

PENITENCE FORGED  
SAYS PELAGOGUE

W. J. Standley Tells School Board Robinson Prepared Retraction He Signed.

THREATS TO SUE ALLEGED

Manual Training Teacher Declares He Confessed Slander Under Duress Before Attorney—Probation Officer Involved.

Threats by R. F. Robinson, County School Superintendent, in the office of his attorney, William A. Leet, to bring a lawsuit against William J. Standley because of statements Standley made to a few individuals regarding Mr. Robinson's conduct at the Seattle Exposition, induced Standley to sign a retraction of these statements, he told the Board of Education yesterday.

Mr. Standley said he believed, when he signed the statement, that the statements he had previously made regarding Mr. Robinson's reputation were true. He said Mr. Robinson made out the statement in Attorney Leet's private office, and that Mr. Leet put it in legal shape. It was then read over to him, he said, and thrust upon him for signature. Mr. Standley said it was not until last Sunday, after a talk with Mr. Robinson, that he came to a belief that the statements he had made were false.

All the members of the Board were present at yesterday afternoon's hearing. Assistant City Superintendent Groot, County Superintendent Robinson, Attorney Leet and Court Stenographer Rogers were also present. The stenographer took down Mr. Standley's statement. Mr. Robinson was asked for a statement of his side of the case, and made none. The School Board took the case under advisement, as Mr. Standley said he preferred not to say what statements he made against Mr. Robinson in Seattle. Mr. Standley's attorney not being present at the Board meeting, the Board will meet again Friday afternoon to take action in the case.

Fleischer Against Removal

L. N. Fleischer, one of the Board members, declared, after the hearing, he would not, under the circumstances, vote to ask Mr. Standley's resignation, or to oust him from his position. J. V. Beach, who acted as chairman, did not say what position he would take, but as it was through his influence that Mr. Standley was given a hearing yesterday, it is improbable that he will vote to discharge him. If H. C. Campbell, who also favors Mr. Standley's cause, refuses to vote against him, he will remain as manual training instructor in the Portland public schools, unless he sees fit to resign voluntarily.

Mr. Standley first submitted to the board a signed statement, and was afterward questioned about it. The statement, dated May 6, reads:

To the Honorable Board of Education, I beg to state that I have been made a party to a statement which, at the time, I believed to be true, but now, to the best of my knowledge, are false. I circulate these statements as mine, and I regret that I have not been made a party to them. I am, however, a citizen of this city, and I am proud to be a member of the Board of Education. I am, therefore, withdrawing my name from the Board of Education, and I am, therefore, resigning from the Board of Education. I am, therefore, resigning from the Board of Education.

Probation Officer Involved.

Mr. Standley said the person who informed him Mrs. Robinson was suing for a divorce was Chief Probation Officer White, of the Juvenile Court, who was then in court. He said he repeated what he had heard, believing it to be true, but later learned it was not. He did not request that my statement be published, in fact I preferred that it should not be, continued Mr. Standley. "Mr. White was just at that time stepping into the office of my house, and since he had told me about the divorce the same as I have told the board, I felt the mention of his name would be a reflection on him, and I did not want to do that. I thought I would shoulder the responsibility, and Mr. Robinson accused me of fabricating the story, which is not true. Six weeks before Mr. White told me, someone else repeated this same story to me. When he also told me I thought it was verified.

"When I circulated these stories Mr. Robinson was a candidate for State Superintendent. It was wished him to be defeated, and also believed the statements I made to be true.

"In your published statement you say you were falsely and unwarrantedly circulated false and malicious statements. Is that true?" queried Mr. Sabin.

"It is not true. I signed it because I don't think it would be published. I thought it would be passed around to members of the board, and that I would be humiliated, but that that would be the extent of it. I said nothing about Mr. Robinson but what I believed to be true. I found out only yesterday during a conversation with Mr. Robinson that the Seattle affair was not true."

Wehrung Is Blamed.

Mr. Standley went on to say that W. H. Wehrung, of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, "double crossed" him. "He talked to me one way," said Mr. Standley, "and to Mr. Robinson another way. I said there should be two school principals all the time to take charge of the exhibit at the exposition. I approached Mr. Wehrung about it, and he said we should have them, but that there were three already, and with the heavy expense to me, I did not afford any more. He said, 'If we could get rid of Mr. Robinson, get him to resign, we could handle it.' I said I thought probably he would do it. He said, 'We will try, send him down.' Wehrung didn't ask Mr. Robinson's resignation. He went down and tendered it for the good of the city. Mr. Robinson said he was sick. Mr. Wehrung said he was very sorry, that he hoped he would be able to pull through all right, so he could take charge of the school displays.

"Neither I nor anybody else said anything derogatory to Mr. Robinson's family. I must confess I did not know what I was signing at the time I signed this statement. This statement was written while I was in the office. I did not hear it dictated. It was read over to me and then I signed it. I could not say whether I actually read it or not. I was in the office

BIG DRUG FIRM  
PLANS NEW HOME

Woodard, Clarke & Co. Buy Corner at West Park and Alder Streets.

\$150,000 DEAL CLOSED

Portland's Pioneer Pharmacists to Build Seven-Story Structure for Its Retail Business—Old Lease Up Next Year.

Woodard, Clarke & Co., Portland's pioneer drug firm, yesterday bought from Captain E. W. Spencer the lot at the northeast corner of West Park and Alder streets. The consideration was \$150,000. Woodard, Clarke & Co. will begin the erection before the end of

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This year of a seven-story building which is to be devoted exclusively to the retail business of this large and growing concern. Details of the sale were handled by Chester G. Murphy. The ground has a frontage of 100 feet on West Park street and 50 feet on Alder. Both buildings are being rented to Dr. C. W. Cornelius, owner of the Cornelius Hotel, which adjoins, and he is submitting the dwelling and building to the city for a permit to rent from month to month, and there is no lease to delay erection of the new building.

FIRE INSURANCE GROWS

Increase in Value of Property Is \$35,000,000, Says Report.

SALEM, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—According to figures compiled by Insurance Commissioner Koser the insurance property in Oregon increased \$35,000,000 during 1910 and the insurance rate for stock companies decreased, approximately, from \$1.70 on \$100 to \$1.50.

During 1910 the stock fire companies wrote business amounting to \$212,000,000, as against \$177,000,000 in 1909. The gross premiums for 1910 were \$2,318,000 and the fire losses paid were \$1,150,000. The gross premiums during 1909 amounted to \$2,012,000 and losses paid were \$943,000.

CITY LOSES BOND POINT

Demurrer Against Suit for Recovery of Check Overruled.

It was stipulated between City Attorney Grant and the attorney for Farnson Sons & Company, of Chicago, yesterday that the company may amend its complaint by inserting the words "in good faith."

ROSEBURG SELECTS QUEEN

Miss Evelyn Vaughn to Reign Over Strawberry Festival.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—In one of the most spirited voting contests ever held in Roseburg, Miss Evelyn Vaughn was elected queen of the Strawberry Festival tonight by a majority of 40,000 votes. Miss Vaughn received a total of 47,150 votes, while Mrs. William Bell, her closest rival, had less than 7000 votes.

Miss Vaughn was backed by the Southern Pacific employees, who were determined to win at any cost. Little Dorothy Abraham, daughter of Senator Abraham, was elected queen of the children's parade.

GRAN CROP DRENCHED

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How to Make Complexion Satiny

(Modes and Toilettes.) "Don't smother the skin's pores with powder!" is the warning of Arline Keen, a well known authority on beauty. "A good lotion will do more to promote an ideal complexion," she says, "than anything else, and if an original package of mayatone is dissolved in eight ounces of witch-hazel, you will have the finest thing obtainable for the skin."

The use of a mayatone lotion cleans and beautifies the skin and gives to any complexion that exquisite satiny appearance and smoothness so much admired. "Aside from being a complexion beautifier, mayatone prevents the growth of hairs, and protects the skin from harsh winds and changing weather. Using it keeps the skin free of freckles or sunburn."—Adv.



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