

SCHOOL BOARD WINS

Two Distinguished Pleaders in Evidence.

AGAIN DEFER JUDGMENT

Pay Bills—File Letters—Discuss Sundry Matters—Hold Conference and Again Put Off Decision in Case of Miss Grace E. Smith.

The board of school directors for district No. 1, (the city of Astoria) met in adjourned session at 3 o'clock yesterday evening at the office of School Clerk E. Z. Ferguson. There were present: President F. J. Taylor, Directors Aug. Holmes, J. E. Higgins, James W. Welch, and J. A. Eakin, City School Superintendent A. L. Clark, School Clerk E. Z. Ferguson, President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon, Miss Grace E. Smith and U. S. Senator C. W. Fulton. The head of the State University and Senator Fulton being present at the behest of Miss Grace E. Smith.

Before proceeding with the regular business of the evening, an opportunity to speak in behalf of Miss Grace E. Smith was granted to Prof. P. L. Campbell, of the State University, who made excellent use of the opportunity. He gave Miss Smith an eloquent and unqualified endorsement, based upon years of intimate knowledge of her and her work, as student, graduate and teacher. Declared he would as soon believe that his own sister was guilty of the crime of shoplifting as believe it of Miss Smith. He left nothing unsaid that he could say to her honor and credit, and while he knew absolutely nothing of the offense except what had been told him yesterday by the ladies of the Elite Millinery store, he was confirmed in the conclusion that the deed was done by Miss Smith's double. Who that double was, what her name was, where she lived, whether she was to be had, or seen, or heard from, but he believed Miss Smith the victim of a mistaken identity and said so in the right fashion and in terms that could not be misconstrued. He was as frankly honest and open-handed with his liberal and generous concern for the young woman, as Mr. Campbell was before him, and he, too, urged upon the board the necessity of sparing Miss Smith the irrevocable stigma of its formal decision of her guilt and begged that they act with wisdom and a forbearance due to a stranger laboring under the onus chargeable, not to her, but to some one who is confessedly her double, in Astoria.

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not say, but the double was guilty and Miss Smith was innocent. He did a manly straightforward, pleasing act of personal friendliness, and wound it up by a plea that Miss Smith be permitted to teach for a while longer or until the tension of feeling upon the part of the parents interested in the school should reach such a stage as to make Miss Smith's retirement obligatory, in which event, she stood ready to leave upon the faintest suggestion made by the board.

Senator Fulton then took the floor in behalf of Miss Smith. He came as a purely disinterested friend of young womanhood in a stress needing the strength and kindly interposition of some one to ward off the rigors of an undeserved sentence for an offense she did not commit. He told of Miss Smith's visit to his office, of her story of her innocence and her claim that she was the victim of mistaken identity. He said that Attorney G. C. Fulton, his brother, who had appeared for Miss Smith on Tuesday night last, before the board, had concluded he had done all he could in the premises and would not appear again, so, in a spirit of entire friendliness for the young woman who, he believed, was utterly and entirely innocent of the grave charge against her, he appeared, to do a simple act of justice in pleading for her release from a predicament due, wholly, and solely, to a double. The senator did not know who the double was, what her name was, where she lived, whether she was to be had, or seen, or heard from, but he believed Miss Smith the victim of a mistaken identity and said so in the right fashion and in terms that could not be misconstrued. He was as frankly honest and open-handed with his liberal and generous concern for the young woman, as Mr. Campbell was before him, and he, too, urged upon the board the necessity of sparing Miss Smith the irrevocable stigma of its formal decision of her guilt and begged that they act with wisdom and a forbearance due to a stranger laboring under the onus chargeable, not to her, but to some one who is confessedly her double, in Astoria.

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trict, and Senator Fulton, Professor Campbell and Miss Smith retired.

The board then considered a number of communications from different people on different subjects, and same were ordered filed.

The following bills were presented, audited and ordered paid by warrant, forthwith:

Fisher Bros. Co.	\$ 40.00
Astoria Box Co.	50.00
Lewis Aggren	10.00
Morning Astorian	2.80
Geo. Linstrum & Co.	7.15
John Riley	21.00
C. R. Higgins	20.00
Exp. & Bag. Tr. Co.	1.35
Van Dusen & Co.	40.00
Ast. A. & T. Co.	50.00
Schofield & Hauke	8.65
E. A. Enberg	2.00
N. P. Johnson	21.50
W. J. Sculley	13.00
Bee Hive	1.68
W. J. Sculley	4.80
W. J. Sculley	33.75
W. J. Sculley	23.75
Prael-Eignor Co.	1.00
Wells, Fargo Co.	2.75
W. J. Sculley	.75
Am. Dist. Tel. Co.	.15
Postal Tel. Co.	.40
W. W. S. Furniture Co.	1.00
Shorman Transfer Co.	50.00

Among the communications was the following, which is taken to supply the testimony in behalf of Miss Grace E. Smith, in relation to the charge of shoplifting brought against her by the four ladies of the Elite Millinery store on Wednesday, November 1, and to account for the absence of Mrs. Slack and the other two witnesses who were willing to swear that Miss Smith never left her boarding house after school on the fatal Wednesday, from the board meeting on Tuesday night last:

"Nov. 9, 1905.

"To the best of my recollection Miss Smith was home Wednesday evening and as far as I know has been honest in all dealings I have had with her.

"MRS. C. H. SLACK,

"2458 Cedar street, Astoria."

The board ascertained last night in the course of its business that it is in possession of \$11,883, a sum that places it in the best position it has been in for years.

An order was made requiring a detail from Professor Kester on the subject of the cause of his suspension of Berne Elbon, the boy who lately attempted to "do business" with the professor in a matter of discipline. The board intends to stand by the teachers in their effort to maintain discipline, but in this particular case, need, and have called for, further particulars of the offense.

The school clerk was directed to correspond with several certain foundries, for prices, f. o. b. at Astoria, in behalf of the purchase of a 30-inch bell for service at Taylor school.

In the matter of repairs, for which the board had appropriated the sum of \$3000, for the present school year, it was found that the expense in this relation, as to Taylor school, had been \$1423.11, as against \$1800, last year, and that nearly twice the amount of work had been done for the lesser sum, so expended.

The board at this point, went into executive session upon the matter of the guilt or innocence of Miss Grace E. Smith, upon the charge of shoplifting laid against her recently by the Elite Millinery people and their clerks. The reporters present were required to withdraw and the board then reviewed the situation from all sides, and again deferred their decision until Saturday evening next, (tomorrow.)

Miss Smith will, of course, remain suspended, until this decision is handed down. In the meantime the four ladies, Mrs. Leniweber, Mrs. Pye, Miss Dench and Miss Montgomery, who saw Miss Smith take the goods at the Elite parlors, say her shift them from one part of her person to another, saw her yield them up to the proprietress of the place, heard her confess her depredation, heard her give the name of Smith, heard her plea for release from the miserable situation, and who have identified her three times since it occurred, are to be left in suspense as to whether their word in the premises is worth the breath it took to utter it. There are five women interested in this issue, not one only.

STILL CROWDED.

Fisher's Opera House held all the people it could, last night, when the Rouch Dramatic Company played "The Foxy Tramp" and those it held enjoyed every moment they were there. The engagement of this capable troupe is growing in popular favor daily. Gus B. Kleppay was the lucky man in the gift drawing last night, winning the 44 piece dinner set. Tonight the human interest play, "Only a Farmer's Daughter" will hold the boards, and the gift up for coupon drawing is a \$50.00 Copic bicycle.

Greene—He goes in for clean sport. Redd—Fond of swimming, is he?

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

County Court Adjourned—The County Court adjourned until December 6, 1905, when it will resume business at the old stand.

Little Daughter Arrives—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fraser, of Ilwaco, are rejoicing over the arrival of a brand new, ten pound daughter at their north shore home.

Saloon License Paid—City Treasurer Dealey yesterday received \$400 from A. G. Snow, as license money on the Depot Exchange.

Wants to Vote—John Olsen, Swede, filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States as soon as the law permits him.

For Italian Exposition—A model salmon packing plant is being prepared, under the direction of R. Lindenberg, which will be sent to Milan, Italy as a part of the fishery exhibit at the exposition.

State Land Agent—Oswald West, the genial and able Land Agent for the State of Oregon, shed the light of his countenance on Astoria and Astorians yesterday, and withdrew it only when the 6:10 express left for Portland.

Distinguished Visitor—Prof. P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon is in the city. He is here to do all he can to aid Miss Grace Smith, who is attempting to exonerate herself from the charge of shoplifting.

Permit and Practice—Lester Nelson secured a license yesterday afternoon from County Clerk J. C. Clinton, to wed Miss Bunde Elberman, and twenty minutes later the happy tie was tied by Justice Goodman. Good luck attend them.

MEETING of Woman's Club—At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club to be held in Logan's hall Saturday afternoon, the subject, "Special Features of the Lewis and Clark Exposition," will be discussed. Mrs. A. A. Finch will conduct the discussion and a number of papers will be read. A special musical program will also be rendered. The



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Morse Dept. Store.

meeting will be called at 2:30 o'clock, vicinity would try Vinol on our guarantee to return their money if they are not satisfied." Charles Rogers, druggist.

Self-Propeller—A self-propelling pile driver, of decidedly unique design has been constructed by J. A. Monroe. It is built on a large barge, and is moved by the use of a large paddle wheel on each side. Power is furnished by the same engines used to drive the piles. Instead of the regulation style driver, a hammer in two sections is provided. The lower part fits over the top of the pile like a cap, and the upper section is used to do the driving.

Evening of Pleasure—A large party of friends were entertained at progressive whist by Mesdames Pendergast and Berdina, last night. The house was prettily decorated with ferns and flags; whist was played from 9 to 11, when the tally cards were consulted and the prizes awarded. Several solos were sung by Mr. Albert Smith accompanied by Miss Pendergast at the piano, adding much to the enjoyment of the evening. Refreshments were served and the guests departed for their homes after a very pleasant evening.

Found Dead in Her Room—"Old Texas" a woman of the underworld of Astoria, was found dead in her room over the La Tosca saloon last night, at midnight. The woman had been in the habit of sleeping many hours a day and nothing was thought of her absence until very late, and inquiry developed that she was beyond all awakening. Coroner W. C. A. Pohl was notified and took charge of the remains, which will be interred sometime today. She was over fifty years of age.

Billious Attack Quickly Cured. A few weeks ago I had a bilious attack that was so severe I was not able to go to the office for two days. Failing to get relief from my family physician's treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the next day I felt like a new man.—H. C. Bailey, Editor of the News Chapin, S. J. C. These tablets are for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

OLD AGE BROUGHT NO INFIRMITIES

To "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, after eighty years of life had rolled over his head, declared that he was "eighty years young." "So may every man and woman in Astoria" said Druggist Charles Rogers, "if they will take proper care of themselves, keep built up and their bodily tissues from wasting."

We wish we could persuade every person in this vicinity who "feels old," whether they are so in years or not, to take Vinol. It is by far the greatest tissue builder and invigorator we know of for old people. Vinol is not a patent medicine, but simply contains the body-building, strength-creating properties of cod liver oil actually taken from fresh cods' livers, and we guarantee that it will repair worn tissues, check the natural decline and replace weakness with strength.

There are hundreds of old people in this vicinity who need just such a strength-maker and tissue-builder as Vinol. Their blood is thin, sluggish and watery, but we guarantee that Vinol will enrich and quicken the blood and build up and strengthen every organ in the body. Vinol contains no whisky or strong stimulants, which have a bad after effect and weaken and break down and we wish every old person in this

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Begins on Thursday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.

Absolutely without room for contradiction the greatest money saving opportunity that ever came your way begins on Thursday next.

Our big posters and price list are out now, be sure and get one, read it through carefully, it represents the greatest collection of real genuine bargains you've had a chance to partake of in many a day.

Here are a few Random Pickings that represent only the smallest part of the unequalled bargains it contains.

Genuine all linnen Russian crash, good width and especially adapted for making towels for kitchen use. You pay 10c every day for poorer grades. Our price during this sale.	2000 yards of very finest Percales in all the most used colors, gray, red, black and blue.
ONLY 5c A YARD.	ONLY 6c A YARD.
Your choice from 63 pieces of good quality outing flannel, colors dark or light, regular 8c and 10c values.	Best quality French Flannel-ettes in an endless variety of designs and coloring. Real 12c and 15c values, choice.
ONLY 5c A YARD.	ONLY 10c A YARD.
5000 yards of the very best quality standard prints in all colors and offered for sale nowhere for less than 6c cents.	Fancy colored table oilcloth, the very best quality. Neat patterns and one hundred designs from which to make your selections. Sold in no store in Oregon for less than 20c. During this great money saving event, your choice
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