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FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Hotel Benson 12:10

AN ILLUSTRATED PROGRAM

SPEAKER

WALTER S. ADAMS

Director of Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory

SUBJECT

“How We Measure the Sizes of Stars and the Distances of Stellar Universes”

Dr. Adams is a member of nearly all of the astronomical and scientific societies in America and Europe. He has been in charge of the Mt. Wilson solar observatory since 1903. His studies on the motions of stars and on stellar universes have brought him international recognition.

SPECIAL MUSIC

June 26th—

CITY CLUB OUTING
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CITIZENS URGED TO VOTE FOR SCHOOL MEASURES

The report of the Education and Recreation section concerning the \$900,000 and the \$345,000 special tax levies which are to be submitted to the voters at the school election on Saturday, June 20th, is presented in this issue of the *Bulletin*. The report briefly sets forth the regular income and expenses of the school district, points out the need for raising these additional amounts and specifically recommends that the Board of Directors of the school district be authorized to levy a tax sufficient to produce the required amounts.

Members of the committee making the report are: John A. Laing; Richard W. Montague and William L. Brewster, chairman. The report was approved by the Board of Governors on June 15th and will be submitted to the Club for adoption on June 19th.

The report follows:

To the Board of Governors:

The undersigned, members of the Education Committee, submit the following report:

The Board of Directors of School District No. 1 of Multnomah County, ask the voters at the school election on June 20th to authorize the Board to levy a tax which will produce the sums of \$900,000 and \$345,000 in addition to the regular basic levy.

The estimated cost for the year 1926 is \$4,271,208 while the revenue from the fixed school tax and from all other regular sources is estimated at \$3,364,431, which would leave a deficit of more than \$906,000. It is apparent therefore that the Board had the choice either

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CITY CLUB PURPOSE

"To inform its members and the community in public matters and to arouse them to a realization of the obligations of citizenship."

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Oriental children, dressed in the costumes of their native land, presented a twenty minute program at the City Club luncheon last Friday that proved one of the most delightful occasions in Club history. Twenty-five students from the Atkinson grammar school appeared on the program. The musical numbers were preceded by a brief talk by a Japanese school boy who told the members that the Japanese children and their parents appreciated the opportunities offered through education and citizenship in America, that they are true citizens of the United States and that they love the flag of this nation. He pleaded the cause of friendship between the two great nations, the United States and Japan.

SISSON RETURNS TO CLUB

Education and rising conditions which tend to lessen the efficiency of our public school system, formed the basis for an inspiring address by Dr. Edward O. Sisson at the City Club luncheon meeting last Friday.

"The school is now the most moral place in the world except the home. There is less crime in the schools of America than in any other place in the world except in the best private homes," stated Dr. Sisson.

"Strong virile men are needed in the teaching forces of the public schools. Less than 15 per cent of the teachers in American schools are men, a fact which should be deplored. School expenditures, particularly the salaries of teachers, are entirely inadequate when compared with expenditures made by the public for non-essentials," declared the speaker. "Salaries of those in the teaching profession must be raised to the point where men and women will find it possible and satisfactory to stay in the profession."

The tendency toward mass education with its mechanical trend was deplored by Dr. Sisson.

ELECTION ANNOUNCED

The financial situation of the School District at the present time which requires two special tax levies in addition to the regular basic levy, was explained to the luncheon meeting last week by F. S. Pickering, President of the School Board. Mr. Pickering pointed out that with an expected increase of 2500 in the school enrollment in 1926 the costs of operation in that year will be \$219,710.50 greater than in 1925. If the present standard of our schools are to be maintained the sum asked for is absolutely essential.

Mr. Pickering stated that should the special \$900,000.00 levy fail to pass it will be necessary to cut the present school year of ten months to eight months making it impossible to cover the present course of study as outlined and arranged. To keep within the budget it will be necessary to discontinue all special activities.

The school election will be held Saturday afternoon, June 20th, 1925, from 12 o'clock noon until 8:00 P. M. All citizens may vote for school directors. Citizens who are tax payers or stock holders in taxpaying corporations may vote on the tax levies. Records show that less than 20 per cent and in some instances not more than ten per cent of the citizens of this district attend school elections. Vote Saturday.

CITIZENS URGED TO VOTE

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of asking the public for authority to make an increased levy or to cut the operating cost by the amount of the estimated deficit. If the electors grant such authority, it will be exercised by the Board subject to the supervision of the Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission of Multnomah County.

The reason for the request for \$900,000 should be familiar. Briefly stated, such a levy is necessary because the constitutional limitation of a six per cent increase over the tax money of the preceding year produces less than is required to take care of the increasing school population.

The \$345,000 item is new. This fund will be used to increase salaries and bring them more nearly to the standard prevailing in other cities. There seems to be no question that the maximum salary of \$1800 paid elementary teachers is below the maximum of other cities generally throughout the country. With the increase, it is also possible and we are informed it is the plan to readjust salaries so that the elementary teachers will receive more nearly the amount paid to high school teachers and that the difference between the salaries of men and women teachers will be largely eliminated. The exact schedule of salaries will be determined by the School Board after the election. Considering the personnel of the Board, the public may have faith that justice and good judgment will be used in the settlement of such a difficult problem as the making of a salary schedule. We believe that the School Board would have been recreant to their duty if they had not asked for both the proposed sums and we have every confidence that the money will be used in maintaining and improving the public school system.

Recommendations

The Committee therefore recommends that the members of the City Club give their approval to these proposed levies and in view of the little interest which the public takes in school elections that they help to bring out as large a vote as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

- Wm. L. Brewster, Chairman
- Richard W. Montague
- John A. Laing.

OUTING PLANS COMPLETE

The City Club Outdoors Get-together, scheduled for June 26th at the Ruby Country Club promises to be one of the most enjoyable outings in City Club history. The committee has arranged a program of events for children and adults which will provide worth while entertainment for all. The attendance and co-operation of a large part of the membership is necessary in order to make the contests interesting and successful and particularly it is desired that the children be given opportunity to enter into the games during the afternoon. Don't postpone making final arrangement to attend until too late.

Ruby Country Club where the Open House is to be held Friday afternoon and evening, June 26th, is on the Base Line Road a few miles east of the city limits.

The tentative program follows:

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- 2:00—5:00 Games for Boys and Girls.
Under direction of playground experts.
Bridge, golf and other entertainment for ladies.
- 2:00—5:00 Golf Tournament.
Nine hole course, fee 25 cents.

MAIN PROGRAM

- 5:00—6:30 Golf Tournament for novices.
Special instruction for beginners.
Horseshoe Pitching Contest.
Indoor Baseball.
Other Games.
- 6:30—7:30 Picnic Supper.
Basket lunches provided by individuals.
Free coffee and milk will be served.
Candy and ice cream may be purchased on the grounds.
- 7:30 Community Singing, Games, Stunts and Entertainment.

At the Club Outing at Ruby Country Club on June 26th, a golf tournament will be held, the prize winner to be the individual with the lowest net score. As contestants will be judged on their handicaps, all entrants have an equal chance and should submit their club handicap or their average score to D. F. McCurrach, c.o. Northwestern Electric Company, Chairman of Golf Committee not later than the 20th.

Entrants will pay their own green fees and all games must be completed by 5. P. M. so that the greens may be utilized for other golf stunts.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The annual conference of the Social Workers' Association of Oregon, to be held on June 22-23 in the Central Library, brings to Portland a group of the most prominent men and women social workers in America.

Immigration and race problems as particularly applied to the Pacific Coast, social legislation, development of community co-operation, public health, Americanization, social problems, mental hygiene, travelers aid and other subject of special importance to the communities of the west coast will be considered and discussed by men and women who speak with authority on the subject.

Paul U. Kellogg, editor of "The Survey," will address the conference on Monday, June 22nd, in Room H of the Central Library at 2:30 on the subject, "Changing Frontiers." Other men appearing on the conference program are: Courtney Dinwiddie, director of the Commonwealth Fund of New York; Elwood Street, director of the Community Council of St. Louis; Alexander Goldenweiser, New York School of Social Research; William Hodson, director of the department of Social Legislation of Russel Sage Foundation.

The public is invited by the Social Workers' Association of Oregon to attend any sessions of the conference.

The formulation of a plan whereby the states adjacent to the Columbia river can co-operate for the purpose of developing the resources of the Columbia basin and the water power of the Columbia river and its tributaries, is the basis for an assignment to the Port Development and Public Utilities section. Upon completion and adoption of the report by the City Club, the plan is to be submitted to interested organizations within the several states adjacent to the Columbia. Members appointed on this committee are: L. K. Hodges, chairman; L. A. Andrus; Raymond L. Baldwin; E. N. Bates; F. H. Brundage; A. W. Cooper; W. W. Elmer; Fred F. Henshaw; Julius Kummel; Francis Murphy; R. W. Rea.

One of the first obligations and privileges of citizenship is that of voting at all elections. The school election will be held on Saturday, June 20th. It is the duty of every citizen to vote at this election.

NEW DANCE LAW PROPOSED

A campaign has been inaugurated by the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon to place on the ballot at the next general election a new road house and dance hall law.

Some of the conditions and regulations which are to be incorporated in the new law are:

A new definition of a dance hall which will also cover road houses.

Providing for license for such places and providing a \$500.00 bond that they will conduct orderly places.

Application for license shall be signed by sheriff stating that the applicant is a person of good moral character and fit to conduct such a place. This makes the sheriff responsible for every license issued.

Materially increasing license fees.

Liquor will be strictly prohibited in or about the premises with severe penalties for violation of the law.

All places to provide separate dressing rooms and all rooms and hallways shall be well lighted.

Closing all dancing at midnight and Sundays.

No person under 18 to be permitted in any dance hall or road house except in company with one of the parents or legal guardian.

Compelling the presence of a lady floor manager of mature age and good moral character.

The abatement law will also be applied so that such places may be abated and padlocked if they violate the law.

No dance of gross or vulgar character shall be permitted. Boisterous conduct, intoxication, profanity or obscene language will be prohibited.

Violation of any provision of this act shall be punishable by severe fine and revocation of license and no other license shall be issued for same person for at least one year.

Provide heavy penalties for conducting dance halls without license or to participate in dancing when no license has been obtained.

The Wisconsin Legislature appointed two senators and three assemblymen from Milwaukee County, to investigate the advisability of consolidating the city, town, village and county governments into one unit. Results of this investigation will be noted with intense interest in Detroit and other metropolitan cities where duplication appear between city and county government particularly.—*Civic Searchlight*.