

REUNION IS HELD BY COUCH ALUMNI

Teachers and Graduates of Many Years Ago Among Those at Gathering.

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Grown-Ups Who Have Children of Own in Institution Play Pranks Again—Reception Centers About Mrs. Burnham.

Couch School, founded in 1882, was the scene of an alumni reunion on Thursday, and when the people arrived they surprised W. T. Fletcher, the principal, and the teachers and each other.

There were several persons who have claim to a peculiar regard in the memories and affections of the alumni. They were former teachers, some of them for many years.

The old weather-beaten school building looked just the same as in the days when they were all kids, the older folk agreed.

Everything is as it was. To those of the younger alumni, who proudly wrote '14 and '15 after their names on the big register, everything was just as they had left it.

It might be said the reception centered around Mrs. Jennie Burnham, widow of a beloved principal, who has been teaching in the school since 1884.

Several members of the first graduating class from Couch, that of '86, were present; and the sweet girl graduates of '86 are the matronly mistresses of families and households now.

To be sure, all the alumni did not sign the register. That took place after the reception. It was too much like having to "stay after school," so about 40, more or less, wandered off without inscribing their names.

What surprised some of those who had made the arrangements for the reunion was the conduct of the men who attended. They had topped in, paid their respects all around, and then disappeared. It would not have been a great surprise, but they didn't act that way at all.

Grown-Ups Play Pranks. Grown-up graduates who have children of their own in Couch School sat on the little benches and looked and indulged in all manner of burlesque schoolboy pranks. It proved a source of great amusement to the younger graduates and to the teachers.

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SCENES AT RECEPTION TO OLD GRADUATES AT COUCH SCHOOL THURSDAY AFTERNOON.



Group of Class of 1887 (Left to Right)—Frank Gloss, Miss G. A. Orth, Miss F. E. Olsen, Archibald Jenkins (1887), Mrs. G. O. Miller, Mrs. H. Danoli. (2) Three Couch School Boys—Clayton Patterson, G. O. Bock, Jack Day. (3) Mrs. J. Burnham, Who Has Been a Teacher in Couch Schools for 38 Years.

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TREASURER ADAMS TO BE SUPERSEDED

"Because He Was Candidate" Is Bigelow's Only Apparent Reason for Dismissal.

ALBEE AND BAKER OPPOSED

Mayor Sees No Cause for Letting Out Man Who Came Near Winning Commissionership—Date for Deal Set Before July 1.

City Treasurer Adams' official head is to be lopped off, according to information at the City Hall. Commissioner Bigelow, against whom Mr. Adams was a candidate in the recent city election, is said to have secured promise of a sufficient number of votes in the Council to make possible the removal of Mr. Adams, and the appointment to his position of another man of Mr. Bigelow's selection.

Although having made no public announcement of his intention to proceed against Mr. Adams, Mr. Bigelow is claiming the support of every member of the Council except Mayor Albee.

The principal hitch in the proceeding as they stand now is said to be the matter of charges against Mr. Adams. The city charter provides that the order of dismissal which is to be sent to the City Council must contain a statement of the charges against the official. The official has time in which to file an answer to the charges.

The apparent reason for Mr. Bigelow's seeking the dismissal of Mr. Adams is that Mr. Adams was a candidate and came within 652 votes of winning over Mr. Bigelow. Charges of this type would not be advisable, so an effort is being made to devise other charges, it is said.

Mr. Adams has been City Treasurer since 1911, having been elected to the office under the present charter, which provided for the election of City Treasurer, instead of Mayor, as was the case in the charter for re-election in 1913, at which time the commission charter was adopted by the voters and the position was made appointive instead of elective.

No Complaint Ever Heard. At that time Mr. Adams was reappointed by the City Council and has served since. There never has been a complaint against him in any form, either regarding himself personally or his method of handling the Treasurer's office.

Commissioner Bigelow became peeved decidedly at Mr. Adams' entering the Commission race, and his vote was increased by Mr. Adams' coming within a few votes of winning it. It is said that the day after the election Mr. Bigelow started out to get necessary votes to remove Mr. Adams. He makes claim now to all votes but that of Mayor Albee.

It is said the move will be made against Mr. Adams before Commissioner Brewster leaves office on July 1. Mr. Brewster is said to favor the removal and will vote for it. This will enable Bigelow to win his point, even if one of the other two Commissioners (Daly and Dieck) backs out. Commissioner-elect Baker is said to be opposed to the removal of Mr. Adams.

Mayor Albee refused to discuss the question yesterday except to say that he can see no reason for the removal of Mr. Adams. He said he does not consider Mr. Adams' recent candidacy a sufficient ground for dismissal.

J. O. Wilson, whose name is mentioned as a likely successor, is a close personal friend of Bigelow. He is an official in the Woodmen of the World lodge of which Mr. Bigelow is a member. He contributed \$25 to Mr. Bigelow's recent campaign fund.

NOTED PROFESSOR TO TALK. Dr. William I. Hull Will Lecture Twice Today.

Dr. William I. Hull, professor of history and international relations in Swarthmore College, who is regarded as an authority on international affairs, will speak today at 11 o'clock, at the Church of Our Father, Broadway and Yamhill streets, and also at about 12:15 at the First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, under the

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James K. Kelly, who were appointed members of the executive committee for the ensuing two years. Dinner was furnished by Columbia Grange, the main feature being royal chinook salmon freshly caught from the Columbia River. Twelve took the fifth degree work at night.

Montavilla Market Proposed. The question of the establishment of a public market in Montavilla will be taken up at a meeting to be held at the Montavilla school building Tuesday night. The Montavilla Parent-Teacher Association took up the matter several days ago and appointed a committee, of which Mrs. Sarah H. Wilder is chairman, to investigate the proposed market. This committee will report at the meeting to be held Tuesday. The association has issued a call for all interested to attend the meeting.

959 GRANGERS IN COUNTY. Report Made at Meeting and Rotary System of Sessions Adopted. At the meeting of Pomona Grange with Columbia Grange, Wednesday it was reported that the total membership of the granges in the county was 959, distributed as follows: Columbia Grange, 72 members; Evening Star, 234; Fairview, 40; Gresham, 78; Lenta, 133; Multnomah, 78; Pleasant Valley, 65; Rockwood, 75; Russellville, 107; Woodlawn, 78. Russellville made the largest gain of the year.

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