

COMB AND ROMANCE AT TEACHERS' SALARIES LIFE

Finance Committee Prepares Report Advocating 20 Per Cent Increase for Teachers—Recommendation Almost Sure to Be Adopted.

Portland public school teachers are to receive an increase of 20 per cent in their wages, unless something unexpected happens at the next meeting of the board of directors scheduled for December 14. The finance committee which has been investigating the salary question has prepared its report, in which it makes the recommendation to the board that the increase of 20 per cent be granted. This report will be taken up for consideration at the next meeting of the board, which is now set for next week tomorrow, and it is practically certain that it will be adopted.

There is some opposition to a 20 per cent increase, some members of the board considering that it would be as much as the finances of the district could stand at this time without undue strain to grant an increase of 15 per cent. It is believed, however, that the majority of the board will favor the 20 per cent increase.

Should the 20 per cent raise be granted, the teachers of the district will receive the same monthly wage in each individual instance as at present, but instead of being paid for 10 months in the year, as now, the case will be paid for 12 months.

Considered for Months. The question of increasing the salaries of the public school teachers has been under consideration by the board for several months. It has been urged by the teachers themselves, and, in addition, has been advocated by prominent citizens of Portland and by various members of the board of directors. It has been shown that the teachers of Portland are not paid as well as the teachers of various other cities, many of them smaller than Portland.

The finance committee of the board of directors has gone into the question with great care, and after an exhaustive discussion and examination of the merits of the contemplated raise, has decided to advocate the 20 per cent increase.

It is probable that the board will meet in special session during the coming week, in order to give more time to the compilation of the annual budget for the tax payers' meeting, if that should be the case, the report of the committee would be acted upon at the special meeting.

Two matters of particular importance will be presented to the annual meeting by the board of directors when the annual meeting is called the latter part of this month or the first of next. One of these will be the increase in salaries, the other will be the matter of the Albina high school.

Albina High School. It has been decided by the board to build the high school according to the plans at first considered, though at reduced cost.

A bond issue provided for the construction of the Albina high school called for \$250,000. The building was to be of brick, and was to have been absolutely fireproof. When the plans were drawn and accepted and the bids called for, it was found that to construct a building would cost the city \$400,000.

The board will recommend to the annual meeting that the cost of the building be cut to \$300,000. This can be done by making the building of slow-burning construction instead of fireproof. The furnace and fuel room will be absolutely fireproof, however. The stairways will be of brick, and a complete automatic sprinkling fire protection apparatus will be installed. The building will be of brick, but the floors will be of wood as will the partitions.

It is estimated by the board that such a building could be constructed for \$200,000. This sum will still bring the cost of the building \$50,000 above the amount of the bond issue. It is proposed by the board to ask the annual tax payers' meeting to provide for this extra \$50,000 by including it in the annual budget.

More School Rooms. In addition to this, it is the intention of the board to make extensive additions to the grammar school buildings throughout the city. The tax payers' meeting will undoubtedly endorse the recommendations of the board of directors, and will give the teachers their increase in salary, and will provide for the completion of the Albina high school and the additions to be made to the grammar schools.

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Specialist at Metzger's

Elizabeth Johnson, Daughter of "Tom" Johnson, Granted Divorce From Frederico Mariani—Her Career on Stage.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Elizabeth Mariani Johnson has been granted a divorce from Frederico Mariani.

In this bare announcement is wrapped up a tragedy in the life of Tom Johnson to which the recent loss of his fortune of millions is a bagatelle. All his love, his hope, his ambition and his fortune were centered in his daughter, her career and happiness and he believed that she was destined to make a great name for herself in the world. He even denied her permission to marry the man of her choice, although his judgment was against the match. Before the honeymoon was over he was called to his daughter's aid by telegraph from New York and he found her career wrecked, her happiness spoiled.

Secret Hearing. The grief over their daughter's unhappiness almost destroyed the health of Mrs. Johnson. For a time even her reason was shaken. To this time the cause of all this unhappiness is a secret, and today the crowds of curious who overran the courtroom in the hope of learning the true reason why the daughter of Mayor Johnson sought a divorce were balked by a clever ruse and the hearing was held in secret.

Elizabeth Johnson or "Bessie," as she is called by her family and friends, was the petted child of her millionaire father from her earliest girlhood. When she was still well in her "teens" she was sent on a trip abroad with her mother and a Monte Carlo met a young dilettante, Frederico Mariani, traveler, playwriter and author, and a friendship was formed. Mariani never forgot the pretty American girl, for soon after they met he left his home in Milan, Italy, and came to this country.

Mariani's Decision. Miss Johnson and Mariani corresponded occasionally, and he acted as though he was determined to make a millionaire of himself by earnestly devoting himself to business. He did not find the atmosphere of the commercial world very agreeable, however, and so he fell back into the path of literature and playwriting.

In the meantime Miss Johnson had grown to womanhood, and spurred on by her father's great popularity and wide reputation, determined to make a name for herself. She chose the stage as the vehicle for her appearance before the public, and appeared in the role of Annie Russell, playing a minor role in "Brother Jacques."

The debut of Miss Johnson, daughter of the mayor, was made a great social and civic event, and the other players were eclipsed in the attention given to the young actress. The lobby and pit of the theatre were banked with flowers, which their admirers, the Society crowded the boxes, and Mayor Johnson was very proud of the reception to his daughter, and believed that it augured a triumphal career on the stage.

Stage Career Brief. For some reason, however, Miss Johnson's stage career was brief. But she was not discouraged about making a career for herself, and turned to literature. In this field she won some success, and to make a still greater name for herself she determined to write a play. She wrote it, but was unsatisfied with her product. She knew that it needed something to make it real, but could not supply the missing quality.

That Miss Johnson remembered the playwright she had met seven years before at Monte Carlo. She sent a note to Signor Mariani and he responded. "There is one thing lacking," he said. "It is the highest, the most beautiful in life. It is love, and I have known it since I saw you first."

In a few days Signor Mariani had won Miss Johnson's consent to become his wife. They were married so quietly in March, 1897, that hardly anyone knew that the wedding was to take place. They planned a wedding trip to New York.

No Settlement Made. Signor Mariani is said to have mentioned something about a settlement to Mayor Johnson, then the possessor of several million dollars, but the latter indignantly declared that in this country men were only too glad to win the hands of the women, and no settlements were made.

Signor and Mrs. Mariani had been in New York but a short time when a telegram reached their daughter, the Mayor and Mrs. Johnson in Cleveland. It was so urgent and heart-wrenching that Mrs. Johnson went to New York at once.

Mayor Johnson followed the next day and found his wife in a state of physical collapse as the result of the disclosures made to her by her daughter. For a time it was feared that the latter's reason would wander under the strain. Bessie returned home with her parents. Within a year a child was born to her.

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Coghlan's Affront to Kaiser. Admiral Coghlan had been on the retired list for less than two years, after more than 45 years of active service in the navy. He was 64 years of age.

It was after he had distinguished himself while in command of the Raleigh in the Spanish war that Rear Admiral Coghlan made the "Hoch der Kaiser" speech. The occasion was a dinner in his honor at the Union League club. The rear admiral related a number of incidents about the battle of Manila bay and then told the story of Admiral Dewey's tiff with the commander of the German war vessels which attempted to pass the blockade of Manila bay after the battle.

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"No Policy but to Carry Out Your Wishes," He Tells Caucus.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 5.—Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri was chosen leader of the minority of the house at a caucus of the Democratic members last night. Congressman Clayton of Alabama presided and read the resignation of John Sharp Williams, who returned from the leadership because of his election to the senate. Congressman Stanley of Kentucky moved the adoption of the resignation. The name of Clark was then presented by Representative Williams of Mississippi, and seconding speeches were made by Henry of Texas, Sulzer of New York, Mason of Arkansas, James of Kentucky, Cox of Indiana and Sims of Tennessee. On motion of Chandler of Mississippi, Clark was elected unanimously.

A committee comprising Lloyd of Missouri, Bartlett of Georgia and Russell of Texas, escorted the new leader to the caucus.

Clark expressed his appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him, and invoked the cordial cooperation of his colleagues in the work of the session.

"I have no policy other than to carry out your wishes," he said. "Because he was elected to fill the unexpired term of his friend, Clark said the arrangements of Williams would be carried out so far as possible."