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PERSONAL MENTION.

Bernie Selick is in from Boyd today. Mrs. Frank Forester and little one arrived yesterday. Mr. John Osborne is confined to his home by a severe cold and fever. Miss Mollie Bernardi is in the city from Salem visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hertz. Miss Nell Butler returned yesterday to Portland, where she will resume her school duties. Mrs. Margaret Hayes, of Pueblo, Colo., is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Jeffers. Miss Nell Michell arrived in the city this morning, after spending the holidays at home. Miss Daisy Allaway left yesterday for Eugene, to again take up her studies in the University. Miss Myrtle Short, who has been visiting the Misses Bolton, returned to Portland Sunday. Roy Grimes returned to Forest Grove yesterday, where he will resume his studies in the university.

THE KUYKENDALL SCHOOL LAW

A Portion of It Condemned by Resolutions Presented at a Late Meeting of Superintends.

At the meeting of the county school superintendents recently held in Portland, the following resolutions presented by Prof. Gavin of this city, were adopted and will be submitted to the coming legislature. As every person who has children to educate is interested in the matter, and will no doubt coincide with the spirit of the resolutions we publish them below:

Be it resolved, By the department of superintendence of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, in regular session assembled: First—That we condemn that portion of the Kuykendall school law (senate bill No. 68, passed by the special session of the legislature), which, in the country districts, takes from parents having children to educate the right to vote on the questions of building schoolhouses, borrowing money, levying school taxes and petitioning for the division or consolidation of school districts; that we regard such portion of the act as injurious to the educational interests of the state, and as not justified by public needs or public sentiment; that we request the regular session of the legislature to repeal promptly such portion of the act, and to attach the emergency clause to such repeal.

Second—That the qualifications for voters at all school elections and meetings should be uniform in all districts in the state having less than 4000 population (those districts having three directors), and should include householders (fathers and widows) having children of school age in the district, and taxpayers, male and female.

The Kuykendall school law referred to is as follows:

Section 1. In all school districts in this state now created or that shall hereafter be created, any citizen of this state, male or female, married or unmarried, shall be entitled to vote at any school election or school meeting, who is twenty-one years of age, and has resided in the district thirty (30) days immediately preceding the meeting or election, and who has property in the district of the value of at least \$100, as shown by the last preceding county assessment, upon which he or she is required to pay a tax; provided, that in districts of less than one thousand inhabitants women who are widows and male citizens over

twenty-one (21) years of age who have children in the district of school age, and who shall have resided in the district thirty (30) days, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of school directors or school clerk.

Section 2. All school districts in this state having a school population of two thousand or over, as shown by the last preceding school census, shall be subdivided into voting wards by the directors of such district, such wards to conform as near as possible to the city wards comprised in its boundaries. The board of directors of all such districts shall establish at least one polling place in each ward, the judge and clerks of which shall be qualified electors within the provisions of this act, and residents of such ward; and each elector shall be required to cast his or her ballot in that ward in which he or she resides.

Section 3. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Inasmuch as uncertainty now exists as to the qualifications of voters in such school districts, this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved Oct. 15, 1908.

High Jinks Party.

The residence of Mrs. H. W. French was beautiful Saturday night in its decoration of evergreen, popcorn, tinsel, etc., while the many-colored lights made the scene enchanting, as a party of young people, who were gathered in honor of Miss Patterson, flitted two and fro in High Jinks costumes, many of them very pretty, while others furnished much amusement to the remainder of the party. The young gentlemen were particularly marked in their gallant demeanor toward the young ladies, who never looked sweeter nor more charming. High Jinks games were indulged in, one of which Brown Eyed Susan excelled and Dollie Varden was the least fortunate. Music was one of the principal features of the evening, while the cake walk and marches were executed admirably.

At about 11 o'clock the table, which had been tastily and prettily spread with numerous tempting dishes, was surrounded by the gay party, who entered as much into the spirit of this part of the program, as that of the remainder.

As the clock struck 12 and the whistles around the city told that the new year had arrived, each eagerly wished the others a happy new year, and all joined in singing the old out and the new in.

Mr. French then arriving upon the scene, begged for admittance, and being installed, took a flash light picture of the party, which was composed of the following guests, who were received by Lord and Lady Reddington: Priscilla Prim, Dottie Dimple, Annie Laurie, Dolly Varden, Airy Fairy Lillian, Blue Belle, Brown Eyed Susan, Fairy Faye, Lieut. H. Kissler, Checkers, Huckleberry Finn, Chappie Reddington, Admiral Sampson, Jr.

Water Commissioners' Meeting.

At the meeting of the water commissioners held Saturday evening Messrs. Seufert, Randall, Phirman, Crossen, Bolton were present.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the following bills were ordered paid: J. B. Crossen, Superintendent, \$75.00; C. A. Borders, helper, \$65; S. Bolton, secretary, \$10; J. B. Crossen, cash advanced for labor, \$16; J. T. Peters, supplies, \$98.46; Maier & Benton, supplies, \$3.20; Mays & Crowe, supplies, \$23.25.

A petition was presented by Isaac Joles and others asking that a 6-inch main be laid in the alley back of Fifth street from Court to Washington. Action was continued till next meeting.

R. I. Young appeared before the commissioners and asked that an extension of the water main be made on Alford and Madison streets. Referred to Crossen and Randall to examine and report at next meeting.

Report of superintendent for month of December showed the following: Total back account.....\$1372.30 Collected..... 1114 30 Delinquent..... \$ 258.00 Treasurer's report as follows: Cash on balance last report...\$4210.45 Rec'd during month..... 6589.40 Total.....\$10799.85 Paid out..... 5429.10 Balance on hand.....\$5370.76

Lily Seufert Entertains Her Friends.

The friends of Miss Lily Seufert were fortunate in being invited to attend a party given at her home on New Years' and which was one of the most enjoyable of the season. Various games were played, and Bert Baldwin entertained the company with a number of instrumental selections, which with the solos by Will Frank, were highly appreciated. Later all took part in a tempting banquet, after which many songs were sung until a late hour, when the

boys all joined in singing "Good Night Ladies." Before the good night song Arthur Seufert took a flash light picture of the party, which was composed of Misses Effie and Vesta Bolton, Margaretta Kinsersly, Helen Hudson, Pearl Grimes, Pearl Joles, Martha Schooling, Bernie Schooling, Rosemary Baldwin, Messrs. Roy Grimes, Will Frank, Jack Prayne, Chris Schwabe, James McCowan, Will Michelbach, Bertie Baldwin, Arthur Seufert, Frank Seufert.

WILL NOT ACT AS BAILIFF

Fatal Ending of a Row in a San Francisco Saloon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—As a result of a row in a saloon at 113 O'Farrell street, today, James Gallagher was fatally shot by John alias "Mike" Flynn. Gallagher who was an ex-pugilist, died soon after the affray, but was able to make an ante mortem statement, declaring that he had been slain by Flynn. The pistol with which the crime was committed has not been found. Neither Flynn nor the others who witnessed the quarrel will talk about the matter. Jerry Sullivan, one of the proprietors of the saloon, and Della Richardson, a friend of the murdered man, have been held by the police until their evidence can be obtained. It is said that Flynn has served two years in the house of correction for robbery, but expected an appointment as bailiff of one of the city police courts tomorrow.

MRS. BOTKIN FOUND GUILTY

Convicted of Murder in the First Degree —A Life Sentence Was Imposed Upon the Convict.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Rather to the general surprise of those who have followed the Botkin trial, and to the entire dismay of the defendant and her attorneys, Mrs. Cordeia Botkin was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree, for causing the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning, by sending a box of poisoned candy to her in Dover, Del. The condemned murderess will be spared an ignominious death on the gallows, however, the jury that found her guilty imposing also the penalty of life imprisonment.

Considering the unexpectedness of the verdict, Mrs. Botkin kept herself well in hand when her fate was announced. Not until the jurymen and most of the spectators had left the court room did she give evidence of a collapse. Then she sank back, half fainting, but speedily revived when given a glass of water.

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