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CARDS LEAD TO EXPULSIONS FROM SCHOOL

Four Students Expelled from North School but Later Reinstated by Board.

A harmless deck of playing cards has caused a terrible commotion in public school circles of Medford this week. Four youths who had the cards in their possession were expelled. Their fathers took the matter up before the school board, which, after two days' weighty deliberation, reinstated the students and forced Superintendent Signs to publicly apologize to the offending students. The climax came this noon when Professor Signs tendered his resignation.

Who the Boys Were.

The boys were Willis Denton, Everett Carey, Walter and Emerson Merrick, the two latter the sons of Councilman P. E. Merrick. Their ages ran from 13 to 15 and all are students in the eighth grade at the North school. The trouble started last Tuesday noon when Professor Shirley found the boys toying with a deck of cards during the noon hour. The cards belonged to Allen Denton, who was dealing them out to the other boys, though no game was being played.

Having a deck of playing cards was evidently a serious offense in the eyes of the principal, who summoned the boys upon the carpet to meet Superintendent Signs, who was summoned from the high school. The superintendent expelled the Denton youth for this and next week. The other three boys were expelled for this week.

Merrick Makes Fight.

Councilman Merrick at once took the matter before the school board in behalf of his sons. He claimed that card-playing was no sin; that his own boys played at home, and that they had done nothing that was wrong or to be ashamed of, and should be reinstated at once, and a full apology made for the unmerited disgrace heaped upon them.

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TO BUILD RAILROAD TO COAL MINE

R. E. Doan Returns from Los Angeles with Financial Backing for line to Fuel Pit

R. E. Doan has returned from Los Angeles, where he went to enlist financial aid and will now proceed to build a railroad from the Medford coal mine into Medford. Mr. Doan is not certain as to just when work will be commenced, nor the exact route, but says that the road will be built during this spring and summer. Mr. Doan is vice-president and manager of the coal company.

Engineers will begin to locate the route just as soon as the weather will permit. Mr. Doan aims to have the road in operation on or before June 1, at which time the mine can produce 100 or more tons of coal per day.

The capacity of the mine will be increased until it will be one of the largest producers on the coast, and the payroll will be one of Medford's greatest drawing cards.

CAN BAR WOMEN FROM GOTHAM HOTELS AFTER SIX

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—That hotel men of New York have the right to refuse food and entertainment to a woman after 6 o'clock at night, when unaccompanied by a man, was the verdict of a jury today in a test case brought by Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, a well-known suffragette, against the Hoffman House corporation in the twelfth district court. Mrs. Blatch announced she would appeal the case and try to obtain a decision in favor of her sex.

Mrs. Blatch brought suit for \$500 against the hotel because on July 12 last service was refused to her because the hour was past 6 and she was unaccompanied by a man.

W. H. Head has sold property in North Medford to J. W. Wakefield for \$5000.

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNS RESIGNS AS HEAD OF MEDFORD CITY SCHOOLS

Action Supposed to be due to Failure of School Board to Stand Back of Ruling Suspending Students for Card Playing—Great Growth Made by Schools Under Management

After three years' service as superintendent of the Medford city schools, Professor Signs has filed his resignation with the school clerk to take effect at the expiration of the existing contract.

The resignation is reported due to the school board's failure to sustain the superintendent in his order expelling the four boys from the North school for having playing cards in their possession, and forcing him to retract and apologize. Superintendent Signs denies that his resignation is due to this cause, but states that he has long contemplated resigning.

The growth of the Medford schools during the past three years has been phenomenal, having doubled in that time. Their improvement in efficiency under Mr. Signs' direction has been a matter of favorable comment from all sides. In the grades the most notable changes for the better have been the introduction of hand work for the primary grades, water-color work and music in all grades, the reduction of the number of pupils per teacher to a point where efficient work may be done, and the general raising of the standard of teachers and the work required of them.

Growth of Schools.

The high school, instead of two teachers as three years ago, now has seven. The course, from more academic work in the common branches, has been greatly broadened, offering full science courses, with complete chemical and physical laboratories, a complete com-

mercial course with office practice, together with full four-year courses in Latin, history, mathematics, English, besides economics and psychology and three years of German, together with regular music instruction and chorus work, making as complete a course as is offered by any high school in the state.

The high school has been cramped for room to carry on its work satisfactorily and the need of a new building has been felt for the past two years. Medford is soon to realize the hope and a new \$40,000 building will be ready for occupancy next September.

Improvements in System.

Under Professor Signs the machinery of the school has been placed upon a working basis and by a system of reports, all data referring to any department is available. The names and addresses of all parents and guardians are kept on file and enrollment and transfer of pupils is controlled from the superintendent's office by a system of blanks.

A lyceum course has been carried on for the last three years, during which time excellent talent has appeared. The proceeds of this course have been applied as follows: Sixty dollars to the library and \$170 paid on a piano.

Professor Signs has shown marked executive ability and a capacity for organization. He has always been at the front rank of Medford's boosters. Personally he is beyond reproach as a man and citizen and his resignation will cause much regret throughout the city.

MANNING IS IMPEDING PORTLAND BANK MERGER

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—The little Dutch bank will stay right where it is until District Attorney Manning gets his experts out of the Oregon Trust quarters, which the merger bank intends to occupy, sooner or later," remarked Louis J. Wibbe. "We are not going in there and try to do business with a lot of accountants there pawing over notes and papers and books that we must have access to in the process of liquidation."

"The German-American bank is ready to take over the assets of the Oregon Trust, and would begin paying up small depositors in a very few days, but you can bet your bottom dollar that we won't make a move in that direction so long as Manning's experts are there. Not that we oppose an investigation. Let 'em investigate the Oregon Trust all they want to. I am glad of it. Go ahead, but we reserve the right to stay where we are until that work has been done."

SERVED FOUR YEARS FOR STEALING THIRTY CENTS

SALTM, Ore., Feb. 7.—After serving four years in the state penitentiary for holding open house in Portland and receiving him at 30 cents, Marvin Allen has been pardoned by the governor. Allen was an epileptic and, in the opinion of the governor, not entirely responsible. Had the case been handled normally today he would have been pardoned, but the governor considered him too bad under normal conditions. He has now recovered and will be turned out to be cared for by relatives.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Desiring in the selection of a large number of Republicans of Jackson and Douglas counties I have decided to become a candidate for the office of District Attorney for the First Prosecuting Attorney's District, First Judicial District of Oregon, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election.

My position as such candidate will in due time be filed with the Secretary of State and along with it a brief statement of principles, which will be made public. Very respectfully,

B. F. MULREY.
Jacksonville, Or., Feb. 5, 1908.

WATER IN COLUMBIA REPORTED VERY LOW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—General Mackenzie, chief of engineers, U. S. A., has notified Senator Anthony of the report from the government engineer at Portland of the following message:

"Attorney-general, state of Washington, wires an opinion that \$25,000 of state of Washington appropriation can be applied on Columbia river above as well as below the mouth of Snake river. United States steamer Wallawa, now at Pasco landing, instructed to begin work with above Kennecott at once."

It appears from statements made by the Kennecott Commercial club and other commercial organizations that the water in the Columbia river being very low, several gravel shoals have formed on which boats are dragging, and as the traffic amounts to approximately \$500 a week, immediate work was necessary.

INCREASING INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN THE EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Increasing industrial activity is indicated by reports from some of the manufacturing supply companies covering the month of January. An official of one of the big manufacturing concerns said that the January business of business was larger or considerably than that for December, while a prominent manufacturer of steam and gas engines reported orders these days begin in January than in December. From these facts industrial experts argue a revival of confidence is already established, particularly as orders for power machinery indicate needed enlargement or extension in productive departments.

COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Chairman Harry S. New, Secretary Elmer Doves and other members of the subcommittee of the Republican national committee, have practically completed all arrangements for the national convention to be held in Chicago next June, and it is believed that arrangements for the Chicago convention will be better than before. These are made for 1911. There are 1000 for 110 newspaper writers.

WILLIAMS WRITES IN HIS DEFENSE

Rector Tells of Care Exercised in Selecting Plays for Medford, and Answers Critics

To the Editor:

For the sake of truth and righteousness and in no spirit of controversy, I feel that it is my duty as a minister of the gospel to write this letter for publication.

In my utterances, both private and public, I have tried to make clear my position that christianity stands for all that is best in life, and not for a one-sided, stunted nature. The body, the mind, the soul all need to grow together to make the perfect, well-rounded man or woman. Neither the Indian fakir who tortures and distorts his body for the sake of his religion, nor the ignorant southern negro preacher who thinks that the intellect has no place in religion, nor the selfish materialist who counts of no value in life the workings of the spirit, are complete men. Each lacks an essential of true manhood. I have also maintained that the three parts of a man's life are intimately associated and that injury to one is apt to injure the others.

Pleasure Is Essential.

I present these propositions to the thinking men and women of Medford, and believe that they will agree with me. One more proposition which I think most men will agree with is that pleasure is essential—that joy and happiness are important in building up character. When a man is morose and gloomy I think he needs one of two remedies—either to take some medicine or exercise to excite his liver, or to see and hear things which will force him to laugh heartily. Either one of these will probably have a beneficial effect upon his system. I am strongly of the opinion that a good amount of the pessimistic, austere religion of past ages and of this present age is due to sluggish livers. The religion of Jesus Christ is naturally a religion of joy and happiness. True that sacrifice and hardship often have their place in it; but they only add to the real joy of a christian life. Christ himself suffered as a man more than any other man ever suffered, and yet he was the most happy man in the world—truly happy because he was serving others. But the straight-necked, austere Christ we did not like his way of enjoying life and called him a glutton and a wine bibbler.

The Wedding Feast.

Jesus attended the wedding feast at Cana, and ate with publicans and sinners, giving to others a share of the joy which was in him, and he offended the Pharisees, and they sought to destroy him. Religion was being made too easy and pleasant for them. And today there are those who would try to force upon the people the harsh, cold, dead formalities of religion in place of the uplifting power of the indwelling spirit of Christ—exercising itself in works of love to God and in works of love to man. Let me emphasize for those who are turning away from the church of God today because they think that religion is unattractive; let me emphasize most emphatically the fact that Jesus Christ summed up the law in these words:

"Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

—Matt., xxii, 37-39.

Spirit of Defense.

It is in the spirit of these words that I have defended dissent and the free press, and have maintained that all citizens should do what they can to make the conditions right. I have steadily and unflinchingly and unmercifully shown my school and I cannot see that my position is wrong. I admit that there are some who see things differently and they are sincere in their opinions. I would not try to force them into my way of thinking, nor do I believe they have a right to force others into their way.

There are some men and women who

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HELPING TO BOOST FOR BIGGER CITY

Names of those Whose Shoulders are Pushing the Car of Progress—Are You One?

Who are the men who are helping

boost Medford and advertise the Rogue River valley? They are the members of the Medford Commercial club and their names follow. They are but a small percentage of the community and every man with the interest and welfare of the city at heart should be numbered with them. Now is the time to join and help along the campaign for a greater Medford. The boosters are:

- A. C. Allen, M. L. Alford, William Aitken, B. N. Butler, L. R. Brown, A. S. Bilton, L. Bundy, M. Bellinger, H. E. Boyden, G. N. Baker, W. S. Brook, H. M. Coss, W. M. Colvig, A. A. Davis, J. E. Elyart, M. Elwood, W. W. Elford, D. J. Emerick, William Ewhanks, H. T. Findley, W. R. Gray, H. C. Garnett, E. C. Gaddis, W. C. Green, H. L. Getchell, C. I. Hutchison, E. W. Hollis, A. C. Hubbard, L. L. Hamilton, J. C. Hall, Edgar Hafer, J. D. Heart, B. H. Harris, G. A. Haver, J. P. Hutchison, W. F. Isaacs, W. S. Jones, C. B. King, George F. King, J. M. Keene, C. M. Kidd, P. M. Kershaw, F. C. Kellogg, H. C. Lunsden, C. H. Lewis, W. H. McGowan, P. J. McMahon, D. H. Miller, A. H. Miller, P. E. Merrick, H. E. Morrison, J. P. Maloney, T. W. Miles, B. F. Mender, Thomas Moffatt, T. H. Moore, H. G. Nicholson, N. L. Narragan, S. A. Nye, P. Osnobrunge, J. D. Orvell, T. W. Osgood, M. Paulin, E. B. Pichel, J. W. Perkins, J. A. Perry, E. G. Porter, H. P. Platt, F. C. Page, C. H. Pierce, F. H. Perkins, C. W. Paine, George Pell, C. R. Day, J. P. Reddy, A. S. Rosenbaum, Roy B. Roberts, F. M. Stewart, A. E. Sturgis, J. C. Smith, M. B. Signs, N. C. Stinson, R. J. Trowbridge, B. P. Thores, Elva Dyke, W. L. Vawter, Gordon Voorhis, W. Withington, A. M. Woodford, J. H. Woodford, E. N. Warner, J. P. White, Wallace Woods, Alf Weeks, J. E. Watt, C. Wheeler, W. T. York, J. E. Kelley, W. N. Campbell, Fred N. Cummings, C. A. Wilson.

NO NEED TO EXTEND NOTE ISSUE, SAYS BRYAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—W. J. Bryan spoke an earnest note at the dinner of the Economic club recently, which was attended by over 700 diners, including many New York bankers, who listened to the speaker with careful attention. Mr. Bryan declared that there was no need to extend the note issue of the banks as an emergency currency. Mr. Bryan said:

"If I were discussing the Aldrich bill I would criticize a number of its provisions, and if I were discussing the Fowler bill I would dissent from its provisions, but the point I desire to make is this: That we do not need to extend the note issue of the banks. The government you need the note issue simply and quickly, and I believe provision should be made for the issue by the government of the United States of some like our greenbacks in form and substance, and that these United States notes should be issued by the government at some sufficient security and at a rate of interest which will compel retirement of the notes when the emergency is over."

"I am opposed to any increase in the banks' capital over the surplus of the nation. I hope who business establishments are willing to have the elasticity restricted by the government and the notes issued by the government there will be no difficulty in agreeing about security. For the sake of the government it seems to me that we should not have any more notes issued, and I think it will be a good thing if the suggestions that have been made."

Orchardists Sell Brush.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 7.—Hood River apple growers are receiving big money for brush from their apple trees to be used as stakes for propagating fruit in other districts. These have been taken from the winter prunings and are now shipped out of town in one day, to be used in trying to grow Hood River apples in the central states.

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