

PARENTS WIN POINT

French Will Be Taught at Irvington Grade School.

DR. DRAKE IS OVERRULED

New Rules to Govern Special Teachers and General Supervisors in Order to Keep Check on Their Work—Five Granted Leaves.

French will be taught in the Irvington School beginning with the Spring term, which opens January 28. The plan was approved by the educational committee of the School Board and City Superintendent of Schools yesterday, and was authorized by the votes of Directors Smith, Plummer and Pike at a meeting of the board yesterday.

Dr. J. F. Drake opposed introducing the study of modern language in one school to the exclusion of the others. Dr. E. Sommer, the fifth member of the board, did not attend the meeting.

Dr. Drake explained his opposition by saying he did not believe in favoring one section over another and for the further reasons that the plan would make necessary the employment of an additional teacher and, unless the school day was lengthened, would take time that should be devoted beneficially to the study of the fundamental branches embraced in the course of study.

Modern Language Indorsed.

Directors Plummer and Pike argued that the introduction of modern languages into the schools, even if it incurred additional cost and the employment of a competent instructor, was a good investment from an educational consideration, especially when it was desired by the patrons of the Irvington School. They also made the point that the value of modern languages would be particularly applicable following the war.

On the recommendation of the educational committee, the board also adopted rules by which it is proposed to keep a check on teachers of special subjects and general supervisors in the schools. The presentation of these rules by Dr. Drake was suggested by complaints he said had reached him to the effect that some of these employees were not devoting their full time to the duties with which they were charged. The rules adopted yesterday provide as follows:

Teachers of special subjects will be paid for such time as may be shown on their teacher's register slip by signatures of the various principals at whose buildings these teachers are assigned.

General supervisors will hand in to the clerk's office a register slip at the end of each school month, showing the schools and time they visited the various schools.

Alma Thelander Resigns.

General supervisors will be paid for such time as may be shown by their signatures in the offices of the various principals, upon register provided for that purpose, which register the principals of the various schools will file with their payroll reports at the end of each school month.

Differences between the board and the Frieberg-McLennan Company, aggregating \$2629.78, resulting from the performance of contract work, will be submitted for settlement to a board of arbitration. N. G. Pike, superintendent of buildings and grounds for the board, was yesterday designated as its representative on the arbitration committee.

Varying leaves of absence were granted the following instructors: J. G. Dewey, Lillian M. Downing, Mary Kavanaugh, Marie Madden and Jeanette F. Park. The resignation of Alma Thelander, of the Highland school, was accepted.

Claims aggregating \$168,734.01 were ordered paid.

WAR HALTS CITIZENSHIP

British Subjects Enlist Before Final Papers are Granted.

When the names of Thomas Alexander Dickson, a native of Ireland, and Ralph R. Henderson, a British subject, born in Canada, both applicants for final citizenship papers, were called in Federal Court yesterday it was learned

that they had enlisted and gone to the front for the allies. United States Judge Bean promptly directed that their cases be continued indefinitely, with the understanding that the applications be taken up on their return and full citizenship conferred.

The applications of Martin Jaeger and Paul Noska, both Austrians, were continued until after the war.

Judge Bean yesterday admitted the following aliens to full citizenship: Schuyler C. McPherson, George A. Havill and Edwin B. Lockhart, natives of Canada; James Barlow and William Wright, of England; Casper Zoller, of Switzerland; Selma Ahonen, of Finland; Laurits A. Larsen, Norway; Peter S. Kaadt, Denmark; Herman A. Ahlquist, Sweden; Malcolm Grier and Robert S. M. Nicholson, Scotland.

BAKER TRIES TO EXPLAIN

HARDSHIPS IMPOSED ON OREGON TROOPS TO SAVE EXPENSE.

Camp Mills Not Permanent and Some Contractor Failed to Get Other Camp Ready Before Winter.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—A letter received today by Senator Chamberlain from the Secretary of War explains that the War Department, in ordering the Forty-first Army Division, including the Oregon regiment, from Charlotte to quarter it in a permanent camp rather than at Camp Mills. But the Secretary omits to say that the contractor who had intended to make the camp comfortable, which name of which is not permitted by the name to be used in print, fell down on his job with the result that the Northwest troops had to go to Camp Mills and occupy the old tents left standing by the Rainbow division when it sailed for France.

It was this failure of contractor, coupled with the unwillingness of the War Department to spend money to make the troops comfortable, which imposed such hardships on the Oregon troops while at Camp Mills.

In his letter Secretary Baker says: "As it had been the intention of the War Department during the past months to transfer troops from Camp Mills to another camp, which was thought best to authorize any additional work at Camp Mills, thus creating additional expense, and for the reason conditions existing at Camp Mills were at a standstill awaiting the transfer of all troops from there."

SALES ARE INCREASING

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TURN IN ABOUT \$148.

Receipts From Sale of Red Cross Seals at Postoffice Booth Yesterday Netted \$68.78.

"One of the most noteworthy accomplishments of the Red Cross Christmas seal campaign is its disclosure of people afflicted with tuberculosis, who had heretofore not known of the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis," said Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the association. "Our mission is three-fold, relief, preventive and educational, and through the publicity we have received throughout the city and state, people who had never heard of us before have learned of our work and have called in person and written us letters."

Lincoln High School closed its campaign yesterday and sent in its final returns, \$148.76, a remarkable showing for which the association is grateful.

Other schools making complete returns are: Davis, \$16.99; Falling, \$10; Holman, \$9.88. Other schools have made partial returns, some of them as much as \$40, and are still at work.

The returns from the booth sale yesterday netted \$150, with one booth yet to report. The net sale was made at the Postoffice, where Mrs. Alice M. McNaught, president of the Progressive Woman's Club, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Percival, Mrs. George B. Trimble, Mrs. R. Graham and Mrs. George Sturgeess, sold \$66.78 worth of seals, and 18 memberships in the American Red Cross.

Today the seals will be sold by Multnomah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the East Side Central Women's Christian Temperance Union.

BABST SEES PLENTY

Refiner Predicts Sugar Supply in 1918 Will Be Adequate.

1917 SHORTAGE EXPLAINED

Famine Stories Spread Broadcast Early in Year Started Hoarding. Situation Then Aggravated by Unavoidable Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A plentiful supply of sugar for the American people during the coming year was predicted today by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, testifying before the Senate investigating committee. He opposed placing a limit on domestic consumption, contending that such a plan would result in a larger surplus than the tonnage shortage would permit to be shipped abroad.

Half of the world's sugar crop outside of the central powers, Mr. Babst said, is produced in the United States, its territories and Cuba, and if properly distributed this production is more than enough to meet domestic demands as well as supply all that can be shipped to the allies.

Of this year's shortage, Mr. Babst said it had its inception in widespread famine stories spread broadcast early in the year which resulted in hoarding, and has been aggravated by a series of unavoidable conditions. When people began to hoard the refineries held large stocks, but soon these were materially reduced because of strikes against the Industrial Workers of the World. Then came an unprecedented demand, he said, because of the Food Administration's canning campaign. The pinch came a little earlier than might have been expected because England took 200,000 tons of the Cuban crop, which normally comes to this country, and when the late beet crop came on, the railroads were unable to transport it East.

George M. Rolph, director of the Food Administration sugar bureau, followed Mr. Babst on the stand. He answered critics of the Food Administration, who maintain that the price of 7.25 cents a pound set for beet sugar was too high, by saying that had not the price been set sugar prices now would be 20 to 25 cents a pound where available. The beet sugar growers who met here to arrange for the price wanted much more, he asserted. Mr. Rolph stated that the best price was arranged in an effort to stop the mounting of prices of cane sugar, particularly in the East.

Food Administrator Hoover may be called late tomorrow.

British Casualties for Week Heavy.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—British casualties reported in the week ended today totaled 17,976 officers and men as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds, 331; men, 3181. Officers wounded or missing, 1039; men, 12,425.

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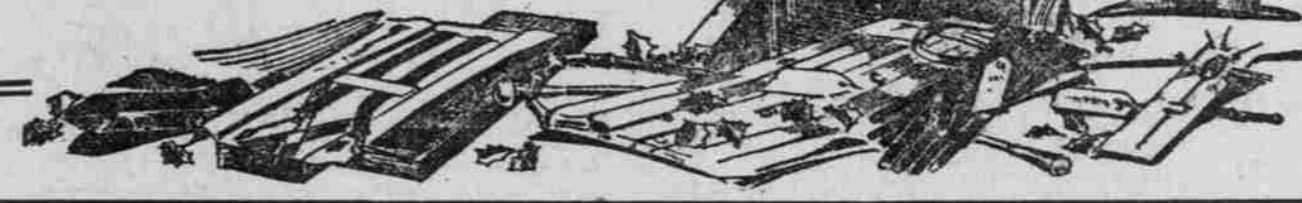
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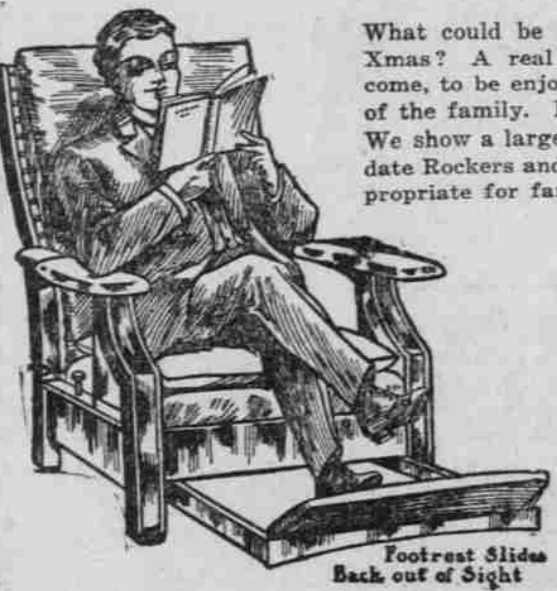
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