

Bond Issue Loses; Irregularities Noted

Saturday brought out a representative crowd of over 800 people to the Gresham Union high school building to vote on the proposed issuance of bonds in the amount of \$105,000 for needed enlargement and improvement of the present high school building. The measure, however, was defeated, the poll standing 591 against and 217 for the issue.

It has been some time since so much interest has been aroused in any one municipal question and feeling ran high pro and con for several days preceding the election, as both points of view were laid before the voters of the district.

Some agitation was on and dissatisfaction expressed as to whether citizens who are not taxpayers should have the right to vote, but through a recent decision it was learned that in matters pertaining solely to union high schools such have the right to vote. The opinion of attorneys was consulted in regard to the matter and the law carefully looked up and the decision in writing placed in the hands of W. C. Lawrence, chairman of the high school board of directors, prior to the day of election.

However, considerable feeling was stirred up by the distribution of circulars at the very door of the polling place on election day, an infraction of the corrupt practices act and one for which conviction could doubtless be obtained, should the matter be taken up by proper authorities. This "startling discovery," as the circular was headed, was signed by eight men under the cognomen, "The Tax Payers' League", although the league was not to exist as an organization until late in the afternoon of election day. Doubt is expressed as to the citizenship of some signers on the circular.

An election board had been selected previously, but to comply with the letter of the law in elections of this character called specifically to vote on school matters, a new board was selected from the persons present at the opening of the polls. Three judges, Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. Pearl Fortner and J. R. Cavanagh and a clerk, Theodore Bruger, were elected to serve during the five hours the polls remained open. This change in the manner of selecting the election board was made on the advice of a bond attorney who was present.

The conditions under which the people voted were exceedingly trying owing to the crowded condition of the room at times. It is said that a number who came and were obliged to stand out in the rain to await their turn at the polls got dissatisfied and returned home.

The election board took up the counting as soon as the polls closed and the result was announced by 10 o'clock.

POMONA OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

The installation of officers for the Multnomah county district Pomona grange will take place at Russellville grange on February 16, at which time an all-day session will be held concluding in the evening. Degree work will be given in the evening followed by a program which is being arranged by the Russellville grange. J. G. Kelly, retiring worthy master, was succeeded in the election in December by Fred Crane, of Rockwood grange, who, with the remaining officers, will be installed at the meeting on February 16.

PORTLAND SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES CONCERTS



Carl Flesch, Violinist.

Two concerts of the Portland Symphony orchestra, Willem van Hoogstraten conductor, are announced for the near future. The first of the two is to be given at the public auditorium on Saturday morning, February 5, and is to be the third of the series of six Saturday morning popular concerts. The second is to be given at the public auditorium Monday night, February 7, with Carl Flesch violinist, as solo artist. This is to be the eighth of the current series of ten Monday evening concerts.

The concert on February 7 will present one of the most attractive programs of the season. It will be an important event in view of the fact that Carl Flesch is to make his initial bow to symphony audiences of this city. Mr. Flesch is contributing largely to the Beethoven centenary observance in this city, as he is scheduled to play the D major concerto with the orchestra here. Mr. Flesch is a Hungarian by birth but is now an American by adoption. He has remained in this country for the last two years, devoting most of his time to concert tours and to teaching in Philadelphia, where he heads the violin department at the Curtis institute. He had his first violin lessons in 1879 and in 1883 went to Vienna to study. Five years later he graduated from the Vienna conservatory and in 1890 entered the Paris conservatory, where he, four years after, won the first prize. The next year he made his concert debut in Vienna and in 1897 became court violinist to the king of Rumania and professor at the Bucharest conservatory. In 1902 he resumed his concertizing but did not make his American debut until 1914. Ten years later he made his second American tour, and in the following two years and a half, has risen steadily in the esteem of concert patrons in this country.

The principal orchestra number for the concert February 7 will be the most popular symphony of them all, the "Pathetique" of Tchaikovsky. This work, often given, appears to gain in popularity every time it is heard. This will be the first symphony presented during the present season, that was also given by the Portland symphony last season.

The concert will open with the entr'acte music from "Rosamunde" The concert on Saturday morning will present four of the sprightliest and gayest compositions in the symphonic repertoire. Opening with the popular "Fledermaus" overture, the prelude to the most famous of German light operas, the orchestra is to present the entire "Peer Gynt" Suite of Grieg, an orchestral version of Grainger's "Molly on the Shore" and the fifth

AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE

(Special Correspondence)
Salem, Jan. 31—Agriculture committee of house, with C. A. Tom of Sherman county chairman, is making an extensive canvas in support of house bill 130, providing \$10,000 to carry on experiments at O. A. C. in the interests of the poultry industry.

W. H. Small of Independence, president of the Pacific Cooperative Producers association, told the committee how the poultry business in Oregon has grown. He stressed the lack of equipment at the state college to successfully try out best systems of feeding, breeding and caring for chicks. Many times people interested in poultry went to Washington to locate because better facilities for experimentation and more investigative work are carried there.

Ed. Snow of Monroe, president of the Oregon Poultry association, and L. A. Lee, owner of a 47,000-egg incubator, pointed out that the appropriation is not being asked by the college, but by the producers of the state. Numerous other leading poultrymen were in attendance and urged the passage of the bill.

Chairman Tom met suggestions for an investigation of State Market Inspector Spence's failure to report, with the statement that illness had prevented. He also said that Governor Patterson had promised that a report would be forthcoming later. Mr. Tom wished to go on record as opposed to needless expenses of investigations when reasons have been adequately supplied.

The agricultural committee also took up house bill 106 by Graham, but as the author was not present, consideration was deferred. Members present were Allen, Eppinger, LaFollett, Macpherson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, and chairman Tom. Earl W. Snel, representative from Gilliam county, chairman of the game commission in the house, announced today that a public hearing will be held early next week to consider the new game code. The session will include committees from both branches of the legislature, those interested in hunting and fishing and all concerned in the proposed legislation, house bill 344, which has not yet been received from the printer.

It is probable that the measure as returned to the house will carry provision for closing rivers of the state to commercial fishing. This will doubtless bring opposition and create some interesting debate. Financial Problem Not Solved. Half the session of the state legislature is now gone and no financial plan acceptable to all members is in sight. This is the situation at the beginning of the fourth week at the capitol.

Getting a slant on what Gov. Pat-
"Hungarian Dance" of Brahms. Though altogether light in texture, this program represents a wide range of orchestral composition.

person intends to suggest is said to have been one of the difficulties. It has not prevented, however, numerous remedies for the cash deficit in running expenses for the state. Everything from taxation of chewing gum, lip-stick and movies to cancellation of the six per cent limitation has been advanced. Highway funds, auto license taxes, fee collecting boards—dozens of plans are up. All these would require vote of the people for approval or would create objection from interests affected. Guardians of the highway projects want no cuts in road building programs. Motorists agree with them.

Income tax suggestions and bills are plentiful, and the bills if passed would raise no immediate income. Hydro-electric schemes, to put the state into that business or tax further the established industries in that line are in the mass of measures presented.

These, combined with a whirl of revolutionary educational changes, do not tend to clarity, and leave the legislative mind in foggy condition.

Senator Joseph has contributed his perennial hydro-electric measure. He says himself he does not know what it is all about, but that it makes state operation possible. It is known as Senate joint resolution No. 2, and authorizes the state to enter into construction, development and operation of hydro-electric plants without any limit whatever on the amount of indebtedness which may be incurred against the state. While the resolution does not contain the necessary legislative provisions to make its operation possible, yet principles involved are identical with those of the "housewives" bill so overwhelmingly defeated by the people at the November election. The vote was practically four to one against the issue in the election, but Joseph holds that the state must go into hydro-electrics, and reuniting his measure.

Schulmerich of Hillsboro has put in house bill 227, to levy a tax of 50 cents for every kilowatt produced or generated by hydro-electric operation in Oregon. This bill of course does not apply to energy generated by steam, either by use of sawdust or other fuel. Hence it would operate as a direct discrimination in favor of plants using fuel and against those employing water for power. Also there would be no way by which energy brought in from another state could be taxed. This, for example, would discriminate in favor of companies generating power in Washington and selling it in Oregon. Again, an Oregon company selling power to an adjoining state would be compelled to pay the watt tax for energy delivered outside the state. It is also to be noted that the tax is levied only upon private companies and would not apply to

Union High Quint Takes Down Visitors

(By Benj. H. Davies)
Gresham Union high won a lopsided victory at the local gymnasium, Friday evening, when its well coached basketball team met and took over their Parkrose visitors 18 to 7 in the season's sixth game. Below is the line-up and summary:

Gresham Parkrose
Duncan (2)... F... (4) Mackenzie Okuda (8)... F... (1) Whiteside Squire (9)... C... (0) Hannan Rusher (6)... G... (2) D. Morris Strong (5)... G... (0) Schlotthauer
Substitutions—Gresham, Lane, (2) center; Anicker, guard. Parkrose, Schaeffer.

Referee—E. C. Arthur, Portland. From the moment the ball left Referee Arthur's hands at the step-off it was apparent to the fans that the visitors would have hard boating. Their preliminary warm-ups clearly indicated the instability of the basket for them. But for the fact that the visiting quint was so deficient in scoring points, either free or field, the locals might have met foomen worthy of their own mettle. We doubt if a prettier exhibition of passing, pivoting and all-round sportsmanlike team-work has ever been pulled on the local floor, in opposition to the home team.

Their faultless line of attack and equally good defensive play often kept Gresham from scoring. But, if it's true that all work and no play keeps Jack from becoming president, it's equally a fact that plenty of shooting and no baskets makes a rattling slow game.

Kruger's quint rolled up a bundle of nine points to Parkrose four in the first canto. At the start of the second half Lane relieved Squire at center while Anicker went into the lines as guard. Conditions did not greatly improve during this period. Some of the boys made nice scores while tending to lower a fine average by securing the displeasure of the referee. This play ended with the locals leading 9 to 3.

A much appreciated feature of the evening's entertainment was the program of music rendered by the high school band.

The next game will be staged at Beaverton February 4.

power generated by municipal plants.

How this would affect established industries is indicated by the claim of the utilities that in the last four years their taxes have been increased on an average of about 40 per cent. This means that they are now paying almost 10 per cent on gross income in taxes. They claim also that this legislation if passed would be unfair discrimination, particularly in view of the fact that they are the most heavily taxed as a class of any industry in Oregon. It is also pointed out that a tax of this sort will tend to discourage development of hydro-

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A Depressing Verdict

The majority have said no bonds for high school enlargement and improvement in Union high district No. 2 and that's that. Most everything bearing on the subject pro and con was said before the voting last Saturday and it isn't necessary or advisable to add much now that the matter is settled.

So far as we were able to observe those favoring the bonds made an open and above board fight and a reasonable and fair presentation of their side of the issue. The opposition resorted to some tactics which were clearly in contravention of the corrupt practices act for which we are informed on authority they might be prosecuted.

In spite of all of this, however, the majority against was so large that the result is considered decisive and the chapter is closed. There will probably be no effort made to enlarge the high school for some years to come. It will probably remain as it is with outside students excluded after this year. Undoubtedly the board will feel called upon to adopt a policy of extreme economy. The future does not look so hopeful for the high school, but the district can probably take care of its own for a few years more though the activities of the school will necessarily be more limited and the educational advantages curtailed.

The present main building was built in 1915 and first used in the fall of that year. It has been enlarged on two occasions. It has greatly deteriorated on account of its poor plan of construction and will have to be replaced sooner or later. Perhaps unforeseen changes will come about, affecting the school district and city, methods of financing and management.

It is hoped public sentiment will change with reference to the importance and opportunity of the local high school. It is doubtful, however, if the tax burden will be any lighter on account of the decision of the voters.

BOYS ON MOTORCYCLE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Ruthven Poppleton, 19, and Bertram Kesterson, 14, youths of the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, were seriously injured last Friday when the motorcycle on which they were riding collided with an automobile driven by John Housson of Buckley avenue. The accident occurred at the intersection of Buckley avenue and Foster road.

Both boys received severe head and body injuries and each suffered compound fractures of the left leg. Poppleton seems to be in the more serious condition, and reports from St. Vincent's hospital where the boys were taken were to the effect last night that he was "holding his own." Soon after the accident he lapsed into unconsciousness and was in that condition for a day and a half. His condition has been such that up to last night no attempt had been made to set the broken bones.

Bertram Kesterson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kesterson. The Poppleton family recently moved from Pleasant Valley to Portland, where young Poppleton lives.

Both boys have a wide circle of friends among whom they are popular. The collision was so severe that a wheel was torn off the automobile and the motorcycle was a total wreck.

GRESHAM GIRL WEDS IN EASTERN OREGON

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Miss Mildred Metzger, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metzger, to J. D. DeGroot of Antelope, Oregon, the ceremony taking place at Madras on January 15, the Rev. Earl Cotton, formerly of this locality, officiating.

The marriage of Miss Metzger comes as more or less of a surprise to her many Gresham friends. She was a graduate of the 1924 class of Gresham Union high school and spent a year at the Oregon state normal at Monmouth, later securing a position as teacher in the Antelope grade school. The groom is a prominent wheat rancher in the vicinity and the couple is residing on his farm. Mrs. DeGroot will complete the school year as instructor. The bride has the best wishes of friends in Gresham for her future happiness.

Mention to an advertiser that you saw his ad. in the Outlook.

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New Bus Placed on Section Line Run

The new 20-passenger Garford bus placed Monday on the Section Line run of the Portland-Gresham stages operated by Lewis & Son has been the object of much satisfactory observation and complimentary remarks. Painted the popular shade known as Rolls Royce blue the machine presents a handsome appearance and makes a valuable addition to the other two Garfords comprising the passenger fleet running between Gresham and Portland, all owned and operated by the same company.

The new car represents an investment of \$7500 and was purchased at the factory branch of the Garford Motor Car company in Portland. It is equipped with four-wheel hydraulic brakes and has dual wheels on the rear. The interior is neatly upholstered in leather and furnished with comfortable air cushions.

It is the intention of Mr. Lewis and his son to continue to give the same efficient transit service on the Section Line road as has been their policy in the past over the Powell Valley and Base Line routes. Three cars will leave Gresham daily over the Section Line, the first at 9 a. m., the second at 11 and the third at 3:50 p. m. Four cars will come out from Portland daily over the same route, the first leaving Portland at 7:30 a. m., the second at 10:10, the third at 1:50 p. m. and the fourth at 5:50.

Verne Cole, an experienced driver, who formerly was in the employ of the Lundquist Trucking service, will drive the new Garford.

LOCAL BOY TO SING IN GRAND OPERA

William Elliott, residing east of Gresham, has been selected to sing the role of the Count Di Luna in "Il Trovatore" which will be given in Portland at the Turn Verein auditorium on the evenings of February 14, 17 and 21.

Mr. Elliott, a dramatic baritone, has been studying under Povl Bjornskjold and is said to be making rapid strides toward a successful musical career. He has been chosen by the director general of the opera company to understudy Mr. Bjornskjold, formerly of the Royal Grand Opera company of Copenhagen and will sing his part on the evening of February 17 as his debut in grand opera. This is considered a difficult role for so youthful a singer, but the director feels that Mr. Elliott is capable of carrying the part.

Coming Events

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 Evening, Feb. 3—Evangelical Women's union basket social at grange hall.

Friday Evening, Feb. 4—Grange 500 party in Fairview city hall.

Friday Evening, Feb. 4—Cottrell Parent-Teacher association basket social at Cottrell schoolhouse.

Friday Evening, Feb. 4—G.U.H.S. basketball team to play at Beaverton.

Tuesday Evening, Feb. 8—Basketball between Gresham and Columbian high at Gresham.

Friday Evening, Feb. 11—Areme club masquerade.

Sunday, Feb. 13—Beginning of special meetings at the Free Methodist church.

February 13—Beginning of special services at the Baptist church.

Wednesday, Feb. 16—Installation of Pomona grange officers at Russellville.

Wednesday Evening, Feb. 16—Gresham band concert.

Friday Evening, Feb. 25—Robert Blair concert at Methodist Episcopal church under auspices of Womans Home Missionary society.

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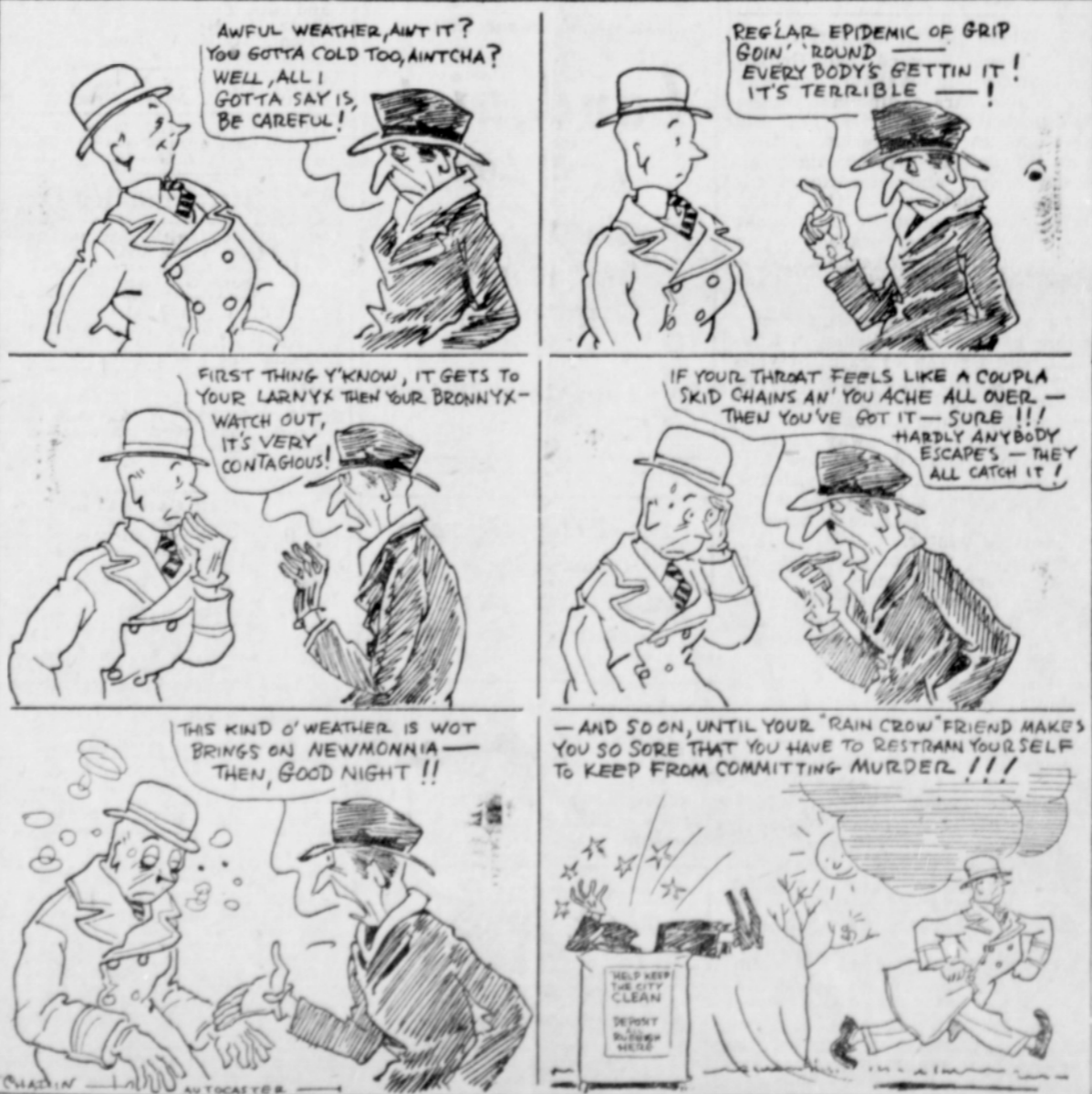
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