax levy for the support and maintenance of the elementary schools of the state is attested by the hundreds of organizations that have given it unanimous endorsement and the hundreds of people who are devoting their time to the furtherance of its success.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, Oregon's only woman legislator, who is the author of the bill, says in speaking of it: "There is a shortage of 140,000 school teachers in this country and of this number Oregon has her full quota, our shortage being 500. A total of 230 school rooms are locked and bolted because there are no teachers, 4,600 Oregon children lack school facilities and unless there is relief by the voting of this measure the number will be doubled next year. The number of teachers leaving Oregon schools to go into other professions has more than doubled during the era of the high cost of living. The increase in living costs during this period are estimated at from 88 per cent to 94 per cent. Teachers' salaries have increased less than 25 per cent. Normal schools and teacher training schools show a decrease in attendance of 30 per cent."

"In western Oregon there are many so-called poverty districts, 966 of which have an annual school revenue of less than \$800. Lane county has 124 such districts; Marion, 58; Washington, 44; Douglas, 36; Lincoln, 41, and even urban Multnomah has nine such districts. Where population or taxable wealth is scant it is with difficulty that schools are supported. In these districts the rate of taxation is very high, some of them valuing education enough to tax themselves as high as 50 mills. In other districts less public spirited schools are either closed or are presided over by totally incompetent teachers.

"In 31 counties of Oregon there are 2,204 rural teachers who for this year's school work are drawing an average wage of \$732.22. Of this number 902 draw only \$600 a year and 641 draw only \$600 a year, the minimum lawful wage for eight months of school work. Of 955 rural districts 446 have a total revenue of less than \$800, the average being \$598, or insufficient to pay the \$600 minimum wage for one teacher for each district. These are pre-war salaries and low ones at that; it is impossible to live on them now.

"Washington contributes \$34 per census child to the education of her children; Oregon contributes \$11.83. Both Washington and California pay better salaries than Oregon. Hence the desirable teachers are being called out of the state. The war taught us a great lesson concerning illiteracy and un-Americanism. Twenty-four and nine-tenths per cent of our soldiers could not read or write. Bolshevism and ignorance can only be counteracted by a good public school system. The foundations of a democracy rest upon an intelligent citizenship. Your vote in the elementary educational bill is a test of your citizenship.

"The whole aim of the bill is equalization and every county receives back every cent that they pay into the fund. There is now more than \$42,000,000 worth of property in Oregon which escapes taxation for the support of the elementary schools because it is out side of any school district. If this measure is passed this property will be compelled to bear its share and more than \$80,000 will thus be added to the resources of the schools."

"Oregon is now one of only seven states in the Union which levy no state tax for elementary schools. Go to the polls May 21 and vote 314 Yes and urge your friends and neighbors to do likewise and thus help to put Oregon at the top educationally as she already is in so many respects."

In France the doctor's claim on the estate of a deceased patient has precedence on all others.

Vote For Park Bonds

A beautiful site just below the new concrete viaduct is offered the city for Park purposes at a very reasonable price. The site is attractive and located where every automobile tourist can see it as he passes over the viaduct.

Newberg has long wanted an attractive park and opportunity is now knocking at our door.

Vote For The Park Bonds

GARY MOTOR TRUCKS EXCEL FROM START TO FINISH

Because a horse had a leg on four corners, hair on the outside, and a place for a collar, would not satisfy an experienced horse user that said horse was a "good buy" no matter how low the price. Qualifications would be considered—speed, endurance, possible performance, probable years of service, and cost of maintenance would be the factors determining the value, and he would not expect to find these qualifications in a cheap horse.

There is just as much difference in motor trucks as in horses. Some makes of motor trucks are made to sell and like the cheap horse they possess "similar points of construction" to their better brothers, but they will not deliver the goods and last. They will have worn out by the time they have paid out, which makes them a poor investment at any price.

Satisfactory performance for a period of years, after it has paid for itself, is what establishes a truck's value. Gary Motor Trucks are long life trucks. They are correctly designed, built of the best and highest priced units by the best mechanics and backed by the Gary reputation—"To put up the best truck that can be built."

The factory representative of the Gary Motor Truck Company for the Northwest Territory is the Gary Coast Agency Inc., 71 Broadway, Portland, Oregon.

CORPORAL JOHN W. COMER OF NEWBERG WINS MEDAL

By hitting the bull's-eye from the standing, kneeling and sitting positions Corporal John W. Comer, of Newberg, has qualified as a sharpshooter in the U. S. Marine Corps, according to an official report from headquarters at Washington, D. C. Corporal Comer is a son of William N. Comer, of Newberg, and he enlisted in the Marine Corps, June 21, 1915, at Portland, Oregon. During recent trials on the rifle range he demonstrated his proficiency and hereafter will wear the sharp shooter's medal and will receive an increase in pay.

The Marinas won high honors in the National Rifle Matches held at Caldwell, New Jersey, last summer, winning a majority of events. Rifle men are now being selected to take part in the Olympic games to be held at Antwerp, Belgium, during the coming summer, and for the National Rifle Matches to be fired at Camp Perry, Ohio, next August.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be special Memorial services at the Methodist church next Sunday mornings and the members of G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps, the American Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliary will attend in a body.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to join in these services.

HOW ARE YOU OFF FOR BERRY PICKERS

The A. Rupert Co. Inc. have issued the following statement:

As you are aware, the picker problem is an annual nightmare and owing to the fact that the Government has closed their employment bureau here, it will be necessary for the growers to take some action to secure for themselves, a supply of pickers.

We have interviewed Mrs. Scott, who was in charge of the women's employment bureau last year, and she states she is willing to handle the employment of pickers on the following basis:

The pickers are to pay her 50 cents a head on securing employment, and the growers to pay 50 cents a head, payment to accompany order for pickers, thus if any grower wants 20 pickers, he would order these pickers from Mrs. Scott and send her check for \$10, and in the event they do not get their full quota, the money would be refunded to them but it would tie them up so that when they order pickers, they would not be in a position to cancel orders as they constantly did in the past.

We do not feel that the canneries should take the responsibility of securing the pickers. We are willing to do all that we possibly can to aid them, but we think this proposition very fair and if some such proposition is not entered into, we admit that we are at a loss as to how to handle the matter.

Growers may address Mrs. L. V. Scott, Mallory Hotel, Portland. A. Rupert Company Inc.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

At the session of conference held at Salem last week we were returned to Newberg for another year.

We shall resume the work with the greatest pleasure, confident that the coming year will be as pleasant as the last, and profitable.

Services will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and again at 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at the church at 8 o'clock. Class meeting, G. G. Edwards, leader, Friday evenings at the homes of members to be announced, and cottage prayer meetings at 8 o'clock Tuesday evenings.

W. N. Coffee, Pastor.

ROSSMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Emmett W. Rossman, aged 62 years, president of the United Auto Bus Company which operates the auto bus line between Newberg and Portland, shot and killed himself Monday night at his home, 208 East Sixty-ninth street, Portland. He was said to have been worrying over financial difficulties. A note left by Rossman declared that he meant to kill his secretary, Miss L. Brown, but that she had failed to keep an appointment with him. Rossman asked that his body be cremated and that the ashes be "thrown to the four winds of heaven or cast upon the waters of the wide ocean."

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS BANQUET AT IMPERIAL

A well attended banquet was held at the Imperial hotel dining room on Wednesday evening.

Following the eats a program of speechmaking was given, with W. D. Coulson acting as toastmaster:

Pacific College—C. A. Butt. City Auditorium—W. H. Woodworth.

A. Rupert Company Inc.—Merton B. DeLong.

Co-operation Essential—Lyte Palmer.

City Park—C. C. Murton.

Regatta Remarks—Bert Miller.

The following endorsement of the cannery was made unanimous: Whereas, The finest fruit grown can be produced in abundance in the territory tributary to Newberg, and

Whereas, This fruit, good as it is, would have little value were there not a proper market for it when picked, and

Whereas, There has been established in our city of Newberg a fruit cannery that has operated successfully ever since its present management has taken control and is at present in a flourishing condition, and is taking care of the fruit raised here in a way highly satisfactory to the growers, thereby very materially benefitting all those engaged in the production of fruit, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Newberg Commercial Club does hereby go on record as being well pleased with results obtained by the A. Rupert Company Inc., and that the club members pledge their moral support and so far as possible their financial support in furthering the company's interests in this locality to the end that all connected with the fruit industry either directly or indirectly may be benefitted and prosperity be permanent in our midst.



WALTER L. TOOZE JR.

Candidate for delegate to the Republican National Convention from the First Congressional District. Local pride should be an incentive to voters to cast their ballots for Mr. Tooze who is a Yamhill county man.

REGATTA CELEBRATION PROGRAM JUNE 4-5-6—LET'S GO

Friday, June 4—2:30 P. M.—Ball game and band music on college campus.

5:00 P. M.—Street Jubilee consisting of band music, races, masquerades, drama, tug of war between high school and college and stunts of various kinds. Industrial exhibit at First and School streets.

9:00 P. M.—Dance and music by Notable Orchestra.

Saturday, June 5th—10:00 A. M.—Industrial and military parade.

10:30 A. M.—Dedication of new bridge and welcome sign.

11:00 A. M.—Coronation ceremonies and presentation of city key to Portland Motor Boat Club.

11:30 A. M.—Address by notable speaker.

12:00 M.—Dinner reception to notable visitors by Auxiliary American Legion.

12:00 P. M.—Adjournment to Motor Boat Regatta at the river.

12:30 P. M.—Opening of Motor Boat Regatta supervised by Regatta King and Queen. Races by fast motor boats, canoe races, hydroplane races, diving contests, surf boat riding, and numerous other water sports.

5:30 P. M.—Street jubilee, band music, athletic sports, motorcycle races, auto races, etc., Various other unique stunts. Industrial exhibits at First and School streets.

8:00 P. M.—Portland Motor Boat Club reception and presentation of cups. Same to be attended only by Commercial Club members and their wives and Portland Motor Boat Club members.

9:00 P. M.—Dance and music by Notable Orchestra.

Sunday Morning, June 6th—Portland Motor Boat Club leaves for Portland.

All Regatta committees meet without fail at the Commercial Club rooms Monday evening, May 24, at 8 o'clock.

OBITUARY OF MRS.

MARGARET SHIRES

Margaret Biggs was born December 13, 1852, in Vermilion county, Illinois. Was married to John Shires, of the same state and county, January 24, 1869.

They moved to the state of Oregon in the year 1892, and have lived near Newberg until her death on May 13th, 1920, at her home at Chehalis Center.

Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shires, who, with their father and other relatives and friends, mourn her departure to the better land.

Mrs. Shires became a Christian when but a small girl, remaining one throughout her life, and was a member of Chehalis Friends church at the time of her death.

Thus our relatives and friends are passing over to join the company gathering on the other shore.

CELEBRATION OF GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards Renew
Marriage Vows at Friends
Church Tuesday Night

The Friends church was aglow with golden splendor Tuesday evening when a large company of relatives and friends gathered to assist Jesse and Mary E. K. Edwards in the celebration of their golden wedding.

The church was beautifully decorated with Scotch broom which was banked in profusion about the rostrum.

Miss Eva Miles sang "I Love You" and another appropriate number. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Lyra.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards then approached the altar from the center aisle, being preceded by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Woodward who attended them. Taking their places, the bride and groom repeated the impressive Friends ceremony which united them fifty years ago.

After an appropriate prayer, President J. D. Mills read the marriage certificate. Incidents of the wedding were related and the wedding photographs were displayed.

E. H. Woodward told of the coming, together, of the Edwards and Woodward families to Oregon in 1850. All about the present site of Newberg there was little to be seen except scrubby oak and forests of fir trees and the roads were but little better than cow paths. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, both being ministers, were called upon to hold services in school houses, perform marriage ceremonies and conduct funerals all over the country, and are remembered in many homes for their help in times of need. In recognition of these things and as a token of the love and appreciation of their many friends, Mr. Woodward presented them with fifty gold dollars, one for each year of their married life.

Mrs. Oran K. Edwards, of Portland, then sang two numbers and everybody joined in hearty congratulations and good wishes for the "bride and groom."

Refreshments were served by a group of college maids, in the endeavor room which was tastefully decorated with yellow blossoms.

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CLOSING MUSICAL RECITALS

The closing recitals of the school year will be given by pupils of the college music department in Wood-Mar Hall on the evenings of May 24 and 31. These recitals are free to the general public, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend them. Many of the pupils are very talented and interesting work will be presented.

The recital of May 24 will be given entirely by advanced pupils. Those to take part are Lyra Miles, Eva Moore, Mary Jones, piano; Eva Miles and Palmer Hayes, voice; Glenn Taylor, violin. The second recital will be a general one, and quite as interesting.

FACTS RELATIVE TO THE GASOLINE SITUATION

The Standard Oil Co. is rationing out their supply of gasoline in all districts alike where they are located throughout the state. It is also a positive fact that other oil companies have been doing likewise in numerous localities. There has been a little misunderstanding along this line.

Director Van H. Manning, Washington, D. C., Bureau of Mines, says consumption is increasing at a much faster rate than production. This being the case, it behooves the motor public to economize on gasoline. The specific gravity law of Oregon has merely aggravated the situation so much than otherwise. The Standard Oil Co. of Newberg expects a new supply of gasoline in about a week.