

SCHOOL OFFICERS DUE FOR ELECTION

Superintendent Alderman and Clerk Thomas Expected to Be Choice of Board.

CLINIC FOR PUPILS ASKED

Revised Plans for Benson School on Smaller Scale Ordered and Arrangements Made for Going Ahead With Other Buildings.

The election of administrative officers for school district No. 1, will be held tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

The election of the officers will be practically the only item of business that will come up for consideration tomorrow.

Although the plans of the board members are well veiled it is virtually conceded that Superintendent Alderman will be re-elected.

Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Parent-Teacher Association of this city, appeared at the board meeting yesterday and pleaded for the establishment of a clinic for the benefit of the school children in the old Couch School building.

She presented her claims at the conclusion of the meeting, too late for final consideration and it will be taken up formally at the next regular meeting of the board.

She was informed, however, that a legislative act would be necessary.

The judiciary committee was instructed by the board to investigate the district what the course of action will be in hearing the charges brought against J. L. Kerchen, manual training supervisor, by four manual training instructors.

No definite announcement is possible as yet when the charges will be heard and discussed by the board.

Alex Swenson, been retained by Mr. Kerchen as attorney.

Use of Schools Discussed. Prolonged discussion was indulged in when the board came to the consideration of the advisability of allowing individual candidates for primary nomination to have the use of the school buildings in which to hold meetings.

A leave of absence was granted to Miss Lillian Tingle, domestic science supervisor, beginning April 3, and continuing for the remainder of the present school year on account of ill health.

The contract of the Automatic Sprinkler Company for the installation of automatic sprinkling equipment in several of the schools was approved.

The board ordered that the plans of the Benson Polytechnic be revised so as to accommodate not more than 2000 students.

The plans for the Franklin High School and the improvement of the Franklin High School grounds were approved by the board.

Meeting Held to Show Sympathy With Preparedness Programme.

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Latest Picture of Theda Bara, Appearing at Majestic Theater, in "Gold and the Woman."

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Peoples—"For the Defense," "Pictographs." Sunset—"The Soul Market." Columbia—"Peggy." Majestic—"Gold and the Woman." Pickford—"The Prince and the Pauper."

Marguerite Clark at Pickford.

MARGUERITE CLARK, the dainty little Paramount star who ranks in the first flight of screen luminaries, is all that is charming in "The Prince and the Pauper," the picture of the famous Mark Twain romance, which opened a week-end engagement at the Pickford Theater yesterday.

Fannie Ward at Peoples.

FANNIE WARD, a charming Lasky star who is experiencing a meteoric career in gathering an enviable following in the ranks of flimdom, enhances her reputation further in "For the Defense," an unusually strong story, which opened yesterday at the Peoples Theater.

Pathé, the home of "The Iron Claw" and other sensational serials, is not to be sidetracked in the march of motion picture progress.

Screen Gossip.

Aaron Hoffman, who was one of the most successful authors of musical comedies and vaudeville sketches, is now engaged in writing all the photoplays in which Miss Petrova, star of "The Soul Market," appears.

When Billie Wore Pajamas.

In "Peggy" Billie Burke is playing the part of an American hoyden who visits Scotland and knocks the props from under the sedate natives by her pranks and personality.

Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Montgometry, is no secret about Vinol. It owes its success to the medicinal extracts of fresh cod livers, tonic iron and beef peptone, the oldest and most famous body-building and strength-creating tonics.

\$25,000 HOTEL RAID SUIT BETS SETBACK

False Testimony in Van Gorder Damage Action Admitted by Mrs. R. A. Burnett.

INJURY RULING IS GIVEN

Important Allegations by Plaintiff Are Exploded in Case Against Moral Squad and Secretary Warren.

Important allegations of the plaintiff in the \$25,000 damage suit of Mrs. R. A. Burnett, formerly Mrs. R. A. Van Gorder, against Police Lieutenant L. A. Harms, Patrolman Lee Martin and W. H. Warren, secretary to Mayor Albee, were exploded in the trial which opened before Circuit Judge Gutenberg yesterday.

The action maintains that great damage to business and reputation resulted from the raid on the Van Gorder Hotel, formerly 105 1/2 Twelfth street, in 1915.

Two allegations in the complaint, to which she had previously sworn, were repudiated on the stand by Mrs. Van Gorder-Burnett, and she demanded police protection, intimidated by the opening statement to the jury of Attorney Wilson T. Hume, appearing for the defendants, who were not substantiated by the witness.

Only One Witness Called.

On October 19, 1915, and on another date, it was mentioned in the sworn complaint that the defendants, Messrs. Warren, Harms and Martin, had maliciously and unlawfully invaded the hotel, threatening roomers with arrest and other menacing reprisals.

Mrs. Burnett was the only witness called yesterday. Robert Maguire, attorney for Lieutenant Harms, demanded to know if such disturbances alleged had occurred.

"Did the defendants invade your hotel in that manner before the second raid," he asked.

"The raid in person, but others did," was the reply.

"You say the defendants did not commit these acts," he asked.

"Other officers did, but not these," she replied.

"Do you know who they were?" "No."

Knowledge Not Definite.

"When when you swore to the truth of the allegations in this complaint, you swore to what was not true and what was not a fact," he asked.

"Well, I suppose so," admitted the witness.

Mrs. Burnett said that the officers who had invaded the hotel, were not on cross-examination admitted that this was only her conclusion and that she had no definite knowledge of it.

I intend to show that prior to the raid, Mr. Harms got Mrs. Van Gorder out of bed and said if she was going to pay protection money for her hotel, she should pay it.

Raiders Are Described.

On the stand she said that Lieutenant Harms and an officer she did not name, had a fight about a white mustache, roused her at 3 o'clock one morning six weeks prior to the last raid.

Injury Ruling Is Given.

Judge Gutenberg held that injury to Mrs. Burnett would amount to an injury to her husband, and that if Attorney Hume were willing to take his chances of a reversal by the Supreme Court, she might continue in Portland.

An attempt was made by Attorney Hume to bring out testimony relative to Jack Wise, former moral squad member, whose right wrist was broken, a woman of questionable character, led to his discharge from the force, but this was frowned upon by the court.

Lodger Declared Poor Sport.

Asked if she knew that Mrs. Louise Moore, a woman who had been arrested in the raid, was an immoral woman, Mrs. Burnett replied, "I don't know anything about it. If she was, she was a mighty poor sport. You can only tell by the clothes she wore. I've seen many society women dress worse."

A query regarding another woman won a characteristic response.

Mrs. Burnett testified that Mayor Albee had much confidence in his secretary.

"I'd stake my life on what Mr. Warren said to be true," the Mayor told me," she said. She also declared that Mayor Albee told her at one time that Secretary Warren was in "full charge of the police force."

Mrs. Burnett admitted that some of the girls who had been convicted of vagrancy in the Municipal Court stayed in the hotel for some time after the raid.

Now Playing --- Open 10 A. M.

Billie Burke

(The Sunshine of the Screen)

In Thomas Ince's Quarter-Million-Dollar Production

"Peggy"

The sensation of all Portland—This is Miss Burke's first picture—No advance in our regular prices.

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS Please Come as Early as Possible

Columbia Theater

Loges Reserved for 50 Cents a Seat

the hotel in 1911 are worth "as much if not more than when I bought them."

Agricultural College, Corvallis, is at the Seward.

Mrs. Charles Sweeney and Charles Sweeney, Jr., of Spokane, Wash. are at the Portland.

C. M. Andrews, district freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific at Seattle, is passing a few days in Portland.

H. A. Buck, of San Francisco, Pacific Coast agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad system, was in Portland on business yesterday.

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Suit Asks Return of Fares.

Charging the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand, with negligence in not examining their credentials before accepting their money for passage from Brisbane, Australia, to Portland, Elizabeth Polmer and Hannah H. Polmer yesterday filed suit in the Circuit Court for the recovery of their fare of \$638 and damages of \$2500. Both were rejected by the United States immigration officials at Victoria, B. C. It is alleged, on July 1, 1915, after a trip across the Pacific on the steamship Makura.

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SUNSET CHANGES HANDS

LEASE SOLD TO G. T. HOLTZCLAW COMMENCING APRIL 1.

Future Policy of Playhouse Not Yet Fully Determined—New Owner Is Well Known Here.

The Sunset Theater, a motion-picture house at Washington and Broadway, will change hands on April 1, G. T. Holtzclaw, owner of the Circle and Cineograph Theaters, having leased the property yesterday from the owners, Jennings & Co.

Mr. Holtzclaw has made no definite plans regarding the operations of the theater, being undecided whether to continue it as a home of big features, at the regular price of the leading motion-picture theaters of the city, or adopt a new policy with shorter shows and reduced admission.

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Advertisement for Mary Pickford at Peoples Theater, featuring the movie "Poor Little Peppina".

Advertisement for Peoples Theater, listing various movies and showtimes.

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