

WOULD LIFT BAN ON DANCING; MAKE IT MORE REFINED

Leading American Dancing Masters Open Two-Weeks' Course of Post-Instruction in Portland.

Dancing in Portland is to be refined, correct, artistic and all else that is desirable. Thursday morning began the post convention normal school of the American National Association of Masters of Dancing at Christensen's hall and a group of the leading instructors of the technique of terpsichore is here for a two weeks' course, the first held in the West since the normal schools sessions started in New York three years ago.

During the session of the school candidates for enrollment in the national organization will be examined, requirements for which demand that the applicant maintain a reputable school, that his teaching conform to the highest in the art as outlined in the program of the national organization, that he receive proper recommendation from his associates in the profession and in his community.

Fenton T. Bott of Dayton, Ohio, president of the national association for two years, is in Portland with George F. Walters, secretary. They have crossed the continent in company with Stephano Mascagno, premier ball master and chief instructor for the normal school, Mrs. Mascagno, his American wife; Mose Christensen of Portland, head of the American national normal school, and his two brothers and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christensen of Seattle, and Peter Christensen of Salt Lake, who have been attending the convention in New York.

A new dance has been developed and christened in Portland which will be known as "The Ohio," the name suggested by Mayor Baker who witnessed its initial performance at the school last week. The dance was originated by Fenton T. Bott, and is done to fox-trot tempo with a waltz step which is pleasant to watch and delightful to perform.

NOT ALL PLEASURE
The work of the normal school delegates is serious business. An established program of hard work has been outlined for them during their fortnight's session in the city, and a list, which includes most of the prominent dancing teachers from the coast states, will be engaged in the work.

The American national association of masters of dancing has received valuable cooperation and recognition in the East by Paul B. Klugh, president and founder of the Music Industries Chamber of Commerce, who advocates better music for better dancing, censorship of suggestive lyrics and more dignified titles for musical selections used for dance purposes.

Mrs. John Sawyer, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of New York, was a recent speaker at the New York convention, promising support of her organization in the betterment of dancing standards. Francis Wilson, president of the Actors' Equity association, was also one of the recent speakers before the dancing masters in behalf of cleaner stage dancing.

WOULD UPLIFT DANCING
Fenton T. Bott of Dayton, Ohio, who is one of four of the sons of a Presbyterian minister all in the dancing profession, offered for adoption at the New York convention resolutions urging the lifting of the ban placed by the Methodist church on dancing. As an organization dedicated to the uplifting and improvement of dancing along artistic and moral lines, they maintain that the Methodist and all other churches as well as state and municipal authorities should help to improve dancing conditions rather than to continue the ban, which is obeyed by few church members. They repeat emphatically the statement in the book of discipline of the church that "dancing, dancing parties and dancing schools are obviously of misleading and questionable moral tendency."

"The downward trend in dancing and in music used for the dancers may be due in part to the freedom given the soldiers at various military camps and recreation centers during the war period," said Bott. "The theatres and all

ON WITH DANCE—REFINED, SAY MASTERS



places of amusement know that this condition is only temporary and that can't last. We hope by cooperation with song writers to bring music back to a higher standard, for certainly suggestive words and music make for suggestive dancing. As soon as we clean up the music we can do better work at cleaning up the dancing. With the use of charts which it is hoped will be more widely used, incorrect postures in dancing will be overcome."

IN THE CHURCHES

Bishop E. L. Kelly, formerly presiding bishop of Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is in Portland for a few days and will preach Sunday night at the Montavilla church, East Seventy-sixth and Irving streets.

Singers are wanted by the Rev. A. A. Morrison for Trinity Episcopal church choir. Those who desire to join the choir and receive the benefit of the instruction given by a competent director are asked to be at Trinity parish house, Nineteenth and Davis streets, at 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

At the Church of Our Father (Unitarian) the Rev. William G. Elliot Jr. will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday, on the theme, "Plymouth Revisited, With Some Reflections on the Present Influence of the Pilgrim Fathers." The members of the choir have returned from vacation, excepting Mrs. Stiles, who will continue her studies in New York through September. The church school will be resumed September 12.

A Saturday Bible school for children will be held last Monday evening at the Bernhard, pastor of Grace English Lutheran church, each Saturday from 10 to 12 o'clock, beginning September 11. Religion will be the only subject taught. The pastor will occupy his pulpit twice Sunday.

A largely attended farewell reception was held last Monday evening at the Vancouver, Avenue Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal church for the Rev. A. Christensen, who resigned the pastorate to accept a Sunday school position in Denmark. Bishop W. O. Shepard has transferred the Rev. Mr. Christensen to the Danish conference. The local church has had a pronounced growth under Christensen's pastorate.

Dr. A. N. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Muskogee, Okla., will preach at the White Temple on Sunday. At the close of the morning service the Lord's supper will be administered. This Sunday also marks the first Sunday that the church is officially without a pastor. Dr. W. A. Waldo, former pastor, began his work at the Corvallis Baptist church on September 1.

The Rev. Hiram Gould, pastor of Montavilla Methodist church, will preach Sunday morning at the Mount Tabor Methodist church. In the evening the pastor, the Rev. E. G. Decker, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Loo Choo Islands."

Rat Bites Child, in Crib
Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 4.—(U. S.)—Victor, 14-month-old son of Professor and Mrs. A. Guilmes, was attacked by a large rat as he lay asleep in his crib in a second-story flat at 1:30 o'clock one morning, and bitten a number of times on the arms and hands. The child's cries awoke the parents and as they approached the crib a large rat jumped out and appeared in a hole near the radiator. Doctors treated the wounds and no serious results are feared.



Above—Stefano Mascagno, the Italian ballet master, and his assistant, Miss Kathryn Lewis, at post-normal school of American National Association Masters of Dancing, in session at Portland. Below—George F. Walters of Waltham, Mass., secretary, and Fenton T. Bott of Dayton, Ohio, president of the association.

East Side Was City in '70 Trees Down to River Side

Unless one is a pioneer of many years' residence in Portland, he cannot conceive of conditions as they existed on the east side of the Willamette river just 50 years ago this fall, when East Portland was incorporated as a city.

Except for the vicinity of the Stark street ferry and a little distance to the north, the timber came down to the water's edge. Scattered through it were a few houses, or rather cabins. Most of the land was in the hands of a few men who had taken donation land claims. The whistle of the locomotive was in the air for the first time, a novelty that caused whites and the not infrequent Indians alike to pause. The Oregon & California railroad was then being constructed south, but it was 18 years before the line connected with the road built north from Sacramento.

FIRST RAILROAD TO COME
It was the coming of the Oregon & California railroad that really crystallized sentiment for incorporation of a town on the east side of Willamette. Started in 1868, the first trains ran south towards Salem in September, 1870. By that time a small colony of houses had begun to cluster around the Stark street ferry slip, then the only connection with the city on the west bank.

The ground there was a little higher and the timber was not quite so dense as in other places along the east bank. The railroad passed nearby and the railroad station was built a little to the north, about at the present intersection of East Flanders street.

Previously to incorporation of East Portland there had been no east side city government. It had been a precinct of the county. The legislature of 1869-70 passed an act enabling incorporation of the city and this was actually accomplished on Monday evening, October 31, 1870.

EAST PORTLAND INCORPORATED
The old records of the city of East Portland are now stored away at the city hall and they give no clue as to where this meeting was held. But it is recorded that Gideon Tibbetts, A. M. Loryea, Nat H. Lane, Samuel Helpe, A. M. Loryea, C. Hawthorne, designated in the act to incorporate the city of East Portland as trustees, met and took the necessary steps. They filed their oaths, necessary which are carefully written out in "Book No. 1, City of East Portland," one of the dusty volumes to be seen at the city hall.

J. A. Newell was immediately appointed recorder, and all the earlier writings, both in the minute books and the ordinance books, are in his scribble. A. M. Loryea was named president, Barney Trainor, treasurer; Frank H.

FIRST PORTLAND AIRPLANE PARTY GIVEN BY WOMAN

Mrs. Aronson Takes Members of Motor Corps for Air Ride and Drops Flowers for Sick Soldiers

Portland has had its first airplane party. There have been parties who went on airplane jaunts, oceans of them, of course, but an official airplane party remained to be introduced by a Portland woman. It was Mrs. I. Aronson, herself an aviation enthusiast, who hopes to soon be the possessor of her own plane, and Victor Vernon, aviator.

Mrs. Aronson was commandant of the motor corps of Oregon during the war period, and with her company of smartly uniformed drivers the work of emergency service, transportation and all kinds of automobile duty in the interests of the good cause was carried on most efficiently. Friday Mrs. Aronson assembled the members of the motor corps and also the members of the Red Cross motor squad and their friends for the first airplane party ever given in the city. The guests arrived at the Lewis and Clark field about 3:30 o'clock. At 5 o'clock Mrs. Aronson and Victor Vernon flew over St. Vincent's hospital, where a number of convalescent soldiers who are under treatment there were assembled on the balcony. From the airplane came a deluge of summer blossoms and also a special floral piece carrying the greetings of the Oregon Motor Corps and of Mrs. Aronson and Victor Vernon to Mrs. Owen Blazer Jr., who was a faithful worker during the war days with the motor corps and who is now a patient at the hospital. Others who went up in the planes were Mrs. and Mrs. George Caldwell, Mrs. Ralph A. Watson, Miss B. Whitfield, Mrs. J. G. Petty, Mrs. Mowrey, the Misses Deeds and Hughes.

Following the flights, and after the baskets had been auctioned to various guests, a picnic luncheon was served to the company in one of the hangars. The first prize went to Mrs. M. H. Whittehead and the second to Mrs. Theodore Osmund, the prizes being handsome sterling silver vases, being awarded for the most attractive baskets.

The evening was spent in dancing in another hangar. The company included more than 150 guests.

PORTLAND'S FIRST AIRPLANE PARTY



Above—Victor Vernon and Mrs. I. Aronson starting for a flight over Portland to distribute flowers to wounded veterans under treatment at St. Vincent's hospital. Several members of the Oregon Motor Corps and the Red Cross motor squad also went up in the airplane. Below—Three of the decorated lunch baskets which were awarded prizes at the auction after the airplane flight.

Replanted Forest Areas Prospering

Forest service planting areas in the Breitenbush and Battle Ax regions of the Santiam national forest are in excellent shape, says Walter Lee, forest examiner, who has just returned from inspecting the plantations. On the old Breitenbush burn, three miles northwest of Mount Jefferson and eight miles from Breitenbush hot springs, 56 acres were in 1919 planted to western pine and noble fir, and 460 acres in 1920

were planted to Douglas fir, western white pine and noble fir, with a small quantity of silver fir. The reproduction of this old burn is of especial importance from a scenic as well as a commercial standpoint, because of its nearness to the new trail leading into Jefferson park, all pass through it.

On the Battle Ax area the first trees were planted in 1903. These at the end of their seventh season are five feet high and growing vigorously. About 500 acres were planted in 1915 of Douglas fir and western white pine, which are also doing splendidly. Lee noted an unusually large number of persons taking vacations in the mountains this year and reported from 200 to 300 visitors at Breitenbush hot springs during the season.

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