

TRUSTEES SPIT IN FIGHT ON FERRIN

Vote 8 to 8 on Resolution to Force Retirement of Pacific University Head.

FACULTY MAKES CHARGES

President Replies Citing Reasons Why He Should Hold Place in Institution—Allegations Said to Be Vague.

After a heated discussion lasting all yesterday afternoon, the board of trustees of Pacific University divided evenly on the proposal to ask the resignation of Dr. W. N. Ferrin, president of the institution, the vote standing eight to eight. The vote came on a resolution seeking Dr. Ferrin's retirement. Later by the same vote the majority report of the investigating committee, which favored retaining the president, but absolving him from the University on a financial campaign for one year, failed of adoption.

Still a third proposal was submitted later by Judge Stephen A. Lowell, providing for Dr. Ferrin's retirement in one year. It also failed of passage, eight to eight.

The meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. and was an executive session. The vote was by written ballot and the chairman of the board voted among the others. The majority report of the investigating committee was signed by B. S. Huntington, G. H. Marsh and E. P. McCornack. It sought the absolving of President Ferrin for the year to solicit the funds to make up a conditional offer of \$40,000 from James J. Hill and contemplated the appointment of a dean to govern the university during the year.

Report Surveys Situation. The minority report was presented by Philip E. Bauer and W. T. Fletcher, both alumni members of the board, Mr. Fletcher being the official representative of the Associate Alumni. This report reviewed a length of the charges which had been made out against the Ferrin administration, declaring that alumni, faculty and citizens of Forest Grove are unitedly in favor of a change of executives. It told of his failure to hold faculty members in the past and brought against him a series of counts that the signers held properly should originate with the trustees themselves.

The even division of the trustees leaves the situation unchanged. Another meeting will be held next Saturday at the Y. M. C. A. but it is not known that the question of the presidency will come up again.

Faculty Present Statement. One of the strongest arguments against Dr. Ferrin yesterday was a formal statement from the faculty. At a previous meeting the faculty had presented a short statement, asking for Dr. Ferrin's removal. Yesterday a longer letter embodying faculty sentiment was sent in, signed by all but two members, Professor Alexis Ben Kori and Professor L. E. Shippee.

Professor Ben Kori sent in a letter agreeing that President Ferrin should be superseded. Professor Shippee, who had signed the first faculty statement, was absent from the meeting. The second statement was prepared. Teachers in the Conservatory of Music did not sign the statement.

The faculty charges include the declaration that Dr. Ferrin lacks administrative ability, tact and qualities of leadership, is autocratic and arbitrary, and that he has been vacillating in such an extent that the teachers "have been unable to depend on his support in matters where they had every reason to expect it, and have hesitated to expect it until they had received it."

Reasons Are Given. Forest Grove, Or., June 19, 1912. To the Board of Trustees of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon: Gentlemen: Whereas it has been reported to us that the statement signed by the members of the faculty relating to the efficiency of the president of the institution does not set forth reasons in support of the opinion expressed therein, now, therefore, we, the undersigned members of the faculty, do hereby submit the following declaration of reasons which prompted us to sign the statement.

cism on the part of the faculty members to "destructive criticism on the part of some of the trustees," and registered a vigorous protest against "the undermining work done against" him by these trustees.

The minority report of the investigating committee is long and contains a full review of the case against Dr. Ferrin. It begins with the assertion that the college should have the support of trustees, faculty, alumni and friends, and that "the president nor the board has any right, autocratically, to close their ears to the prayers of the faculty, alumni and others."

The report includes the faculty statement, and concerning it says: "President Ferrin replies to this petition by saying that Trustees' Banquet is an interview, misrepresented facts and poisoned the minds of the faculty and secured this petition. To you who know the caliber of this faculty, such a con-

dition is preposterous and puerile. This trustee did not create this judgment of this sober-minded faculty; he simply found it and reported it, and, moreover, discovered that it had existed for years past.

Attention is then called to the fact that in a period of 11 years, 33 members of the faculty have resigned, of which the statement adds, Dr. Ferrin admits eight have resigned for "incompetency or allied reasons," and that 17 moved on to better positions or to complete their scholastic training elsewhere, "which is very significant," the report adds, "in the face of the fact that five of the young men of the faculty today say they will stay if President Ferrin resigns, but surely will go if he is retained." Attention is called to the fact that 10 of the 12 members of Whitman College, who were there in 1901, are still with the college, while only two of the Pacific University faculty of 1901 remain.

Letters Are Summarized. The report refers to the circular letter sent out to the alumni committee, which 74 replies were received, 190 letters being sent out. The following summary of the poll is presented: Causes for resignation were: 49; lack of harmony, 14; lack of advertising, 10; lack of interest by the board, 8; changing faculty, 7; other reasons, 10. Resignations suggested—Change of administration, 55; more co-operation, 5; more advertising, 4; everything satisfactory, 2; miscellaneous suggestions, 11. Some of the items gave several suggestions in each case.

In reply to a contention by Dr. Ferrin that the alumni letters were inspired by improper purposes actuating the investigation, the report declares that the poll was assented to by the chairman of the board, Mr. Huntington.

The response to a circular letter was large, "it is said. Board Not Obedient, Is Asserted. Giving its attention to complaints that "might properly originate with the board," the report says the president has started out on two endorsement campaigns and "let them peter out," that the school has "been marking time for ten years."

The report in closing contained a declaration of the desire on the part of the signers to treat Dr. Ferrin with perfect fairness.

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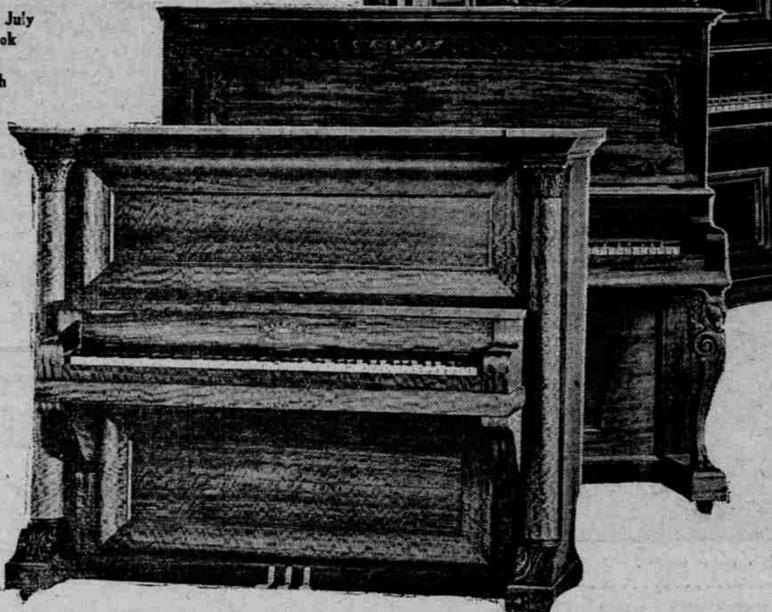
It is reported that the debate over the various proposals affecting Dr. Ferrin's future status with the university was spirited. Although the vote was by secret ballot, the division on the last night of the division on the several motions was as follows: Supporting the administration, B. S. Huntington, J. R. Wilson, Milton W. Smith, Judge Charles E. Webster, A. L. Mills, George H. Marsh, Judge J. Q. A. Bowby and E. P. McCornack; opposing the administration, Dr. Luther R. Dwyer, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, Rev. Philip E. Bauer, John E. Bailey, E. W. Haines, Newton McCoy, W. T. Fletcher and Napoleon Davis.

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There are also a number of very beautiful genuine Circassian walnut styles of most elegant design and there are two instruments in marble wood. These and the instruments enumerated below are the remaining exhibition pianos which attracted so much attention during the Rose Show.

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Among the prominent of the new visitors to the Oaks this week is the King Pharaoh, a six-year-old youngster, who knows more than any six-year-old child in the public schools of Portland.



We are particularly anxious to clear out some very fine genuine Weber Grand Pianos. The small size is reduced \$225—and the very fancy art styles go for \$285 and \$285 less than usual retail value. See them. These Webers were made according to the old Weber principles, containing the famous "wonderful Weber tone"—which cannot be found in the later "full iron plate" pianos having the Weber name. Also some Weber uprights, same reductions.

Numerous other makes of Baby and Parlor Grands are also to be had at prices reduced so low that buying becomes a positive duty. As previously announced, we are not going to handle in future any of the Webers as now being made. We are closing out all Webers in stock. When these are sold, we discontinue the agency. The Webers now here were made according to the old-established Weber principles under the direct supervision of Mr. C. B. Lawson, formerly the practical manufacturing head of the Weber piano, under whose able management the Weber instruments obtained that degree of tonal excellence for which they were noted at that time and which has been characterized as "that wonderful Weber tone."

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ASSAULT ON KING PROBED

Italian Officials Blame American Anarchists for Plot.

ROME, June 29.—(Special.)—The police are convinced that the attempt that was made in March last on the life of the King was the result of an Anarchist plot. Every effort is still being made to discover the accomplices of the man Dabis, who fired the shots.

LONDON CLUBS IN TROUBLE

Men About Town Patronize Restaurants to Loss of Exclusive Places.

LONDON, June 29.—(Special.)—A few years ago the Man-About-Town was considered practically a mere nobody unless he was a member of a half dozen exclusive clubs, but times have now changed, and it is an open secret that many of the West End clubs are in financial difficulties.

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HUMBLE WIVES TAUGHT

Domestic Science Instructors Carry Work to Irish Cottages.

DUBLIN, June 29.—(Special.)—A novel experiment in teaching domestic science in cottages has been carried out in Ireland on the principle that to attempt to teach the poor household management with utensils and apparatus they can never have in their own homes is utterly useless.

BRITISH POOR WILL PROFIT

Working Girls to Have Garden Parties in Suburbs.

LONDON, June 29.—(Special.)—A very commendable form of social service is that carried on by the Women's Social Institutes Union, and one of their schemes for the summer is to arrange for kindly people living near London who happen to possess large gardens to teach the poor and entertain parties of working girls Saturday afternoons.

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