

ALEXANDER TRIAL BRINGS AS FARGE

Verdict Set Aside by Judge Gatens on Ground of Prejudice by School Board.

MERITS OF CASE OMITTED

Dr. Alan Welch Smith Declared to Have Voted With Mr. Alderman in Return for Favors Shown. Mr. Plummer Also Scored.

In an opinion of more than three typewritten pages, Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday branded as a farce the trial of Mrs. Alexia Alexander before the School Board and held that her dismissal from the public school system was not rightfully or legally accomplished. The opinion, which terms the burning criticism of O. M. Plummer and Dr. Alan Welch Smith, directors, holds that the order of the School Board in dismissing Mrs. Alexander must be set aside and held for naught. The decision yesterday came as the result of a petition for a review of the School Board's action which was argued before Judge Gatens last week. Mrs. Alexander first was transferred from the principalship of the girls' department of the Benson Polytechnic School to another school, but this action was set aside by the Supreme Court. The School Board then preferred charges against her and dismissed her from the school service after a trial before the Board. It was from this action that Mrs. Alexander appealed to the Circuit Court and in the decision handed down yesterday by Judge Gatens.

Dr. Smith Scored. That Dr. Smith had, in effect, agreed to support School Superintendent Alderman in the latter's efforts to have Mrs. Alexander dismissed from the public school service "in return for the appointment of his relatives and intimates to high salaried positions in the city schools," is one of the conclusions reached by Judge Gatens. The opinion likewise concludes that Mr. Plummer had shown his determination to have Mrs. Alexander dismissed from service even before she was given a hearing before the School Board and that he had publicly announced that he would support Superintendent Alderman in any action which the latter might desire to take. He further holds that the charges made against Mrs. Alexander were investigated by Mr. Plummer who was actuated by personal hostility toward her. "If a school teacher," he then adds, "or any person to be tried before any public body is to be tried by those who have investigated charges against the person, such trials become farcical."

PANTAGES BILL IS RIOT

Judge Gatens does not attempt to say that the charges preferred by the School Board were not true, but simply confines his criticism to the manner, that true or false, Mrs. Alexander has a right to be tried before a fair and impartial board.

"It appears from the record before me that Directors Smith and Plummer were so biased and prejudiced that they could not give Mrs. Alexander a fair and impartial trial," Judge Gatens holds as his primary reason for setting aside the verdict of the School Board. The decision, which created a furor in public school circles yesterday, reads as follows: This matter comes before the court to review the action of the School Board in removing Mrs. Alexia Alexander from her public school. Charges were preferred against Mrs. Alexander, which the court feels it cannot enter into for the reason that while the charges are sufficient to acquit Mrs. Alexander of the charges preferred and for that reason the court cannot go into the question as to whether or not there was any evidence to support the charges, that matter being entirely within the province of the School Board.

Bias Is Not Denied. However, the record before the court shows that prior to the taking of testimony an affidavit was filed by Superintendent Alderman to the effect that Director Allen Welch Smith was prejudiced against Mrs. Alexander, her a fair and impartial trial, which was denied by Dr. Smith. While the case was in progress, S. F. Lovell, one of the directors, resigned as a member of the board, leaving four members to determine the charges against Mrs. Alexander.

Before the matter was decided Mrs. Alexander filed a case in the Circuit Court, praying that the School Board be enjoined from proceeding with the trial. The reasons assigned were that Directors Allen Welch Smith and O. M. Plummer could not give her a fair and impartial trial. These charges were not denied by the board and the record before me does not disclose any denial of her charges in that regard. The undisputed record shows that Mr. Plummer had made up his mind with respect to the conclusion to be reached in the matter before the charges were filed or any evidence heard; that while the hearing was in progress he had talked freely about the case to sundry persons; that he publicly and emphatically stated that he would support him in any step he wished to take concerning the matter, and that he would vote for anything that Mr. Alderman suggested or recommended with respect to the matter; that during the progress of the hearing before the board, and while he was supposed to be sitting as an impartial judge, he conferred with and carried information to Mr. Alderman and to Mr. Alderman's counsel which he thought might be useful to them in the prosecution of the charges, and had talked with some of the witnesses for Mrs. Alexander before she was called and had carried to Mr. Alderman and his counsel the substance of such conversations, so they might use such information in connection with the examination of the witnesses; that he had repeatedly stated to sundry persons that so far as he was concerned he knew where he stood in the matter and that it was a waste of time to be taking evidence, meaning, of course, that he intended to hold against Mrs. Alexander in any event; that he was present at the hearing and that he was present at the hearing and that he was present at the hearing and that he was present at the hearing.

John Britton Parker. John Britton Parker passed away Tuesday morning at his late home, 2121 East Stark street. He was born March 30, 1849, in Hocking County, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph Parker, a Baptist minister, and his mother was Julia Holcomb. His youthful days were spent in Ohio. He came to Portland in 1871. In 1892 he was married to Rebecca Long, who survives him. One sister, Mrs. Caroline Yeoman, of Bellingham, Wash., is living.

to Superintendent Alderman that the sister of Dr. Smith was wholly incapable of teaching the subjects which had been assigned her, and which subject were made by Mrs. Alexander with no intention of reflection on the personal character of Dr. Smith's sister.

Fair Trial Demanded. It appears from the record before me that Directors Smith and Plummer were so biased and prejudiced that they could not give Mrs. Alexander a fair and impartial trial. It may be that the charges against her were true, but she had a right as a teacher to have her case tried before a fair and impartial board. The record shows that Director Drake voted for her retention, and Directors Beach, Smith and Plummer voted for her removal. If Directors Smith and Plummer had not set in her case and voted for her dismissal, the vote would have stood one to one, and Mrs. Alexander would have held her position.

If a school teacher, or any person to be tried before any public body, is to be tried by those who have investigated charges against the person, such trials become farcical. It seems from the record that some of the teachers were told that if they did not keep out of the Alexander trial they would be dismissed from the service. From the record before me, if Mrs. Alexander's dismissal can be upheld, then the tenure of office law becomes a farce. I am of the opinion that neither Directors Plummer nor Smith, as shown by the record, should have been permitted to sit in judgment in this case, and for that reason the order dismissing Mrs. Alexander from the position she held should be set aside and held for naught.

WILLIAM A. STOREY DIES

LIFE IN PORTLAND FOR MANY YEARS WAS PROMINENT.

Official Positions Held Were Mayor of Portland and Sheriff of Multnomah County.

William A. Storey, who has been both Mayor of Portland and Sheriff of Multnomah County, passed away late Sunday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Woltring, of 105 East Tenth street. Mr. Storey recently underwent an operation in a local hospital, and was so weakened by the shock that his death had been momentarily expected for the past week. Mr. Storey was born in Machias, Me., in 1854. He came to Oregon in 1877. Here he was affiliated with many old-time business concerns. At one time he was publisher of the Northwest Sportsman. In 1898 he was elected Councilman from the First Ward, and was subsequently elected mayor of the City Council. A few months later Mayor W. S. Mason died while in office and the Council elected Mr. Storey to serve the unexpired portion of the term. Mr. Storey subsequently ran for the office of County Sheriff, and was elected by a large majority.

Mr. Storey survived by his widow, Mrs. Dirkie Storey, four daughters and one son: Mrs. Florence Woltring, Dixie Storey, of Portland, and Harriet, Neva and Robert Storey, of Astoria, Or., and three grandchildren; also one brother, George A. Storey, of Fremont, Neb.; two sisters Mrs. Alice McFadden, of San Diego, Cal., and Mrs. S. H. Whitworth, of Seattle.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the chapel of Skewes' undertaking parlors, Third and Clay streets.

PANTAGES BILL IS RIOT

EVERY NUMBER DECLARED GOOD FOR SCORE OF LAUGHS.

Headline Act, "Miss Hamlet," Introduces Pussies, Hamlet-Cat and Rat Performance Approved.

A riot of merriment is the bill at Pantages this week. Every number is good for a score or more of laughs. Some of the acts are all one big laugh. The headline act, "Miss Hamlet," is a comedy. Miss Pauline Barrt in the title role has a sweet voice and is a charming little actress.

Lella Shaw and company in "A Trustful Liar" give a playlet that has a happy ending and some startling surprises. A novel performance is given by Swain's cats and rats. The cats play "in and out the windows" and do a lot of clever stunts and the rats jump hurdles and walk the tightrope—both cats and rats playing together in perfect safety and friendliness.

Paula, a good-looking, cheerful young woman, is a popular favorite, with her songs and accordion playing. With many lively songs in which their voices harmonize well, Klots and Nash get a storm of applause.

With patter and chatter and song and a lot of delightful nonsense, Howard Kicel and Herbert give the audience something new in the way of entertainment. The theatrical film, "The Neglected Wife," is exciting and keeps up the interest.

Liquor Smuggling Is Punished.

ASTORIA, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Harry Gilmore, steward on the steamer Northern Pacific, was fined \$50 in the police court today on a charge of having liquor in his possession. He was caught last night stepping off a train with a suitcase and handbag, each well-filled with contraband liquor.

NATIVE OF OHIO, LONG RESIDENT OF PORTLAND, WHO PASSES AWAY.

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All Charge Purchases Made Tuesday Will Go on Your August Account, Which Is Payable September 1—Tea Room on Fourth Floor S. & H. Stamps Given With Purchases of 10c or Over—Stamps Given on Charge Accounts if Paid in Full by the 10th of Each Month

Quality First! —at This Store—dependable merchandise from reliable makers. We see to it that you get full value for every dollar you spend at this store. Shop here for quality goods at low prices. The Standard Store of the Northwest Olds, Wortman & King Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Reduced Prices on Women's Street Dresses

Rag Rugs Underpriced 18 x 36 Inch Rugs at 38c 36 x 72 Inch Rugs \$1.48

Third Floor—Rag rugs make the ideal floor covering for porch, bedroom or summer cottage. A recent large shipment came to us at a big reduction in price, enabling us to give our customers exceptional bargains. Mail orders filled promptly and cheaply. —Rag Rugs, size 18x36 inches, priced special at 38c —Rag Rugs, size 25x50 inches, priced special at 89c —Rag Rugs, size 24x36 inches, priced special 65c —Rag Rugs, size 36x72 inches, priced \$1.48 —ODD LINES OF LINOLEUM ON SALE AT SPECIAL PRICES. —GRASS ROCKERS, CHAIRS, TABLES, ETC., ETC. REDUCED

\$2.50 Tabourettes \$1.69 One Style as Illustrated

Third Floor—Solid Oak Tabourettes in Jacobean finish. Three attractive styles, one of which is illustrated to the right. Good heavy construction and well worth \$2.50. Only a limited number in this lot. Priced very special \$1.69

Great Sale of Wash Goods 12 1/2c, 25c, 33c Yard

Center and Bargain Circles, First Floor—With many weeks of warm weather ahead hundreds of women are taking advantage of this opportunity to buy cool summer fabrics for dresses and waists at half and less than half regular selling prices. Thousands of yards in this extraordinary offering. Scores of weaves, including Silk-Mixed Pongees, Printed and Woven Voiles, Imported DIMITIES, Silk-Finish Sport Stripes, Tussah Shirtings and Many Other Weaves for Dresses, Waists and Skirts

—There are all-white materials, novelty sport stripes and figured effects in all the newest colorings, particularly the sport colors. If for any reason you could not attend the sale Monday, come today and get your share of these great bargains. —LOT 1—Val- 12 1/2c up to 75c, for only 25c —LOT 2—Values 25c up to \$1, for only 33c

15c, 20c Embroideries 10c Odd Laces at Half Price

Main Floor—Embroidery Edges, Heading Edges, Headings and Insertions of cambric, muslin and Swiss. 15c, 18c and 20c qualities. Special, yard 10c



High-Class Waists At Special Prices

Second Floor—Beautiful waists for dress occasions. This season's best styles. Made up in Georgette crepe, crepe de chine, pongee, taffeta, etc. Styled with large collars, some trimmed with hand embroidery and lace. Many in popular Russian blouse effects. White and good assortment of colors. —LOT 1—Women's Silk Waists on special sale at \$7.45 —LOT 2—Women's Silk Waists on special sale at \$9.85

Kodaks, Cameras Fourth Floor

—Expert Kodak Finishing, Developing, Printing, Enlarging and color work. Bring us your films for best results. Quick service. —S. & H. Stamps with purchases.

Dresses at \$8.75

Second Floor—Women's and Misses' Dresses of pongee silk and crepe de chine in many handsome styles for afternoon wear. New large collars, fancy belts, pockets, etc. Black, white, green, tan, purple and other good colors. \$8.75 Priced for this sale at only \$8.75

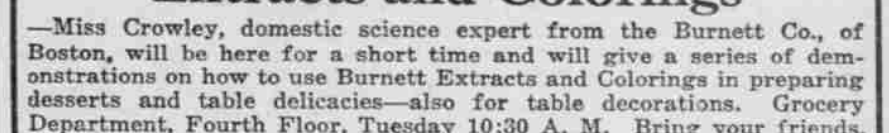
Dresses at \$14.75

Second Floor—Dresses of pongee, taffeta, wool jersey, charmeuse, Georgette crepe, crepe de chine—Sport Dresses, Garden Dresses, Coat Dresses—many in combinations of different materials. Black and leading colors. \$14.75 Priced special now at only \$14.75

Special Demonstration Burnett's Extracts and Colorings

—Miss Crowley, domestic science expert from the Burnett Co., of Boston, will be here for a short time and will give a series of demonstrations on how to use Burnett's Extracts and Colorings in preparing desserts and table delicacies—also for table decorations. Grocery Department, Fourth Floor, Tuesday 10:30 A. M. Bring your friends.

Glenwood Creamery Butter, Two Pounds 90c



Sale of Made-in-Oregon Brooms Housewares Section, Third Floor

Third Floor—The following prices are lower than regular factory cost today. Housewives will do well to supply their needs now and save. Good Quality House Brooms 50c Choice Select House Brooms 75c Extra Quality House Brooms 80c —\$1.75 PUNCH MOP OUTFIT—(\$1.25 Mop and 50c Bottle of Oil) \$1 —See special demonstration of Economy and Kerr Fruit Jars, etc., etc.

TROOPS MOVE SOON

Various Units to Assemble at Camp Withycombe.

EQUIPMENT NOT ALL HERE Removal of Battery A and Troop A First Recommended by Adjutant-General White, as They Have More Seasoned Men.

One "War Cupboard" Will Be Well Supplied. Mrs. J. C. Napier, of Oregon City, Has Already Filled Over 500 Jars With Food.

O REGON CITY, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—Among the women of this city who are looking out for the future in the way of filling their "war cupboard" is Mrs. J. C. Napier, of 512 1/2 Main street. Mrs. Napier has over 500 fruit jars already filled with fruit, including berries, rhubarb, salmon of the Royal Chinook variety caught at this place, peas and string beans. Mrs. Napier started in with salmon and rhubarb, and will continue her canning when peaches and other fruits as they come on. Besides this she has a large supply of jellies. Mrs. Napier keeps a record of the amount obtained from each fruit from the fresh fruit. From 140 pounds of Bing cherries, a variety most delicious for pies, and from Royal Anne cherries she obtained 96 quart jars. Several of these have been placed in the store of the Brady Mercantile Company to show what the steam process can accomplish. The berries are in perfect condition, and even retain the rich color. This works in the same manner with rhubarb, also exhibited. Mr. and Mrs. Napier came to this city from Arkansas a year ago.

NEW JOBS ARE OPEN

FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED.

Artillery Ammunition Inspectors, Finer Print Classifier and Production Expert Wanted.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations, as follows: Inspectors of artillery ammunition, for men only, to inspect the manufacture, assembling, loading and packing of artillery ammunition in various manufacturing plants within the United States, at entrance salaries ranging from \$1800 to \$2400 a year, depending upon the importance of the plant to which the appointee may be assigned. A good common school education, proven diplomatic and executive ability, and not less than six months of actual experience in munition manufacture or inspection are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

Finger print classifier, for men only. Fifty vacancies in the War Department, for duty in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, and vacancies in positions requiring similar qualifications at \$1800 a year, will be filled from this examination. Applicants are required to have a good common school education, good eyesight and not less than six months' experience in the classification of finger print records according to the Henry system.

Until further notice and on account of the needs in the War Department, for duty in the above positions will be received at any time. August 21, 1917. Production expert, for

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT GATHER

ASTORIA, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—About 150 delegates arrived today to attend the state convention of the Women of Woodcraft. Tonight there was a banquet and musical and the regular business sessions will begin tomorrow.

PICNIC INVITATIONS SENT

Lewis County Merchants, Farmers and Breeders Arrange Outing. CHEHALIS, Wash., July 30.—(Special.)—Invitations to speak at the picnic at Claquato Grove August 3 given by Lewis County Farmers, Merchants and Pure Breeders' Club, have been sent to E. F. Benson, State Commissioner of Agriculture; E. L. Brewer, of Satsop, Jersey breeder; William Bishop, of Chimacum, Holstein breeder; Mrs. W. E. Brown, of Vader; Mrs. Millie Wilson, of Chehalis; Mrs. Kim Bower, of Centuria; E. A. Stuart, of Seattle, and F. G. Favorite, of Chehalis.

N. B. Coffman will be chairman of the day. It is planned to have the merchants of Chehalis and Centralia close their stores at 11 A. M. the day of the picnic.

Fisherman's Body Found.

ASTORIA, Or., July 30.—(Special.)—The body of Thomas Watkins, a fisherman, was found today near Ilwaco Beach near a station. Watkins was drowned with his son, John Watkins, while trolling outside the mouth of the river a few days ago. The body is to be sent to Albany.

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