

TEACHERS TALK OF SEX INSTRUCTION

Report of Committee Gives Indorsement of Circular Prepared by Society.

WARNINGS ARE ALSO GIVEN

Oregon State Association Adds 200 New Members to Its Roll—Sessions Are Held in Lincoln High School Auditorium.

Declining to make definite recommendations without qualifications or conditions, the social science committee of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, in convention at the Lincoln High School auditorium yesterday afternoon, presented its report on the adoption of sex instruction in the public schools.

The report of the committee, which was not acted upon, but which is understood to embody the best sentiment of teachers in the trend toward sex instruction in Oregon schools, gave indorsement to several methods, and pointed warnings in others.

"After careful investigation the committee does not feel qualified to answer the question categorically," ran the report, "for the reason that everything depends upon what is meant by sex instruction."

Hygiene Society Circular Indorsed.

"Should sex instruction be adopted and made a part of the course of study in the public schools of Oregon, the committee indorses circular No. 17 of the Oregon Hygiene Society, and also the moving-picture film being shown by the society, entitled 'How Life Begins,' and urges strongly that both exhibit and film be shown in every school in the state.

Further, the report warns that school authorities should not permit enthusiastic volunteers among teachers to experiment for the reason that in sex matters too often a little information does service for much harmful ignorance and misinformation.

Itinerant Sex Lecturers Should Be Avoided.

Itinerant sex lecturers should be avoided, the committee urges, declaring that often they are ignorant or irresponsible, or at least fanatical. Especially should all commercial or medical lecturers, whose business is lecturing on sex hygiene, be avoided.

Standard rural schools and the recommendations for their operation caused the first tilt of the controversy yesterday afternoon, when the requirements named in the committee report for a superior school.

"The teacher must be a normal school graduate doing successful work, or one who has had five years of successful teaching experience," was the provision made for a superior school.

Thoughtful members found many partisans, the weight of opinion leaning heavily toward the original provision and, after considerable spirited debate, the committee declared that state-wide standardization had done more for the upbuilding of rural schools than any other movement ever inaugurated, and that a uniform system must be rigidly adhered to if the best results are to be obtained.

Among the requirements for standard rural schools, recommended by the committee, are these: That the flag must fly on all school days; the total amount of window space must equal at least one-fifth of the floor space; that rooms shall be attractive at all times, and that framed standard pictures shall be displayed.

A superior school must first meet the requirements of a standard school, must have a furnace or heating plant other than a stove, must have a library containing an encyclopedia of at least five volumes, must be supplied with piano, organ and other musical instruments, and must have a minimum salary of \$75 per month, and must be connected with some form of organized community work.

200 New Names Are Enrolled.

Members of the association were greatly gratified yesterday by the registration of new recruits from the teaching personnel of Portland's schools. When the convention went into session its roster bore 212 names. Yesterday afternoon the membership had increased to 212, the majority of new members being Portland teachers.

The subject of retardation of pupils, discussed in a committee report, was heard at yesterday afternoon's session. The committee declared that retardation among pupils in city schools was largely due to rural pupils coming to the city, and asserted that better rural schools, keener interest on the part of patrons, more normal school graduates as teachers, and improvements of the school plants were obvious remedies.

Not without social features is the convention of Oregon teachers. Each afternoon and evening offers entertainment where the issues of modern pedagogy have been threshed out on the convention floor.

Dr. Boyd Will Lecture.

This evening the University of Oregon alumnae will entertain with a dinner party at the University Club for all the college people, the teachers and members of the Portland Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and those attending the convention. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock, and reservations must be made in advance through the student club.

A feature of this function is the talk to be given by Rev. John H. Boyd, who will repeat "The Unmaking of Germany" at the assembly.

Ball at Hotel Portland.

Tonight the management of the Hotel Portland will entertain the teachers with a ball, given from 8 to 10 o'clock, in the ballroom of the hotel.

All visiting teachers are invited to attend a special meeting Saturday noon, at 1:15, in room 110 Lincoln High School, for the purpose of considering the benefits derived from teachers' organizations. Dr. H. D. Sheldon will make a brief address, and a general discussion will follow.

It is urgently desired that all teachers interested in organization, as well as those already organized, will attend. The meeting is under the auspices of the Portland Grade Teachers' Association. Miss Gertrude Greathouse, chairman of the league committee, will preside.

The committee on nominations reported yesterday afternoon, presenting

PROMINENT EDUCATORS OF OREGON ASSEMBLED AT THE OREGON STATE TEACHERS' CONVENTION NOW IN SESSION.



1—(Left to Right, Lower) Frances Clark, County Superintendent of Harney County; Lillian Watts, County Superintendent of Jefferson County; Alice Joyce, Assistant State Club Leader; (Left to Right, Upper) A. G. Hampton, Superintendent of La Grande Schools; Edmetta Bailey, County Superintendent of Baker County; L. W. Tamm, Superintendent of Hood River Schools; A. C. Strange, Superintendent of Baker Schools. 2—H. D. Sheldon, University of Oregon, Present Vice-President of Association and Nominee for President. 3—F. A. Tiedgen, Superintendent of Marshfield Schools, Nominee for Vice-President. 4—G. A. Frisco, Superintendent of Ashland Schools, President of the Association. 5—R. H. Dunbar, Superintendent of Klamath Falls Schools, Who Aided in Placing His District First in Food Pledge Campaign. 6—Edna I. Wells, Superintendent of Klamath County, Whose Work in the Recent Food Pledge Campaign Placed Her County in the Front Rank. 7—E. D. Ressler, of Oregon Agricultural College, Present Secretary-Treasurer of the Association and Nominee for Re-election.

nominees whose election will come before the convention for decision on Saturday afternoon, as follows: For president, H. D. Sheldon, present vice-president, dean of the school of education, University of Oregon; for vice-president, P. A. Tiedgen, city superintendent, Marshfield; for secretary-treasurer, E. D. Ressler, present incumbent, dean of the school of education, Oregon Agricultural College; for members of executive committee, J. W. Todd, city superintendent, Salem, and E. H. Whitney, principal Ockley Green School, Portland.

The first general assembly meeting of the convention will be held this morning at the Lincoln auditorium. Among the speakers will be Frank M. Leavitt, professor of industrial education, University of Chicago, who has just accepted an associate professorship in the industrial schools of Pittsburgh; E. G. Crawford, vice-president of the United States National Bank of Portland; and Richard Burton, head of the department of English, University of Minnesota.

Teachers Offer Aid in War.

Unanimous indorsement of the suggestion that the Oregon State Teachers' Association definitely identify itself with some patriotic work, probably furtherance of the plan to educate wounded soldiers in industrial lines, was given yesterday afternoon by Oregon teachers at the close of the representative council session.

Viola Ortschild, teacher in Couch School and prominent member of the Portland Grade Teachers' Association, opened the impromptu and enthusiastic discussion by declaring that the association, in addition to inculcating the ideals of patriotism among school children, should bear its part in war work.

Patriotic Fund Proposed.

That the services of the State Teachers' Association would prove valuable in the projects for assisting wounded soldiers was Miss Ortschild's suggestion, but she added that patriotic work of some definite nature should receive the indorsement and pledged support of the association before it adjourned.

E. P. Carleton, assistant state superintendent, suggested that all surplus funds of the association, at the close of the present session, be centered in a patriotic fund, and that provisions be made for the increasing of the fund through efforts of the members.

A committee of five was appointed to investigate the feasible fields in which the Oregon teachers may serve collectively, and will report its recommendation at the session tomorrow morning.

Members of the committee are Miss Viola Ortschild, of Couch School; E. D. Ressler, of the Oregon Agricultural College; J. H. Ackerman, of Monmouth Normal School; A. D. Sheldon, of the University of Oregon; and Miss Frances Clark, School Superintendent of Harney County.

W. T. Emery Dies at Fresno.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—W. T. Emery, aged 50 years, a prominent fruitgrower of Colley Valley, a few miles northeast of this city, passed away at Fresno, Cal., yesterday morning after an illness covering several years. He was a native of this county and had operated one of the largest prune orchards in the Umpqua Valley. His body will be brought to this city for burial.

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HELBER IS UPHELD

Civil Service Board Negatives His Removal.

FOREMAN'S PAY DECREED

Commissioner Kellaher, Scouting Such Action in Advance, Executes Coup and Has Feldman Named as Superintendent.

By unanimous vote the Municipal Civil Service Board yesterday decided against City Commissioner Kellaher in transferring control of the city incinerator from William Helber to C. H. Feldman.

The board ruled that the change was a violation of the civil service rules and that Mr. Helber should be paid the wages of foreman in charge of the plant during the time he was subordinate to Mr. Feldman.

Commissioner Kellaher, anticipating the action, had the City Council clear the case of its tangle on Wednesday by repealing the ordinance which made the changes in the positions. He insisted today that the Commissioner in charge removed Mr. Helber without authority of law. The ordinance making the change was in our opinion repugnant to and subversive of the letter and spirit of civil service. Especially are we constrained to this opinion when we view a construction placed upon the ordinance making the changes, to effect solely a change of positions of two individuals.

"We therefore find and adjudge that William G. Helber is now and since September, 1915, has been the foreman under civil service in charge of the incinerator, and we further hold that the attempted elevation of C. H. Feldman as chief engineer in charge, which in effect makes him superintendent, is without authority of law."

This ruling affects the status of affairs only until yesterday. The Board did not question Commissioner Kellaher's position to appoint Mr. Feldman to the position of superintendent temporarily until an examination can be held.

Officer Held on Espionage Charge.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 27.—

Lieutenant J. W. Spaulding, Sixth Infantry, is confined in his quarters at Chickamauga Park. It was announced today, awaiting trial by general court-martial in connection with his relations with Baroness Zolner, who is held in the county jail on a charge of espionage.

TRAFFIC PACT SUSPENDED

Public Service Board Takes Step to Help Relieve Car Shortage.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—Subsequent to a recommendation embodied in a letter yesterday by Commissioner H. H. Corey, the Oregon Public Service Commission today issued an order suspending indefinitely from January 1 the average agreement provision between railroads and shippers.

The reason for the suspension is "to prevent injury to the business and interests of the people and the railroads in consequence of the emergency which the commission now deems to exist on account of the war."

Commissioner Corey also recommended suspension of the reciprocal demurrage provision, but a closer examination of the enactment showed that this would have to be done through a special hearing.

It is believed the action by the commission today will go far toward relieving the car-shortage situation.

TEN MILES OF ROAD ASKED

Coos County Association Modifies Original Highway Program.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Coos County Good Roads Association at a meeting held in Coquille today decided to ask the State Highway Commission for the 26 miles of asphalted concrete highway 16 feet wide between Coos Bay and Myrtle Point, the same as was promised by the Commission.

The association qualified the request and will demand but 10 miles of finished highway in the next year, since that distance is the only part of the road it would be safe to pave. This 10 miles is between Marshfield and Henryville.

Man Supposed Lost, Safe.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 27.—Albert De Mello, of this city, who was reported among the missing when the American destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine, was picked up by the U-boat, Antonio V. De Mello, father of the sailor, was notified today by the bureau of navigation at Washington.

Latin-American Congress Postponed.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—The congress of the neutral Latin-American nations had been postponed until April. The congress was to have been convened in January.

Catholic Institutions Get Money.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Requests aggregating \$125,000 were left to various Catholic institutions by the will of Miss Mary E. Boyce, who died last Friday at the age of 77. The estate is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

MAJOR GILL TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Decision Result of Attempt to Disbar Him From Practicing His Profession.

EXPOSURES ARE PROMISED

Accused Seattle Chief Announces That He Will Conduct His Own Defense in Disbarment Case Filed by Attorney-General.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mayor Gill today announced that he would file again for another term as Mayor. He did so as his answer to the proceedings in disbarment instituted against him and his former law partners, Hoyt, Frye & Riser, by the Attorney-General yesterday, and he proposes to start things moving in the campaign immediately by hiring a hall to declare himself.

Just as Mayor Gill's intentions perturbed through the minds of the politicians another boom was sprung to bring Harold Preston, a former State Senator and candidate for United States Senate in the days before the direct primary took the Senators' seats out of the hands of the Legislatures, into the race. Robert R. Fox, a wealthy business man, who was defeated for delegate to the Republican National convention last year, also is being urged to get into the race, and Councilman William Hickman Moore, Ralph A. Horr, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, and Councilman Robert B. Heeketh are again urging him. Ole Hanson today opened headquarters in the New York block, and Austin E. Griffiths opened headquarters in the White building before the date of filings arrived from In connection with the disbarment proceedings Gill announced today that he will conduct his own case. He also said that he would not spend any money in his primary campaign for re-nomination, but that he would go before the people "and tell them a few things that have been withheld from them." It is expected that he will open up the old controversy between Mayor-General H. A. Greene, commanding at Camp Lewis, and the city, and explain the Gill version of why the ban was placed on Seattle by the military officials.

Gill Promises Exposure.

Gill's campaign is going to be another big event in the politics of Seattle. Always he thrives best on opposition, and this time the entire field, with the possible exception of Heeketh, is against him. He has today opened headquarters in the New York block, and Austin E. Griffiths opened headquarters in the White building before the date of filings arrived from In connection with the disbarment proceedings Gill announced today that he will conduct his own case. He also said that he would not spend any money in his primary campaign for re-nomination, but that he would go before the people "and tell them a few things that have been withheld from them." It is expected that he will open up the old controversy between Mayor-General H. A. Greene, commanding at Camp Lewis, and the city, and explain the Gill version of why the ban was placed on Seattle by the military officials.

Mayor to Plead Own Case.

"I really hadn't intended to file; my family did not want me to run again, and I had decided to go back to the practice of law, but last night after I had been served with notice of the disbarment proceedings, I held another family caucus and we decided there was no alternative save running," said the Mayor.

"As I regard this latest attack as merely the culmination of a series of efforts to ruin me, though I have not practiced law for four years, and have retired from Police Court practice in February, 1911, when I was recalled and resumed the practice of law, I intend to run again. I will go on the stump and tell a great deal that I have refrained thus far from saying. Of course, I expect to be re-elected. As for the disbarment proceedings, I do not believe I will have any difficulty in defending myself. I intend to handle my own case and know of no one that would in any way justify the attempt to prevent me from practicing law."

DEATH'S DELAY BUT BRIEF

Fatal Accident Follows Miraculous Escape by Only Few Hours.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 27.—W. L. Conlogue, of Coquille City, Or., was killed last night by a Southern Pacific electric train as he was crossing the tracks of the terminal here in eluding the police. Conlogue previously had dived headlong through a window of a moving train and landed unhurt.

He told a railroad company employe that he was a German and that Government men were after him. Following this he ran and disappeared. He was ground beneath the electric train a few hours later.

MOTHER WANTS SON BACK

Marine, Former Blacksmith's Helper, Declared Delicate for War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Fearing that the rigors of warfare would be too much for her delicate son, a woman living at Fresno, Cal., has written to United States Marine Corps headquarters here asking that the young man be discharged.

"He is too weak and delicate to be in the service," she wrote. "He is a blacksmith's helper by trade, and I would prefer him to stay at his last job."

The mother was informed that, for the time being, her son must remain a marine.

Special Training School to Open.

YAPPEAN, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Brigadier-General Evan M. Johnson, acting commander of Camp Upton here, announced tonight that a special school for the training of officers in the duties of higher commands and of brigade and division staffs will be opened at the camp January 1. Field officers and commanders of important units will be taught how to co-ordinate various branches of the service.

Hindus Pledge Loyalty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Expressions of loyalty and assurances of support were tendered President Wilson and the United States Government in resolutions adopted at the convention of the Hindustani Association of America today. The association is composed of students from India in American colleges.

Major White Ordered East.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Major W. G. White, of the staff of the Coast Artillery, who spent Christmas in Eugene yesterday received a telegram ordering him to report to Fort Monroe, Va., to attend the School of Fire. Major White has been stationed at Fort Canby.

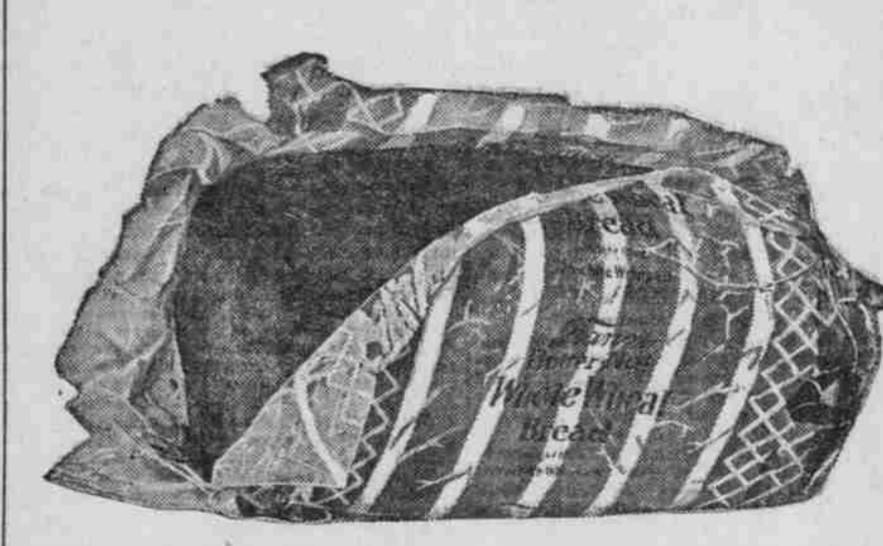


Months ago the United States Food Administration began an investigation of bakeries. They got down to facts on the cost of bread-making—the food-value of properly baked bread.

Following this, there went forth over the country the question, "Why should housewives bake bread when bakeries will save fully 650,000 barrels of flour a year through scientific methods?" An ounce of flour wasted in 20,000,000 homes totals 650,000 barrels. How can we better save wheat than by buying bread from the grocer?

Franz United States Bakery, Portland, is one of the most modern in America. No home kitchen could be equipped to bake bread like it is baked here. And to prevent further waste, each loaf is machine wrapped in the sanitary paper—untouched from the ovens to you.

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