

## Enlargement and Improvement Planned by High School Board

### Overcrowded Condition to Be Relieved if Voters Favor Proposed Bond Issue on Saturday, January 29

The school board of Union high school district No. 2 has announced its plan to make necessary enlargements and improvements to the main building, estimated to cost \$105,000, provided the voters on January 29 authorize the issuance of bonds to that amount.

The board has issued a call for an election on next week Saturday, at which time the citizens of the Union high district will have an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of the plans proposed.

The election will be held at the high school, the polls opening at 2 p. m. and closing at 7 p. m. Any adult citizen of the state, having resided 30 days in the high school district, whether owning real property or not, is entitled to vote, there being no other qualifications.

The school board consists of W. C. Lawrence, chairman, C. I. Raker, Gustaf Noreen, H. G. Mullenhoff and Thorvald Anderson with K. A. Miller, clerk.

**Need Is Apparent.**  
The need of an enlarged capacity to provide for the ever increasing enrollment is apparent. The board has carefully considered the present needs and immediate prospects and sees no other way to provide for the present and prospective students and keep up the high standing of the school.

At present the school is greatly overcrowded. There are 340 students attending, 75 to 100 more than the present capacity of the building. The class rooms are adequate for only 300 students and the assembly hall is suitable for only 250 under fair working conditions.

Under the existing conditions, according to Principal Cannon, extra seats have been placed in the aisles and corners until 318 are accommodated in the study hall, with about 25 placed in other rooms.

The main high school building was built in 1915 with a capacity of about 200 students. It was later enlarged to accommodate about 100 more. The average yearly increase in attendance since the high school was built has been about 20. In the last few years, however, there has been a much larger incoming class with comparatively few dropping out.

**Indebtedness Not Large.**  
The high school building was erected in 1915 at a cost of \$25,000. Later enlargements were made at a cost of about \$20,000. In 1922 the gymnasium was built and a heating plant added at a cost of \$22,000.

The present indebtedness consists of bonds \$55,000, outstanding warrants \$35,000. The original bond issue of \$30,000 has been retired.

The assessed valuation of the Union high district is approximately \$3,600,000.

**Income.**  
The law providing for Union high school districts made no provision for income from state or

county funds. Outside of a small appropriation of \$100 a year from the county library fund toward the school library the school is supported entirely by special levy and tuitions from pupils outside the union district. This is known as the county high school tuition fund.

In 1925-6 the income from special tax levy was \$30,988 on a levy of 8.6 mills. This school year the income from a slightly increased levy is estimated at \$40,000.

According to Clerk Miller the income from tuitions during 1925-6 was \$12,500. This school year it is estimated to be \$25,000.

The cost of maintaining the school last year was approximately \$50,000. This year it will run about \$55,000. There are 16 teachers besides the principal.

The bond issue if voted would be covered in 13 years, interest and principal, by a three-mill tax on the three and a half million valuation of the district. It is more than probable that during the period property values will increase so as to help meet the increased levy.

**Outside Students a Resource.**  
The objection raised by some to any additional investment in the high school plant at this time is that it is necessitated by the large number of students enrolled from outside districts. If these were refused the present building would do for some time, they say, and why should this district tax itself to educate outside pupils and at a loss to the district.

**Arguments Worth Considering.**  
There are at present 172 students coming to union high from districts not included in the high school district. These are all from districts not having a high school. This district is entitled to draw and does draw from the county high school tuition fund at the rate of \$173 a year per pupil. This should bring into this district nearly \$30,000 but the estimate is placed low at \$25,000.

The estimated income this school year is \$60,000. With 340 students the cost per student figures \$180. Last year with fewer outside pupils the cost was close to \$200 per pupil.

This is what many cannot see. It looks like each outside pupil meant a loss to the district of \$10 to \$20. But just a little figuring will show that without these extra pupils and a consequent loss of \$25,000 from the income the cost per pupil of the remainder in the high school would necessarily be \$20 to \$30 more, according to the closest estimates of Principal Cannon and Clerk Miller. A little could be saved on teacher expense, a little could be saved on transportation, but it would be comparatively small, according to those in position to know. At the same time the school would lose much in standing and efficiency. It would cut down the courses, limit the

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## COUNTY COUNCIL HAS INTERESTING MEET

Multnomah County Council of Parent-Teacher associations met in regular session last Saturday, January 15, at Russellville school, with Mrs. A. E. Melin, the first vice president, presiding. The morning was given over to reports of presidents. Those reporting were Mrs. R. C. Brooks, Fairview; Mrs. H. F. Stevenson, Powellhurst; Mrs. O. C. Sayles, Russellville; Mrs. Anna Lehman, Pleasant Valley; W. C. Lawrence, Mrs. Pearl Fortner and Mrs. Elmer Cook, Gresham Union high school. The high school Parent-Teacher association gave a reception to the teachers, which was a great success.

The afternoon session was largely taken up with the reports from various chairmen. Boys' and girls' club work was reported on by Mrs. Anna Lehman; juvenile protection by Mrs. Elmer Cook; health by Mrs. O. C. Sayles; publicity by Mrs. E. F. Monical. Mrs. H. E. Holmes, head of the committee on service shop, resigned and Mrs. Evelyn Boag was appointed in her place. Mrs. Bertha Richards was appointed to the head of the committee on safety in place of Mrs. A. E. Melin, resigned.

Speakers of the day were Mrs. R. H. Sowers on school-owned text books and child labor; Thomas Olds of Benjamin Franklin Savings association on thrift, savings and loan; and Mrs. Smith, county librarian, on good books and magazines.

Caroline Heffner and Lavona Kelly of Powellhurst school 4-H club gave a demonstration on table setting.

A very interesting program was given by Russellville school.

The next meeting of the association will be with Fairview on March 19.

## DEALERS CONTEST FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

An interesting innovation which is helping to pass the wintry days at the Raker garage is the contest which is on, headed by C. I. Raker on one side and E. D. Raker on the other for the sale of the "Dearborn Independent", the weekly publication of Henry Ford at Detroit, Michigan. There are 18 contestants in all, nine on a side, and a cash prize of \$40 will go to the Raker employee securing the largest number of subscriptions.

Like many great financiers, Henry Ford has a hobby, and his seems to run in the line of journalism. The Dearborn Independent is an exceptionally fine little publication, full of interesting historical matter and freely expressive of the views of the world's richest

## Uniform Income Tax for Pacific States.

Representative Theodore P. Cramer Jr., of Grants Pass, has joined with Representative J. O. Bailey of Portland in a proposal for conference between Pacific coast states on uniform income tax laws.

There has been presented by these men, representing quite general opinion in both houses, a joint memorial asking for a committee from each house to formulate a plan whereby representatives from the legislatures of California and Washington may meet with a delegation from Oregon to confer on measures that will make possible basic and elemental forms of levying income taxes in all these states so that it shall not work to disadvantage of any of them.

The memorial has been referred to the committee on taxation and revenue, which now has Hazlett's income tax bill for Oregon under consideration.

Mr. Cramer, who is a banker at Grants Pass, says this will remove the handicap under which Oregon has been placed, by rendering inadequate revenues available and work no hardships on any interests. By reason of Oregon's income tax, which was repealed, it is contended many industries were lost to this state. Mr. Cramer believes, and his opinion is shared by numerous members in both houses, that uniformity of laws will create equal opportunity for the three states and remove much antagonism to income tax.

## Mellon Backs the Bonus.

The Federal Reserve board has notified all the banks in the country that they may rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks all notes representing loans to veterans on the security of their compensation certificates. The banks are simply required to include in their applications for loans on compensation certificates such evidence as concerns the notes and show that the loans were made to the right persons. It all seems to turn out that bankers who want to do so can go right ahead and loan money to the ex-service men. The excuse given by bankers that they have to go through too much "cumbersome machinery" and "red tape" in making these loans is denied by Secretary Mellon.

## AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE

### Auto Licenses at Christmas.

Herbert J. Elliott, Polk county, has introduced a bill in the senate advancing one month the date for securing automobile licenses. By its terms (S. B. 39) licenses would expire November 30, instead of December 31, yearly. This would bring the family license tag within the holiday gift season, and a nifty Christmas package for father would be a new set of plates for the car. The bill also provides for half- and quarter-yearly fees for license.

### Time for Appeal.

Senator Willard L. Marks of Albany has introduced many bills thus far, but has kept an eye on all that passes. What measures he has sponsored have in view correction of weak points, regulation of methods and taking up the slack wherever it shows in legal or executive affairs.

He introduced senate bill 10 with the object of limiting the time that may elapse after judgment before appeal is taken. In criminal cases it has been possible to appeal at any time within a year after trial and verdict. His measure makes 60 days the prescribed time for appealable actions to be carried to a higher court. It is provided also that no such appeal can be heard more than one year after the judgment or order appealed from was given or made.

### Rural Library Service.

Value of rural library service is shown in the biennial report of the Oregon state library to the legislature. It gives a concise review of circulation work and necessity for the amount asked in the budget now before the ways and means committee. The library touches every county in the state according to the report.

The counties of Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Malheur, Multnomah and Umatilla do not maintain traveling library stations. Every county in the state, however, has mail order patrons. Books from the state library are sent to public libraries in all counties except Crook and Curry. In traveling library stations, Lane county leads with 63, Clackamas second with 53, Washington third with 45, and Marion fourth with 42. Linn and Lane have each 29. There has been an increase during the past year of the number of mail order patrons to 22,314, an increase of 4181.

State Librarian Cornelia Marvin says the library is handicapped in its work because the supreme court building in which it is located is not suitable for library purposes. On three different floors, the rooms are dark, clerical work difficult. Employees do most of their work by artificial light. Funds are needed for printing a monthly bulletin of new books, reading and study aids and state school library list. More help is necessary and more books needed. The traveling library units were all out December 1, 1926. None have been bought since 1924, and there is immediate need of 100 new units, there being only 504 units to supply 624 stations.

Action of the budget committee in recommending that library fund be cut from \$115,045 to \$75,000 will meet disapproval from legislators when the report comes up for consideration, particularly, it is said, from rural districts.

### Eddy Educational Report.

Teachers of Oregon have been much concerned in the activities of Senator B. L. Eddy on Douglas on educational reforms. He contends that the three "r's" do not have enough attention and that high schools should remedy the lack shown in grammar and elementary grades. This of course does not fully express Mr. Eddy's proposals, but it is a highlight on his program. Report of his committee and textbook recommendations have been referred to the senate committee on education and will be issued in printed form.

### Fixing Salaries of Assessors.

Hamilton of Bend, in H. B. 74, groups salary increase for assessors of Oregon under three classifications, like this: \$6000—Multnomah county, \$2400—Klamath, Tillamook, Yamhill, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Clatsop, Linn, Washington, Umatilla, Clackamas, Lane, Marion, \$2200—Harney, Morrow, Lake, Wallowa, Malheur, Wasco, Deschutes, Benton, Union, Columbia, Polk, Baker, \$2000—Curry, Jefferson, Wheeler, Crook, Gilliam, Josephine, Grant, Sherman, Hood River, Lincoln.

### Telephone Investigation Asked.

Creating a special commission to make complete and thorough investigation of Pacific Telephone company, and all its intercorporate relations in Oregon and elsewhere, a house resolution was introduced Tuesday by Burdick and Loneragan. It names Governor Patterson and ex-governors Pierce and West, with four house members to be named by the speaker, to carry out the survey of rates, service, practices and valuations of the company. Powers are adequate for complete investigation, with court action, employment of attorneys and every means for determining the facts with relation to all its acts and operations.

### Certificates of Livestock Ownership.

Billingsley of Ontario, representative from Malheur county, is author of a bill to certification of ownership of livestock driven out of the county. This amends section 9171 Oregon laws which refers to shipments, by adding the reference to "driving" livestock. It provides a penalty of \$250 maximum for failure to notify stock inspector.

### Livestock Certificates for "Drivers"

Representative Billingsley of Ontario introduced House Bill 40, providing that certificate of ownership shall be secured on all livestock driven out of any county as well as on any shipments made. Any owner or custodian of livestock failing to notify inspector shall be considered guilty of violation of law. The bill carries a fine of \$250 as a limit.

### Cash for Land Settlement.

Hamilton from Bend and Hamilton from Astoria are a good team, working together for the betterment of the state. They together introduced H. B. 34, appropriating \$30,000 annually for 1928-29-30 for agricultural development of Oregon, distribution of funds to be by five members of a commission, three from the state board of control, two from state chamber of commerce. Members will be bonded for \$5000 each, disbursements directed by state chamber subject to approval of commission. Meetings quarterly, reports to secretary of state. All vouchers approved by three members. This sets at rest any uncertainty as to the attitude of districts outside of Portland as to the value of land settlement work.

### Governor's Policy Approved.

On Monday the senate judiciary committee agreed to introduce the legislation suggested by Governor Patterson in his message relative to administration of the penitentiary.

### Abrogate Interest on Irrigation Bonds.

Certification of interest on irrigation bonds is abrogated by House Bill 46, introduced by D. G. Burdick of Redmond, Oregon. This is the bone of contention that has caused so much discussion consequent upon failure of irrigation projects in Oregon. Bond buyers misconstrued the interest guarantee for a certification of the principal of the bonds issue between definite districts. Mr. Burdick's measure repeals sections 7345 to 7352, laws of 1923.

### New State Office Building.

Borrowing money from the industrial accident fund, a \$600,000 office building for administrative purposes is scheduled in H. B. 58, introduced by the Marion county delegation. Crowded conditions at Salem, with the auto license and traffic department and numerous other activities housed outside the capitol, have induced this move. State Treasurer Kay estimated the cost of a five-story building at \$500,000, but the structure is desired to be of six floors under the measure filed. Location would be on the northeast corner of the capitol mall, north of the supreme court building. The cost of the supreme court building was approximately \$400,000. To duplicate it under present conditions would involve nearly double that amount, it is stated. Therefore the new building will of necessity be built on less elaborate scale, both as to materials and finish. It will be more on the plan of office building construction, and may be designed in less ornate forms of architecture.

### Armories in Military List.

In line with the military program arranged by Adjutant General White and his associates, the various bills providing for construction of state armories are with the view of making such needs known and paving the way for an appropriation when state finances permit.

Representative Cramer and Senator Miller have a bill providing an appropriation of \$30,000 for an armory at Grants Pass. There will also be bills for armories at Lagrange and Astoria. Before these bills introduced it is possible that bills passed at the last session and vetoed providing for these armories will be called from the table and an attempt to be made to pass them over the veto. This method would require a two-thirds vote. If the friends of the cities seeking armories are convinced that the vetoed bills cannot muster the necessary two-thirds vote, then new bills will be introduced, and Astoria will be among the aspirants. Since the last session Lagrange has secured the normal school which will take financing.

Representative Cramer has perhaps voiced the sentiment of the members from the various communities seeking armories, to the effect that appropriations are scarcely expected at this session, but that the way will be paved for the desired funds at the next session.

### Mott on Legal Publication Periods.

Representative Mott, out in the extreme northwest corner of the house of representatives, seems to be legislating at the newspapers in the state, if his house bills No. 28 and 29 are indicative of his personal attitude.

The first bill would amend Oregon law so that requirements for publication summons will be three weeks instead of six weeks. It is well known that newspapers do not make large profits on such notices and it is equally perceptible that adequate legal notices can not be served on non-residents by the limited publication provided.

## JACKIE STRONG MAKES STAGE APPEARANCE

Jackie Strong made his first appearance on the stage last Saturday when he appeared at the auditorium in one of the Journal Junior shows, a departure of the Oregon Journal which is attracting much attention and which is meeting with strong approbation by about 20,000 youngsters in Portland and surrounding territory. Jackie was asked to give a speech, but as he did not feel he was equal to that he consented to sing instead. With a friend, Richard Fields, who by the way is something of a drummer when it comes to music, he sang "Hi Ho the Merri-o." The lads were accompanied at the piano by Richard's mother.

H. W. Strong, Jackie's father, says that his boy faced the audience last Saturday with the same coolness he displayed last August when for three days and three nights he was lost in the fastnesses of Mt. Hood.

On the occasion of these popular shows the auditorium is literally packed with boys and girls. A motion picture is run in addition to numbers by the ukulele band, a drum corps and mouth organ chorus. Douglas Fairbanks, movie hero, is honorary president of the Journal Juniors.

## P. E. P. FORCE IN GRESHAM CITED

"The Gresham outpost of General McMicken's White Army has moved into a brand new, bomb-proof dugout. Their new building is located on East Powell street, Gresham, and is brick structure 30 x 28 feet, built especially for their uses. The branch is planned as a miniature electric store and carries ranges, mangles, heaters, floor lamps and other appliances on the display floor. Offices for the service managers are located in the rear.

"The Gresham office now houses a staff consisting of B. O. Boswell, the old reliable, who does the Gresham collecting; Ivan Swift, district manager; Roger Newcombe, line department foreman, estimator, troubleman and "Grunt", and Claire Stockton, meter reader. Miss Grace Welch has been transferred from Ted Fenwick's harem and is the new cashier."

The foregoing was clipped from the January 20th issue of the Peppo Synchronizer War Extra, a leaflet published in the interests of the Portland Electric Power company's drive for new stock subscriptions. The White army referred to is a contingent of the Red, White and Blue battalions, each making an effort to outdo the other in the matter of selling stock. The Gresham office force is enlisted in division D of Colonel Fred Brace's department.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES ANNOUNCED

"The Privileges of Consecration" will be the subject of the sermon at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. Halford V. Wilhelm, when he will bring out a side of the religious life that is frequently overlooked. The sermon in the evening is entitled "The Shepherd of Souls."

Bishop Wm. O. Shepard will speak next Thursday evening at the church family supper.

The special revival services will begin on Sunday, January 30. The pastor will be assisted by the Rev. M. G. Tennyson of Canby, who will have charge of the music.

## Haley Baptist Services.

"A Great Discovery" will be the topic of the sermon at the Haley Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the service to be conducted in the English language. There will be no meeting in the evening as the Haley congregation has been invited to attend the young people's service at the Baptist church in Gresham. The pastor, the Rev. John S. Nordell, extends a cordial invitation to all to attend the services at Haley.

## Zion Evangelical Services.

Sunday school at the Zion Evangelical church will convene at the usual hour of 10 a. m., followed by English preaching service at 11 o'clock. The topic of the sermon will be, "Mercy or Sacrifice?" The public is cordially invited to these services.

## Bible Standard Services.

Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock at the Bible Standard church, followed by preaching at 11 and again in the evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Names of sick persons are being received, for whom prayer is offered by the church.

## Spring Blossoms Are Covered With Snow

The primroses, daisies, daffodils and violets are now snugly resting under a four-inch coverlet of snow, the result of a storm which visited this section Tuesday night and continued during Wednesday. District Forecaster Wells had predicted a storm through the columns of the Tuesday evening papers, but evidently no one took him seriously and many were greatly surprised to awake Wednesday morning to find the ground covered with snow. The storm was a blinding blizzard of snow from the east, accompanied by a biting wind.

The temperature dropped rapidly Wednesday, and during the evening and early Thursday morning registered from 20 to 23 degrees above zero, according to the location of the thermometer. The sun came out bright and clear Thursday morning with no more hint of further snow. It was difficult to get through on sidewalks during much of the day, owing to the drifts, and many pedestrians took the middle of the street and these were a glare of ice which rendered footing hazardous. With the exception of the main highways, roads were practically impassable through much of Thursday. High school was dispensed with for two days owing to the difficulty of the school buses to reach all students in outlying sections.

The first turn north of the high school seemed to be a favorite point for motor cars to get stalled. About a half dozen machines were reported as being detained there at different times during the progress of the storm and the day following. Frank Hamlin was dragged from bed about midnight Wednesday and asked to get his towing car in readiness to pull an auto from the ditch at this location. The occupants of the machine were obliged to sit in the cold two hours before assistance came.

Four feet of snow is reported from Government Camp, 22 inches of which fell since the first of the week. At Bull Run lake the snow is 53 inches deep. Boring reports a depth of eight inches.

The present storm is the second in the past two years for this locality. No freezing weather was experienced last winter, and but a minimum amount of rain. About the only weather approaching winter was a few days of extreme east wind. A cold snap which threatened a silver thaw visited the vicinity in December, but the temperature was not as low as on Wednesday morning.

The temperature dropped to 13 degrees during Thursday night with no promise of relief in sight.

It is hoped no one will forget to feed their little feathered friends while the cold spell continues. Bare spots may be found here and there where bread crumbs, pieces of meat or suet, oatmeal or other cereals can be placed, and the news will soon be communicated to all the birds in the neighborhood.

## Coming Events

Saturday Evening, Jan. 22—Dance at Sandy grange hall, auspices Catholic ladies.

Saturday Evening, Jan. 22—High school basketball game at Milwaukie.

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 25—Regular meeting of American Legion and Woman's auxiliary, Gresham grange hall.

Wednesday Evening, Jan. 26—Troutdale O. E. S. card party, postponed from January 19.

Wednesday, Jan. 26—Gresham Union high vs. Grant high at Grant high gymnasium, Portland.

Thursday Afternoon, Jan. 27—W. C. T. U. meeting at 2:30 at home of Mrs. A. McManus.

Thursday Evening, Jan. 27—Church family supper, Methodist Episcopal church.

Friday Evening, Jan. 28—Picture show at Cottrell school.

Friday Evening, Jan. 28—Basketball game at Gresham high, Gresham vs. Parkrose.

Saturday Evening, Jan. 29—Suwannee River minstrels, Fairview school auditorium.

Saturday, Jan. 29—Bond election for Union high school district No. 2.

Sunday Evening, Jan. 30—First of special revival meetings at the Methodist Episcopal church.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 2—Debate at high school between Gresham and Parkrose.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Areme club masquerade.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 16—Gresham band concert.



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