

SAYS TEACHERS ARE WELL PAID

Chairman Wittenberg of the School Board Opposes Salary Increase.

"I am not in favor of a 20 per cent increase in the salaries of school teachers," declared Herman Wittenberg, chairman of the school board yesterday afternoon. "We are overwhelmed with teachers who would be glad to work at present prices. It's a question of supply and demand. Why, to carry out the increase on the scale suggested would mean an additional annual expenditure of \$100,000. We can't do it. We've got to put up more buildings."

The increase recommended by the finance committee is the largest of 16 per cent teachers with the most experience being the recipients of the largest increase. The maximum increase for all grade teachers was placed at \$150 and the minimum suggested by the finance committee's report was \$50 for teachers with two years' experience \$50, three years \$75. All principals of less than 10 room schools to receive \$150 increase, those at the head of more than 10 rooms \$200, high school principals \$250, all high school teachers of 10 to 15 years' experience \$250.

The report of the finance committee was laid over until Friday afternoon, when it will come before the board at a special session for final consideration. Most of the members of the board advocate an increase in salaries, but there is some difference of opinion as to the exact amount of the raise. The special session is necessitated because the report must be acted upon in time for the annual taxpayers' meeting December 25.

The report of the building committee with regard to the proposed Albina High school will also be submitted at the meeting Friday. Chairman Campbell of this committee is instructed to think of what this report will be, but it is understood that the estimate made on the original plans has been reduced so that the taxpayers will only have to produce about \$50,000 above the \$250,000 bond issue.

The bids of scavengers to remove garbage from school buildings and grounds were referred to the committee on supplies. The clerk was instructed to accept the offer of an eastern fountain company to install a fountain in one of the schools free of charge.

Miss Elizabeth Norcross, Mrs. Harriet McArthur and H. M. Esterly of the Juvenile Improvement association sent a letter to the board in which they state that 75 children belong to the organization and are anxious to have it in operation again. They had been using one of the school buildings Saturday afternoons. This the board granted.

The matter of sending a school exhibit to the fair at Seattle next year was referred to the committee on examinations.

COMEDY BILL AT ORPHEUM

Most people love a clown anyway and have at one time or another longed to get close to one and watch him unimpeded by trapeze or chariot race or performing seals. Probably the funniest clown stunt the circus ever invented is the famous baseball game as played by "Silvers," who is at the Orpheum this week. "Silvers" real name is Frank Oakley. He kept the audience in an uproar.

William Tompkins made a hit as a monologist and impromptu poet. Several of his local hits were good. Miss Bertie Fowler also got several curtain calls in her monologue act.

Bert Howard and Effie Lawrence presented the only playlet—"The Stage Manager." Those who had but recently been learning from the Saturday Evening Post how an actress had to meekly consult her manager before she could so much as wink an eyelash on the stage, were greatly surprised to learn that the stage manager is even meeker than the Post said the actors ought to be. And as the program says that, "this act depicts an actual scene which takes place in a theatre," it must be all true. Mr. Howard did some clever imitations at the piano.

Gus Edwards' "School Days," billed as a young comic opera is one act turned out to be more of a bunch of horse play. There were five pretty girls in it anyway, and Lillian Gohn, as Susie Little, is as dainty and pretty as many a comic opera star. Maybelle and Nellie Fonda, and Bert Dell did some intricate club manipulating. Miss M. Clivette—"The Man in Black"—and the Veiled Prophetess gave an interesting performance of the medium who guesses the number in watches and the color of the ring, etc. The Veiled Prophetess is said to be the "only living exponent" of psychokinesis, but his is the same old thing under a slightly different name. As the V. P. weighs about 211 pounds she looked more like an exponent of good living than of "psychokinesis," but one cannot always tell.

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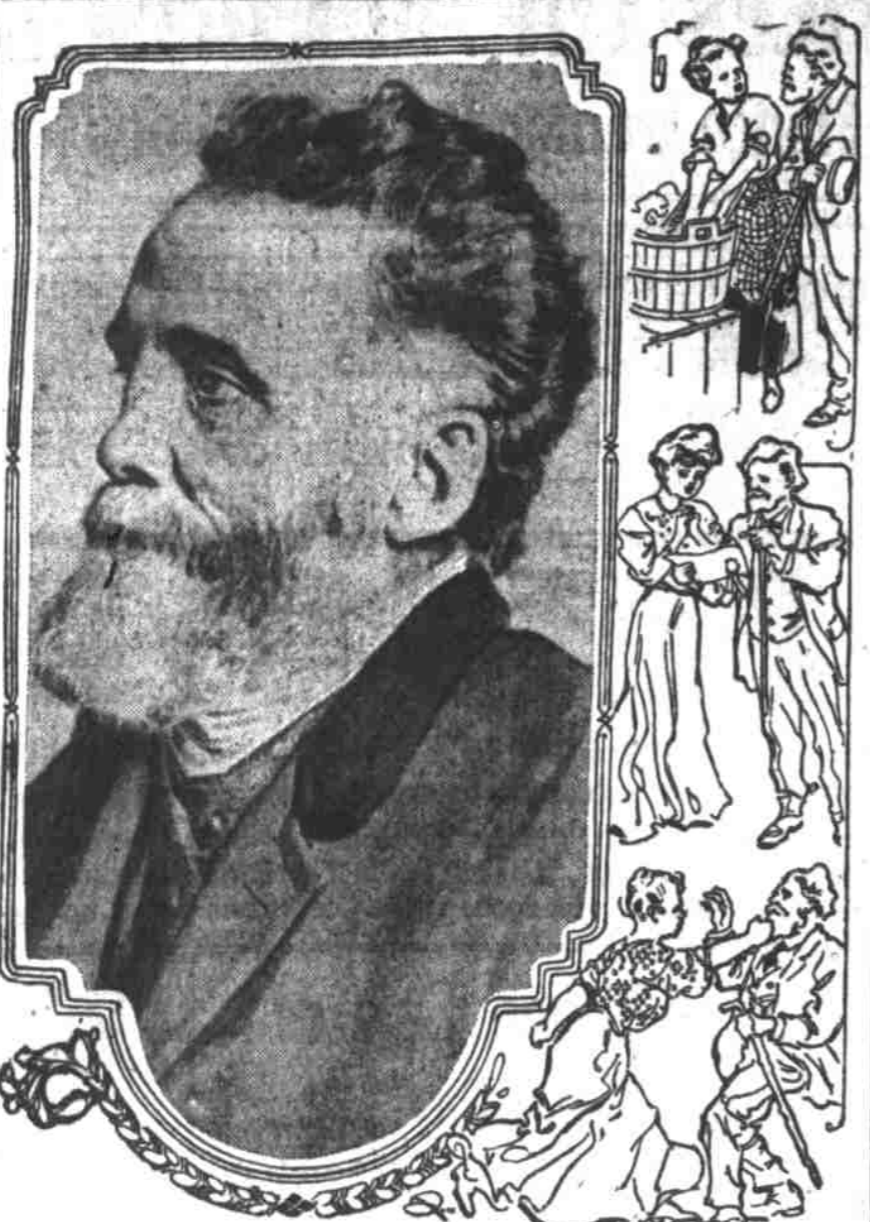
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WOMAN'S CLUB ADVOCATES MORE PAY FOR TEACHERS

Reforms in the conduct of the Portland public schools are advocated in a statement issued by the Portland Woman's club. Among other changes recommended by the club is that the teachers' salaries be raised at least 20 per cent. They also recommend that civil service be applied to the school system, that new buildings be better and more sanitariously arranged, that high school fraternities be abolished and that the courses be so arranged as to allow graduates from the local high schools to enter the state university without deficiencies.

The resolutions adopted by the members of the club are as follows: "We, the Portland Woman's club, do hereby endorse the recommendation of the school board, that the salaries of the teachers of the Portland public schools be raised not less than 20 per cent. There is no place where the employment of the best will bring better returns to the state than in its teaching force. Expenses of living have largely increased. As a matter of justice and to secure efficiency of services the salaries of the teachers ought to be increased."

"Civil Service—We also recommend that civil service rules be inaugurated as a part of our public school system, including the selection and terms of office of teachers. We recommend that rest rooms be provided in each building and that one on each floor of every new building hereafter be constructed. Such rooms should be supplied to give privacy and rest to teachers in the noon hour, and for the benefit of pupils in case of illness."

RAINIER MAN HAS COPIES OF ALL ISSUES OF HARPER'S MAGAZINE

L. S. Thomas, manager of the Rainier Soap factory, who is at the Hotel Portland, has every copy of Harper's Magazine that has ever been issued. The collection is now at Rainier, where Mr. Thomas has made his home during the past five years. The collection was started in 1859, the year the first Harper's Magazine was issued, by Mrs. Thomas' mother. The books have all been bound, with the exception of the issues of the last year, and all together the set is worth several thousand dollars. Bibliomaniacs frequently come hundreds of miles to look over Mr. Thomas' collection.

GEORGIA GIRL SOLDIER'S BRIDE

Miss Ethel Warren Huff to Wed Lieutenant Chaffee at Fort Riley.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Fort Riley, Kan., Dec. 15.—Many prominent visitors from various parts of the country have arrived here to attend the wedding of Miss Ethel Warren Huff of Georgia and Lieutenant Adna Romanza Chaffee of the Fifteenth cavalry, son of General A. R. Chaffee, chief of staff, U. S. A., retired, which will take place at the post chapel this evening. The wedding promises to be an unusually brilliant event. The bride, for a military wedding and will be attended by hundreds of the friends and acquaintances of the two families. After the marriage ceremony there will be a reception at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Captain and Mrs. A. E. Huntington, to which many hundreds of invitations have been issued. Miss Huff lived in Atlanta for a number of years and was a great favorite in social circles there. Her maid of honor will be an Atlanta girl, Miss Gladys Levin. Mrs. John Howard, who was Miss Helen Chaffee before her wedding on December 8, of this year, will be matron of honor. Lieutenant J. W. Riley will be best man and the other attendants will be Miss Elytra Pickson of New Orleans, Miss Christine Guffroy, the daughter of the lieutenant colonel of the post; Miss May Ward, daughter of the commanding colonel of Fort Riley; Miss Katherine Rockwell of Kansas City; Miss Virginia Rockwell of Junction City, Kan.; Mrs. Bertrand Clarke of Kansas City and Lieutenants Long, Hoyte, Williams, Martin, Pope and Ferguson. Little Miss Dorothy Kennington and Miss Mary Averill will be the tiny flower girls and the young ribbon bearers will be Reed Roberts and John Hinda. The chapel will be decorated with yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids will be an exquisite crew

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