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Central P. T. Association Met Today

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Central school met this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A very good program was prepared. Two songs were given by Miss Switzer's room, the second grade. A reading was given by Mrs. A. T. Hill. Mrs. Hill discussed the first six years of a child's life, including the training of the conscience, the reason, physical habits and the effects

on the character. A paper by Mrs. George Gilbert was on "The Child and the Parents' Attitude Towards the School and the Effect on the Child." A reading was given by Miss Mahaffey, "Like Grandma Used To Do."

GLEE CLUB GIVES GOOD CONCERT

The concert of the Willamette University Glee club in the high school auditorium was appreciated. The club ensemble numbers, solos and skits, were done well.

LANE DENIES THAT HE WAS ANY TIME PARTY TO SENATE FILIBUSTER

OREGON SENATOR SENDS LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO CRITICS OF HOME STATE

HAD PEOPLE AT HEART

Not Opposed to Defense of Nation, but Feared Danger of Relinquishing the Rights of the Voters.

(The Observer wrote Senator Lane asking for an explanation of his recent vote in the United States senate. The Observer believes it is fair to Senator Lane to read his statement and to consider it in judging his official conduct as United States Senator.)

Washington, D. C., March 21.—In a few days those who wrote to Senator Harry Lane regarding his action on the armed neutrality bill will receive a letter fully defining his attitude. The letters were mailed today. Senator Lane resents the accusation that he failed in his duty as a senator, giving his position as follows:

"Inasmuch as the charge of filibustering against the armed neutrality or armed ships bill has been made against me and wide circulation has been given to the accusation, and much as I dislike to disappoint those who have criticized my supposed action so freely and frankly, candor compels me to state that I did not filibuster on the bill. Not only did I not do so, but I openly stated on the floor of the senate that I was ready at any and all times to vote upon the bill. The records of the senate will prove my statement to be true, and I shall leave it to rest there without further comment.

Bill Was Changed.
"There was some feature of the bill of vital importance which I hoped might be changed.

"At the risk of being tiresome, I feel it due to you to state that all appropriation bills must and do, as a rule, originate in the house and not in the senate, and in accordance with this custom, the 'armed ships bill,' carrying an appropriation of \$100,000,000, did originate in and was first passed by that body. It was a different and a better bill than the senate bill and no doubt would have passed the sen-

ate if it had been considered. Upon the other hand, the senate bill, as it was drawn, would have met with delay and obstruction if it had gone to the house.

Delay Not Possible.
"It could not have passed both houses until its terms had been agreed to by a conference committee of both houses. Time did not permit the delay this made necessary.

"The appropriation of \$100,000,000 carried with it a sort of joker upon the people whereby the rate of interest upon the bonds was not a fixed rate but was based upon a sliding scale, which slid upward and not down, and the rate of interest would be automatically raised to meet the price the people would have to pay for other loans if it became necessary during the coming war to borrow more money. These bonds thus received special privileges to which they were not entitled.

No Vote Taken on Bill.

"No vote was taken on the bill, so no one voted either for or against it, and in addition it may truthfully be said that at no time did or could its failure to pass cause any delay in our going to war with Germany, as the president can at any time convene congress and secure its consent to declare war if it becomes necessary to do so.

"I resent the accusation that I in any way failed in my duty and feel that I met it fully. The charge originated, as nearly as I can learn, with some member of the committee which had the bill in charge, but inasmuch, however, as one of them, I had been informed, had but a few days before unblushingly fought for and voted in favor of a measure which added many thousands of dollars to his own yearly income, I confess that I did not and do not hold his opinion of what constitutes either loyalty or patriotism in very high esteem.

Feared Possible Diaz.

"In the first place, I feared the provision which took away from the people their sole and constitutional right and power (acting through congress) to declare war and surrender it into the hands of the executive department. I feared that some day there might come a Diaz, in which event it would be quite possible for the people to lose their independence and their liberty as well. When the right was once parted with I feared it would never be regained, and I objected and still do to that feature of the bill. I also felt that I had no authority vested in me to surrender that right of the people, it being theirs and theirs only.

"Draft" Bill Denounced.

"I was at the same time deeply impressed with the fact that at the previous session of congress, without the people of this country and without either branch of congress having a word to say about it, there had been slipped over on us by the conference committee upon the military bill a provision which gives the executive branch of the government the power to break down the doors of every home in the land with the butt end of a musket and forcibly 'draft' into the trenches every male from the ages of 18 to 45 years. How many people know that? Here, then, was granted the additional power to declare war without the consent of the people added to the grant of forcible draft with which to carry on war.

Owes Duty to Oregon.
"To me it seemed that it were best to look about us a bit. With me it was not a question of disappointing or displeasing the president, for whom I have the greatest respect and whom I will support in the event of war, but my higher duty to the people of Oregon and others.

"There was another feature of the bill which in fairness it seemed to me needed changing. The bill authorized the arming of merchant vessels, and I would offer no serious objection to that if the owners of the vessels and the cargoes would furnish their own guns and gunners at their own cost, and send them to sea at their own risk, but that was not the program. No. The guns and gunners and the ammunition were to be furnished from the navy yards at the expense of the people of this country,

while the ships and cargoes were also to be insured against loss by the people.

Bargain Was One-Sided.
"That is not all. The gunners and crew were to receive no insurance on their lives, but were to go at their own risk. Could you believe it? It was the limit of petty meanness. It was the last straw, and I wanted it to be stricken out.

"The bargain was one-sided. The people had nothing to gain and everything to lose from that kind of a deal. On the other hand, it was all clear gain to the shippers without any risk attached of losing either their money or their precious lives. It seemed to me, also, that vast good might come to all of us if these same ships might be sent unarmed to the Pacific coast on the peaceful mission of carrying lumber and food through the Panama canal to this coast, where they need it and where so many are going homeless and hungry.

True to People's Interests.

"I spoke also for those who profit not and hate not, and of our own hungry people, our women and children who are now going without sufficient clothing, and those others across the waters, our ancestors, whose women and children starve and die and whose misery is not to be matched outside of hell, and awoke the next morning to learn that I was being denounced by some for having kept my pledge to the people of Oregon that 'I would not willingly permit their rights to be invaded.'

"If you will kindly and without prejudice based upon false reports let me know how under the circumstances I could have acted differently than I did and remain true to your interests, I would esteem it a favor."

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J. L. Easley, Macon, Ill., in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says, "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly."—Adv.

Court House News

A marriage license has been issued to Ammiel Herman and Etta Ward, of La Grande.

Foreclosure of a small mortgage is the cause of the suit of Stanchfield vs. Clifford.

Spring Fever?

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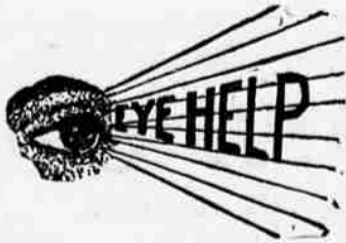
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