

CLASH FEATURES DIRECTORS' TALK TO CIVIC GROUP

Dr. Sommer Hurls Defiance at Plan to Submit Will of School Board to Approval of Public.

RABBI WISE HEADS DELEGATES

Superintendent Grout Target for Argument Before Board Settles Down to Business on Program.

The suggestion that a committee representative of the civic organizations and influential citizens of Portland be appointed to cooperate with the school superintendent, presented by a delegation headed by Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Isaac Sweet, produced a clash at the school board meeting Friday afternoon.

Strong opposition was voiced by Director E. A. Sommer, who declared that he had traveled over the East, looking over prospective candidates, and that when he came to a decision he would see his constituents with his colleagues and if the public did not like it, it could get another director.

Director J. Francis Drake said that when the matter came up he would be glad to adopt some such plan as Dr. Wise suggested.

Director George Thomas, with a tone of sarcasm, said that the delegation was unduly alarmed and was acting in haste; that Mr. Grout had been elected for a term of two years. Later in the argument he accused the delegation of fearing the school board would reject Mr. Grout that afternoon and of coming up to prevent such action being taken.

Schools a Great Public Trust
Rabbi Wise declared he had not mentioned Superintendent Grout and it was not fair to him to bring his name into this discussion.

The administration of schools is probably the greatest public trust a group of individuals can take upon itself," said Dr. Wise in opening his talk.

"Neither the governor of the state nor judge of the supreme court has as great a trust imposed upon him. The idea of electing a superintendent is to secure the services of some man at a salary commensurate with the needs of the position and a man who has the undivided support of the board and those who are interested in the school work.

"I do not believe any man can make a success unless he has the undivided support of the board and the confidence of individuals. If you elect a man of doubtful ability, unacquainted here, and he comes before this board and finds it divided against him, he will be handicapped and will unquestionably be a failure."

Suggests Successful Course
Dr. Wise then suggested the adoption of the course pursued in other cities of asking for the advice of a group of citizens who have the confidence of the

community at large. Then, whether or not the person selected was to be a widely advertised man, he would come to his work backed by the cooperation of the board and the confidence of the public, which would be of inestimable value.

"I am absolutely in the dark," said Dr. Sommer, "as to why this matter is brought up. It is not on the subject to be considered today.

"There is no time like the present to go into this important matter," extended Dr. Wise.

"I have gone into the matter extensively and have visited cities in the East," hotly declared Dr. Sommer, "and when I find a suitable man I shall present my advice to my colleagues on the board and find out what they have to say in the matter. It was settled several years ago that the board was to have the responsibility in the man elected. When the time comes, if I cannot pacify the public I am ready to get off the board and let you people put someone else on."

Object to Legislation
"It seems to me a crime upon the school system," interposed Dr. Drake, "that from time immemorial the legislative assembly the school system is a target to be juggled with."

"We did not come before the board to criticize," he said, "but are representing civic institutions interested in the public schools. It was understood that an effort would be made here today to elect a school superintendent and we thought that an opportunity ought to be given, before Isaac Sweet produced a clash at the school board meeting Friday afternoon.

Great Well Spoken Of
"I, too, have been in the East," declared Director Thomas, "and I have noted the harmony in the schools. Many of the teachers speak well of Mr. Grout and you have to show me a man who is his superior, and it would take a lot of argument to do that."

Dr. Wise reiterated the purpose of the delegation to cooperate with the board and not to criticize, saying that a man to be a success must have the undivided support of the board.

"Do you think the board is divided now?" asked Dr. Sommer hotly.

"I know nothing at all about the board," replied Dr. Wise in a suave tone.

Dr. Sommer then advised Rabbi Wise if his delegation wanted to do something they should go to Salem and prevent the enactment of some of the pernicious legislation that was being allowed to go through as an experiment on Portland.

Rabbi Wise retorted that the very nature of the consolidation and the dock commission will meet Monday morning and the Chamber of Commerce committee meets this afternoon.

Senator Gus Moser, who plans to introduce the bill, met with the body to hear their ideas on the proposed act. Recommendations to the legislature will be made from the decisions of the joint meeting Monday night.

Said Five Business Men to Salem.
"Send five business men to Salem," he said, "and you can get all the legislation you want."

The matter was referred to the educational affairs committee. A recommendation by Dr. Sommer that when approved by other members of the board, was opposed by Dr. Sommer, and he decided the committee should report at its own pleasure.

The meeting then considered its routine program.

The matter of granting leave of absence to the construction work was referred to the educational affairs committee to establish a precedent, it being contended by Dr. Sommer that when a teacher left for more remuneration her position should not be left open for her.

Agnes Beach and Robert J. Smith were granted leaves of absence.

F. A. Naramore was granted a two weeks' vacation, the motion for soldiers' courses in Lincoln, High School of Commerce and Benson Polytechnic school was adopted, and 13 new teachers were elected to positions in the city schools.

The following promotions and elections of teachers were made:

FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR LOOP HIGHWAY

Five Counties Represented in Organization Which Elects Rufus Holman President.

The Mount Hood Loop Highway association was organized today at a meeting of representatives of the five counties directly interested in the project—Wasco, Hood River, Clackamas and Multnomah.

Rufus C. Holman was elected president of the association and F. W. Beach secretary.

The meeting, which was held in the county courthouse, developed no difference of opinion on the great benefits to be derived, and the general sentiment was expressed in the adoption of the following resolution:

"That this meeting heartily indorses the project to build a loop road and spur around Mt. Hood, and that the highway commission of Oregon be requested to connect this loop road with such spur and connecting roads as may be necessary to join all sections of the state therewith."

Representatives of the United States forest service told of what had been done already on the project and may do so before the end of the day.

Mayor Hanson's plan, according to the announcement at his office, was to operate the street car lines out a jitney line if the street cars did not resume service by the end of the week.

President Short of the labor federation gave the Journal a statement from the viewpoint of organized labor.

"Without the right to work and the right to strike," he said, "the fact remains that the overwhelming sentiment of the local unions was in favor of it."

A real honest-to-God referendum was conducted. The majority vote in favor of the strike was overwhelming.

Jim Taylor of the Metal Trades council, a man active in labor and standing high with the workers and the employers, says that Pies gave permission for the workers to deal directly with the employers on points of contention in the situation.

The best evidence that he gave permission is the fact that the conference was held and that it resulted in a disagreement.

"It was not until after this disagreement that Pies came out with his announcement that neither side could interfere with the work and that Taylor did not participate in the local conference for he was sick in bed with the influenza at the time."

Radical Influence Admitted
Then the question was asked of the Washington labor chief which most people are asking, "How much of this is an attempt at revolution by the I. W. W. and Bolsheviki and how much of it is a strike by organized labor?"

His answer was: "There has been influence here by the I. W. W. and the Reds, but by this I don't mean to be understood as saying that they dominate. In fact, I like to be quoted at all on this point."

Visitors at Short's office were E. J. Stack, secretary of the Oregon Federation of Labor, and Charles W. Finerman, editor of the Portland Labor Press. They had hurried to Seattle to learn the facts and to get such knowledge as would be of assistance to them in case of a strike contagion should reach Portland.

Likewise, early morning visitors at the mayor's office were Chief of Police N. F. Johnson and H. P. Coffin, secretary of the public safety commission of Portland. They also were on quest for information not carried in news dispatches.

POLICE SEEK ARMY OFFICER, GROOM OF BABETTE ANNSWORTH
Portland Mother Claims Girl and Has Warrant for Man; Bride Only 16 Years Old.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Preston H. Leslie of Washington will not be prosecuted for perjury, Sheriff Cline was informed today.

Mrs. Harry B. Annsworth, who accused Leslie of swearing falsely to Miss Babbette Annsworth's age in securing a marriage license, will not press the charge. It is understood Leslie left today for San Francisco and Mrs. Annsworth will ask annulment of her daughter's marriage.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Preston Hopkins Leslie of Washington, D. C., is being sought by the sheriff today on a charge of perjury. His bride of a few hours, who was Miss Babbette Annsworth, daughter of H. B. Annsworth of Portland, is at home with her mother.

The young couple were married here Friday, but no sooner had the ceremony been concluded than the bride's mother appeared with an officer, took possession of her daughter, and then secured a warrant for Leslie. She charged he swore Miss Annsworth was 18 when he obtained the marriage license, when her correct age was but 16.

Members of the Annsworth family in Portland today rushed to comment upon the reported marriage of Miss Babbette Annsworth, daughter of H. B. Annsworth, vice president of the United States National bank, to Lieutenant Preston Hopkins Leslie of Washington, D. C. Dispatches from Los Angeles stated that Mrs. Annsworth, the mother, had immediately obtained the marriage license for the bridegroom almost immediately after the ceremony.

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Several amendments were made in the bills and it was agreed to hold another meeting of the committee Monday afternoon. At that meeting the bills will sign one report and the others can prepare an adverse report.

The bills in question are S. B. 67, 68, 69 and 70.

Patented Pavements Targets
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Henry Roberts Dies After Long Illness; Funeral on Monday

Henry Roberts, aged 64, a native of Wales, died this morning at 9 o'clock, following a long illness. He was one of the founders of Roberts Brothers, the well known firm of drygoods merchants in this city, and until a few years ago when ill health compelled his retirement from active business, was one of the best known business men of the city.

Mr. Roberts was born in Wales and came to Oregon with his brother, Thomas R. Roberts, and established their business in 1892. Mr. Roberts was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and of the British Benevolent society and the Welch Brotherhood. He is survived by his brother, Thomas R. Roberts, and three nephews, Harry, Thomas Jr., and William Roberts, all of this city.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. Finley & Son. The services will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m.

Speaker Delayed on Trip
Word was received by the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon that Isaac F. Marcosson, writer and authority on industrial affairs, had been delayed so he could not reach here in time to make a scheduled address before the members' forum of the chamber Monday evening. Instead, Henry L. Corbett, president of the chamber, will discuss unemployment and how to solve it. Mr. Marcosson's address will be delivered at a later date.

Flu Disappearing And Dr. Sommer Is Closing His Bureau

But 14 new cases of influenza were reported to the city health office up to noon today, making the lowest total so far recorded in the epidemic. No deaths were reported.

In view of the sharp falling off of cases and general improvement of conditions, Dr. E. A. Sommer is making arrangements to close the bureau's offices today and turn the remaining influenza cases back to the care of the city and county. Patients at the various city hospitals are being moved to the county hospital, and it is hoped that the few cases that will develop will also be handled there.

The influenza prophylaxis station at the Portland free dispensary, Fourth and Jefferson streets, will remain in operation, but beginning Monday treatment will be given only between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

In connection with reports from Southern California of an epidemic of influenza, Dr. Sommer said that two cases of this nature had been reported to the Consolidated Health Bureau. Both cases responded to medical treatment.

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"FOR CONVENIENCE OF OUR DEPOSITORS, OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY EVENINGS, FROM 6 TO 8 O'CLOCK, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE."

MAYOR HANSON HITS SEATTLE BOLSHIEVIKI
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