

DANCING IN SCHOOLS BONE OF CONTENTION AT BOARD'S MEETING

Bible Quoted in Favor of the Terpsichorean Art; Dance Halls Result of Repression.

Reasons for and against teaching folk dances and other rhythmic forms of exercise in the Portland public schools were given through airings before the teachers committee of the board of education at its meeting in the county courthouse last night.

At the last regular meeting of the board protests against teaching dancing were made by a group of Methodist ministers and their minister was referred to the teachers committee. Directors Plummer and Sommer, for decision.

And last night all manner of arguments in favor and against dancing in the schools were hurled at the directors for two hours and 45 minutes. During the discussion, which at times became almost bitter, passages from the bible were quoted in an effort to strengthen the stand of those favoring the art of terpsichore.

Bible Is Quoted.

There were four passages quoted by Ward B. Swope of Arleta, who attempted to show thereby that there is a vast difference between the so-called society or ballroom dances and the folk dances, such as are taught in the schools.

One quotation was from II Samuel vi: 14: "And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David and all the house of Israel and all the Levites danced with him before the Lord, and before the seven thousand chosen men." Another, from Psalms 149: 3, was put forward as an additional argument:

"Let them praise his name in the dance, let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and the harp."

Then, to show the difference in dances, he quoted Mark 6: 22, which he said describes the present social dances:

"And when the daughter of said Herodias came in and danced and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the King said unto the damsel, ask me whatsoever thou wilt and I will give it thee."

Then as a clincher to his arguments Mr. Swope turned to the unabridged dictionary and dragged forth the definition of dancing—"to move with measured step to musical accompaniment."

"Under this definition a march to music would be a dance," he declared.

There was present about three score persons, the majority of whom were in attendance for the purpose of protesting against the dance. Among them were parents who took part in all forms of dancing indiscriminately. They denounced the tango, the bunny hug, waltz, Finnish reel, folk dancing, the waltz, turkey trot and the old fashioned polka, without distinction.

E. N. Welch, as a member of the committee from the Central Methodist church, was one of the most vigorous protesters. The resolutions protesting against dancing in the schools, which he presented at the last board meeting, were the inspiration for last night's discussion.

He and others frowned on dancing in all its forms on the grounds that dancing is "a pathway by which girls descend into the red-light district," "that any kind of a dance may prove a stepping stone to something worse," and "that there is as much room for a teacher of card playing as a teacher of dancing in the schools."

Rev. Charles C. Rarick, pastor of the Central Methodist church, spoke against dancing, but said he made a distinction and did not object to folk dancing being taught.

Harmonious Chord Is Struck.

It remained for G. W. DeGraft, of Woodlawn, to strike a chord for harmony and compromise. Although, he said he would not allow his children to dance, he recognized the rights of other people to hold to the opposite views, and therefore suggested that folk dancing be taught after school hours, so children whose parents object could be excused and depart for their homes.

His objections were based on moral grounds, and he said he believed it should not be taught.

Dr. Sommer here interposed the remark that the committee realized the feelings of some in regard to folk dancing and said the board would never force any child to participate whose parents wished otherwise. He said he favored the idea of having the hours for dancing extended for such time that non-dancing children could be excused.

Among the defenders of the present system of teaching folk dancing were Dr. C. H. Chapman and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise.

Dancing in Schools Not Immoral.

Dr. Chapman contended that dancing in the schools is beneficial. "It has been stated repeatedly that dancing is a step in the pathway toward vice," said Dr. Chapman. "Without warrant these people have assumed that our school folk dances are identical with dances of the public halls in all their infamous surroundings."

"On the contrary, the effort to teach folk dancing in the schools is an effective measure to combat the evil of the public dance hall. Several speakers here talk on dancing with about the same amount of information as they hold concerning card playing. And

SOME WERE SHORT, SOME CHUNKY AND SOME WALKING PANTELAS



Kids Entertained by Columbia Theatre and Rotary Club Had Time of Their Lives.

All sorts and conditions of kids participated in the entertainment and party given by the Columbia theatre and the Rotary club yesterday. There were gentle kids and rough kids, silent, dreamy kids, and shouting, noisy ones. Some were short, some were chunky and some were walking pantelas. Some wore hats and some went without, but Santa Claus made a hit with all. Some of them walked to the Columbia theatre, but most of them ran, the score or more from the Fruit and the Flower mission, came in taxicabs, while one scion of a noble house came in a limousine. But that did not prevent him from having a good time.

It took half a dozen policemen to keep them in line at the Oregon hotel yesterday noon and the noise of their tongues chattering with excitement could be heard for blocks, while after the distribution of gift bags and horns the blare of their tin trumpeting filled the air with pre-Christmas rejoicing which was sweet music to their ears, if not to others.

RESTAURANT 'RUSHERS' ON WAY TO ROCKPILE

Wayne R. Jones, Leader, Arrested With Money in His Pockets.

Thirty five days on the rockpile was the sentence given Wayne R. Jones yesterday for leading five men into Bang's restaurant at Eleventh and Hoy streets and refusing to pay for the meals. Jones had \$1.25 in his pocket when he made the refusal. The case was before Municipal Judge Stevenson.

Fred Smith, a youth of 19 years, was passing the I. W. W. hall on Sixth and Davis streets, when Jones stopped him and inquired if he was hungry. Smith said he was and would like something to eat. Jones then called four other men in the I. W. W. headquarters, took them to the Bang restaurant, where they were arrested. Smith was discharged, while the other four men were given 15 days each on the rockpile.

Patrolman Cason arrested Roy Parker and Arne Erickson this morning at 247 Alder street, where they ate and then refused to pay. The proprietor of the place said these made 42 men he had fed without getting any money. It appears the men have been sending their friends to the restaurant, but the proprietor got tired of it. The two men were given 15 days.

Joseph Smith, Frank Kotrbay and James Skowronek were arrested yesterday evening by Patrolman Kahler for "rushing" a restaurant on North Sixth street. The men told the judge they were hungry. Each man was given 15 days in jail.

what is more, they need not think that those favoring dancing in schools favor something immoral. We are just as nopy on moral, right thinking or on conscientiousness. I think the matter should be compromised, but to exclude dancing in the schools would be no compromise at all."

Rabbi Wise also favored dancing. He praised Robert Krohn, principal instructor, for his work in teaching folk dancing classes, and declared dancing is a natural impulse of joyous expression.

In social settlement work he said he had long since learned that people go to public dance halls because "they cannot dance under decent conditions." He concluded by the assertion that the real recruiting stations of the dance hall are the homes where dancing is severely repressed.

Long before the last speaker had heard the committee had limited the speeches to three minutes, and when the subject had been exhausted the directors announced that recommendations in regard to dancing will be made by the committee at the meeting of the entire board December 30.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC IS PLANNED

Special Christmas music will be rendered at St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal church, of which the Rev. J. E. H. Simpson is rector, Christmas day. There will be several exceptionally fine solos. The program is as follows: Professional, Adeste Fideles, Reading, Ad Libitum; Inchoit, Sing, O Heavens; Offertory, Rejoice Greatly; Daughter of Zion, Handel; Recessional, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Mendelssohn.

Organist, Archibald R. Wright; soloists, Mrs. R. E. Holliday, Herbert Silverwood.

Milton Masons Elect.

Milton, Or., Dec. 24.—Milton Lodge, No. 96, A. F. and A. M., elected the following officers for the coming year: Master, Henry Groth; senior warden, J. P. Neal; junior warden, William Elmo; treasurer, J. E. Davis; secretary, E. J. Davis. The retiring master, H. G. Barnes, held the place for three years and was given a vote of thanks and appreciation by the lodge.



Group of happy youngsters who had Christmas celebration yesterday, and old Saint Nick, who did the presenting.

VON KLEIN DECLARES HE WILL FIGHT UNTIL END OF RESOURCES

Convicted of Polygamy, Defendant Nurses Bump on Head Resulting From Fall.

Nursing an egg-shaped lump on the back of his head as he lies on a cot in the county jail, E. E. C. Von Klein, convicted yesterday of polygamy, declared that the battle has just begun.

The jury in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court which heard the evidence against him returned the verdict of guilty at 5:06 o'clock last night after being out from 11:30 yesterday morning.

The lump on Von Klein's head was the result of a fall last night following the reading of the verdict. He lost his balance while tilting his chair back, when Attorney Wilson T. Hume was arguing with Judge Kavanaugh for 30 days time in which to file a motion for a new trial. Judge Kavanaugh allowed 15 days in which to file the motion.

"I feel confident that I will never go to the penitentiary and I do not mean to threaten anything by that," Von Klein said this morning. "I will certainly appeal to the supreme court."

Sentence will be passed Friday morning at 10. The penalty is one to four years in the penitentiary, six months to a year in the county jail, a fine of \$300 to \$1000, or both fine and imprisonment.

While awaiting the verdict Von Klein showed no emotion and walked to a water pitcher on a table in the courtroom to get a drink. He lost none of his poise when the verdict was read and it was some time after before the fall occurred. He was sitting in a swivel chair while Attorney Hume was arguing and was seen to hold his hands in the air as though stretching his muscles. The next moment he went over and his head struck the floor with such force it could be plainly heard throughout the room.

Water was thrown on him and his clothes loosened but he did not come to, so Drs. Cliff and Slocum were called. They administered a hypodermic injection of nitro-glycerin, which brought

Von Klein to, but it was some time before he could be taken back to jail. This morning he was sore from the chest upward and was allowed to remain in a barred room off from the jail office, where he could be alone.

The crime of which he was convicted is alleged to have occurred on October 11, 1911, at the Portland hotel. The state alleged that Von Klein, under the name of George Bertram Lewis, married Ethel May Newcomb in San Francisco on October 5, 1911, and came to Portland, where he registered as "Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lewis." At the same time, it was alleged, that he was married to Mrs. Louise Illstrup Von Klein, to whom he was married in 1902.

Mrs. Louise Illstrup Von Klein was a witness against him in the trial and it is at her door that he lays the blame for his conviction, saying that she testified falsely against him that she might secure grounds for a divorce and secure property which he owns, but which is in her name. She is now suing for divorce and has the property in question tied up with injunctions. This suit Von Klein also says he intends to fight until either he secures the property in dispute or makes her spend all of the property for attorney's fees and court costs.

The conviction was secured in the third trial he has had. The first two were for larceny of \$3500 worth of diamonds from Miss Newcomb, which he is alleged to have disappeared with at the time Miss Newcomb was left alone at the hotel here. Both cases ended in disagreements of juries.

Attorney Hume and Attorney Sam Johnson, who was associated with Hume in the defense, are making efforts to have members of the jury sign a recommendation for leniency. It is said Deputy District Attorney Maguire, who was associated with District Attorney Evans in the prosecution, said that five members of the jury expressed the opinion that the penitentiary sentence should be given.

Instructor From the Barracks.

Sergeant Paul Hathaway of Vancouver Barracks has been detailed as infantry instructor to the Oregon National Guard, with orders to report for duty to Adjutant General W. E. Finzer. Sergeant Hathaway is a member of Company "M," Twenty-first infantry. He takes the place of a petty officer who has been on duty with the O. N. G. for two years, but who has been relieved because of the expiration of his enlistment.

Dayton Masons Elect.

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 24.—Dayton Lodge No. 26 A. F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Worshipful master, Harry E. Mason; senior warden, R. R. Cahill; junior warden, J. C. Fair; treasurer, A. Nilsson; secretary, B. W. Guernsey.

Carpenter Is Hurt.

Ciatkanjine, Or., Dec. 24.—G. P. Hlatt, a carpenter building a new garage for the Johnson & Son Livery company, fell 20 feet from a scaffold and was severely injured. Several ribs were broken and it is thought that one lung received a puncture. He is 63 years old.

Assay Office for Grants Pass.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 24.—The bureau of mines promises Representative Hawley it will look into the matter of establishing an assay office at Grants Pass.

She will like Thomson's Chocolates because they are different. Six kinds to select from. Ask any dealer. (Adv.)

PATRONIZE YOUR HOME MERCHANT IS ADVICE TO LOCAL CONSUMER

Splendid Example of Fort Worth, Texas, Cited as Guide for Portlanders.

Preaching and practicing the sage advice—"Keep your money at home" is said to be largely responsible for the building up of Fort Worth, Texas, one of the leading and most progressive cities of the Lone Star State. Early and late, in season and out, the people of that splendid southern city have preached the wholesome doctrine—"Buy from home merchants and insist on home products." The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce has centered its activities for years around the home products principle, and the result is a rich and prosperous city with the large

bank clearings in the country, population considered.

What has been done in Fort Worth along this line can be done in Portland, but a whole lot of the people of this city have got to make a radical change in their methods of doing business before it can be said of Portland that it is a "home products" place.

The wines of France, Italy, Austria and Spain, are in all the markets of the world, the finest and sweetest wines produced in those countries are carried by Portland wine merchants or may be had through Portland wine agencies. Imported wine is a staple product, and the price is about the same the world over. Notwithstanding these facts a large number of prominent business and professional men of this city within the past few days fell for the talk of an accomplished, itinerant wine agent, ordering through him several thousand dollars' worth of European wines. These men could have bought just as good a wine for just a little money, either directly from a Portland wine merchant or by ordering through a Portland wine agent.

The profit in wine is considerable, whether bought from a merchant or a traveling agent, and these residents of Portland, by their action in ordering from the itinerant broker, have made it possible for the eastern wine importer to make a handsome bit of money that should have been the portion of the local dealer.

In the list of Portlanders, who re-

plished their cellars through the traveling wine broker, were three of the most prominent bankers in the city. No doubt several of the wholesale wine dealers here have accounts with these bankers. At any rate if the Portland merchant doesn't prosper the Portland bank does not prosper. Another was a lawyer who makes his living out of Portland litigants.

Means More Business.

There was also a physician, an insurance agent, a wholesale dry-goods merchant, a timber operator, and on down the line; every one of them active in either a business or a professional way and all depending upon the people of this city for their livelihood, yet they sent their money away in very considerable sums to buy as staple articles as imported claret, burgundy, port, madeira and other wines.

That is not the way to build up a city. Portland's merchants cannot prosper unless the people of Portland give them their business. Men will not invest their money in mercantile enterprises unless they know they can depend, at least, upon home patronage.

Now if these gentlemen who gave orders to the traveling wine broker had been unable to get the article they wanted from a Portland dealer or agent, or if the Portland dealer or agent makes a practice of charging extortionate prices, then there was ample excuse for their patronizing a traveling salesman representing a foreign merchant, but not otherwise.

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All through the holidays the telephone will be flashing millions of greetings and good wishes far and near over its network of wires. It will be carrying the slightest inflection of the human voice out to the far-away friend and relative. Kindness and laughter will be on the wires. Old-time friends will be reminded that they are not forgotten, and where in the old days one Christmas visit was made in person, ten now will be made by telephone.

If you have a surplus of happiness during the holiday season, why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less? The telephone, you know, is the great and almost limitless roadway over which the Christmas spirit can travel.

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