

REMEDY FOR TEACHER SHORTAGE REVEALED

Each Community in Oregon Should Know Instructors of Children Today.

In asking the state of Oregon to vote favorably for the two-mill elementary school measure, popularly known as the Children's Rights Bill, the teachers of the state of Oregon are not asking for an increase in salary. They are merely working for a fair and equal distribution of taxes for the support of these basic schools, that the entire state will be taxed and not only the organized school districts, as at present is the case.

The shortage of teachers in Oregon is growing so rapidly that the situation is alarming in the extreme. Last year 100 schools were closed, and in those 100 schools, 230 rooms were closed and close to 4000 pupils were unable to have the instruction that rightly should have been theirs. What was the cause?

It was due entirely to a shortage of teachers. Why? Because the teachers are being underpaid and are leaving the profession for better-paid work. They have to do this. Some day Oregon must come to the rescue of the teacher. Now, it is being asked to save the child, the voter of tomorrow.

Do we want him educated? Sure. Only recently in New York did the question of raising the teachers' salaries come up before the legislature and it was due to a lack of sufficient information as to the extent to which they should be increased, and the ability of communities to pay increases have led the legislative leaders to decide to postpone final revision of the teachers' salary law until another session.

The temporary readjustment of salaries will fix the minimum rate for the rural school teacher at \$850, while in the larger country districts the lowest paid elementary teachers will get \$900. The minimum in elementary schools in third-class cities will be \$1,100 instead of \$820 as at present, and that in high schools \$1,250 instead of \$940. Second-class cities must raise their minimum salary of elementary teachers from \$800 to \$1,200, and that of high school teachers from \$1,000 to \$1,400.

In order to prevent New York City draining the adjoining cities of teachers, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains, and New Rochelle are to be required to pay within \$550 of the rates in effect in New York City. Flat increases of \$550 over the March 1 rates are mandated upon Syracuse and of \$400 on Buffalo and Rochester. These higher salaries will do much to make the teaching service more attractive.

The New York City rates are to be fixed by a committee now at work upon the problem of determining how the city's quota of the direct state tax of 1 1/2 mills—\$12,000,000—shall be distributed among more than 24,000 members of the supervising staff. The average increase of \$500 would seem small in comparison with the other increases were it not for the fact that the governor last month signed a bill raising the New York City teachers an increase on June 1. Six thousand six hundred and three teachers will receive from 30 to 40 per cent more pay than they received on Dec. 31, 1919, while 6,629 others of a total of 24,123 will have their salaries increased from 10 to 50 per cent. But the minimum salary on June 1 will be only \$1,000.

In redrafting the provisions of the state-wide salary bill affecting New York City the joint legislative committee to which the task was assigned has raised this minimum to \$1,500 and has so revised other salaries that those grades of the service where the chief shortage of teachers exists shall offer salaries that will attract and hold the best teachers. In no other way can the standards of teaching be maintained, not to say improved.

When the legislative committee reports next year whatever other grades of the service have not received due and proper consideration can be provided for in the general salary increase measure.

A sunny disposition is greatly to be desired, but we are in danger of losing ours when we note the size of the Sunday editions of some of the big city daily papers. In view of the alarming shortage of print paper the size of some of these Sunday editions is prodigious in their wasteful extravagance. Section after section is contained in them in which there is practically no element of news, but which are principally made up of blatherdash and modern bunk.

Each week it becomes increasingly difficult for the country press to secure enough blank paper to print their limited editions, and even that is sky high in price.

If the big dailies would use a little moderation the country editor would not be driven to the point of desperation in his efforts to secure paper stock.

But the way of a hog is ever the same. It thinks only of self.

The old blue denim overall is having its day. It is now the aristocrat of the clothing world.

Overall clubs are being formed all over the country as a matter of economy and as a protest against the mounting prices of clothing. It is a common sight in the big cities to see public officials, business men and others from all walks of life going to work in overalls.

It is one ray of sunshine which stands out in the sea of high prices which is engulfing the country.

The overall today is a badge of honor to all men, from the millionaire down to the humblest of our citizens.

News dispatches indicate that a great influx of immigration is to be expected soon from foreign countries and especially from some of the German states.

We have plenty of room in this country for reputable and law-abiding citizens from any other country, but our doors should be religiously closed to trouble makers of every description. We have too many of that breed here now for our own good.

If some means could be provided whereby the American farmer could secure the necessary farm help from over the seas it would be a blessing. And since the average American girl has graduated from other people's kitchens, a hundred thousand strong and healthy domestics would be enthusiastically received.

An exchange suggests a referendum on the cost of living. But we object. Prices might be advanced to include the cost of the referendum.

SCHOOLS ARE UNABLE TO GET INSTRUCTORS

Superintendent Spaulding of Cleveland Board Decries Small Salaries.

Men teachers are disappearing from the schools of Oregon.

Thirty years ago there were as many men as women in elementary schools. Now the ratio is four men to six women.

Cleveland, Ohio, finds it impossible to secure men teachers of manual or physical training for elementary schools because of low salaries.

These facts are presented to Cleveland teachers by Supt. Frank E. Spaulding in an article being distributed to them for information in connection with their study of the salary questionnaire recently sent out.

The remedy in Oregon is the two-mill levy.

Significance is lent to the situation by a recent resolution of the Schoolmasters' Club of Cincinnati deploring the condition nationally and stating "the influence of men is considered necessary for the proper education of American youth."

The resolution asks the National Educational Association to bring before the public and its school officials the seriousness of the situation.

WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand to pay off all General Fund warrants issued and registered up to and including February 29, 1920. Interest ceases May 11, 1920.

W. Y. KING
County Treasurer

CITATION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF HARNEY

In the matter of the estate of Harry R. McClure, deceased.

To George Clyde McClure, Walter Robert McClure, Alberta Marie McClure, Nora Beatrice McClure and Charles W. Ellis, Guardian ad litem. GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney, at the Court Room thereof, at Burns, Oregon, in the County of Harney on Thursday the 17th day of June, 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why the Honorable Wm. Farre, Judge of the County Court, should not make an order authorizing and directing Lloyd Johnson, administrator of the above entitled estate, to sell the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, and the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 24 South, Range 34 E. W. M., for the purpose of paying claims, charges and expenses of the above named estate, said property being the real property belonging to the above entitled estate.

WITNESS: The Hon. Dalton Biggs, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Harney with the seal of said Court affixed this 5th day of May, A. D. 1920.

ATTEST: Chester Dalton, Clerk.
By C. E. Dillman, Deputy.

CITATION

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR HARNEY COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of Ferdinand Frank Thoms, deceased.

To August Thoms, Mrs. Annie Meyers and Mrs. Caroline Hansch. GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney, at the Court Room thereof, at Burns, Oregon, in the County of Harney on Thursday the 17th day of June, 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any exist, why the Honorable William Farre, Judge of the County Court, should not make an order authorizing and directing Albert Oakerman, administrator of the above entitled estate, to sell the South half of Sec. 24, Twp. 25 South, Range 26 E. W. M. (containing 320 acres, more or less) in accordance with the order of this Court and as by law required; said property being the real property belonging to the above entitled estate.

WITNESS: The Hon. Wm. Farre, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Harney with the seal of said Court affixed this 6th day of May, A. D. 1920.

ATTEST: Chester Dalton, Clerk.
By C. E. Dillman, Deputy.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Burns, Oregon, May 7, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that

Katie A. Sylvester, widow of E. Porter Sylvester, deceased, of Burns, Oregon, who, on September 17, 1919, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 68574, for NW 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 7, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Lot 4, Section 6, Township 22 S., Range 20 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed

notice of intention to make Final three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before

Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 7th day of June, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses:

Thomas Sylvester, M. V. Dodge, Lute Parker, and Carlie Parker all of Burns, Oregon.

V. G. COZAD, Register.



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Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject: B. S. HUGHES, Pastor

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Services at 11:00 o'clock.
The reading room in the church Edifice, is open on Tuesday and Friday from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.
Sunday School meets on Sunday at 10 o'clock.
Pupils may be admitted to its classes up to the age of 20 years.
The public is cordially invited to the Church Services and to the Reading Room.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible School at 10 A. M.
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Evening Service at 7:30.
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