

ORTON AND THOMAS TO RELEAS ERM

Unless Restrained by Law, Directors Will Refuse to Re-tain School Head.

OPINION IS NOW AWAITED

Board Members Declare They Will Not Be Influenced by Mass Meetings Attended by Alderman Partisans.

George M. Orton and George B. Thomas, two of the three members of the Board of Education who voted to depose Superintendent of Schools Alderman and to transfer him to the position of acting superintendent of war work, declared emphatically yesterday that unless District Attorney Evans holds that the board exceeded its authority in so transferring Mr. Alderman they will positively refuse to rescind their former action.

Dr. E. A. Sommer, the third member of the board who joined with Directors Orton and Thomas in removing Mr. Alderman, is at Camp Lewis, but it is known that he is even more pronounced in his opposition to Mr. Alderman than are his associates.

District Attorney Evans was requested Tuesday by Mr. Thomas to give an opinion as to whether or not the board acted within its legal rights in deposing Mr. Alderman as head of the city schools and assigning him to other duties. Mr. Evans had not completed his examination of authorities and formulated an opinion yesterday.

From the expressed attitude of Directors Orton and Thomas and the fact that Dr. Sommer is particularly unfriendly to Mr. Alderman, it is apparent that the question of his reinstatement hinges entirely on the opinion to be given by District Attorney Evans. If that decision holds that the board acted illegally in removing Mr. Alderman, Directors Orton and Thomas said yesterday that they would accept that decision and permit Alderman to continue as Superintendent of Schools for the ensuing school year.

But if the District Attorney holds that the board acted within its rights, it is a certainty that Mr. Alderman will not be reinstated by the present board, except if he is ordered by some court.

Neither Mr. Orton nor Mr. Thomas will be influenced, they say, by the action of Tuesday night's mass meeting which resulted in the reinstatement of Mr. Alderman. They maintain that they have acted in the best of faith and in the best interests of the school and, unless it is shown that their position cannot be sustained legally, they will refuse to be restricted from the position they have taken.

Contract is Questioned. "Tuesday night's meeting was composed largely of the partisan friends of Mr. Alderman—persons who worked and voted against Mr. Thomas and me in the election and are opposed to us today," said Mr. Orton yesterday. "Personally, in view of the circumstances, I do not feel bound to respect their wishes."

If the District Attorney holds that we had a legal right to transfer Mr. Alderman to assign him to other duties, I shall stand by my vote regardless of mass meetings. I am convinced that Mr. Alderman is not the proper man for the head of the schools. For that matter, I do not believe that the present board is morally bound to retain him as Superintendent. The former board had no business to contract the services of Mr. Alderman for an additional two years on the eve of their retirement from office.

"Besides, Mr. Alderman is personally responsible for the lack of harmony in the schools today. Fully four-fifths of the principals and teachers are unable to work with him. They cannot get along with him. If we are removed from the head of the schools, I shall abide by that decision. I would not favor resorting to litigation in order to assist him. The lawsuits are expensive, as the taxpayers of this district too well know. They have been called upon to pay about \$21,000 in court costs to assist Mr. Alderman as a result of his protracted controversy with Mrs. Alexander."

Mr. Thomas was even more pronounced in his attitude toward Mr. Alderman, and said that if the action of the board was sustained by the District Attorney's opinion, in view of the conduct of Mr. Alderman in the last three weeks, he would vote summarily to discharge him from the employ of the district.

"I wish it distinctly understood," said Mr. Thomas yesterday, "that I was not pledged against Mr. Alderman in the recent election. I do not say that if elected, I would make an investigation of the condition of the schools and their administration by Mr. Alderman, and if I found those conditions as they had been represented to me, I would favor making a change in the head of the schools."

candidates for Director were all pledged to Mr. Alderman. "In view of these facts, the vote by which Mr. Orton and I were elected was expressive of the dissatisfaction of the patrons of the district with Mr. Alderman. To show that I am trying to be fair in this controversy and working in the interest of harmony in the schools, I wish to say that no later than this morning I told a delegation of school principals that called upon me in opposition to Mr. Alderman, that so far as I was concerned the incident was closed; that unless they desired in their activities, they would be the next to be discharged.

Dr. Sommer Absent. "So far as I am personally concerned, if the District Attorney advises us that the board acted within its rights in removing Mr. Alderman and he refuses to comply with the action of the board, I shall vote to discharge him from the employ of the district altogether."

Today is a regular time for a meeting of the board, but it is doubtful if a session will be held. Dr. Sommer is at Camp Lewis and cannot be in city. Mr. Thomas is expected tonight to rejoin his family at Long Beach, and Mr. Orton will not be able to attend the meeting. This leaves only Dr. Sommer, Dr. Sommer, Dr. Sommer, Drake, a minority of the board, in the city.

Ever since the majority of the board created the office of superintendent of war work and assigned Mr. Alderman to the duties of that position there has been considerable speculation as to just what the duties of that office might be. Acting Superintendent of Schools Grout yesterday compiled a list of the various school activities that would properly come under the supervision of such superintendent. They number 20 and are as follows:

- War work activities.
Red Cross training enlisted men.
Red Cross salvage campaign.
Direct gifts to soldiers, sailors and nurses.
Liberty loans.
Third stamps and war savings certificates.
Food conservation.
War gardens.
Farm labor enlistment of boys.
Ferry-picking enlistment of girls.
Boy Scouts.
Y. M. C. A. campaign.
Classification of draft board questionnaires.
Adoption of war orphans.
Syrian and Armenian relief.
Service flags.
Oregon soldiers' and sailors' emergency fund.
High school orchestras and glee clubs' entertainment of enlisted men.
Singles week campaign.
Mr. Grout also issued yesterday the following interesting statistical information concerning the Portland schools:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Enrollment in elementary schools, Number of teachers in kindergarten, Total enrollment, etc.

BOYS ESCAPE FROM JAIL. Bud Epton and Lovett Latourell Force Bars and Get Away. On the eve of their being sent to the State Training School two youthful delinquents confined in the juvenile quarters of the County Jail escaped Tuesday night. The boys are Bud Epton, youthful forger and automobile thief, and Lovett Latourell, implicated in the burglary of the Fox merchandise store at Troutdale last fall.

PAROLED FIREMAN IS HELD. W. G. Sontag Charged With Failing to Support Family. "W. G. Sontag, former Portland fireman under indictment for larceny of firearms from the Hudson Arms Company, was returned from Prineville yesterday because of the alleged violation of a parole granted to him last fall.

TWO LOSE COMMISSIONS. Second Lieutenants Dismissed From Army Service. CAMP DODGE, Ia., July 17.—Second Lieutenants Arthur W. Furber, of Minneapolis, and Elmer L. Berg, of Grafton, N. D., both stationed here, have been dismissed from the Army, it was announced today.

MOONEY IN "DEATH ROW". San Quentin's Gates Open to Receive Convicted Murderer. SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—Thomas J. Mooney left this city at 10 A. M. for the "death row" in San Quentin Penitentiary, under sentence to be hanged August 23 for murder in connection with the preparedness day bomb explosion here.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH. Mother Ill, Father Does Washing, Baby Falls Into Boiler. MARSHFIELD, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Alton Butters, the four and one-half-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butters, of Allegheny, fell into a boiler of scalding water Monday and died from his burns at 5 in the evening.

ARMY ORDERS. SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The following orders were issued by the Western Department of the Army here today: First Lieutenants Henry Foster Marshall and George E. Roche, United States Guards, Presidio of San Francisco, will proceed to Fort Douglas, Utah, for duty.

Francis to Get Meat Daily. PARIS, July 18.—The abolition of meatless days in France after July 20 is ordered in a decree issued today. The restrictions on consumption in restaurants of milk and cheese are consequently to be abandoned.

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An enthusiastic and triumphant exponent of the belief that the teachings of Christ "work" when used as the basic foundation of relations in the industrial world is Harry N. Clarke, factory head, of Cleveland, O., now spending three days in Portland in carrying his message to the industrial heads of the city.

As president and general manager of Cleveland factories, Clarke has never had an employe discharged in 15 years, nor has he "lost" one, in the ordinary sense of the word. If one of his workmen expressed a desire to leave, Clarke was instantly on the job talking counsel with the worker, placing him or her in another department if so desired, or personally landing a position elsewhere for the departing employe.

War Workers Need "Punch." "The morale of the American Army is wonderful. It is something like which military leaders have never seen before—all the leaders admit this. As the right kind of spirit has put the punch in the war, so we must now put the punch in the morale, whatever you call it—in the industrial situation. I call it the practice of the Christian spirit."

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O'BRIEN RULES SHIPS, TOO. U. S. Railroad Manager Will Direct Steamship Line. Under an order of the Federal Railroad Administration, the jurisdiction of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. W. R. & N., is extended to the Portland & San Francisco Steamship Company.

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SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special.)—Captain W. C. McNaught, well known in marine circles in Portland, has been appointed a member of the Oregon State Board of Pilot Commissioners by Governor Withycombe, to succeed Captain J. Speler, resigned.

INTEREST IN CAMP GROWS. Successful Student-Soldiers Will Be Assigned to Arkansas. Keen interest in plans for the central officers' training camp at Camp Pike, Arkansas, where Oregon's successful applicants will be assigned, is reported among former Oregon Agricultural College students and men of other institutions, says President Kerr in a message from Corvallis.

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