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SCENE FROM "PINAFORE"—CAPTAIN CORCORAN SINGS A SONG.

"And away we will go
O'er the bright, bright, blue
sea."

For H. M. S. Pinafore sails from the opera house wharf at 8:45 o'clock tonight, with Captain Corcoran and his crew of Boston Ideals. The trip will be in the nature of a pleasure excursion, and so, all aboard for a good time. You must make your res-

ervations before boarding, or you may have to take the second table, for the trip bids fair to be most popular with the first nighters.

Local people have been waiting for the Boston Ideals to announce a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera, "Pinafore," which they have done, as well as provided an entire scenic environment especially

painted for this piece.

This opera is too well known to need any extended announcement, being the "father of modern comic opera," and abounds in splendid catchy music, rich humor and keen sarcasm.

Note the cast for this week's performance at the opera house. Your favorites will all be there: Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. A. C. Bur-

gess; Capt. Corcoran of H. M. S. Pinafore, Louis Ballinger; Ralph Backstraw, able seaman, F. W. Walters; Dick Deadeye, W. E. Quisenberry; Boatswain, Ralph Burgess; Little Bittercup, Miss Irene Palmer; Hebe, Helen Claremont; Josephine, Capt. Corcoran's daughter, Mrs. Hazelrigg; chorus of Sir Joseph's sisters, cousins and aunts.

MERRITT REPLIES TO RECENT CHARGES

States That He Was Not Asked for
His Resignation as Reported
and Charges Are Untrue.

To the Editor—In regard to the charges against myself and other members of the high school faculty, which appeared in the articles in The Medford Tribune of the 8th and 9th of June, I wish to say a few words. In the first place, the statements of attack which appeared against me are wholly unjust and maliciously false, as can be shown by very accurate proof. My teaching complied accurately with the general plan of work as outlined by the superintendent of the Medford schools, and was satisfactory to both the superintendent and to the school board. I was not ungentlemanly in any way to any members of my classes, as was so unjustly claimed in the printed article which appeared on the 9th of June, and, further, I was at all times careful not to permit anything to occur, to my knowledge, that any well-minded person could regard as

wrong, although a venomous mind can always see evil where none is intended. False accusations and insinuations were communicated to both the superintendent and to the school board, and were discounted by them because of the absurdity of the charge and the absolute lack of proof. Further, it is claimed by Miss Warner, the principal, that I was always favored in the misunderstandings which arose throughout the year. I remember distinctly that the benefit of the doubt in each case was always given to her, as was her right in her position as principal, and I cannot recall a single incident in which I was favored more than she was, either by the gentlemen of the school board or by the superintendent. In the printed article of the 9th it is further claimed that I was forced to resign my position as instructor in the high school, a statement which is wholly untrue. I was not forced to resign my position at any time during the school year just completed, and furthermore, I was not asked to withdraw my application for the same position for next year. Neither Miss Walton nor myself were dropped, as was claimed in the printed article of the 8th. Miss Walton did not apply for her position, and for reasons of my own, which were wholly disconnected with any charges against me, I withdrew my application several weeks before the end of

school.

In the case of the student who failed, I am very sorry that he did not pass the examinations; because I bore no personal grudge against the young man, and because of his long absence from school on account of sickness, I was inclined to favor him, as his records will show. It was neither my right nor my duty to give him a passing grade when he did not deserve it, nor could I recommend such action to the principal and superintendent. It would not have been fair to the other members of his classes, nor to the young man himself, and moreover, it would have very much lowered the moral and educational standard of the school. I did not and could not mark his papers according to prejudice, as claimed in the printed articles of the 8th and 9th, as both the papers of the young man and other students will show, and because these same examination papers are filed away in the office of the superintendent, and are subject to the revision and approval of the superintendent or the school board. It is a significant fact that the revision of the young man's papers by the superintendent and members of the board, brought out the fact that my marking was very much above what they would have given. I am sorry to say that the young man did not have the excellent record as claimed in the printed articles in question, but, on the other

hand, a very poor one. Further than that, both he and his parents knew of his very unsatisfactory daily grades, from the grade cards which were sent out each month to be signed by the parent or guardian.

The action that some of the senior students took in preferring charges against me is wholly inexplicable, except from the fact that they wished to show their sympathy for the young man who failed. If they had taken the trouble to look into the matter carefully and examine the records, probably their sympathy would not have been so misplaced, or their statements so profuse in falsifications. I look upon their charges as a work of uninformed and immature minds, and I feel sure that in the misplaced enthusiasm of youth they carried matters much further than was intended. I wish to point out further that only half of the class signed the so-called "Round Robin," and that one name which appeared was unauthorized. Respectfully,

GEORGE H. MERRITT.

Mr. George H. Merritt, recently instructor of science in the Medford high school, was not asked at any time throughout the past school year for his resignation, as was so unjustly claimed in the articles which appeared in The Medford Tribune on the 8th and 9th of June, and furthermore, he was not asked at any time to withdraw his application for the same position for next year. Nor

was Miss Pauline Walton, the instructor in English, dropped; she did not even apply for her position.

U. G. SMITH,
Superintendent of City Schools.
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