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LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION.

Have you been solicited as a stockholder in the new Pacific International Livestock exposition project? Hold on, now; give these live campaigners a courteous hearing. They are putting over the biggest and best thing since the Lewis and Clark fair. They are making a strenuous one-week drive for stockholders in Portland and Multnomah county, to match the magnificent subscriptions rolled up by the rest of the state.

TAFT "BROKE" IN DETROIT.

Only temporarily. Played an April Fool's Day joke on himself. Arriving at Detroit on his speaking tour on the league-of-nations project, Mr. Taft discovered that he was out of funds. So he just walked a mile and a half to the city hall, where the mayor cashed a check for him.

Mr. Taft commands the respect of all thinking people because of the determined stand he has taken on the league of nations. Ridicule and the unpopularity of the league in his party have not swayed him from his path one jot. Whatever our opinion in this matter may be, we admire William Howard Taft for the courage of his convictions.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Enlistments have speeded up during the past week in answer to the call for volunteers to replace the men now overseas, many of whom have good positions awaiting them at home. Just what Theodore Roosevelt advocated in his last editorial, written the day before his death.

There was a great demand for the seeds sent the readers of the Outlook by Congressman C. N. McArthur. The children of the garden clubs were especially interested and clustered around the seeds like bees around flowers. Result: the 200 packages were all taken within a few days.

Young Theodore Roosevelt's hat is in the ring. Will "carry on" where his illustrious father left off. A large order, but this young man will give an account of himself. Remember when he started "on his own" a few years ago in a San Francisco carpet works?

In last Tuesday's Outlook was found the full text of the county unit bill, known as Senate Bill 45, published for the benefit of our readers. Keep the bill for future reference. It will be widely discussed before the June election.

The first rose of the season to bloom in the open was presented to the Outlook today by Mrs. Maggie Ulm. It is an "Empress of China" and grew on the west wall of Mrs. Ulm's residence.

Fine April Fool joke, that, of Mr. Burleson's—a twenty per cent increase on telegraphic service.

Discussion of County Unit Bill

EARL B. COTTON'S THOUGHTFUL ARTICLE

Gresham, Ore., Mar. 28, 1919.

Editor Outlook:—Senate Bill No. 45 is my theme once more, both "pro and con."

I repeat my belief in the great principles of consolidation, county administration and county taxation.

Regarding the first of these principles, read the words of a superintendent who has had 25 years' experience in four states.

"It is my belief that consolidation is fully as advantageous for the grades as for the high school and I sometimes think more so. Consolidation gives unity of purpose and unity of management.

"Every high school is dependent upon the grades. With poor work in the grades the high school is weakened and retarded. A good strong bunch of eighth graders entering upon a high school course will do much better work and travel a year or two farther in their course than will a poorly prepared group of pupils. You can not have a strong high school without strong grades, neither can you have strong grades without a strong high school for they are interdependent. They furnish each other with ideas and ideals. A bright, intelligent boy or girl in the high school becomes the worthy ideal of many smaller pupils. Many a little fellow fixes his goal for future schooling when watching the one higher up, both at play and at work. Also many a big boy or girl does better work because the smaller children in the room below expect it of her or him.

"Consolidation gives an increase of numbers and mere numbers give interest and goal. It also gives uniformity of size and age and subjects. Uniformity does wonders.

"Consolidation gives opportunity for better instruction and supervision. The teacher can do much more for forty pupils of one grade than for forty pupils of eight grades.

"Children are often hurt or made tardy because of stopping to play going to, or coming from school, and get into all sorts of scrapes and scraps, among themselves while on the way. The trouble begins in fun, a spirit of teasing, or desire to get even, foolish words, saucy answers, followed by a few clouds of dirt, then sticks or stones flying, until there is serious trouble among the children which oftentimes reaches out and brings in the parents and perhaps the entire neighborhood. All of this would not have happened if the children were carried to school in vans, wagons or trucks under the care of some sane and sensible parent as the driver.

"Consolidated school carry to the children of the county districts the blessings of the city school, while leaving behind some of the social evils of the city itself and helping to make the farming communities the most desirable places on earth in which to live and educate the children."

It is not the purposes of the bill that we object to but the means or plan outlined.

Superintendent Alderson quotes Mr. Claxton, the U. S. commissioner of Education. "This bill has many good features." He names five. How about the bad features? Suppose we study the rest of the lesson that Mr. Claxton has for us.

In Bulletin 1919, No. 4, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, "A Manual of Educational Legislation" for the guidance of state legislators, we read: "This type of organization contemplates the establishment of (1) a county board of education to have the management of the educational affairs in each county; and (2) the election by the county

board of education of a professional county superintendent to be the chief educational official of the county and the executive officer of the board."

"In electing the county superintendent, the county board of education should not be restricted to the county or even the state. The best candidate from anywhere in the country should be elected."

In the pamphlet entitled, "The county organization and administration of schools in Alabama, an act approved August 16, 1915 with a comparison of the old clause and the new, with an exposition of the latter." We read, "Hon. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education suggests the following essentials of the county unit basis of organization for the most satisfactory administration of rural schools. (4) a county board of education elected from the county at large. (5) A county superintendent of schools, a professional educator, selected by the county board of education from within or without the county or state."

Dr. Ellwood P. Cubberly, professor of education has also been quoted in favor of Senate Bill No. 45. He says in the last mentioned pamphlet, "Under the system as best developed, the people elect a county board of education of five, who are analogous to the city board of education for the city. This board then selects and appoints a county superintendent of schools."

The Maryland school law of 1916, ch. 596, page 72, says, "The county board of education of each county shall appoint during the month of May, a superintendent of schools for a term of four years." This appointment is "not valid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools."

Of the eleven states that have the county unit system, ten elect their county superintendents through the county board of education.

I repeat my former contention that inasmuch as Portland casts 95 per cent of the ballots and the bill affects the country, and not the city something must be changed. Superintendent Alderson's duties which he outlined in his reply to my former article are merely clerical. They are neither executive nor constructive. Neither does the proposed bill give him too much power except that it is undirected. It is a case of lightning sporting about at will rather than dynamic power governed by a switchboard—the ballot box in the hands of those affected.

Second objection. Mr. Alderson corrects me by saying that no grade schools in this county are under the administration of high schools. I was aware of this fact but was referring to some things as they ought to be. For argument refer to the opening paragraphs of this article. We will never come to the point of eliminating the break between the eighth grade and the high school until the two are operated as a unit. A certain consolidated school in Idaho put every one of its 29 eighth graders of one year into the freshman class the following fall because of the close co-ordination of the two. Come on Portland, beat that!

Gresham high school and the grades when placed under the same jurisdiction should be exempt from the provisions of this Act. There can not be two superintendents over any school.

Third objection. Section 10, paragraph 9 in defining the duties of the county school superintendent says: "To act as secretary of the county board of education." The clerical and executive functions should be vested in separate persons, in order to eliminate opportunities for graft.

Finally, inasmuch as the last legislature has given us, through Senate Bill No. 165, the power to initiate county laws, I suggest that a committee of able citizens frame a coun-

ty unit system of education that shall be worthy of the name.
Respectfully submitted,
EARL B. COTTON.

Mrs. Thompson Favors Consolidation.

W. C. Alderson, county school superintendent, and Mrs. Alexander Thompson, a member of the Oregon legislature paid a brief call at the Outlook office on Friday. They were making a tour of the schools of the county, that Mrs. Thompson, who, by the way, sponsored and had enacted the minimum wage law for teachers last month, might see the conditions under which the rural teachers and children worked. Mrs. Thompson expressed herself as favoring the county unit bill, designating it as a progressive piece of legislation that should commend itself to school patrons.

MANY ARTICLES NOW BEING TAXED

Portland, Ore., March 29, 1919. Editor Outlook:—The Revenue Act of 1918 provides taxes on many articles of general use. On and after February 25, 1919, manufacturers of the following articles are required to pay a tax upon their product when sold: Automobiles, motorcycles, automobile trucks, tires, inner tubes, parts or accessories for automobiles and trucks, pianos, organs, phonographs and records, tennis rackets, skates, baseball goods and other sporting goods, chewing gum, cameras, photographic films and plates, candy, firearms and cartridges, hunting knives, electric fans, thermos bottles, cigar and cigarette holders and pipes, hunting and shooting garments and riding habits, articles made of fur, toilet soaps and toilet powder. The manufacturers of any of these articles should communicate at once with Collector Milton A. Miller to ascertain their liability. The tax on these articles does not apply to stocks in the hands of dealers, but only to articles sold on and after February 25, 1919 by the manufacturer.

Another section of the Act provides a tax of 10 per cent upon sculpture, paintings, statuary and other objects of art, when sold by any other person than the artist. There is also a dealer handling this class of goods should apply for information as to his liability.

On and after April 1st, there will be a tax of 5 per cent upon the sales of all articles commonly or commercially known as jewelry, including precious metals or imitations thereof, and ivory, watches, clocks and opera glasses. This tax is to be collected by the dealer upon such goods when sold to the user, and every store in Oregon handling any of these lines must collect this tax upon all sales made commencing April 1st, 1919. In order that a complete list of dealers in these goods may be compiled, all such dealers should send their names to the Collector at Portland, stating the business engaged in.

On and after May 1, 1919, there will be a tax collected from the purchaser of ice cream, soda water, and such other refreshments of this kind as are served at soda fountains and similar places of business. Owner of soda fountains and ice cream parlors should be sure to have their names listed with the Collector at once.

On and after May 1st, 1919, the luxury tax will be effective. This provides that a tax of 10 per cent shall be collected by the dealer from the purchaser on carpets and rugs selling at over \$5 a square yard; picture frames, trunks, valises, purses, portable lighting fixtures, umbrellas, fans, smoking jackets, men's waist coats, men's and women's hats, caps, boots, shoes, pumps, slippers, men's neckties and neckwear, silk stockings or hose, women's silk stockings or hose, men's shirts and men's and women's pajamas, nightgowns and underwear, kimono, petticoats and waists. Practically every store in Oregon will be affected by this tax, which will apply to all that part of the price for which the goods are sold in excess of the price stipulated.

On and after May 1st, 1919, perfumes, essences and extracts, dentifrices and similar articles, as well as pills, tablets, powders and other medicinal preparations, will be subject to a tax of one cent on each 25 cents, or fraction. This tax will be paid by stamps affixed to the goods by the seller. Other new taxes are on shooting galleries which will pay \$20 a year, riding academies which will pay \$100 a year, "for hire" cars to pay \$10 a year for each car having a seating capacity of more than two and not more than seven, and \$20 for each automobile having a seating capacity of more than seven. It is the intention of the Internal Revenue Bureau to give wide publicity to the various provisions of the new Act, but it should not be forgotten that the taxpayer is supposed to ascertain his liability, and that ignorance of the law is not held by the courts to be a valid reason for not complying with the law.

Collector Miller will be pleased to furnish all information upon request, but obviously has no means of reaching everyone affected by the Act and notifying them individually of their liability.
MILTON A. MILLER, Collector.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Noticed is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Axel Dahleen, deceased, has filed his final account in the county court of the state of Oregon, for Multnomah county, and that Saturday, the 19th day of April, 1919, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of said account.
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OLIVER DAHLEEN, Administrator.
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I. O. F. Centenary.
The committee in charge of the Odd Fellow's centenary celebration will hold a brief meeting tonight to plan for the approaching ceremonies. J. G. Mast, Wm. Morand, Ed. Metzger, Albert Ekstrom and others will attend.

WANTS

LIVESTOCK COWS
E. BAUMANN buys and sells fresh cows, beef coys and hogs. - Phone 901. tf

TWELVE HEAD CATTLE for sale. Yearlings and 2-year-olds, grade Holsteins. J. A. Palmquist, phone 429.

E. J. Gradin buys cattle and hogs. Phone 359.—Adv. tf

PASTURE TO RENT. Enquire Paul Dunn, phone 379.

PIGS
FOR SALE—Young pigs. Phone 99. J. G. Chiodo, Powell Valley road, mile west of Gresham. tf

THOROUGHBRED BARRED ROCK and Black Minorca eggs for sale, \$1 a setting. Mrs. John Jonas, Fairview, phone Gresham 221.

POULTRY, VEAL AND EGGS wanted. Will pay cash. Will call for them. Benson Hotel Farm, phone Gresham 781. tf

BABY CHICKS for sale, White Leghorns. Will hatch May 5th. C. I. Thomas, Troutdale, phone 151.

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte hatching eggs. \$1.00 per setting. Lucy Adams, Gresham. tf

REAL ESTATE RENTALS
FOR SALE—Modern bungalow 2x42, double constructed, well finished; bath room, septic tank, sleeping porch, acre tract; 45 assorted fruit trees, grapes, berries, roses. Bull Run water, public library, high school, churches and lodges; electric cars, paved road; \$3,000. N. O. Fuller, owner, Gresham, Oregon. 11

MISCELLANEOUS
LOST—Near old Pleasant Home, ladies tan gauntlet driving glove for left hand. Finder kindly notify Mrs. G. E. Bauder, R-A, Box 164, Gresham, phone 458.

GOLD DOLLAR strawberry plants, \$2 a thousand, dig them yourself. Wm. Hanning, phone 846.

WANTED—Responsible boy of high school age for farm chores and care of cow. Mrs. H. E. Helling, phone 811 or call at Gresham Outlook office.

EXPERIENCED GIRL for housework. R. S. Clark, Hope Gardens. Telephone Gresham 843.

WANTED—Woman of character for housework and care of boys of school age. Parents employed during day. Must give references. Have seven-room modern bungalow. Full electric equipment for housework. Mrs. H. H. Eling, Regner tract, Gresham, or call at Gresham Outlook office.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY TIPS for sale. Mrs. P. B. Eder, near Seenic station. Phone Gresham 368.

USED CHEVROLET for sale, in good mechanical condition. C. E. Osburn & Co., Gresham.

LOST—Between the 12-mile corner and Theod. Brugger's place, a dark gray overcoat. Finder please leave at Outlook office.

WANTED—A telephone operator, experienced or inexperienced. Apply at telephone office, between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. or call 336. tf

FOR SALE—22 tons horse and cow hay, baled, \$1.50 a cwt, 19 cords dry alder wood, corded up on good road, \$5 a cord. Jerusalem artichoke for seed, \$1 a bushel. A. Helney, Phenix Farm, phone 98. tf

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