

SCHOOL TRAINING IN PRINTING TRADE ASKED IN PETITION

Request for an early appointment with at least four of the school directors to consider a petition for the establishment in the public schools of Portland of a department of training in the printing trades, was made to the board Thursday in a letter from the Portland Newspaper Publishers' association and the Portland branch of United Typothetae of America, signed by C. A. Morden, president, and R. Fennell, secretary, of the respective organizations.

Directors E. A. Sommer, George M. Orton and A. C. Newell were present. Clerk R. H. Thomas was instructed to communicate with Director O. M. Plummer to ascertain at what date he could meet with the other members of the board and representatives of the two associations. A special meeting will be devoted entirely to the subject. "It should not be necessary to point out to your board the great importance of this plan," read the communication, "not only from the standpoint of the printing trades, but of the entire community. On that account we respectfully ask that a date as early as may be convenient to the full membership of your board and to our two organizations be named. It is our understanding that one of the members of your board is absent in the East on a mission of indefinite length and may not return soon, but it is our hope that no less than four members of your board may be present at the proposed meeting and that it may be held soon."

The city commissioners will be invited to meet with the board at its conference Thursday night to consider the advisability of purchasing the 10 acres of land adjoining the Franklin high school property on the west, and also the proposed tracts in St. Johns. The East Side Business Men's club, in a communication signed by Wilson Benefield, urged the board to purchase the Franklin high school property.

The resignation of Thelie E. Carlin from Sellwood school was accepted.

Danger in Too Much Preaching, Minister Tells Mid-Day Meet

The Rev. Thomas Jenkins was the speaker at the Thursday noonday meeting at the Baker theatre. Taking for his text "Except that a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," Jenkins spoke of the danger of too much preaching.

"Baptism is the sacrament of life, confirmation the sacrament of enlightenment, and the communion the sacrament of growth and brotherhood," he said. "The church stands in need of unity and union. It can come only through fellowship in the sacrament of unity."

Man Says Wife Got Him Drunk in Order To Force Marriage

Yakima, Wash., April 2.—Alleging that his wife used threats and cajolery to induce him to marry her and at last got him drunk, secured the license and had a justice of the peace perform the ceremony. Eugene Burlingame filed a suit for divorce. His wife was Ruth Parton, of Indian blood, a rodeo rider of more than local fame, who, he alleges, carries a gun and has several times threatened his life.

Recently the wife sued the parents of the husband for \$50,000 damages, alleging alienation of her husband's affections. The marriage occurred in San Francisco, when she was en route to Tia Juana, Mexico, to take part in a round-up. He alleges he left her immediately and went to work in the shipyards at Tacoma and remained there during the war.

Fasting Proves Fatal

Vacaville, Cal., April 2.—(U. P.)—Matthew Zowko, 45, who fasted 51 days in an effort to cure himself of stomach trouble, is dead today. His stomach refused to retain food after the lengthy period of fasting.

WOULD CHANGE HOUSING CODE AND GIVE THE CITY HEALTH BUREAU POWER

Discretion in determining adequate light and ventilation facilities in old buildings for the protection of public health will be placed entirely in the hands of the health bureau, if an amendment to the housing code presented by Commissioner Mann is passed on by the city council following a public hearing within the next few days.

The matter was brought to a climax on Thursday, following a meeting in Mann's office, during which A. F. Flegel, attorney for the management of the Wabash hotel at Front and Madison street, contended that "horse sense and discretion" should be absolutely with the health bureau in determining matters of health as affected by the housing code. "You are tied by the code at present," said Flegel.

No action will be taken by the city at present toward forcing the case against the Wabash hotel for failure to comply with light and ventilation provisions of the housing code. Gordon

Lang, chief of the sanitary division, along with Building Inspector Plummer and an architect, will investigate the hotel further to arrive at a definite plan toward increasing light and ventilation facilities.

CITY EMPLOYEES MAY BE PAID DURING ILLNESS

Commissioners Pier, Barbur and Bigelow were appointed by Mayor Baker Thursday to investigate the numerous requests from city employees who have been sick, for a return of back salaries. The matter has been before the council continually of late and it is understood many employees have been dissatisfied with the rulings of the council. Commissioner Barbur expressed

himself as favoring payment of salaries due employees on account of sickness. The city is out nothing in the payment, he said, inasmuch as each department is provided with a certain allowance in the budget.

CAN WOODYARD BE REOPENED WITHOUT COUNCIL'S CONSENT?

City Attorney LaRoche has been asked to determine if a woodyard located in the center of a residential district can be reopened without the consent of the city council.

Protests filed by property-owners within 200 feet of the woodyard operated by Miller Bros. at East Thirty-first and Alberta streets, brought the matter before the council Wednesday.

Information given the council shows that the yard was first opened in 1910 and was closed a few years later. Miller Bros. opened the yard last July. During the time it was closed and reopened the council passed an ordinance making it necessary to secure a permit for operating woodyards. The council appeared willing to grant a special permit for a limited period, providing LaRoche finds that such action is within the city's rights. Application to open a woodyard by the same parties at a location close to the present one was refused by the council a week ago.

Filling Station to Be Erected

The city council Wednesday with-

drew its opposition to the proposed gasoline and oil filling station to be erected at East Twenty-fourth street and Broadway after it found that no legal barriers could be placed in the way of the building. Various companies operating stations will confer with the council before they erect similar stations over the city, they announced. The council is at present considering an application to place a station at Grand avenue and East Ankeny.

Cruelty Charged to Father

New York, April 2.—(U. P.)—John Gallender, 56, was to be arraigned today on a charge of felonious assault as the result of alleged cruelties to his 17-year-old daughter, Minnie. According to the

police the girl had been burned with a hot iron, cut with knives and pricked with needles.

Many Seek to Bore For Oil at Hanford

Yakima, Wash., April 2.—Officials at the government land office report increasing activity in the matter of filing applications for permits to bore for oil in the Hanford field. Applications are already three deep on several sections in the district and litigation over priority rights is certain to follow, delaying possible development. Applications now on file cover 50,000 acres.

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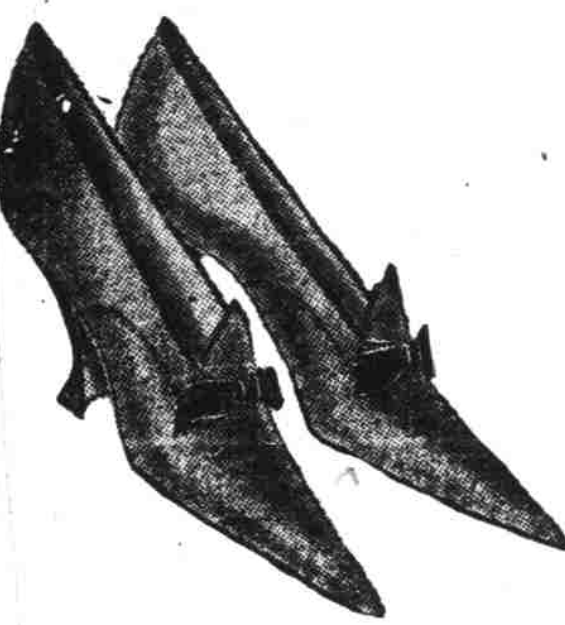
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