

COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE PAY

A committee of seven was appointed to consider the question of teachers' salaries at the meeting of school directors which was held at the courthouse last Saturday. This committee will investigate the conditions and when they have reached a decision are to inform County Superintendent Alderson who will call another meeting at the courthouse and the committee will report to the gathering.

Judge Stapleton, who was chosen chairman of the meeting, appointed the committee as follows: A. M. Smith, District 51; H. A. Lewis, District 40; John Anderson, District 6; J. E. Ball, District 38; F. O. Ekstrom, District 26; Mrs. Cox, District 32; H. E. Poppleton, District 15. This committee is to determine if possible a fair wage scale for teachers in this county.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, who is well known as a worker for better school conditions, was the speaker at this meeting. Mrs. Thompson has introduced several educational bills at the state legislature.

"It is the duty of every good citizen to take an interest in the public school," said Mrs. Thompson, "for there the future citizens are trained."

"If some thing isn't done soon there will be 500 school rooms vacant this fall when school opens. This is an appalling condition," said Mrs. Thompson.

She lays the blame on the present shortage of teachers to the fact that so many capable teachers have deserted the profession to join the ranks of war workers where they may earn a living wage.

"We always have been niggardly in paying the class of workers to whom we intrust much of the care and training of our most cherished possession—our children," said Mrs. Thompson. "The public schools are the nurseries of the public ideals," she continued. She said that according to the workers in the schools so will our next generation be prepared for life and service.

Mrs. Gertrude Cox, director of the Hillsdale school and Mrs. Corbett of District 51 were called upon to tell of the work that is being done in their respective districts to develop the schools and to increase the pay of their teachers.

Following their talks the meeting was open for discussion and there were many different opinions about the subject.

Although there was no definite action taken in regard to the millage tax which is designed to help the smaller districts secure and pay for capable teachers, much favorable comment was passed upon it.

There were a few of those present who thought that teachers were paid plenty for the amount of time they put in and their short hours. But it was brought to light that the good teacher's work didn't end with the dismissal of school at 3:30 or 4 o'clock but there were papers to grade and lessons to be prepared for the next day and as for the short months, the up-to-date teacher attended summer schools to better fit and prepare for the work of the next year.

Principal Elmer F. Goodwin of the Union High School spoke on the long hours which the teachers of the school put in the preparation of the lessons and the grading of papers. He felt that the teachers were entitled to a fair compensation for their work and for the investment which they make in fitting themselves to teach.

Judge Stapleton spoke briefly on the question of higher taxes. He said that taxes increased just as the tastes and desires of the public increased a man wanted better roads, better surroundings and taxes would have to be raised to pay for it. He didn't see why the school tax should not be made large enough to pay the teachers a living wage.

A. M. Smith spoke on the subject of teachers wages. He was in favor of a material increase in their wages but he objected to the stand some of the directors took that the sky was the limit. But he thought that if the educational advantages which had always been enjoyed by this state was to continue there must be steps taken to give the teachers a square deal.

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CEDAR P-T MEETING PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The Cedar Parent-Teacher association in their first meeting since the organization had one of the best times the community has had for some time. A splendid spirit of cooperation, helpfulness and community and school interest is being developed.

Great credit is due the teacher, Miss Caroline Tallman, for the splendid program which she had arranged.

The potato paring contest proved very interesting. A boy's team and a girl's team was selected from the 3-C club, a standard cooking club, and the boys judged the girls while they pared potatoes. The decision was given in favor of Anna Moffitt. Then tables were reversed and the girls kept score while the boys pared the potatoes. The girls voted in favor of Harry Curry. The club yells and songs were good also and gave the parents an idea of the work and interest shown by the club children.

Reginald Fulton won the cracker eating contest and the crowd nearly went into hysterics when he bravely whistled Yankee Doodle.

Miss Otella Henderson sang very sweetly and everyone appreciated the selections she sang. An unexpected number on the program was violin music by Mr. Kerby who is visiting the Austin Jones family. Mr. Kerby played a number of old time selections for the entertainment of the audience. A good community sing was enjoyed also.

The newly organized Parent-Teacher commenced active work at this meeting. Their first work will be the standardization of the school. This will require changes in the lighting facilities, installation of playground equipment, and a number of other important matters. The school already has the approved heating system and some of the other features of a standard school.

A committee was appointed to consider ways and means to accomplish this end. The matter will be taken up with the school board at a special meeting to be held soon.

Twelve members signed up at the meeting Saturday.

POPULAR FAIRVIEW GIRL WEDS WASHINGTON MAN

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Heslin announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel Merle, to Oscar Hugo Skoglund on Sunday, March 21, 1920, at their home in the presence of about 30 near relatives.

The house was decorated with ferns and daffodils and the bride wore a corsage bouquet of roses, violets and ferns.

After the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served. Lillian Heslin, sister of the bride, sang "Let the Rest of the World Go By," and "Oh, What a Pal is Mary." The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Cathey, who used the impressive ring service. The young people will make their future home in Preston, Washington.

The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hurlbut, J. W. Heiney and family, D. R. Thompson and family and Miss Calla Heslin, all of Portland; C. J. Littlepage of Mosier, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson of Corbett, C. E. Littlepage and family and Wm. Woodmere of Boring, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Heslin and Claude Heslin of Fairview and Carl Skoglund and Miss Hannah Skoglund, father and sister of the groom, of Preston, Washington, and Rev. and Mrs. Cathey.

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Marshal Notice.

Poultry keepers are hereby warned to keep their fowls from running at large or be subject to a fine according to the provisions of the town ordinance.

J. G. METZGER, Marshal.

SEED CATALOG SHOWS PICTURE OF LOCAL MAN

How many of those who received a 1920 catalog of the Portland Seed company, recognized the scene in the seed grain department. The picture is said to be that of Lionel Buckley who has been specializing in wheat. Last year it is said he raised some of the finest grain in Oregon which he sold as seed.

The seed was not certified but was an exceptionally fine stand as the picture shows. It is a pity that the field was not certified as in that case any stalks which were not true to type would have been eliminated and it would have been certain that the good qualities of this field would have been passed. Mr. Buckley is said to have a prospect of some fine fall wheat for this year.

It is to be hoped that he and the many other progressive farmers who are raising good grain and who are interested in the development of high producing strains of seed in this section will look into the matter of seed certification and aid the Farm Bureau in the standardization of seed.

Much complaint has been heard about the difficulty in procuring seed true to type and free from disease. Only one field of grain in the county was certified last year but the interest is growing and the matter has been taken up by a number of communities this season.

There is a good opportunity in this county for farmers to start raising certified seed for the market. The added price received for the seed and the fact that it is a coming industry very attractive for farmers who look into the future.

FASCINATING FANNY BROWN WINS PRAISE

A well-presented play was that given at the Masonic hall last Friday evening by the Lynch Parent-Teacher circle. All the parts were well rendered and the whole performance was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Miss Ruth M. Todd showed great dramatic ability in the character of the coquette and Mrs. Anna Lynch, was exceedingly funny as a nervous, excitable woman. The men of the cast acted like old hands at the business but perhaps the funniest of all was the double character of a college sophomore and a love-lorn girl taken by Adolph Zenger. In that connection was the fact that Adolph was assisted in making a quick change by his twin brother, who appeared on the stage in his stead in one scene.

The play will be given by the Lynch people at the Gilbert school in the near future by special request.

Genard Gleason won the two dollars in thrift stamps for having sold the largest number of tickets. Several other children were rewarded by a thrift stamp each because of selling tickets to the amount of \$2.50.

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Y. M. C. A. IS AIDING MEN TO CONTINUE STUDIES

The Y. M. C. A. is interested in getting as many ex-service men as possible to learn some new vocation or to secure additional training in the line of work in which they are now engaged. About 175 men have already been assisted financially in Oregon and Idaho, the district over which the Portland committee has jurisdiction, and about 15,000 ex-service men throughout the United States have been assisted from the national fund.

E. G. Harlan, a well known ex-service man in Portland, writes a letter to other ex-service men in which he very clearly explains how they may obtain this help. His letter is as follows:

"This is just a word from one ex-service man to others who live in this county about some money that may be yours merely for the asking. Some of you might not know that the War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. has set aside a sum of money for the county which will be given to former service men who want to continue their education.

All you have to do, if you want to go to school, to college, take a home study course or brush up in general, is to cut out this clipping and mail it, with your name and address, to C. A. Kells, Room 305, Y. M. C. A. Building, Portland, Oregon, and the "Y" folks will do the rest. The money allotted to this county should be applied for within the next thirty days or there is a possibility of it being used for ex-service men in other counties.

Better cut this out while you are thinking about it and mail it to the Y. M. C. A., Portland, Oregon."

S. A. ANNOUNCES COUNTY QUOTAS

The quotas for the counties of the state were announced yesterday by the state advisory board of the Salvation Army after a conference with John L. Etheridge, director general of the financial program.

The quota for Multnomah is \$142,000 and Clackamas \$7,810. The total for the state is \$284,000.

These quotas are revised on the basis of the increase in the Oregon budget made by the convention to include the purchase of the property to be made into a Salvation Army Industrial and Agricultural school for boys. The first budget of \$244,000 which contemplated the extension of the Salvation Army Home Service program to the remote districts of the state was declared insufficient to handle the big program outlined by the state board after a study of the county board confidential reports.

Examination for Rural Carrier.

Announcement has been made by the United States Civil Service Commission of an examination to be held in Portland on April 10, 1920, for the position of rural carrier for Corbett, Oregon. For further information and blanks apply to any postmaster.

Read what Mr. WanTad says.

UNION HIGH HAS CLASS IN POULTRY RAISING

The Department of Agriculture at Union High has prepared the following study outline for the poultry class which was recently organized at the night school. This class which will commence its studies Wednesday evening, March 24 at the high school is open to all who are interested. Professors Moffitt and Watenpaugh are anxious to be of service to the community and wish everyone to feel at liberty to avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the extension service of the high school.

The class will cover the subjects in the order named. The first subject which will be taken up Wednesday is "Systems of Getting Started in poultry."

The other meetings will be as follows: "Buildings, their arrangement and equipment for efficiency," March 3. "Incubators and Incubation," April 7. "Brooding and Feeding the Baby Chicks," April 14. "Growing the Laying Hen," April 21. "Bringing of Pullets into Laying, Effect of Feed and Age," April 28. "Feeding for Egg Production," May 5. "Culling the Flock," May 12. "Selection of the Breeding Stock," May 19. "Feeding, Care and Management of the Breeding Stock," May 26. "Diseases and Their Treatment," June 2. "Marketing for Profit and the Present Marketing System," June 9.

A few minutes each evening will be given to the methods of keeping farm records, or farm books. All business men keep books, why not the farmer?

The Agriculture department has offered to conduct classes for any of the granges who desire to take up the matter of keeping farm books.

Other classes will be formed at the high school in any subject which will be of interest or benefit to the farmers of this community. If you are interested call up the agricultural department of Union High.

LEO DOLLOWITCH AND LOUISE FRITZ ARE WED

It has just been discovered that on January 24th of this year a popular young couple who live near Gresham, quietly slipped away to Hood River where they were married. They are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dollowitch and they will make their home in the Lusted neighborhood where the groom has interests in the green houses at that place.

The bride was Miss Louise Fritz, a sophomore at Union High and well known to the young people of this locality. She was also a member of the Glee club and popular in school and in her home community. She is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Fritz of the Melrose district where she has grown to young womanhood.

The young people are at present at the home of the bride's mother but expect to move to their place in Lusted in a short time.

Mr. Dollowitch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dollowitch and is well known in the Lusted district where for a number of years he and his father have conducted large green houses.

The many friends of this young couple will wish them a happy life as they journey down life's road together.

Infant Called Home.

Catherine Clementine Exley was born March 18, 1920. Her earthly sojourn was but of short duration. She passed away early Sunday morning, March 21, and leaves to mourn her early death her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Exley, a sister and three brothers. The body was laid to rest yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the local cemetery, Rev. H. R. Gebhardt officiating.

"My Lord has need of these flower-lets gay;
The Reaper said, and smiled;
'Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where he was once a child.'"

Card of Thanks.

We wish hereby to express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to all our kind neighbors and friends who so lovingly assisted us by word and deed during the short stay and sudden departure of our beloved daughter and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Exley and Children.

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The carpenter work is completed on the new Withrow building and Mrs. Withrow expects to take possession sometime this week. The final touches are being given to the woodwork. The fixtures have been installed and the final touches being given to every part of this attractive building.

The Gresham meat market received its final coat of paint one day this week and the whole building is set off in a most attractive manner. A new sign adds to the general appearance also.

MILK PRICE FIXED AT \$3.50 PER 100

At the meeting of the Dairymen's League which was held in the central library Saturday the members fixed a net price of \$3.50 per 100 pounds of milk delivered to Portland dealers and declared almost unanimously for the proposed reorganization of the present association.

This fixing of the price it is believed will either lead to a reduction in the price of milk to the consumer or to a milk war the like of which Portland has never witnessed.

The dairymen present realized that the fixing of this price which was considerably above that asked by the dealers might precipitate a war but as they were now selling at a price so low that there was no margin for profit on their investment and many were actually losing it was felt that they must have a fair price.

The price which was fixed last fall was \$3.90 gross but after that time cost of production steadily mounted until the dairymen were actually selling at a loss when they held to the price fixed. Recently there has been a slight drop in the market price of feed but it has not yet reached the figures which were in force when the agreement was made last fall.

There will be no milk strike in Portland as the gathering strongly seconded the remarks of the president, Alma D. Katz, who said that if necessary to "get our rights, we will fight to a finish, not by means of a strike, but by giving to the people of Portland our product gratis as long as the other fellow wants to make war. "We won't fight by starving little children and those who want milk but by supplying milk until they are flooded out," said Mr. Katz.

S. B. Hall, county agent, introduced the following amendment which was overwhelmingly adopted:

Whereas, the present wholesale price of \$3.90 per hundred pounds of milk delivered in Portland was agreed upon six months ago as being a fair and equitable price, and

Whereas, a steady increase in the price of labor and materials used in the production of milk during this period a precarious and unprofitable business, to the extent that the average dairyman is not now realizing four per cent on his investment and 25 cents per hour for his labor, and

Whereas, all statistics indicate a further increase in the price of labor and dairy materials used in the production of milk, and

Whereas, the average consumer would not desire a reduction of price below the figure at which the dairyman can produce a clean wholesome sanitary product and continue in business as a producer, therefore be it

Resolved, that this meeting authorize our board of directors to make an agreement with the dealers, who buy our milk and sell it at retail to the public, which agreement will obtain for us a price of \$3.50 per hundred pounds, net, delivered in Portland, plus the costs of utilizing the surplus and marketing the milk, this agreement to cover a period of three months from March 31, 1920, and be it further

Resolved that should our directors be unable to obtain such price as will protect our industry from ruin as outlined above, we hereby authorize them to use whatever means lies within our power to the end the consumer alone may get the benefit of such unjust and unreasonable loss to us.

Aaron Sapiro, noted corporation attorney of California, was present and explained the plan for reorganization which was enthusiastically adopted. To make it an assured thing it is necessary for at least 75 per cent of the present league members to sign for this new concern before July 1 but according to the response from this first meeting it appears as if the necessary signers will be obtained long before that date.

At the Hillsboro zone meeting held March 6 there were 425 dairymen present and at the close of the meeting 192 signed up. The plan is meeting with the endorsement of dairymen all over the state who feel that it will solve the problem of the dairyman but giving him a just return on his investment without making the price prohibitive to the consumer.

AURORA BOREALIS SEEN BY GRESHAM PEOPLE

A number of Gresham people were fortunate enough to witness the unusual display of the aurora borealis last night, which was said by those who saw it to be the most brilliant they had ever seen in this state.

A large bank of clouds appeared to hang low over the northern horizon and above it flamed and streaked the beautiful, mystical northern light.

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The lights were seen all over the northern part of the United States from Portland to New York.

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Representative Sinnott is serving his fourth term in Congress.