EX-TEACHER'S SUIT AGAINST BOARD ON

Plaintiff's Counsel Argues That Marriage Clause in Contracts Is Illegal.

MARRIED WOMEN TESTIFY

Court Declares Ban on Matrimony Due to Belief That Cares of Home Detract From Efficiency in Schoolroom.

"Married women do not make the best teachers. The moment a teacher consents to get married she proposes to become the center of a home. She transfers her chief attentions from the

school to the nome."
R. H. Thomas, School Clerk, sat or R. H. Thomas, School Clerk, sat on the witness stand in Circuit Judge Morrow's court yesterday and gave this as the "theory and fact" of the School Board's rule that no married teachers shall be employed in the public schools of Pertland. He was testifying in the suit brought against the School Board by Mrs. Maud L. Richards, who was summarily dismissed as a teacher because she married Oren R. Richards, an attorney, on January 4.

cause she married Oren R. Richards, an attorney, on January 4. "Of course," continued Mr. Thomas, "there are exceptions to all rules. Sometimes after the honeymoon has wern off, a married woman can go back to school and he a good teacher, but that's not the experience of the Board as a general rule. Married women do not devote the same attention and care to their school duties, because they have a home which requires much of their attention."

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Mrs. Richards, formerly Miss Maud I. Marsh, was a teacher of high school English in the School of Trades when she was married. She appeared at the school on the morning following her marriage and was told that she could teach no more. Subsequently, through her husband, she applied for a writ of mandamus, ordering the School Board to show cause why she should not be reinstated.

Yesterday Mrs. Richards appeared in court, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ethel Marsh, English teacher in the Linceln High School. A platoon of married school teacheres, subpensed by Mr. Bichards, occupied seats in the courtroom and waited to be called to the witness stand.

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Coy Burnew, acting with Mr. Richards as counsel for the discharged teacher, made a long opening statement to the court explaining the legal grounds on which the action had been brought.

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Mrs. Richards had become a permanent teacher under the school laws of 1912, he explained. No permanent teacher can be c.scharged by the Board unless charges are formally brought against her, said Mr. Burnett. The contract which Mrs. Richards signed in 1913 was for only one year and, although it contained the anti-marriage clause, the cotaract itself was void before she was married, he declared.

Story of Dismissat Told. When she was called to the witness stand Mrs. Richards was at first a little nervous, but as the trial progressed she regained some of her composure. Answering questions by Mr. Burnett, she told the story of her dismissal and her subsequent efforts for reinstatement.

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Jay Bowerman, counsel for the School Board, objected when Mr. Burnett naked Mrs. Richards if any other married women were employed as teachers in the public schools.

The married teachers were called to the witness stand one by one. Each said she was married, or had been, but not one of those called said she kept house. Those called were Mrs. Eunice Pare, sewing teacher in the School of Pare, sewing teacher in the School of house. Those called were Mrs. Eunice Page, sewing teacher in the School of Trades; Mrs. Lacy Thomas, domestic science teacher; Mrs. H. B. Blough, substitute teacher; Mrs. Estella Charker, sewing teacher; Mrs. Nellie Bulley, Falling school; Mrs. Laura G. Fisher, night school teacher; Mrs. Helen Workman, Arleta School; Mrs. D. D. Warner, and Mrs. Esther Kane.

Then Mr. Thomas was called to the witness stand. He said he had been connected with the mulic schools in Portland for 20 years, and for seven years had been clerk of the Board.

"Prosperity Affects Matrimony."

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"About how many teachers marry off
each year?" he was asked.
"That's pretty hard to say," replied
Mr. Thomas. "About seven or eight
a year, I should say. More of them
are married in hard times than when
things are prosperous. Heretofore all
of the teachers have given up their
employment when they were married.
If any of them didn't then they kept
their marrings secret."
"Have any of them kept their marriage secret and got by with it?" asked
Mr. Bowerman.
"I think so," replied Mr. Thomas. "I
recall one teacher who was married six
months before we found it out. Then
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we fearned accurate to resign."
"Have any teachers been re-employed after, as you say, their honeymoon had worn off and their minds might be back on this line of business?" asked Mr.

Bowerman.
"I don't recall any. I'd have to look
up the records on that."
City Superintendent Alderman followed Mr. Thomas on the stand and
told the court that he had dismissed
Mrs. Richards because it was a rule of the Board that no married teachers

Immediate Decision Unitkely.

Mr. Bowerman, in outlining his case to Judge Morrow, said that the contract which Mrs. Richards had signed, and the rule of the School Board, justified Mr. Alderman's action in dismissing her when she was married. Mrs. Richards has taken the stand that since the masses of the tenure-in-office law, the

ards has taken the stand that since the passage of the tenure-in-office law, the Hoard has no right to discharge a teacher without a hearing, and has no right to make a rule like the one enforced against her.

The case will be argued before Judge Morrow today. The judge intimated that he would not decide the case immediately, but would take it under advisement. Some fine legal points are inment. Some fine legal points are in-volved, he said, and he will take time probably to go over the law on the

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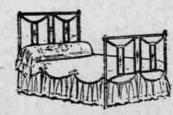
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