

WOMEN STARTLED BY JUDGE GATENS

Declaration Made Immoral Girls Under 21 Years of Age Are in Majority.

BLAME IS PUT ON PARENTS

Education at Home Is Held to Be Lacking—Whipping Post Favored for Men Living Off Earnings of Fallen Women.

There is more immorality among girls under the age of 21 years than there is among women above that age; parents are responsible for that condition; the evil cannot be cured by fines or imprisonment; there should be separate public schools for boys and girls; Portland is "honey-combed with houses frequented by fallen women;" the girl who wears low shoes, silk stockings and whose face betrays brazenness is the future scarlet woman; recruits for the ranks of disorderly women come not from department stores, but from idleness and from homes where no care is exercised over children; education alone, combined with the elimination of the vicious double standard of morals, can bring about a cessation of the terrible condition.

Such, in brief, was the summing up of conditions as to the delinquency of minors and the social evil by W. N. Gatens, Judge of the Juvenile Court, in an address in the auditorium of the Medical building yesterday afternoon, the room being packed.

In fact, every room was occupied and women whose hair was gray stood throughout the meeting and some sat on top of a flat desk, so intense was the interest.

Gay Lombard Spoke. Following this address, Gay Lombard, Republican candidate for Mayor, spoke on the proposed charter, which he denounced as a vicious document. "Questioned as to his policy toward the social evil," Mr. Lombard declared he would "fall or drive out of the city every man who lives from the earnings of fallen women, and said he agreed with Judge Gatens on the salient features of the latter's address, saying he would favor the whipping post for such men. Alice R. Nugent, president of the Women's Good Government Club, under the auspices of which the meeting was held, presided. Judge Gatens and Mr. Lombard were loudly applauded through their addresses.

Conditions of the most dreadful type, concerning the delinquencies of boys and girls, especially the latter, were brought to light by Judge Gatens and the most startling feature of his speech was his declaration that gross immorality is "a very common thing and not at all uncommon" in Portland. As a matter of fact, Judge Gatens declared, the question of how to solve the social evil and to do away, insofar as is possible, with the problems arising therefrom, has not been solved at all by men from the foundation of the world. In his opinion, he said, it can be greatly helped by education of the young, both boy and girl, not in the public school, "but by father and mother in the home."

Education at Home Urged. "It is in the home," declared Judge Gatens, "that we must get the needed education, that we must change conditions, that we must have the wisdom of teaching sex education in the public schools."

Judge Gatens said that, admitting the absolute truth of all that has been done toward curing the social evil is to pass laws to fine and imprison the fallen woman. The guilty men, he said, who alone are the cause of immorality, as he said, men are almost always at fault—are seldom, if ever, adequately punished. He said that it is of no use to fine or imprison these women and that was why he opposed the proposed morals court bill, which was introduced into the last Legislature.

"By merely fining or imprisoning the woman," said he, "you do her no good. Unless you reach out to her a helping hand—unless you put heart action into your efforts to abolish the fallen woman and to help her to a better life, you will fail. If fined, she must serve out time in jail or return to her abode and earn more shame money with which to pay her fine; if imprisoned, she is allowed to become idle and when released is more helpless than before, and returns to her evil life, worse, if possible, than before."

Judge Gatens declared that idleness is the greatest source of recruits for houses of ill-fame. It is untrue, he declared, that the department stores furnish the majority of these recruits.

Salegirls Are Defended. "To say that these women are recruited from department stores is to insult every girl who works in a department store," said Judge Gatens, "and it is not true. The facts are that the majority of the fallen women come from homes where parents neglect to look properly after their children and to throw about them proper safeguards. Watch the girls you pass on the streets at night or even by day, and you will see many wearing low-top shoes, silk stockings and with brazen faces—they are the future scarlet women of this city. Now, we must work to alter conditions so that girls will be taught in their homes the results of 'fast living and neglect.'"

Judge Gatens declared absolutely in favor of a single moral standard for men and women and severely condemned men of the present and past and also the parents for excusing assaults on the virtue of girls by saying, "Oh, the boy simply is sowing his wild oats."

"It will startle you, I know," said Judge Gatens, "when I tell you that there are more immoral girls under 21 years in Portland than there are women above that age. However, you had better be shocked right now by what I say, for I shall speak quite frankly, than to be shocked later by the actions of your children. It is high time that parents were educating their children right and I say to you mothers, the fate for conditions today lies at your door."

lead girls astray, I should be glad to see it used; they are entitled to no mercy and there is no extenuating circumstance in their cases."

"Should not the names of such men be published in the newspapers and be given the greatest publicity?" was another question asked by a woman. "I think they are, usually," the judge replied.

"There is one thing that we must stop," commented Judge Gatens, "and that is the present condition which tolerates it if a boy goes out and contributes to the delinquency of every girl in the neighborhood, but in the case of a girl—she is spurned and condemned by all."

Women Are Blamed. "You women are to blame for part of this, for you turn away from a woman who has fallen and help to crush her; you should assist her to a better life and to an independent living by learning a trade or something good."

"If we women should be seen walking with an immoral woman, known to be such, would not you men be the first to complain?" asked a woman. "Some men might," was Judge Gatens' reply.

At the conclusion of his address Judge Gatens received the thanks of those present, through the presiding officer, amid great applause.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

OFFICES IN COURTHOUSE TO BE USED AFTER AUGUST 1.

Directors Decide to Purchase Auto for Administrative Officials—New Building Is Authorized.

The administrative department of the school board will have offices in the County Courthouse after August 1. The directors, at a meeting yesterday, decided to make the transfer from the Tilford building when the present lease expires. It was decided that more room was needed and as the county offered this at a rental of just half the board is saying the proposition was eagerly accepted.

The rental for the present quarters is \$240 a month. It was decided to provide an automobile for the use of school officials. A report of the secretary showed that in the long run it would be cheaper to have an automobile than for the officials and employees to use the street-cars, as at present.

A. W. Kutsche was awarded a contract for building the proposed Hoffman Schoolhouse, at Sixty-ninth street and Powell Valley Road. The building will be of concrete and steel and will cost about \$70,000.

The board decided to sell the old Alnsworth school building and have it razed at the close of the present school term.

ACTORS IN AMATEUR PLAY

"The Rag Time Band" Comic Feature at Peoples.

"The Ragtime Band," the comic feature on the new bill at the Peoples Theater, is causing roars of merriment. It is a Keystone production, in which Ford Terling and Mabel Norman play the leading roles and it depicts the appearance of Professor Schmeltz and his band at an amateur show. An amateur show generally is funny anyway, but this is put on by real comedians, who have the science of comedy down to a fine point and the Keystone company has been exceptionally successful in their comic films.

The Star Theater offered 4000 feet of licensed films and musical turns and has secured Cy Confer, a popular local singer. He received a cordial reception, where he previously played consecutively for 52 weeks.

The Arcade offered Gene Gautier, formerly a Kalem star, now at the head of her own company in a great military spectacle in three big, splendid spectacular reels. Miss Gautier is one of the best film actresses in the world and her work in this piece is quite artistic.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 1.—Four hundred and sixty-five miles will be covered in the 20-day horseback ride of the War College staff cavalcade, which rode from here today on a journey over the Civil War battlefields of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Thirty-six officers, including two

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BLOSSOM FETE ON

Yakima Festival Names Girl From Zillah as Queen.

TODAY IS BIG FUNFEST

Towns in Fruit Valley Delegate Blossom Princesses; Portland Rosarians to Arrive for Afternoon and Night Gayety.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 1.—(Special.)—Miss Sisto Granger, the first girl born in Zillah, Wash., was selected queen of the third annual Yakima Blossom Festival by lot today, from blossom princesses representing Wapato, Roslyn, Ellensburg, Moxee, Zillah and a number of other cities of the Yakima Valley.

Tomorrow will be the big day. A delegation of 122 Tillicums of Ellitaves on a special train will arrive tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock with Wagner's band. They have invited Mayor Spilars and 25 other residents of North Yakima to breakfast with them, will take part in the big parade tomorrow afternoon and the burlesque parade at night and will place themselves at the disposal of the local entertainment committee for concerts.

The Portland special train with the Rosarians is expected later in the afternoon and the special from Spokane with the Enakops will come in about 2 in the afternoon. Beside the two parades tomorrow, the Yakima fire department will make an exhibition run, two blossom dances will be given and a smoker in the Commercial Club rooms for the delegation from the outside cities.

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AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE ABOUT SCUTARI CAUSES FEARS.

Montenegro, Preparing for Siege, Is Willing to Evacuate if Territorial Compensation Is Given.

LONDON, May 1.—No date has yet been fixed for the reassembling of the peace conference at London, but the powers are urging Turkey and the

Balkan allies to send their delegates as quickly as possible, in the belief that the conclusion of peace will assist in the settlement of the other problems.

Although the tension arising over the fate of Scutari has been lessened, the danger is not past. It is understood that Montenegro is willing to evacuate that town on condition that territorial compensation be allowed, but Austria heretofore has insisted on unconditional evacuation, and if she still persists in this attitude a peaceful arrangement hardly will be possible.

The Austrian Emperor has summoned an extraordinary crown council for tomorrow, which will include the premiers and war ministers of both Austria and Hungary.

Reports through Vienna say the Montenegrins are preparing Scutari for a siege.

"LABOR DAY" CELEBRATED

Socialists in British Isles Cheer Anti-Capital Orators.

LONDON, May 1.—"Labor Day," which hitherto has been celebrated in a minor key in the British Isles, was greeted today in louder tones. Some 10,000 men, mostly Socialists, paraded the streets and subsequently congregated in Hyde Park.

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