

EDUCATORS FAVOR CHANGE IN TENURE

Teachers Said to Have No Cause for Objection.

WRITTEN OPINIONS SENT

Proponents of Alterations of Law Get Letter From Prominent Men of Same Opinion.

The proposed changes in the teachers' tenure law were characterized as "in the right direction" and "framed in such a manner as to bring stability to the teaching profession" by letters received from prominent educators by the proponents of the changes. The proposed changes in the law were applauded by Charles H. Judd, director of the school of education of the University of Chicago; Charles Fordyce, dean of the teachers' college of the University of Nebraska, and Frederick E. Bolton, dean of the college of education of the University of Washington.

Charles H. Judd, director of the school of education of the University of Chicago, declared that the proposed law, in his judgment, provided more adequately for the safeguarding of the public interests than did the older law.

Changes Are Approved.

"I have read the revisions which your board of education is proposing to the tenure law, and in my judgment they are in the right direction. I believe it is necessary for the maintenance of standards in the teaching staff that there should be a review periodically of the qualifications of each teacher, and of the level of work being maintained by that teacher. I think the proposed law provides more adequately for the safeguarding of public interests than did the older law, and I do not believe that efficient teachers will in any wise object to the provisions of the new law."

Allow me to congratulate you on the excellent law touching the teachers' tenure, which you are striving to enact in your state," said Charles Fordyce of the University of Nebraska.

"I can think of nothing in the line of education that would lend more assuredly to bring stability to the teaching profession than such provisions as you have outlined on these sheets. I sincerely hope that the law-making body will have the good judgment to put this bill through."

Alterations Declared Desirable.

The proposed changes in the law are desirable according to Frederick E. Bolton of the University of Washington.

President Suzzallo referred to me your letter of November 29 regarding the proposed school law relating to teachers' tenure of office," he wrote.

"I think that the proposed changes are desirable. The only suggestion I would make is that the whole statement be very much simplified and condensed. There is altogether too much lawyers' verbiage. I am sure that it could be boiled down to one quarter of the length and be made very much clearer."

DRAINAGE WORK WANTED

Centralia Chamber to Circulate Petitions for Improvement.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A petition held last night at the chamber of commerce committee was appointed to circulate petitions asking for the creation of a drainage district southwest of Centralia for the dredging of the Chehalis river a distance of several miles and thus reclaim acreage along the river that is annually being lost by the river's overflow. When the petitions are signed another meeting will be held by interested property owners and city officials and members of Lewis county's delegation to the next state legislature, at which plans will be laid for pushing the project. State aid is being sought in the improvement. State engineers, who recently made a preliminary survey of the project, are expected to render a favorable report.

REEDSPORT WANTS ROAD

Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Members to Attend Meeting.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Members of the local chamber of commerce and the county board will leave this city Sunday for Reedsport where a meeting will be held for the purpose of furthering the Roseburg-Reedsport highway. The road improvement has been under discussion for some time and it is desired by residents in the lower Umpqua that some definite action be taken in order that a highway be opened through to the coast permitting winter travel, that section of the county being practically isolated from the county seat during the winter months.

MARRIAGE RECORDS CLOSE

Licenses Issued in Vancouver This Year May Exceed 1919 Total.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—With two days to go this year, the marriage license record is not quite up to that set by 1919. However, it is only 27 short and this number may be equalled or exceeded if there is a rush of couples to be married New Year's.

In 1919 there were 2,787 couples married here and to date, with Thursday and Friday to go, the number is 2,649. Last year's total was swelled by marriages of returned soldiers, so it would seem Vancouver has lost some of its popularity as a Grains' Green with the general public.

Auto Victim Dies of Injuries.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—J. E. Fessler, who was struck down Saturday night by an automobile driven by Roy Stegert, a local dairyman, died last night at the hospital in this city. The injured man never regained consciousness after the accident. The deceased was a recent arrival here from Michigan and is survived by his widow.

Fighting 43 Fires Costs \$3000.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Forest Supervisor Ramsdell today completed his final report on the number of fires in the Umpqua forest reserve and the total amount of damage done, including the cost of fighting the various fires started during the season. The report shows that 43 fires occurred during the year, costing approximately \$3000.

WEDDING

Heath, formerly of Ogden, Utah, February has been set for the wedding.

The Misses Vivian and Madeline Jennings, attractive members of the younger set, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jennings, are home for the holidays. Miss Vivian is a student at Trinity college, Washington, and Miss Madeline attends Forest Ridge convent, Seattle.

Mrs. Constance A. Isaacs and children, John and Emily, are passing the holiday week with Mrs. Isaacs' mother, Mrs. N. E. DeSpain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hotchkiss Street, Mrs. Annie Lord Hynson and P. A. Ten Haaf will keep open house in their studios on the fifth floor of the Ellers' Music building from 3 to 5 in the afternoon of New Year's day. Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Mark Daniels and Mr. Ten Haaf.

Portland Alumni association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will hold an informal dancing party in Christensen's hall tonight at 9 o'clock. All members of the fraternity are invited.

A New Year's event for Saturday will be the open paper chase arranged by the Kappa of the Portland Hunt club. Members will meet at 10:30 A. M. Saturday at the Portland Hunt club.

The first run will be for the Stevens trophy. Miss Mabel Lawrence will be the hare. Junior paper chases will be held on January 3 and 22 under the supervision of Mr. Kerron.

H. B. Compton Relief corps, No. 52, of St. Johns will have no regular meeting until January 15, when they will have a joint installation with the post. Dinner will be served promptly at noon in the post hall.

One of the anticipated parties of next week is the Multnomah club's intermediate hope to be held on Friday night, January 7. Dancing will be from 8 to 10 o'clock. Patronesses will be Mrs. W. W. Banks, Mrs. C. H. Labbe, Mrs. Dow W. Walker and Mrs. Henry Serr.

Miss Grace L. May of Moro, Or., is in Portland attending the teachers' convention. Miss May is county superintendent of Sherman county, and her territory embraces 20 districts.

The next party of the Rose City dancing club will be held Thursday January 6, at Christensen's hall.

Miss Cella Hunkins of Hood River, Or., is a visitor in the city.

The engagement of Dr. Adalbert G. Bettman, Portland physician, to Miss Hermine Loewy of San Francisco, has been announced.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. William E. Baker of this city celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here Monday night. They were married in London, England, December 27, 1870.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Baker were present. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have resided in Albany for the past 35 years. Mr. Baker has been a mason and architect, and has been identified actively with the building history of Albany for the last three decades.

He is prior of all of the Albany bodies of the Masonic fraternity.

PLAYGROUND UP TODAY

COUNCIL TO TAKE FINAL ACTION AS TO PURCHASE.

Block Known as Duntart Tract in Upper Albina District Is Advocated by Residents.

Final action on the question of acquisition by the city of the large tract known as the Duntart tract in the upper Albina district, will be taken by the city council this morning.

The property is bounded by Williams and Vancouver avenues, and Main and State streets, and is said to have long been used as a playground for the children of the Albina district. However, no apparatus has ever been installed.

For more than a year the property owners of the district, led by the Rev. John Dawson, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, have been conducting a campaign to obtain a playground.

City commissioner Bigelow has stood firmly against the purchase of the property, holding that the purchase of the Spencer tract, located on East Avenue and Fremont streets, will adequately fill the needs of the Albina district.

The advocates of purchase of the Duntart tract hold that the use of the Spencer tract by the children of Albina is impractical because it is necessary for all the children of Albina to cross one main thoroughfare on which street cars are operated, and many of the children must cross two street car lines.

DEATH MAKES MANY LAUGH

ENDING OF LIFE CLEARS NAME OF MAN AT BAR OF JUSTICE.

Sounds of Merriment Echo and Re-echo Through Halls of Municipal Court Room.

Tragedy and comedy stalk side by side through the corridors of the police station and tears and smiles are often intermingled as accused and accuser face each other at the bar in Judge Rosman's court. But seldom is the death of the producer of merriment and life is sacred even in hearts that know no horror of the grossest crime.

Yet death cleared the name of W. L. Bobillard yesterday and death caused a laugh which echoed and re-echoed through the halls of the municipal courtroom.

"You are charged with keeping a dog without a license. Guilty or not guilty," said the clerk turning to W. L. Bobillard.

"Not guilty," declared Bobillard, emphatically.

"Your honor," declared R. R. Churchill of the city pound, rising to his feet with amazement expressed in every line of his features, "this man is keeping a dog without a license. I warned him to take out one and records show that he has not."

"What have you to say to that?" questioned Judge Rosman, fixing his eyes intently on Bobillard's face.

"Your honor, I am not guilty," replied Bobillard, slowly. "My dog died Christmas eve."

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WORK ON HOSPITAL TO COMMENCE SOON

Contract Let for Finishing West Pavilion.

WALLS ALREADY ERECTED

Proposed Structure Is Leased to Government for Period of Five Years.

Contract for the completion of the west pavilion of the Hahnemann hospital as the main government hospital for the northwest has been let to the Hurley-Mason company, and the work will be started immediately. It is hoped to have the hospital completed and ready for occupancy by July 1.

The walls of this wing of the proposed hospital were erected some time ago, and the plans which were received from the government yesterday provide for the interior finishing of the structure, which stands on a block at East Second and Haswell streets. It is declared that when completed the structure will mean the expenditure of from \$200,000 to \$250,000 a year in this city.

The plans outlined by the government provide for equipping the wing with 180 beds in the various wards, and for the finishing of the structure in a thoroughly modern manner. This completion will cost more than \$100,000.

Offices on First Floor. The first floor of the structure will be equipped with administrative offices, wards for female patients, and an emergency hospital room. On the second floor will be the wards for tuberculosis cases and a large solarium. Wards for the treatment of mental cases will be on the third floor. There will also be equipment for reconstructive work. The fourth floor will be occupied by general wards and the fifth by a surgery, X-ray rooms, a laboratory, a dental department and surgical wards. There will be a power plant, kitchen and storage equipment in the basement.

The lease which the government has on this wing of the hospital provides that it is to be operated for a period of five years as the main government hospital of the northwest. Government cases only will be handled in this wing.

Funds Are Solicited. The board of trustees of the Hahnemann hospital are now raising funds for the erection of the east wing of the proposed hospital, which is to be made available for civilian requirements. A total of \$25,000 has already been pledged for this work, according to announcement made by A. B. Wastell, executive secretary. This includes \$25,000 which has been pledged by the Portland Rotary club for the installation of a children's ward.

Mr. Wastell said that it was necessary to raise an additional \$60,000, so that a portion of the proposed east pavilion could be put up. This he said will provide for 50 beds. He expressed the belief that there would be no difficulty in raising this amount during the coming spring, so that the work could be started in the near future.

Logger Is Injured. MORTON, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—E. S. Blankinship of Morton, Wash., was seriously injured today while cutting timber for the Clearing Lumber company here. He chopped down a large tree which brought down a smaller one with it. The latter hit Blankinship on the head, paralyzing one side of his body. The injured man was taken to Tacoma, Wash., by Dr. Pine.

Suspended Creamery Reopens. PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Ochoco Creamery company, with headquarters in Seattle,

which his resignation becomes effective, is now a matter of formality in carrying out his announced intention. Governor Davis expressed in his letter to Senator Nugent his heartfelt congratulations on his appointment to the federal trade commission, as well as his pride that a citizen of Idaho thus was honored, and extended his personal wishes for Mr. Nugent's welfare and success.

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