

SCHOOL BILL FIGHT DRAWING TO CLOSE

Two Campaign Meetings Scheduled for Today.

BOTH SIDES ARE HEARD

Friends of Measure Gather at Auditorium in Afternoon and Opponents in Evening.

With the exception of two meetings, to be held today in the Scottish Rite temple, the compulsory school bill campaign in Portland closed yesterday with a gathering of the "pro" forces at the municipal auditorium in the afternoon and a similar assembly of those opposed to it at the same building in the evening. The great hall was well filled for both meetings.

Today's programme calls for a meeting for women at 2 o'clock in the Scottish Rite temple this afternoon and a gathering of Masons at the same building in the evening. William MacDougall, one of the leading advocates of the measure, will speak at both meetings. The anti-school bill element will also have two meetings. One, at Astoria, will be for women only and will be addressed by Mrs. Alexander Thompson. The other, at The Dalles, will be addressed by K. W. Montague.

Professor Bissett Speaks. Professor Charles F. Bissett of the University of Washington was the chief speaker at the meeting of anti-compulsory education forces at the auditorium last night. He held the proposed measure to be an improper one and a danger.

"It is an attack on the fundamental and basic principles of the American Commonwealth," he declared. "The constitution of the United States guarantees absolute religious freedom.

"Let us throw off the mask. This is purely an attack on the Roman Catholic church. I am not a Catholic and I have no Catholic antecedents. This is my country, mine is a secular issue. It is wed with the blood of my ancestors. My great grandfather fought at Bunker Hill; grandfather in Mexican war; father fought at Gettysburg; I was a volunteer in the Spanish-American war and my son was on the battlefields of France.

"If the Roman Catholic church were to attack the public schools of this country, I have Protestant blood in me to shed in the defense of the schools.

March Owed to Catholic. "I would also be willing to shed my blood if the Ku Klux Klan attempts to subvert the basic principles of American democracy.

"This republic owes much to the influence of the Catholics. This Oregon owes much to the Catholic Long before my ancestors stepped on the Plymouth rock, the Catholic missionaries had spied out this land and its possibilities for settlement. In the darkest days of the revolution, the friend that came to our rescue was Catholic France, headed by Lafayette.

"The founders of the constitution realized that to God alone is a man responsible for his religious views and practices. The autonomy of the soul even God recognizes. He respects it, not compelling by external forces, but appealing to reason, conscience and affection.

"Herein is the divine foundation of religious liberty. Its enactment is recognized as the law of God, written in nature, of truth and man. Such it is to be considered as the echo of the divine will translated into our fundamental law.

Free Religion Demanded. "Happy the people whose rights of conscience are never forced. Happy the people that have never made an appeal to arms in a religious war. Happy the people that have not shed others' blood on the battlefield fighting for creed.

"Conscience, said the great Doctor Lieber, lies beyond the reach of God. Thoughts and religious aspirations and religious feelings must be free. That government is the most despotic which attempts to interfere with the religion of its people."

Another important discussion of the measure was held at Christensen's hall last night, at which Dr. W. F. Martin, associate editor of the Liberty magazine and secretary of the national religious liberty bureau, denounced the bill.

world has such a measure among its laws. That government is bolshevik Russia. Even Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchy, doesn't want to live there. If Oregon enacts this compulsory education law it will take its place alongside of Russia and the two will stand together in an effort to crush out freedom in education.

Gump Going Strong on Eve of General Election.

Colonel Bush Says Candidate is Winning Hands Down.

AT THE Gump-for-Congress club headquarters last night the workers were coming and going in a continuous throng; the telephone was ringing incessantly and a flood of Andy Gump buttons were distributed. It was the busiest political headquarters anywhere.

Andrew Gump was locked in the rear office to protect him from being importuned by persons who wanted to meet the free-handed spender.

"We're going to put Gump across," insisted the colonel with vigor. "How do I know? Well—just between ourselves—I called at the bank today and inquired the amount of Andy's balance. The paying teller informed me how much Gump has left, and, with the campaign nearly over and some iron men still in the bank, I am certain I'll pull him through."

"I'm having some trouble, however," confessed the colonel. "Down in Tillamook county for instance, republican voters are being urged to write in the name of Andrew Gump for representative in the legislature against Rollie W. Watson, in Yamhill county, where Peter Zimmerman, republican candidate for state senator, is saying he is a member of the non-partisan league of the Dakotas, Gump is being proposed as a candidate against him. Other persons are recommending Andy as first, second, third and last choice for city commissioner. My trouble is trying to keep the boys lined up and let them know Andy Gump is not a miscellaneous candidate. He is a candidate for congress, nothing else."

"Widow Zander reports that the women like Andy and his manly stand on all issues. Mind you, Mrs. Gump has been attending 4 o'clock teas and little Chester has been attending a different Sunday school every week. A delegation from the crew of United States eagleboat No. 35, in the harbor, has been here and assured Andy that it

is their earnest and sincere desire to see this man, 100 per cent for the people, at Washington, where he will wear no man's collar. These gobs also like his stand on the forehead trousers. You can bank on Andy getting on the popular side every time—sometimes."

"By the way," continued the colonel, displaying more temper than appeared necessary, "did you see what the anti-blue law league did to us in its straw vote? It absolutely refused to show the ballots for Andy Gump. I know that he received more than any other candidate, for I personally devoted two days to marking the stray ballots and deposited them in the boxes at the cigar stores. I must have voted 1000 times myself, and I know that Andy ran up a terrific taxicab bill

going to the different cigar stores to vote for himself. And look at the result—Gump isn't even credited with a single vote. I don't believe the straw vote was honest so far as Gump is concerned."

Colonel Bush received a telegram from Ontario yesterday reporting the Gump-for-Congress club in Malheur county is ready for tomorrow. Judge King is president, W. E. Less vices-president, J. T. McNulty is treasurer and George K. Alken is secretary. They asked for money and buttons. The buttons were sent.

In the colonel's mail came a letter from R. A. Walmsley of Kelso, Wash., saying Kelso feels that Gump is trying to keep the courthouse in Kalama, and that therefore Kelso is unalterably opposed to Andy and the whole Gump family.

Another letter came from Allan Steels, 170 1/2 Second street, city, predicting that Andy cannot be elected because he hornswoegled the Widow Zander out of her breach-of-promise money.

"If every knock is a boost," angrily commented Colonel Bush, "Andy Gump will be elected unanimously."

Dr. Manood to Speak.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—Under the auspices of the Whitman International Relations club, Dr. Manood of Armistair, India, president of the Oxford International assembly, will speak in the Whitman chapel November 15.

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MURDER JURY OUSTED PANEL TRYING HENRY WILKENS DISAGREETS. Alleged Slayer of Wife Hopes That Next Trial Will Mean Acquittal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—The jury trying Henry Wilkens, garage manager, on a charge of wife murder was called into court and discharged at 4:45 P. M. yesterday after failing to agree on a verdict in 23 hours' deliberation.

Howard C. Tibbels, foreman, said that 11 ballots had been taken. The first, he said, was 7 to 5 for acquittal. The remaining ten were 6 to 6. The court, after Tibbels' report, asked opposing counsel if they wished to have the jury deliberate further. After a brief argument, both sides agreed that it should be discharged. The jurors and spectators then left the courtroom and the defendant was taken back to the county jail. The case was set for next Friday to be re-tried.

The three women on the jury voted throughout for acquittal. "We felt that the prosecution did not prove its case," Mrs. Kathryn McKee, one of the three, explained.

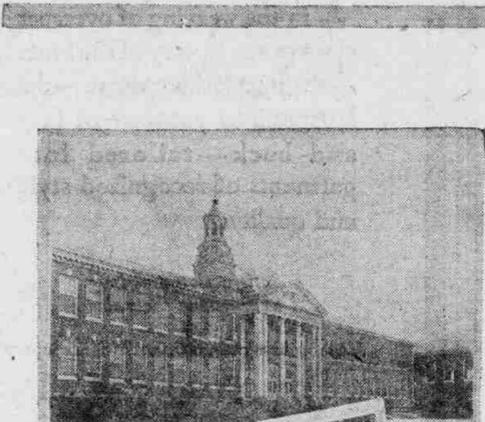
Wilkens expressed his disappointment, but said that he "felt sure" that the next trial would mean acquittal.

The killing of three persons who figured in the investigation of Mrs. Annie Wilkens' death furnished a tragic prologue to the trial of Henry Wilkens. Walter Castor, said by the prosecution to have conspired with Wilkens to slay Mrs. Wilkens, shot and killed his sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Castor, who he apparently suspected of having betrayed him, and Timothy J. Bailey, detective sergeant. Castor then committed suicide.

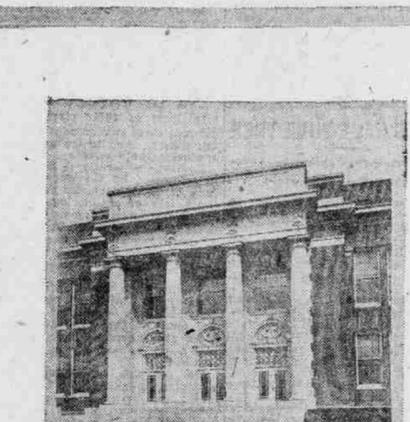
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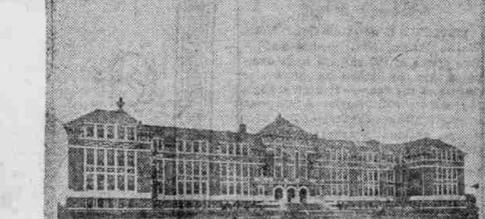
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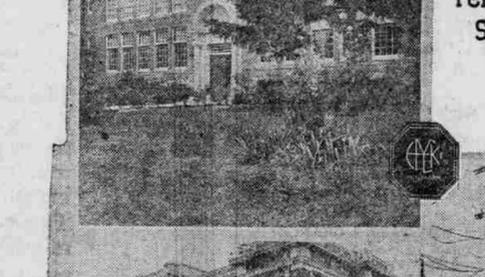
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These are the portals of the Nation's future—the free public schools of America. Through them the coming generation of workers, thinkers, doers and achievers come and go, learning the principles of democracy—the basic things upon which depend the life and permanency of a nation of free people.

To preserve these free institutions—the public schools—is the purpose of the Compulsory Education Bill, and to broaden and extend their scope and benefits are the hope and desire of those who conceived and initiated this measure.

In the final analysis there are only two classes who oppose this bill. These are:

- (1) Those who believe the rights of church should take precedence over the rights of the state. These claim opposition to the bill with the argument that it is religious persecution.
- (2) Those who believe in class distinction—in social caste—who believe their children are too good to be educated alongside of your children. These so-called blue-bloods oppose the bill with the argument that it is an infringement of their personal rights and liberties.

Every argument against the Compulsory Education Bill is based primarily upon the element of selfishness. Its opponents are not willing that the larger interests of the nation should take precedence over selfish personal and private whims.

Red-blooded men and women are for the Compulsory Education Bill. They realize that in it is the guarantee for balanced and even-tempered progress and that through free public schools—and through free public schools alone—will American leadership be maintained and permanency assured.

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