

SCHOOL DESK BID "RUN IN" IS CHARGE

Underhand Method in Handling Offers Alleged.

JURY PROBE IS SUGGESTED

Members, However, Are Divided and Delay Action—Plot by Furniture Men Is Alleged.

Charges of the employment of underhand methods by either School Clerk R. H. Thomas or employees in his office in the handling of recent bids on school furniture were made Thursday night by Director George B. Thomas in a special committee meeting at the courthouse. The board members were divided as to the need of an investigation, and when the director suggested that the matter be turned over to the grand jury it was decided to delay action until the next regular meeting.

"If this board doesn't want to investigate, I'll go into it myself," declared Director Thomas. "I want to find out who turned back the time clock in the clerk's office and stamped the second letter on the bid by the Northwest School Furniture company July 24, when it was actually received on the 25th."

Bids Closed on July 24. The letter in question was sent in when the company discovered that the district would probably purchase desks without foot rests and book racks and that the A. H. Andrews company had made a discount for this in its bid. Bids were closed on the 24th, but the notation came the following day and although it was dated July 25, the time clock used in the stamping of bids recorded July 24. Employees of the clerk's office held that the clock probably was accidentally tampered with.

A letter received by Director Thomas while he was at the beach, signed by a Mr. Burns, who purported to have picked up a note written on stationery of the Northwest company and implying the existence of a plot to obtain the contract, has further complicated matters. Members of the board are inclined to discount the value of the message.

Director Thomas has made the charge that persons in the office said the Northwest bid was in when they knew it was not.

Grand Jury Probe Suggested. "I think this office knows something about the matter that we have not yet found out. If you want me to make charges, then I will. I think Clerk Thomas and his deputy, G. L. Baker, and the purchasing agent, W. L. Palmer, know about it."

At this point Chairman E. A. Sommer interrupted him with: "Careful, George, you're sure to blow up."

The irate director turned to A. C. Newell of the board and asked if he did not hold an identical opinion, but the latter denied this.

"That's the stamina to back up what you said to me."

When Mr. Thomas moved that the matter go to the grand jury, Mr. Newell seconded it, and Director George Orton declared he was willing to countenance any investigation.

Furniture Men Questioned. O. M. Plummer held that the board could look into the matter without bothering the jury. Mr. Orton here said he would like to see Burns brought before such a body to testify whether he had actually picked up the note he claimed to have found in the courthouse.

When the meeting had adjourned the directors questioned furniture men present regarding the number of desks they could supply. The W. E. Finzer company's representative said he had not enough on hand, and Mr. Thomas turned to J. H. Voght of the Northwest company to make inquiries. His wrath cropped out again and he charged: "You fellows seemed to fix the time clock to get the furniture through." The furniture men made no reply.

As the Northwest people were the lowest bidders, the contract is apparently theirs, although it has not definitely been awarded.

At the Theaters.

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BY LEONE CASS HAER. AT the time of the announcement that Henry Miller would appear in a play founded upon certain episodes in the life of Moliere there was much conjecture whether the picture of the famous playwright would be a brilliant portrait or merely an especially clear-cut character study.

Happily Philip Moeller in his biographical comedy has set all doubt at rest. He has represented the unbounded energy, the courage and ability to blend serious with splendid cynicism, the supreme ecstasies of the French playwright's many-faceted nature with those deeper and finer qualities of devotion, of bigness of purpose which made Moliere one of the most amazing figures of his day.

Mr. Miller has emphasized with distinction the capricious and supremely paradoxical character of the French playwright and author. An eccentric figure always, Moliere is depicted with exceptionally artistic conviction. When there is a suggestion that Moliere's somber side, his tendency to brood and to make copy of his own heartache is being represented too dimly, there comes a revelation of those finer qualities of vitality and resourcefulness. As played by Mr. Miller, there are many, many shadings to the role of Moliere of which the actor takes the utmost advantage. An unusually brilliant performance is given and one which gains its effect aside from Mr. Miller's playing of the title role, chiefly from the fact that Blanche Bates has the extraordinary ability to paint portraits even better than Mr. Miller can paint them.

The play, concerned as it is mainly with the efforts of Madame de Montespan, mistress to Louis XIV of France, to commit Moliere into an attic with herself, and her revenge when he repulses her advances, is frankly written in dialogue and is constantly sober and intensely dramatic in situation. Its high lights of comedy are startlingly infrequent.

Throughout Miss Bates' role as the Marquise de Montespan there runs the only thread of satire, a gentle irony directed at the St. Antonian attitude of Moliere when she tempts him. It is Miss Bates' playing which brings out this quality in the lines, her resourcefulness and sense of humor, fine imaginative powers giving her portrait a splendid reality. The atmosphere of the Louis XIV period of foibles and fancies and conceits is finely conveyed.

The scenes are laid in Moliere's study in his theater at the Palais Royal in Paris, and the handsome blue and gold apartments of Madame de Montespan. The play itself provides exacting tests

PUBLIC TENNIS PLAY DRAWS MANY ENTRIES

Entrants Number Three Times Those of Former Years.

COMPETITORS ARE PICKED

Drawings and Schedule of Contests Will Be Announced Tonight.

F. E. Harrigan in Charge.

Play in the boys and girls tennis championships on the public courts is scheduled to start at Washington park on Monday, August 18, and last through the following three days. The entry list, although not quite complete, shows about three times the number of players over previous years. With every park in the city where there are tennis courts entered, except one, the tournament promises to be a great success.

The sectional park tournaments have been completed and the winners, or in some cases the four best in the ladder tournaments, have won their right to represent their park in the central tournament under the direction of F. E. Harrigan.

The courts will be closed to the public for all but tournament play during the afternoon and evenings of August 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The drawings and time of play will be announced tonight by Mr. Harrigan, who is busy completing all arrangements and can be reached at his residence, telephone East 7289. The courts are located at the head of Washington street and can be reached by an Arlington Heights street car.

Play of the doubles championship will be staged later in the season with a doubles team participating from each of the public parks. The names of the entries and the park that they represent follow:

Boys' singles, 15 years of age and under: Irvington—Norman Arnold, Edward Murphy, Walter Johnson, Clarence Hartman, Kentworth—Norman Johnson.

Girls' singles, 15 years of age and under: Lincoln—Hugh McVale, Kenneth Reed, Mount Tabor—Lynn Wycoff, Jack Joyce, Willard Duran.

Peninsula—Don McKenzie, Harold Brown, James Osborn. Vernon—Lawrence Gadball, Rex Carr, Washington—Johnny Faint, Nat Gamble, Kenneth Ferguson, Howard Wilson, George Parrish.

Girls' singles, 15 years and under: Columbia—Mary Benson, Nona Peterson. Mount Tabor—Nan Roche, Peninsula—Gladys Larson, Alva Wertley, Vernon—Elsie White, Frances Elmer, Mildred Marsh, Mary Richard.

Junior boys, 15 to 18 years, including the latter: Columbia—Carl Ahlquist, William Heary, Edward Newman, Irvington—Hally Burkatt, Robert Cole, Alfred Plantan.

Senior boys, 15 to 18 years, including the latter: Lincoln—Fred Seachrist, Lincoln—Manning Wylie, Mount Tabor—Martin Fassback, Peninsula—Mike Osborn, Floyd Reed, Vernon—Bernard Calkins, Heine Gower, Washington—Martin Fassback, Alfred Barnum, Charles Estes, Meier Halmo.

Junior girls, 15 to 18 years, including the latter: Columbia—Ruth Peterson, Kentworth—Lennie Norene, Lincoln—Edith Helzer, Mount Tabor—Ester Clark, Peninsula—Sue Brown, Fanny Crona, Catherine Quigley, Dorothy Buckman, Vernon—Ruth Harvey, Lillian Rutquist, Washington—Alice Richard.

MARINES SHOOT FOR CUP

SERGEANT THOMPSON WINNER OF \$2000 TROPHY.

Two Brothers Finish at Top in National Competition—Wyoming Civilian Team Scores 189.

CALDWELL, N. J., Aug. 15.—Shooting at 1000 yards against more than 200 competitors in the marine corps cup match here yesterday. Sergeant C. D. Thompson, United States marine corps of Quantico, Va., won the \$2000 marine corps cup. His score was 192 out of a possible 199.

Second place was won by Lieutenant J. A. Zimmerman, United States marine corps of Quantico, Va., who also made a score of 192.

J. A. Wade, Wyoming, civilian team, scored 189.

CARMEN TO PRESS DEMAND

MEETING TO CONSIDER WAGE AWARD IS HELD.

Rejection of Increase Granted by Labor Board to Mean Renewal of Fight, Say Union Officials.

Whether the 1900 platform men of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will accept the wage increase of 12 per cent authorized by the war labor board was to be determined at a meeting of the Portland division of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees which started in the east side Woodmen's hall at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

U. S. SHIPS NOT BARGAINS

New Chairman Says Board Will Not Rush Sale of Bottoms.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Ships held by the United States shipping board will not be sold at bargain price, John Barton Payne, newly appointed chairman of the board, said yesterday, adding that no efforts were being made to force their disposal.

Smaller vessels will be disposed of first, Mr. Payne said, and the establishment and operation of shipping lines in interests of commerce would be the first consideration.

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RENAME LOOP, SAYS CLUB

'LANCASTER' IS SUGGESTED FOR COLUMBIA HIGHWAY SECTION.

Progressive Business Men Appoint Committee to Obtain Recognition for Highway's Builder.

With a view to recognition for the engineer who constructed the Columbia river highway, the Progressive Business Men's club Thursday appointed a committee to endeavor to have the so-called "figure eight" of the scenic roadway changed to "Lancaster Loops."

Upon the ground that it is not a figure eight and that there is nothing in connection with the highway to commemorate the name of its builder, the club has started a movement for this change. J. C. Stevens, J. P. Jaeger and Judge Jacob Kanzler are the members of the committee.

Responsive to the address of Oscar Ferguson of the Alcazar players, the club decided at the noonday luncheon Thursday to get behind a movement to aid in establishing and maintaining as a fixed attraction of Portland a high-class musical-comedy theater. As a beginning and in order to become acquainted with the Alcazar players, there will be a night especially for the club members and their friends, the arrangement of which was left in the hands of a committee.

Will P. Green, organization secretary of the vigilance committee of the Association of Advertisers of the World, acquainted the business men with the work being accomplished in educating the public on the question of advertising. He outlined the standard of advertising, the high standard of work that is being done in Portland and enlisted the lively interest and cooperation of those present.

ISHII'S SUCCESSOR SLATED

CABINET MEMBER MAY BE AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Tokio Dispatch Announces Kijuro Shidehara, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Will Get Post.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(Special)—A Tokyo dispatch received in San Francisco announces that Kijuro Shidehara, vice-minister for foreign affairs in the Japanese cabinet, will probably be appointed Japanese ambassador at Washington to succeed Viscount Ishii, who will not return to Washington because of political changes in the personnel of the cabinet at Tokyo. The appointment, however, has not been definitely made.

Shidehara was formerly counselor to the Japanese embassy at Washington and during the early years of the war was minister for Japan at The Hague. He is now vice-minister for foreign affairs in his own government.

Inquiry at the state department at Washington elicited the information that the Japanese premier, Kei Hirota did not wish to lose Kijuro Shidehara from his cabinet at this time, which fact might be an obstacle to his appointment.

Any statement that Shidehara has been appointed ambassador would be premature, inasmuch as the state department has not been advised of his appointment. It was announced, however, that Shidehara was known to hold the leading position among the Japanese statesmen who are being considered for the post.

FOOD BOYCOTT PROPOSED

Seattle Housewives List Butter, Eggs, Milk and Meat.

SEATTLE, Aug. 15.—Letters asking them to join in a limited nation-wide boycott of butter, eggs, milk and meat until foods have reached a reasonable level were sent to the National Housewives' league headquarters in New York city and other like bodies in the United States yesterday by the Seattle Homekeepers' league.

The Seattle league claims the reasonable price levels should be: Butter, 50c a pound; eggs, 55c a dozen; milk, 15c a quart; fresh meat, 25c pound and salt meat 40c a pound. The league has claimed this end can be accomplished by self-denial and thoughtful buying. Starting of a campaign of mass meetings and street parades against the high cost of living also is recommended.

Rabbit skins from Australia and New Zealand were among the largest offerings in the recent international fur auction at St. Louis.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070. A 6095.

Hats o' brown

Tints that blend with the falling leaves.

\$5 to \$12 Trimble Dunlap Stetson

Ben Selling Leading Hatter MORRISON AT FOURTH

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070. A 6095.

Make every August day count, fellows September the second will soon be here!

Get father and mother to come in and buy you that new suit for school. My second floor is fairly groaning under the stacks of new clothes for boys.

Here are hundreds and hundreds of nobby suits, and nearly every one has an extra pair of "knicks." They're fairly priced—\$7.50 to \$27.50, and every between-price. Today will be a good day to come!

Second Floor for Boys.



Pen Selling LEADING CLOTHIER Morrison Street at Fourth

LANDLORDS TO ORGANIZE

APARTMENT-HOUSE OWNERS TO STANDARDIZE SERVICE.

Co-operative Buying of Fuel as Means of Lowering Cost of Operation Suggested.

Steps toward permanent organization of an association of apartment-house owners were taken Thursday night at a meeting held in Central library hall, at which a committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed. It was unanimously voted that free telephone service will be discontinued in apartments on and after September 1. Herbert Gordon was elected president and C. L. Florence secretary of the organization.

with its affairs to be directed by an executive committee which was authorized to frame the by-laws.

The purposes of the organization, as outlined by Mr. Gordon, are to standardize the regulation and management of apartment houses, with a view to giving efficient service. There was no discussion of the question of rentals. The organization may undertake to obtain co-operative buying of fuel as a means of lowering the cost of operation. Individual owners stated after the meeting that it is their intention to rebate to tenants the \$1.50 that has been paid to the telephone company. The rebate, it was said, is a matter for each landlord to decide.

The members of the executive committee are Mrs. E. C. Florence, Ethna Applegate; B. F. Stone, Rex Arms; J. W. Kinder, St. Francis; Manager Hudson Melcliffe Court, and Mrs. Johnson, manager of the Everett.

Honolulu Wants Schoolteachers. HONOLULU, T. H.—If private ship-

ping lines fail to provide accommodations for 15 school teachers who are to come from the mainland within the next two months to take positions in Hawaii, Governor C. J. McCarthy will appeal to the war department to have them brought on an army transport. Passenger steamers are booked full for months ahead, but last reports were that arrangements would be made to accommodate the teachers, whose services are greatly needed by the department of public education.

SINN FEIN SUPPRESSED

British Ban Revolutionary Orders in County Clare, Ireland.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The government announces that it has been decided to suppress all Sinn Fein and kindred organizations in County Clare, Ireland.

This action was taken because of incense in crime in that county.



ALL BRIGHT AND SHINEY AND NEW TODAY! LILA LEE IN ROSE O' THE RIVER. STARTS TODAY—FOUR DAYS. A mixture of love, hate and home-cooking in a Maine logging town. Mr. Famous Players-Lasky says it is a dinger. We kind o' think so, too—but we'll leave the ultimate decision to you. When are you coming? COLUMBIA KE-COOLED DIRECTOR OF JENSEN & VON HERTZOG