

2 MILL TAX MUST PASS OR SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED

Office of County School Superintendent
Jacksonville, Oregon.

To teachers and school officers of Jackson county:
You have probably read and thought considerable about the present school situation and what seems to be expected of us; and I am wondering if we are united in a realization of what the new demands in education really are. As I look at the situation it seems to me that the public, generally speaking, does not fully appreciate the fact that good teaching is an absolute necessity in the preservation of the union. We must have a more intense devotion to education. We must have school administration of the highest type, backed by unalloyed patriotism in teachers and by a willing financial support of those who pay the bills. Do we have all these? Is not public sentiment a little autocratic relative to school finances? Should we expect the coming generation to be democratic if it is brought up under such conditions?

So many inquiries from both teachers and board members have been received lately relative to salaries for the coming school year, that I have thought it best to address this circular to teachers and school officers both. The situation must be met fairly and squarely. It is encouraging to note that some board members and others are making an effort to meet the present needs.

The number of teachers attending the normal schools in this country has decreased over 10,000 during the past three years. The number of graduates is also decreasing, although the number remained nearly constant during the war, due partly to the fact that in many cases the bars to graduation were let down at that time. The reason for the decrease in attendance of the normals is obvious. Teachers' wages are not attractive.

Oregon now has a shortage of over one hundred teachers, with about four times that many who are below standard. It has been predicted that Oregon will have a shortage of about five hundred teachers this coming school year unless something is done to relieve the situation. The proposed two mill tax upon all property of the state for common school purposes will materially aid and should receive the active support of everyone. It is up to you, however, to see that it carries. It will not carry unless you get out and work for it. Don't leave this job for anyone else. If the bill does not carry a number of schools in Jackson county will be without teachers.

While it is generally admitted that salaries should be at least double what they now are, it would seem best that a rather conservative schedule should be adopted especially for the minimum wage. Many districts are able to pay far more than this schedule of minimum salaries indicates, and should do so.

The minimum wages recommended are:

- (1) For elementary teachers, inexperienced, with only a high school training class education, \$900.00.
- (2) For elementary teachers with a standard normal school education, or teachers with at least two years of successful teaching experience, \$1080.
- (3) For normal graduates with two or more years of successful experience, \$1200.
- (4) For high school teachers with a college or university education, or those who have had at least two years of successful teaching experience, \$1200.
- (5) For college or university graduates with two or more years of successful teaching experience, \$1400.

G. W. AGER, County School Supt.

"CHOOSING A WIFE" A NOVEL STORY

Love counsels haste, but prudence says slow when choosing a wife. Marriage was never more prevalent than at the present time. Young and old rush into this most perilous business with all the confidence in the world. Every couple think themselves the ones who will live happily ever afterward. Boys, don't get glib with your elders. Visit the Liberty tonight and see "Choosing a Wife."

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The Screen



NAZIMOVA IN "STRONGER THAN DEATH" Nazimova will be seen at the Rialto Theatre tonight for the last time.



When is a shimmy? This hybrid of dancing art has caused more discussion, more censor, and greater interest than even the celebrated "Turkey Trot" and "Bunny Hug." This censor blasphemed it as a "movement," rather than a dance. It has been given more variations than the origin of man. And now Constance Talmadge, star of "A Virtuous Vamp," to be presented at the Rialto theatre, three days, commencing tomorrow, describes the actual shimmy in a dramatic pose, with no less an authority than Gilda Gray, generally credited as the danseuse who introduced it in America, as the source of her definition. In the story of "A Virtuous Vamp," the one man who will not respond to her vampy arts and wiles is an insurance broker who enlists her aid to investigate the application of a \$50,000 policy on the shoulders of a shimmy dancer, Constance, as Nellie Jones, the "virtuous vamp," exemplifies the shimmy for the broker. To do it correctly, she sought Gilda Gray, who, in one of the big cabaret scenes in the production, entertains the sufferers of held-over July thirsts with a renegade shimmy dance.

GREEN SPRING MT. HILL BLOWN UP AND REX BLUSHES

At sunrise this morning an explosion of 8500 pounds of powder was exploded on the new road between Ashland and Klamath Falls and according to La Von Rex of Portland, representing the Giant Powder company, the heart breaking, engine heating and generally diabolical grade on the Green Spring mountain road is no more. A. Giebisch is the contractor in charge of the state highway work in that section, who engineered the explosion. La Von Rex, the well known representative of the Giant Powder company, is very proud of the result which his product has achieved, but when congratulated by his many friends, blushed and said, "But how did you know about it?" This strange interrogation was explained at the Crater Lake Hardware Co., the Giant Powder headquarters, by the announcement that La Van's engagement to Miss Lillian Powell, a charming musician of Berkeley, California, was recently announced. Rex is, himself, a violinist of distinction and the engagement culminates a romance of three years, when the powder king was a quartermaster in the navy. The wedding will be an interesting social event of the season at the college city. Four suspects have been arrested at the frontier station of Bachs as a result of the bombing of the American consulate at Zurich. They were attempting to cross the border into Austria. A federal commissioner will be appointed to investigate the attempt to wreck the consulate.

TALISMAN LODGE K. OF P. TO HOLD A ROUSING MEETING

At a recent meeting of the local lodge Knights of Pythias, a committee consisting of Rolla V. Beach, Harry Wortman and Ed J. Klein was appointed to arrange for a roll call and anniversary meeting of the lodge for March 22. The committee decided after considering the almost 10 per cent increase in membership since March 22 last year, to make this the most memorable and worth while event of the season. After roll call to which each member is requested to answer with a sentence of not less than five words nor talk over five minutes, or failing to do so to enrich the "kittie," a program put on by the "talented young people of the order" and a social and refreshments will make this night one to be remembered by all attending. Jewish women in Palestine have been granted the vote and will be eligible for election to the constituent assembly, according to a cable message from London to the Zionist organization of America. The message stated that the assembly would convene soon to formulate a constitution. A Friend Recommended Them A person often does more good than he realizes when he tells a suffering friend how to get well. J. N. Tohill, clerk Lottio Hotel, Evansville, Ind., writes: "For weeks I suffered constantly with pains in the muscles of my thigh. I was treated by the doctor for rheumatism but found no relief. Upon recommendation of a friend, I tried Foley Kidney Pills and began to get relief almost immediately." Good for backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints. For sale by Medford Pharmacy.

DRESSLER BOOSTS FOR MEDFORD IN STATE METROPOLIS

Renewed activity in all lines of business and especially in real property, is the information brought from Medford and the Rogue River valley, by J. W. Dressler, member of the city council, from the southern metropolis. Dressler says: "During the year 1919 everybody seemed to take new life in our district. During the war period many of our people left the city to take advantage of high wages offered in the shipyards. As a community we were not producing any of the products demanded by the war and hence did not receive any direct benefits for the large amounts subscribed for Liberty bonds. Big Bond Issue "Through the sale of a \$700,000 bond issue in 1918, which was purchased by Clark, Kendall company of Portland, for the purpose of taking up outstanding bonds, followed by efficient management of the city's financial affairs, Medford has never been in as good financial condition as she is today. Business in all lines for 1919 was good. The orchard and fruit payroll was over \$500,000. The pay rolls on road construction ran into several hundred thousand dollars, and the farm crop returns were larger than ever before. A large area of land will be brought under irrigation this year. Much Property Sold "During the last eight months more than \$300,000 worth of city residence property has changed hands. Several fine residences are under construction and many business blocks are being remodeled. The largest automobile sales block outside of Portland is under construction. Several large business blocks are now being planned for construction this spring. Medford is destined to be a lumber center. Large capital is now being invested in timber for immediate use. Three small sawmills and two box factories are now operating. This coming year you will hear more good reports from Medford than ever before." Portland Journal.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CAMPAIGN TO-DAY

The Christian church teams will take an every member canvass tomorrow between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m. to put over their budget for this year, which begins the first of March and it is requested that every member of the church be at home during those hours. Of course, the sun will be shining, the birds singing and the woods will be calling you, but do not forget where all these beauties and many pleasures come from and that you owe a duty to your God and church and the community in which you live and you can afford to stay at home Sunday afternoon and be prepared to make your pledge for the church work this year. The budget calls for an increase of about one-third and the members are requested to increase their pledges in proportion. It costs more to run a church, the same as it does to run your home and your business. The board is happy to announce that all expenses of the past year have been paid and the new year starts out with wonderful opportunities and some splendid aims. Money invested in church work always pays big dividends. C. F. Swandler, state secretary of the Christian church, will be here Sunday and will preach both morning and evening. Special music for this occasion. Every member, young and old, should be present. Visitors cordially invited. THE OFFICIAL BOARD.

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