

Figures Given to Help Voters Understand School Problem

The statement that the Union high school district is paying the cost of the outside students and that the cost per student for the district is greatly increased by the fact that 172 students from outside the district are attending is answered in the following figures which are taken from the records and on which estimates are based for the future.

These figures show that not only do the outside students pay the cost of their education but the tuition they pay actually helps to reduce the cost to the district for its own pupils who pay no tuition.

The inference is clear that if the outside students are refused the cost per pupil within the district will necessarily be increased and there is left no way to meet it except by an increased levy for high school purposes.

Our levy at present is 8.6 mills, or a little over eight-tenths of a cent. The addition of 3 mills will pay off the proposed bonds, interest and principal, in an estimated period of 13 years. The bonds, if voted, will be for 20 years and payable serially after the first five year period, making the average life of the bond 13 years. The board has a bid on these bonds at 4 1/2 cents. It looks like a good investment. It puts the district in shape to meet the almost certain increase in population for the next ten to twenty years. In the meantime, perhaps within five years, the territory of the Union high district will be absorbed into the greater Portland which, for educational purposes, will be a financial advantage, for they will take us over "lock, stock and barrel."

Here are the figures:

Estimated Yearly Costs	
Total yearly cost of operating school on basis of 340 pupils, estimated	\$55,000
Less cost of expense of 172 students	17,600
Total cost of operating school for 168 students	\$37,400
Yearly Expense of Outside Students	
172 students require 8 teachers at \$1350	\$10,800
Transportation expense for 172 students	6,500
Saving of fuel, etc.	300
Total additional cost for outside students	\$17,600
Income from Outside Students	
Tuition from 172 students paid from county high school tuition fund	\$25,000
Less expense of 172 students	17,600
Loss to district without outside students	\$ 7,400
On Basis of Each 20 Additional Students Above 168	
Teacher's salary	\$ 1350
Transportation, estimated	760
Extra heat, supplies, etc.	50
Total cost per additional 20 students	\$ 2160
Tuition 20 students, at \$160	\$ 3200
Yearly profit to district per 20 students	1040
Profit in 20 years per 20 students	\$ 20,000
Less approximate cost of one room	3500
Net profit in 20 years	\$ 16,500
172 students equals 8 1/2 times above	\$140,250

These figures represent what the merchant would call a book value. In the case of the high school the apparent profit is not an actual cash profit to the district but is what the district would save in cost per pupil. It is figured on a basis of present costs so that it is an estimate as applied to the future over a period of 20 years.

These figures are presented to show that the outside pupils actually pay their way and in the long run actually reduce the cost per pupil in the high school, both for themselves and those in the district.

The district in figuring the cost of tuition for outside students is allowed to add the cost of transportation and interest on fair value of investment. So that the tuition from outside pupils actually helps proportionately to take care of all interest on bonds, outstanding warrants, etc.

A regularly called meeting of the legal voters of Union high school district No. 2 is called to meet at the high school at 2 p. m., on Saturday, January 29, 1927 to select judges and clerks of election and open the polls for the bond election as specified in the legal notice published in the Outlook. The polls will be open until 7 p. m.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Principal Cannon has been asked many questions relative to the proposed bond issue and has asked for the privilege of answering them in today's Outlook. Some of these are suggested by statements in contributed articles in today's Outlook to which attention of readers is called. The questions and Mr. Cannon's answers are as follows:

Q. Do outside pupils discontinue after starting to G. U. H. S.? A. No. We have not lost students and have no reason to believe we shall lose students who start to our school.

Q. How long has it been since anyone 21 years of age and not a taxpayer may vote? A. This is recent and applies only to Union high school districts.

Q. What will be the result when our attendance reaches 600? A. We are unable to state. The action of the people will determine. It may be we shall be in the city by then.

Q. Is the need for enlargement now or could we handle the increase next year without building? A. We could not handle the increase for next year without additional room.

Q. How can we figure that more students will decrease the average cost? A. The additional students are taken care of with a less cost per student. Schools everywhere find this condition where heat, overhead and all means less as numbers increase.

Q. In last issue of Outlook mention was made of state aid. What aid is possible from the state? A. Some of us have visions

of a Junior college but this will not be possible before we have 500 students in the high school. The state aids in Junior college work.

Q. How would excluding outside students raise the levy in the Union HI district? A. It would raise the levy because we would lose the tuition money and thus have more to raise in our own district.

Q. What are the advantages of having the outside students? A. The advantages lie in having more courses, better equipment, evenly divided classes, orchestra, band, athletics, cafeteria, etc.

Q. Have we taken outside students in at our expense? A. No, not since the law permits us to charge transportation, interest on current warrants, and interest upon the fair value of investment in the high school buildings to our total cost of maintaining the high school.

Q. How does the bond issue assist the farmer? A. It will provide a good high school for his boy and his girl. I do not believe "A Critic" or "A 60-Acre Farmer" have children in school. I cannot conceive a parent denying his children or his neighbor's children as good an education as possible. It further assists the farmer by keeping the average costs down, also the millage levy down.

Q. Is our building large enough for our own students? A. Yes, but if we denied the outsiders our average cost would be nearly \$300 instead of \$200. In increased numbers the outsiders pay their way in dollars as well as making more courses possible, better equipment, less millage levy and a bigger and better high school. To

AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE

BIENNIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL

Ten State Institutions Covered; Aid Given to Others.

(Special Correspondence)
Salem, January 19.—The biennial report of the Board of Control, just filed, shows the population of the state's institutions to be on September 30, 1926, 4,869 wards, and to operate these institutions and to care for these wards the board has 683 employees.

The Board of Control now consists of Gov. I. L. Patterson, Secretary of State Sam A. Kozer, and State Treasurer Thos. B. Kay, with Secretary Carl Abrams as executive officer.

This board has under its direct control the Oregon State hospital, State Institution for Feeble Minded, Oregon State Training School, Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital, Oregon State School for Blind, Oregon State School for Deaf, Oregon State Industrial School for Girls, Eastern Oregon State hospital, Oregon State Soldiers' Home, Oregon Employment Institution for Blind, and also acts as the purchasing agent for the Oregon State Penitentiary.

During the past biennium it expended for new buildings and permanent improvements \$635,688, and the current and operating expenses for these institutions amounted to \$2,471,504.

A large number of industries are conducted at these institutions, the most important of which is farming. The state owns and cultivates 3,704 acres. Practically all vegetables and dairy products and much of the feed consumed is produced on these farms where state wards are utilized for most of the labor.

Items and the amount produced run into enormous figures. A few of the more important ones are milk 600,000 lbs., green beans 211,000 lbs., table beets 169,000 lbs., cabbage 542,000 lbs., carrots 700,000 lbs., greens 108,000 lbs., potatoes 153,000 bu., squash 237,000 lbs., tomatoes 439,000 lbs., dried prunes 140,000 lbs., lard 47,000 lbs., pork 265,000 lbs., beef 42,000 lbs., eggs 144,000 dz., strawberries 52,000 lbs., dressed chickens 30,000 lbs. hogs sold 49,400 lbs.

The board administers the restoration fund, created by the legislature by assessing the inventoried value of all state property, whether supported by appropriation, or self sustaining, sufficient to produce \$25,000 per year for the past two years, and \$50,000 a year in the future until a sum of \$250,000 has been accumulated. From this fund, \$25,000 for fire loss was paid to the Oregon Agricultural college, and approximately \$1,000 for small fire losses at the state institutions, leaving a balance of approximately \$24,000.

The board administers the provisional government park at Champeog—the spot on which the Oregon country was voted as United States territory by the settlers.

turn outside students away would certainly be a step backward.

Q. Does the levy add a burden? A. How can it when it provides for additional students that will lower the average cost and keep our millage less?

Q. How long will it take to pay off the bonds? A. Approximately 13 years with a 3 mill levy. A 3 mill levy means on the assessed valuation and not the real value.

Q. Should we refuse admission to students who might attend another high school? A. It would be a decided mistake to do so. "A 60-Acre Farmer" is right in saying it would reduce the per capita tax in the schools the students might attend but why are we not entitled to them if they elect to come to us and we first prepare to educate them?

Q. "A 60-Acre-Farmer" says, "If the tuition fee of \$173 per capita will show a profit from outside students enroll as many as possible," etc. A. That is exactly what we have tried to do and to turn them away would increase our own overhead and eventually produce the condition of us paying 14.7 mills to raise \$50,000 where last year we paid 8.6 mills. The levy will cost 3 mills for nearly 13 years and without the outside students the increase would be 6.1 mills. This means we save 3 mills by having the outside students.

Q. Should people vote who are not taxpayers? A. It is quite possible the moral right to vote for them is as commendable as the attitude of those who have and will not give of their means to educate children. It is a cold, hard fact, and facts are stubborn things, but it follows that these who have must pay. Parents with children pay and, God bless them, they should have the unselfish support of people with means.

Q. Do you really believe a failure to vote the bonds asked would result in a backward step? A. I cannot see but what a failure to vote the bonds would mean we would have an inferior school and in a short time be paying more millage than if we build for outside students.

During the past 12 months the park was visited by 52,896 people and 13,519 cars.

The last legislature provided for the loan of \$1,500,000 to the farmers to reseed the frozen areas of eastern Oregon. This fund was administered by the Board of Control and approximately \$400,000 was loaned, and this has been collected except about one and one-half per cent. The board was given \$5,000 for expenses to handle the fund, which was expended practically entirely for attorney fees and printing. A balance of \$576 remains in this fund.

The board administers the fund for state aided private institutions for the care of orphans, homeless and dependent children and for delinquent and wayward girls. A quarterly inspection and muster of these institutions is made and for their care, the institutions are allowed \$20 per month for children under five and for maternal and venereal cases, and for children over five, \$16 per month. The board paid to these institutions during the biennial period approximately \$263,000.

The building program at the state institutions for the coming biennium, as recommended by the board, amounts to \$456,415. In addition, the board will have charge of the construction of the new eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, authorized by the people at the last election.

The board acts as purchasing agent for all state institutions and expends for necessary purchases approximately \$1,000,000 per year. The greater proportion of these purchases are made on semi-annual bids, which bids are invited from the public. Very low prices are thus secured and a large saving is effected in the cost of operating the institutions. The board has recommended to the present legislature that it be made purchasing agent for all state departments and activities.

The Board of Control is now the budget making department of the state, and has just presented to the legislature a budget consisting of 144 pages of tabular matter and figures in small type. Governor Patterson recommended to the legislature that the governor be made the future budget making official.

VALENTINES ATTRACT YOUNG LOVE'S FANCY

After the holiday season, when the purse strings begin to assume a normal shape, along comes one of the most pleasant innovations of the year, St. Valentine's day. Judging from the displays in the shop windows, the good old-fashioned custom of sending the beloved one a valentine has not died out. Sentiment has always been and will continue to exist while the world stands and life would be a dearth without it. So it is up to folks to visit the shops where valentines are kept and select a suitable one for the object of his or her affection. All the more mystery surrounds the pleasant usage of sending valentines as they are supposed to be an anonymous contribution.

The custom of choosing valentines on the 14th of February was accidentally associated with the name of St. Valentine, a saint of the Roman calendar said to have been martyred in 306 A. D. On the eve of this day, presumably the saint's birthday, young people used to meet and draw by lot a name of the opposite sex. Each gentleman thus got a lady for his valentine and became the valentine of a lady. The gentlemen would then remain bound to the service of their valentines for a year.

FORMER RESIDENT OF GRESHAM DIES

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in Portland for the late Mrs. Carrie B. Osborn, aged 51 years, who died Friday, January 21, from a lingering illness. Interment took place in Rose City cemetery. Mrs. Osborn, the mother of Lyle Mason, a member of the Gresham high school faculty, formerly resided in Gresham where she is well known.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Herman Osborn; five children, Lyle R. Mason of Gresham, H. C. Mason of Tientsin, China, Mrs. A. M. Williams of Wasco, Oregon, Mrs. J. E. Barber of Portland and Howard Coffman of Portland, and her father J. N. Mewhirter of Gresham.

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Berry Industries Join to Improve Markets

Gresham, Ore., Jan. 25, 1927.

Editor Outlook:—The project of the Berry Growers' Federation as outlined in the Outlook of January 18 has been under consideration for for the past four years and the final getting together of the major factors at Sumner, Washington, on the 14th of this month is the fulfillment of a dream for the good of the whole berry industry in the Pacific northwest that has been in the minds of all those closely identified with that industry and is proof of the saying that all things come to him who waits, providing he keeps pushing.

This project is a three-fold institution. First, (a) the organization of all growers in cooperative associations. (b) The strengthening of association now formed by enthusiastic drives for new members. This is your opportunity as individual members to do some missionary work and take the message to your neighbor, Mr. Independent Grover, and invite him to join with you for the good of all.

Second, the federation of all cooperative associations and independent barrelers as far as practical under one western sales agency.

Third, the promotion of demand for berry products by subscribing to an advertising fund to be judiciously and economically expended, together with the advertising efforts of all industries which have a common interest in the promotion of a demand for their products.

To illustrate: the plan is being worked out and is meeting with a hearty response by the national bread companies which will carry jam ads. along with their bread ads., the contention being that the jar of delicious berry jam carries with it an appetite appeal for the bread, and the national jam makers will return the compliment to the bread people by carrying bread ads. with their jam ads. in the spirit of true cooperation and make one hand wash the other.

This plan is also meeting with favor by the large flour and cereal mills, breakfast food makers and all other allied food producers, including pancake and ice cream makers who will be benefited by the appetite appeal in street car, placards and billboard signs of our delicious berry jams and preserves.

In connection with the Berry Growers' Foundation which is being incorporated, the plan is to sell five-year memberships to the trade at \$100 per year, if in their judgment they will be benefited to this extent in the stabilizing and development of this industry. To those who do not feel they would be benefited to this extent they can subscribe for three-fourths, a half or a quarter of a membership. This fund, together with the annual contribution of \$1 per barrel by the associations and independent packers, is estimated will amount to a probable \$50,000 per year as an advertising foundation, hence the name, the Berry Growers' Foundation.

This fund will be used for advertising as outlined above and will represent not to exceed 10 per cent of the fund that will be used annually by affiliated interests for mutual benefit. This project has had the close scrutiny of the agricultural committees of the chambers of commerce of Portland, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Seattle and has their unqualified endorsement and recommendation, and our hope is that it will meet with the same enthusiastic support by the Gresham chamber.

The writer knows of no farm industry for our locality that is as well adapted for our use as the berry industry or that is as promising as to quick returns or that reaches all channels of trade as quickly through the labor employed as berry growing, as two-thirds of the crop value goes directly into circulation during the growing season and the harvest.

The crop of the past season was a first hand value of over \$1,000,000 in Clackamas and Multnomah counties. This can be easily increased in less than five years 200 per cent if the demand can be made equal to the supply. Hence the need of advertising to stimulate the demand. It is claimed on good authority that the annual consumption of red raspberry jam per capita is only one and a half pounds in the United States, while in Canada it is 10 pounds and in the British Isles 15 pounds per capita. Let's make it three pounds here and double the demand.

As this is written the first ad-

FAMOUS PIANIST TO GIVE CONCERT



Ely Ney, Pianist.

It was announced at the last concert of the Portland Symphony orchestra that Ely Ney, famous pianist, who was soloist for that event, will give a special solo recital in Portland at the Pythian hall Sunday afternoon, January 30, at 3 o'clock. Though Mme. Ney has appeared twice in Portland, she has only been heard publicly as soloist with the Portland Symphony orchestra, of which her distinguished husband, Willem van Hoogstraten, is conductor. Mme. Ney is giving a solo recital partly in response to quite widespread public demand for an opportunity of hearing her in a whole program; and primarily to demonstrate her interest in the welfare of the symphony society. She has announced that the entire proceeds from the coming concert are to be turned over to the symphony society for the purpose of enlarging its music library.

Mme. Ney was tendered a reception at her concert last Monday that has few parallels in the musical history of the city. The public auditorium was taxed to capacity for the event, and the huge audience rose to pay a unanimous tribute to her for her masterful reading of the great second concerto of Brahms.

Mme. Ney is at this time touring the United States as the Beethoven centenary pianist, as her reputation as an exponent of Beethoven has brought a large demand for her services as a participant in the centenary observances throughout central Europe and America. She was born in Bonn, the birthplace of the composer, and her musical background is largely that of the Beethoven school. She is declared to be one of the finest interpreters of Beethoven of the day. Some of the principal pianoforte works of Beethoven are to be included on the program for the coming concert.

This concert is being sponsored by the Portland Symphony orchestra through special arrangement with Mme. Ney's management. Reservations may be made through the symphony office.

Classy Colors for Cars.

There is a tradition in the industry that Henry Ford once said that "I don't care what color they paint my cars, provided it is black." Now we have with us the automobile shows of 1927, and black no longer rules the lizzies, or the roost. Automobile fans in cities like New York and Washington are pulsating with interest over the latest marvels of rubber tired vehicles. Those who are reporting the automobile shows are charmed with the color schemes, prepared for the new gasoline steeds. One authority says that the new trend toward color has been a "stampede," and the renowned artist H. Ledyard Towle, who has been heading the procession in searching the world over for beautiful colors and specializing in applying them to be used on motor cars, apparently prophesied correctly when he wrote from Paris last fall that the colors being produced were "like voices, they are a series of grand pageants which depict the history of transportation." And added to that we have heard from no less a person than the Curator of Anthropology of the National museum at Washington that the artists have been to the museum during the past year studying the color arts of the early American Indian in order to apply them to dress goods, automobiles and other industries.

vertising gun is being loaded to take a shot at the consumers of two of our large eastern cities. This initial effort is being underwritten by the federation of berry growers of the two states, realizing that there is no time to lose, if the industry is kept out of the rut that the apple and prune industry has fallen into.

I trust that this outline and appeal will meet with favorable consideration on the part of the Gresham business men and that they will help to push for the benefit of the berry industry.

D. E. TOWLE.

Section Line Stages Go Into Other Hands

A change has been made in the transit business of Botkin & Cooper who for the past nine months have operated a bus line over the Section Line road, a 20-passenger Studebaker making the run between Gresham and Portland and a 12-passenger machine of the same make between Portland and Sandy.

On Friday of last week Botkin & Cooper relinquished their franchise to the route, but the line will again be in operation within a few days by the Dunthorp Transit company of Portland. W. E. Young, president of the incorporated transit line, was in Gresham yesterday completing arrangements for the resuming of the stage service, the discontinuance of which has been a matter of inconvenience for the people of Sandy and the residents along the Section Line for nearly a week past.

Mr. Young states his company has purchased the two machines which were used by Botkin & Cooper and is having them completely overhauled preparatory to the beginning of business. Similar service will be rendered to that of the former owners of the line and a schedule is now being arranged to conform practically to the hours to which the public had become accustomed. The rates are to remain the same.

The president of the transit company expects to have the machines in good running condition this week and hopes by Thursday to be able to give satisfactory service. He says they have a third machine for emergencies.

The drivers, as far as present plans can be outlined, are Otto Aschoff who also will be the general manager of the route, and Harold Robinson, both of Portland. Mr. Young says he will make every effort to give the public satisfactory conveyance to and from the city. He was instrumental in putting in the Linnton bus line and is also interested in the Astoria Transit company which took over the streetcar system in that city, installing busses instead. Mr. Young made the statement that he had secured the necessary permission from the Public Service Commission at Salem.

Botkin & Cooper state that increased taxes and cost of operation are responsible for their move to discontinue the Section Line stage rather than lack of patronage. They greatly appreciate the consideration which has been shown them during the months the bus line was in operation.

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Coming Events

Tuesday Evening, Jan. 25—Regular meeting of American Legion grange hall.

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

Wednesday, 3:30, Jan. 26—Gresham Union high vs. Grant high at Grant high gymnasium, Portland.

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

Friday Evening, Jan. 28—Powell Valley meeting of Parent-Teacher association.

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—Sawannee 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 Morning, Feb. 2—Sewing class at high school postponed from January 26.

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

Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 10—W. C. T. U. meeting at home of Mrs. A. McManus.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Areme club masquerade.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 16—Gresham band concert.

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