

DISTRICT NO. 4 LOSES MONEY

Mistake of County Board Is Costly to Gresham District.

Gresham school district faces a deficit of something like \$2000 this year and approximately that amount will have to be raised to tide the school over until the 1914 tax is collected. This state of affairs was discovered yesterday when it became known that the county high school fund law adopted by the voters last November, cannot be put into operation this year.

The reason is that no tax levy was made to raise funds with which to pay the tuition of pupils, and, although there might be sufficient money in the county general fund to do it, it is agreed by County Judge Cleeton, and District Attorney Evans, in offhand opinions, that such money could not be used legally.

The law provides that when the state high school fund law is applied to a county, the County High School Board, consisting of the two County Commissioners, the county judge, the county treasurer and the county school superintendent, shall be organized and that this board shall make a tax levy to raise such money as shall be necessary for the payment of tuition of pupils and shall make contracts with the school boards under which high schools are operating or are to operate. The county judge becomes chairman.

The reason is that no tax levy was ever held, although the law states that it must meet within 30 days of the election and make preparations, and the matter of a tax levy was completely overlooked.

The county high school fund law provides that one district or any number of districts combined may erect a high school building and that the county shall pay as yearly tuition fees \$40 for the first twenty pupils in attendance, \$30 each for the second twenty and 12.50 each for all pupils in excess of 40.

The adoption of the law in Multnomah county was fathered particularly by School Superintendent Robinson, his object being to throw the high schools of the city open to county children and to provide county-wide financial assistance to the establishment of high schools in rural communities unable of themselves to support such schools.

"Mr. Robinson and I spoke about getting statistics for an estimate of how much would have to be raised for the fund, and I asked him to get the material together and submit it to us, as he was in a better position to do so, being in close touch with the schools," said Council Judge Cleeton, in explanation of the oversight. "He said he would do it, but I heard no more about it and forgot it when the tax levy was being made up."

"Mr. Robinson says that he submitted the data to a deputy in County Clerk Fields' office, but no trace of it can be found now, and Mr. Fields does not remember that he reached him."

As the law provides that the county judge becomes chairman of the county high school board, there was no attempt on the part of Judge Cleeton to shirk responsibility, for upon his shoulders, as chairman, fell the task of calling the others together for the purpose of organization. Judge Cleeton stated yesterday that Commissioner Lightner recalled a sort of meeting one day between Mr. Robinson, Judge Cleeton and himself, constituting a quorum, but the judge could not remember anything about it on his own initiative.

hausted the first two months leaving the district without funds. The only recourse will be to borrow money for a few months, until the next tax levy is available.

The recent levy of one and one-half mills was thought to be high enough as the following letter from County Superintendent Robinson to School Clerk D. M. Roberts, under date of Dec. 27, will show:

"Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of recent date, I will advise that the county high school board has considered the matter of the expense of next year's maintenance and a tax will be levied the coming January for that purpose. As secretary of the county high school board, I am instructed to arrange contracts with each district in the county now maintaining a high school which measures up to the requirements of the county high school fund law. In working out your budget for the coming year, you may safely figure on receiving from the county high school fund an amount to be determined as follows: \$40.00 each for the first twenty pupils; \$30.00 each for the next twenty pupils; \$12.50 each for all additional pupils attending.

"The first levy made by the county court for this purpose will be based upon the average daily attendance of the various high schools for last year together with the estimated increase for the present year. We consider this the most nearly equitable basis on which to make out estimates for the present levy. I shall communicate with you in a few days in regard to a contract. Either my successor or I will take up with your district the matter of a contract for teaching such children as may be accommodated in your district."

This unfortunate mistake will lose to the district nearly \$2000 and there is no way now to rectify the error. It is plain that the levy next December will have to be at least two and one-half mills to raise the amount needed for the next year and get out of debt.

Meeting for Better Fruit.

At 2 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, all people who want to know how to take care of the orchard trees, fight tree diseases and insect pests, and cultivate and care for fruit bearing things, are invited to meet at the grange hall in Gresham.

Secretary Williamson, of the State Board of Horticulture, Inspector Stansbury and District Commissioner Goodrich will be present to give addresses and practical demonstrations upon these subjects. Every man with a fruit-bearing plant on his place should come and ask a question. Get your neighbor to come.

Patron-Teachers' Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Patron-Teachers' association will be held Wednesday night, Jan. 15, at the schoolhouse. The following program has been arranged: cornet solo, O. I. Neal; paper, School Morals, A. R. Lyman; question box in charge of Rev. M. T. Wire; duet, Mrs. Jas. Elkington and Mrs. J. N. Clanahan.

Rockwood Dance Postponed.

The dance announced by Rockwood grange for Jan. 25, has been postponed until Saturday evening, Feb. 1, in deference to the invitation party to be given by the Pastime club in Gresham on the former date. Rockwood grange will give its annual spring masquerade on Saturday evening, Feb. 22.

TROUTDALE DIST. TAXED 3 MILLS

TROUTDALE, Jan. 13.—A special meeting was called by the school board December 30, for the purpose of voting a tax, a few public-spirited people attended, and a school tax of three mills levied. A two and one-half mill tax would have supplied ample funds, but those present thought that it would be best to have a surplus for emergencies, and voted the three mill tax.

E. O. Tripp has bought the barber shop here which he formerly owned, and under his management we citizens of Troutdale know that he will give first class service. Mr. Tripp owns a shop in Fairview also, which all goes to show some progressiveness.

The M. E. church will hold services twice monthly hereafter, the Rev. Thos. Robinson of Fairview presiding. It is to be hoped that the good people of Troutdale will turn out en masse at every meeting and give Mr. Robinson every encouragement possible. With four saloons running full blast making drunkards out of boys and weak-minded men it is time that somebody tried to sow the seed of righteousness in Troutdale.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. are improving their railroad yards at Troutdale building new fences, etc. Miss Laura Bulkeley and Miss Johnson were guests of Mrs. C. I. Raker on Sunday.

At the Parent-Teachers' meeting held Saturday, Jan. 11, Dr. Pierce of Portland gave a very interesting talk on "The New View of Human Life." Mrs. L. Harlow and Mrs. Larson each sang solos, and Mrs. L. Harlow rendered instrumental solos, after which a delightful luncheon was served by the ladies. These meetings are very helpful and entertaining.

Robert Wilson has returned from San Diego, Calif., where he has been visiting his uncle.

Mrs. Carrie Compton of Yacolt, Washington, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas.

Evelyn and Marjorie Kendall were in The Dalles over Sunday.

There are several cases of chicken-pox in Troutdale, and Miss Hogue our librarian, is warning members that if they have books and any of their family take sick with chicken-pox, the books must be fumigated before returned.

Mr. Parker and family are late arrivals from Illinois. Mr. Parker has bought the Clark-Hardin place near the Gordon road, and has already moved in, and is building another room on his house, also making other improvements.

Clark Hardin has moved into one of the Cole houses and will make that his home for the winter.

Mrs. Ed. Shroy has been confined to her bed for the past week with a severe attack of la grippe.

The moving picture theatre is giving excellent programs of late and is well attended.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church met with Mrs. Rix last Wednesday, for work.

Full line Pruning Shears at Sterling & Kidder's.

DAIRY COMBINE IS ACCOMPLISHED

Four of the largest dairy associations of Portland have consolidated into one gigantic company, taking with them the Mountain View Dairy Farm as a fifth member.

The four companies entering into the federation are known as the Portland Pure Milk and Cream company, Damascus Creamery company, Swiss Sanitary Dairy company and the Portland Dairy association. The name of the combine will hereafter be known as The Portland Milk company.

Stockholders in the new association are W. J. Patterson, S. H. Graham, Robert Ireland, W. W. Terry, J. S. Manley, W. L. Wilsey, A. Welch, H. H. Carey, A. N. Allen, L. Enderod, William Graham, W. H. Edwards, Henry Roth and A. T. Jones. The last named is the only one from Eastern Multnomah although S. H. Graham is well known here, having had a large interest in the big milk ranch at Fairview.

The new company was organized by J. W. Patterson and will control about 70 per cent of the milk and cream supply of Portland as well as a large proportion of the butter business. It is said that the combination will be able to keep operating expenses down and that the public will be benefited. The plan is to establish only two distributing stations and reorganize the delivery routes so as to prevent the overlapping of territory by the drivers, each of which will have his own district to cover.

From this announcement it will be seen that the hopes of the dairymen of Eastern Multnomah county for relief are completely destroyed, although it is very probable that they will get fair treatment and full pay for their products at the prices fixed by the new company. A year ago there was an attempt made by the dairymen of this section to organize a stock company with a capital of \$10,000, but only \$4,000 was signed up and, then the matter halted and people have been wondering when it would come to life again. The reason is now explained, but the milkmen have been left holding the sack, like the story of the man who was sent out to catch snipe. He was fitted out with a bag and left in the woods while the others went to drive the snipe into the snare. He is there yet, the others having gone away to find other victims.

For several years there has been a loud complaint that the dairymen who supply Portland with milk and cream were at the mercy of the dealers. They tried in every way to get relief, but never succeeded. It is not clear now how they are to be treated any better than in the past, as the strong combination just announced will have full control of everything in the dairy business.

All the dairymen of Multnomah, Columbia, Clackamas and a part of Washington counties are affected, but they still have it in their power to form an organization greater than the one just commencing. It only requires a strong leader who is capable of organizing them, and one in whom they have full confidence. Such a person is hard to find, for

the dairymen have been betrayed so often that they have very little confidence in anyone. They will probably remain as they are now, at the mercy of a big city corporation which will dictate prices as formerly.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kronenberg of East Oakland, California, on Dec. 29, 1912, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

Children and grandchildren from far and near helped honor the occasion. The aged couple attended Jubilee mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church at Fruitvale and were attended by an escort of grandchildren, and also were gathered with them children and grandchildren.

This grand affair which seldom happens, will long be remembered by hundreds who witnessed it. The escorts were the Misses Marie Bills, Eva Kronenberg and Lucile Bennett, with Virginia Bills as flower girl. A large party of relatives and friends sat down to a sumptuous wedding spread at the Kronenberg residence.

Those who were present at the wedding feast were Mrs. J. C. Nepach of Portland, Martin Kronenberg of Gresham, Mrs. J. W. Bennett and daughter of Clackamas, Joseph Kronenberg of Troutdale, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bill and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. Kronenberg and family, Mr. Rudolph Kronenberg and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bills and Mrs. Caruthers of East Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Behre of Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Kronenberg, who are 74 and 71 years respectively were married in Sankville, Wisconsin, Dec. 29, 1862. They came to Portland thirty-five years ago where they purchased a farm nine miles east of the city where they prospered. They went to East Oakland seven years ago where they now abide. Mr. and Mrs. Kronenberg are enjoying the best of health and are highly respected here and elsewhere. Friends of this vicinity wish them many happy years to come.

Nicholson-McKillip.

The Seaside Signal announces the wedding of a former Fairview girl on Wednesday last, as follows:

"Last evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. T. Axtel occurred the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Edith McKillip to Harry Nicholson, Rev. G. O. Oliver, pastor of the local M. E. church performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few relatives and intimate friends.

"Both the bride and groom are well known here. They are especially popular among the young people, among whom their presence is always valued. The groom is an industrious young painter and sole proprietor of the Interior Decorative company of this city. The young couple will make their home here."

Fox Gets Contract.

Competitive bids for food supplies for the county poor farm, Saturday, resulted in the award to Aaron Fox, the Troutdale merchant. The contract is for six months and is to be filled for the sum of \$2016.75. Mr. Fox was the lowest bidder, other bids being: Meier & Frank Co., \$2246.93; Everding & Farrell, \$2285.06; Olds, Wortman & King, \$3451.15.

Wear the smile that won't come off. Use a Laurel Range. Sterling & Kidder.

SCENIC HIGHWAY LOOP IS URGED

Automobile Road Would Help This Part of the County.

That proposed automobile loop to Hood River, by the way of Mount Hood after passing through Gresham, has been considered seriously and will some day, probably soon, be an accomplished fact. The work up the bank of the Columbia river will be rushed along this year and that road will be built at a cost of about \$125,000, of which Multnomah county will pay about two-fifths. The mountain road, however, is the one that most interests the people here, for it will complete a loop and at the same time open a way into Central Oregon that will pass through a scenic region equal to anything ever known in Oregon except the other route up the Columbia river.

This subject was mentioned in the Outlook several weeks ago, and, so far as we know we gave the enterprise its first boost. That it is being considered is shown by an article in the Sunset magazine from which we quote:

"The great goal of the road for Portland will be the luring scenery around the north base of Mount Hood. Indeed, as now planned, the Columbia river highway will form a link in a grand boulevard loop, for it is proposed to cut a way from the south end of the Hood River valley through to the highway that leads up the Sandy river from Multnomah county. The Federal government has already cut a trail through the forest reserve here, a trail with a grade that in no place exceeds five per cent. The citizens have asked congress for an appropriation to complete the road through the reserve, and Oregon federal legislators are urging that the fund be granted.

"Thus a road will be constructed of about 175 miles in length that for the scenic region it will open to the traveler cannot be surpassed in any quarter of the globe. The Portland motorist will be able to leave the streets of his city in the early morning, speed up the slight grade leading to the foothills and in a few hours be among the grandeur of the "Witch Mountain," as Hood is termed in Indian legend.

The highway will skirt the base of the white peak for about fifty miles and the traveler will be able to look into the very crevasses of the wonderful glaciers. Then the road will wind around down through the Hood River valley, where within a decade every highway will be a broad avenue between the trees of thousands of acres of orchards."

Rip Van Winkle.

The next big feature at the Gresham Picture show is one that is of interest to both the young and old. On next Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18. The well known story of Rip Van Winkle, very prettily told in three reels of pictures will be exhibited. The story was told when your grandfathers were boys. The play was famous when your fathers were young and now you have it, and it is equally as popular as a photo play now as it was a story when it was first told.

One reason that makes this picture of a greater interest to you than the ordinary picture you see every day is that it was taken in the same pretty little New England village that the narrative is said to have taken place.

Telephone Officers Elected.

The board of directors of the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company met on Saturday evening last and elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Theodore Bruggier; vice-president, E. S. Jenne; secretary, Miss Eva Anderson; treasurer, Archie Meyers. The new secretary will take the place of Miss Grace Lawrence, who resigned several weeks ago.

Catholic services—Mass every Sunday at 10:30 in Commercial hall, Gresham, until church is built. After mass, instruction for the children

Phone your orders in for Butter Wrappers to the Gresham Outlook.

Begin the new year with a subscription to the Outlook.

WANT ADS.—The Outlook's Bargain Counter--WANT ADS

LIVESTOCK. FOR SALE—Four mules, three wagons, one saddle pony, 4 Fox-Terrier puppies. H. R. Kane, phone 293. *92 FOR SALE—Fine fresh milk cow. Graded Jersey. J. W. Townsend, Cleone, phone 213. *91 FOR SALE—High grade Jersey cow. G. E. Proctor, Boring, Oregon Phone 378. *90 FOR SALE—Three brood sows, one litter of six pigs. Others due in short time. Also seven small pigs. Inquire R. W. Forbes, Linneman station. Phone 65. *92 Beef Cattle Wanted. Six cents per pound for any ordinary cow. T. R. Howitt, Gresham. *93 FOR SALE—Fresh milk cow, Jersey. J. Ruhlin, R. 4, Gresham, Oregon. *93

REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS For Rent. with city water, electric lights and barn, 8-room house, also 6-room house; rent \$8.00. On Main street. Chas. Cleveland. *94 FOR RENT—5 1/2 acres, suitable for: nursery stock, or any growing crops, half mile west of Gresham. Address Edw. M. Roberts, Welches, Oregon. *95 MISCELLANEOUS Auto for Sale. Buick auto, 20 h. p. Model 10-4-passenger. \$250 takes it. A. E. Lindsey, Gresham. *96 FOR SALE—At a bargain, an Air Pressure Water system, 2-horse. P. Engine and 720 gallon tank, all in first class condition. S. S. Thompson, phone 61. *97 Daily and Sunday Oregonian and Outlook, 1 year. \$7.75 A Want Ad. is a good investment.

Miscellaneous. FOR SALE—Baled timothy and loose mixed hay. Mountain View Farm, phone 21. H. E. Davis. *98 Gresham Feed Mill wants oats and wheat. Highest cash prices. Phone 561. *99 BALED HAY for sale at my place at Cottrell. W. A. Proctor. Phone 378. *99 Try a Want Ad. if you want to buy or sell anything. It will help you. *99 Wanted—All who do not now get the Outlook to subscribe at once for 1913. *99 We Want Everyone to read the Outlook. We ask you to subscribe, if you can, but read it any way, if you have to borrow it. *99 Subscribe for the Outlook

Miscellaneous. Some More Choice Lots. For Sale in Zenith addition by the owners. The Independent Land Company. Easy terms. Buy direct and save commission. See E. H. Kelly, Res. Third street and Kelly avenue. *99 Subscribe for your dailies through the Outlook. *99 Daily and Sunday Oregonian and Twice-a-week Outlook, special combination, 1 year, \$7.75. (Regular price for Daily and Sunday Oregonian, \$8.00.) *99 FAIRVIEW LODGE No. 92, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon. Masonic Temple, Troutdale. *99 Stated communications the first Saturday of each month. *99 CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS—Meet in Grange hall, Gresham, Sunday at 11 and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 12. Public invited. *99