

DRUGGISTS PROTEST SALES AT SCHOOLS

Co-operative Store at Washington High Arouses Stationery Dealers.

TRADE DANGER ALLEGED

Committee Will Report Hearing to School Board for Action—Former District Teamster Fails to Secure Reinstatement.

The committee on supplies at the school board met yesterday afternoon with a delegation from the retail druggists of the city and C. J. Schabert.

The delegation of druggists was there to protest against the maintenance of a co-operative store for the students of Washington High School, and Mr. Schabert pleaded for three-quarters of an hour before J. V. Beach and F. F. Lockwood.

In behalf of the druggists, who have asserted that their retail trade is endangered by the initiation of the co-operative store at Washington High School, A. W. Allen, a druggist located at Sixteenth and Lovejoy streets, asked that the committee members reconsider their former action and allow that line of trade to revert to its original condition.

J. G. Chambers, who confessed that he was neither in the drug nor stationery business, but who said that he had been in school work in Indiana for 12 years, averred that the "star-chamber action" of the members of the school board had been very ill-advised.

Other druggists averred that the initiation of the custom which is a precedent that has spread to other schools, and enlarge its own scope, and finally become a burden in itself to the tax-paying public.

WIFE IS LAVISH IS CHARGE

Telegraph Operator Asks Divorce, Alleging Her Associates Are Unfit.

William J. Owens, a telegraph operator at Troutdale, filed suit in County Clerk Coffey's office yesterday for divorce from Irene Owens, who is accused of associating habitually with Troutdale characters who have become familiar figures in the petty criminal courts of Portland.

WATER FIGHT IS LIKELY

If St. Johns System Is Not Bought Law Suit Is Indicated.

Either Portland is going to purchase the water system in St. Johns owned by the St. Johns Water & Light Company or is going to get tangled up in a lawsuit to determine whether or not the company has an exclusive franchise to supply water to the city.

INSTALLMENT FINES LEGAL

Council Passes Ordinance Authorizing Stevenson Plan.

Municipal Judge Stevenson now has authority to issue his old system of installment fines and his system of retaining fines as he seems to the best interest of justice.

Springwater Grange Elects Officers.

The Springwater Grange has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, J. S. Tenney; overseer, David Homer; lecturer, Mrs. J. F. Meyer; steward, J. C. Peterson; assistant steward, E. Everett; chaplain, Rev. C. F. Aue; treasurer, E. Clooner; secretary, Elva Shipley; gatekeeper, John Meyer; clerk, Mrs. Amanda Clooner; members, Mrs. Laura Johnson; Flora, Mrs. S. Kitter; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Anna Folsom. These officers will be installed on the second Saturday in January.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS

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TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. National—"The Song of the West." Peoples—"The Unknown." Pickford—"The Heart of the Blue Ridge." Columbia—"Double Trouble." Fox—"Janitor's Wife Temptations." Majestic—"The Unfaithful Wife."

THE yearly expense of picture making in Los Angeles amounts to more than \$12,000,000, according to reliable statistics recently received from there. There are 120 companies simultaneously making photo plays, each with its own director.

Another Shakespearean. Frederick Ward, the eminent tragedian and Shakespearean actor, has at last succeeded in what he terms "the film inevitable." He has just entered into a contract with Edwin Thawhouse to appear in a film version of George Elliot's story, "Silas Marner," which will be released on the regular Mutual program.

Screen Gossip. Metro has added another big achievement to its already long list in the contract just completed with Ella Winter, the foremost Hollywood screen writer, for her entire works of both prose and verse, which will be utilized in the production of Metro feature productions.

George P. Endert, Seattle branch manager for the World Film Corporation, was a movie visitor of the week. He held a conference with Manager Christ of the Pickford, relative to 1916 features.

Clara Kimball Young, in "Camilla" will be in Portland soon after January 1. D. C. Falsman is leader of the Pickford's orchestra. Violin, cello, organ and piano comprise the pieces, the public event an added attraction at the playhouse.

Word comes from the south that Neva Gerber will be missing from the "Bessie" brand pictures, in which her pretty face has been so familiar to the fans for many months now. Neva has other plans in mind, but will take a good rest before starting in again. It is said that she will return to Los Angeles, where she worked before going to Santa Barbara.

Barney Oldfield, the speed king, was among the many well-known visitors at Universal City recently. It was Oldfield's first visit to the plant of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company and he inspected it from one end to the other, covering part of the 120 acres of the plant.

The fame of Richard Mansfield will be strikingly brought back to the public mind within the next few weeks, when William Fox will release Mansfield's most famous dramatic success, "A Parisian Romance," done into modern pictures, featuring Cooper Cliffe, the well-known dramatic actor, and

Dorothy Green, an established favorite. This is the first time in the history of motion pictures that the name of Mansfield has been intimately and directly associated with any production, and his own personal version of "A Parisian Romance" was obtained after much persuasion from Mansfield's family.

Four new Triangle plays have been put in production at the Fine Arts California studio—De Wolf Hopper in a high-class comedy, under the direction of Eddie Dillion; Norma Talmadge, Tully Marshall and Norma Owen in "Acquitted," with a supporting cast that includes Mary Alden, Sam De Grasse and Bessie Love and Mae Marsh and Robert Harron in "Hoodlum Ann," under the direction of Lloyd Ingraham.

RELIEF WORK DRAGS

Charities Fund Is Barely Half Enough for Needs.

ONLY \$1986 GIVEN SO FAR

One Family Is Without Any of Necessities of Life, While Another Stays in Bed All Day in Order to Keep Warm.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Total: \$1986.17

Contributions should be sent to R. B. Howard, treasurer of the Associated Charities, at Ladd & Tilton Bank; to the secretary of the Associated Charities at 411 Commercial block, or to The Oregon Relief Fund at 411 Commercial block, phone: Main 7051 and A 1817.

Christmas week of the campaign for the Christmas Relief Fund of the Associated Charities remains and the fund is hardly half sufficient to meet the heavy demands that must come upon it in the next three or four months.

Up to date there have been reported contributions of \$1986. Last year the people of Portland contributed nearly \$5000 to the fund, besides helping out with generous donations half a dozen other benevolent organizations which were asking help for their holiday work.

If the citizens of Portland who are in comfortable circumstances could go with our visitors into the homes of the poor that appeal to us in a single day, says the assistant secretary of the Associated Charities, "I believe that the next day would bring in a flood of contributions to the relief fund such as has never been seen before."

The condition is not that the people of Portland are not generous or are callous to the needs of the poor. They seem simply to be not yet awake to the needs of the hour.

One of yesterday's investigations here are three opportunities for those who are willing to help the Charities in its work.

Family "Needs Everything." The husband has been out of work all summer, but has stayed in the city to care for his wife, who was expecting the birth of a baby soon. After the baby was born he went to another city to seek employment. The family had just one dollar when he left. There are four of them, the mother, two boys, eight and six years old respectively, and the baby, less than a month old. Many days in the past year the family has gone without food for two or three days at a time, and for several weeks their only food was dry bread.

Father Ill; Family in Want. A man has just been sent to the hospital to be treated for an affliction from which he has been suffering for months. He has not been able to work and the earnings of the family have been gradually taken up, until there is practically nothing left.

Winlock Creamery Ranks High. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Winlock Creamery scored 97.7 per cent in the state contest of the Washington Creamery Operators and Buttermakers' Association, held in Seattle last week, winning second place. First place was won by George Van Kliefoum, of Post Williams, who made a score of 94 per cent.

Fruit Growers at Albany Today. Fruit growers of Linn and Benton counties will hold a convention at Albany today. This is the culmination of a series of meetings held at different points over the two counties to interest growers in working out their marketing problems.

City Council Denies Permit Sought to Advertise Charity Ball. The City Council's recently adopted policy of prohibiting cloth banners across streets in the state of Oregon was made yesterday by H. I. Stanton to get a permit for a banner over Williams avenue and Russell street to advertise a New Year's ball for charity, but the application was denied.

Formerly permits for banners were granted almost indiscriminately. Recently the practice was stopped except under unusual circumstances. Yesterday the Council clamped down the lid absolutely.



Last Day Clara Kimball Young

The Heart of the Blue Ridge in The Pickford Washington at Park

TOMORROW FLORENCE REED IN "THE COWARDLY WAY"

Columbia LAST DAY Double Trouble

A Janitor's Wife's Temptations SUNDAY Aloha-oe Theater of No Disappointments

PEOPLES THEATER TODAY LAST SHOWING OF 'The UNKNOWN'

Featuring the Internationally-Famous Star LOU TELLEGEN COMING TOMORROW UNTIL WEDNESDAY The Celebrated American Beauty FANNY WARD In a Sensational Drama of New York's Smart Set 'THE CHEAT'

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