

Friends of Superintendent Steed Rally to His Defense

AGITATORS ARE SAID TO BLAME

Present Employees at Mute School Say Administration is O. K.

A small group of agitators, aided and abetted by a disloyal teacher, played an important part in the filing of charges against J. Lyman Steed, who has been under fire for several months in connection with his conduct of the Oregon state school for the deaf.

This was the testimony offered at a special meeting of the state board of control here Tuesday by instructors at the school, ex-employees of the institution, parents of the pupils, and by other persons who said they appeared voluntarily because of their interest in the welfare of the deaf children of the state. Opponents of Mr. Steed testified at a previous hearing held in Salem two weeks ago.

Steed Attacked by Previous Witnesses
Testimony offered at the previous hearing charged that Mr. Steed was cold-blooded in his attitude toward the pupils, discriminated among his teachers, and had banned social functions in the school. There also was some testimony that certain pupils had been punished without sufficient cause, and that oral training had been substituted for the sign language.

Mr. Steed, at the outset of Tuesday's hearing, said that his trouble started in April, 1927, when he discharged Maurice Werner, an instructor in the deaf school, because of inefficiency. Werner later was elected president of the Oregon association of the deaf, and was active in pressing the recent charges against Mr. Steed. Steed declared that outside influences had gone so far as to advise some of the pupils to leave the school while others had been told that they would not be allowed to progress.

Present Employees Back Superintendent

Florence Grussing, supervisor of teachers at the school; Mrs. Irvine Smith, formerly an instructor in the institution, and Mrs. Charles Bauer, in charge of the smaller pupils, testified that there had been material improvement in the school under Mr. Steed's administration. Mrs. Grussing added that the textbooks had been improved, the supervision was in capable hands and that the equipment had been brought up to a high standard. These teachers denied that any of the pupils had been deprived of food, or that they had been punished severely.

Mrs. Bauer, when questioned by members of the board of control, testified that she was satisfied that some of the pupils at the school who testified against Mr. Steed at the previous hearing had been coached by outside influences. Other teachers gave similar testimony.

Parents Mostly Pleased

Declares J. E. Dunn
J. E. Dunn of Portland, whose son is a pupil at the school, declared that 90 per cent of the parents were satisfied with the way in which the school is being conducted. He testified the importance of oral training and the importance of Mr. Steed testified at the previous hearing that he had injected oral training into the curriculum against the wishes of students who favored manual instruction. Dunn said that he considered Steed a capable superintendent and warned against his removal. Other parents of deaf pupils who testified favorable to Mr. Steed were Joseph Prange, Mrs. E. A. Stortz, Mrs. E. F. Young and L. A. Grote, all of Salem, and H. M. Kuensel of Silverton. These witnesses expressed themselves as pleased with the progress being made by their children and were united in favor of oral instruction.

Dr. Ernest Hall, an instructor of the Portland Medical school, urged the board to retain oral training in the school and continue Mr. Steed in his present position. Similar testimony was given by Dr. S. B. Laughlin, an instructor in Willamette university.

Eugene School Principal In Favor of Mr. Steed

A letter received from Mrs. Rose J. Stacks, principal of the Patterson school at Eugene, lauded Mr. Steed as a superintendent and urged his retention.

Mrs. Addie Christmas of Portland, testified that she had been engaged in teaching the deaf for many years and was familiar with the Oregon institution. She expressed a preference for oral instruction.

J. A. Carpenter and Sylvia Smith, employed at the school under three administrations, charged that the present difficulty was due to the activities of agitators. All of the witnesses said they had been treated courteously by Mr. and Mrs. Steed.

Warning Against Teacher Listed by Superintendent

Records were presented by Mr. Steed to show that the school had progressed under his administration and that there had been no serious dissent within the institution. A letter written by E. S. Tillinghast, ex-superintendent of the school, warning Mr. Steed against the employment of one teacher, was placed in evidence.

John Powell and Bill Stuart, pupils, who testified against Mr. Steed at the previous hearing, were branded as trouble makers by the teachers. State Treasurer Kay, at the conclusion of the meeting, indicated that the charges against Steed were trumped up by the agitators and were not borne out by facts.

Completion of a 25,614-ft. railway tunnel between Tokyo and Osaka will reduce a grade from 1500 to about 200 feet.

IL DUCE'S DAUGHTER WED IN SIMPLE CEREMONY



Simplicity was the keynote of Edda Mussolini's wedding to Galeazzo Ciano at St. Joseph's Church in the Eternal City. The Italian dictator banned all public wedding presents for the

bride. Ciano is the son of an Italian diplomat and the young man is attached to the diplomatic service in Rome. Scores of dignitaries of the social, diplomatic and military world

witnessed the ceremony. The bride has been presented with a jeweled pendant by the Fascist Party.

SALES ARE PLANNED ON CARNATION DAY

The American War Mothers met at the city library Tuesday afternoon and completed plans for the "carnation day" sale which will be held Saturday. There will be 15 stations at which will be posted members of the War Mothers organization and from which about 80 young maids of the city will sell carnations to the city at large. The proceeds from this sale will go toward aid of ex-service men who are still in hospitals and for those or their families who may be in need and who live within reach of the local Mothers.

Three new members, Mrs. Mary H. Cleveland, Mrs. Marcia Harbert, and Mrs. Elizabeth O. Ryder, were placed upon the membership roll and three others renewed their memberships.

The War Mothers will entertain the Gold Star mothers of Marion county at the home of Mrs. F. A. Elliott, May 20, in special compliment to those who will sail for France in June to visit the graves of sons buried there. Mrs. Mildred Baker is sending out the invitations.

Mrs. Ada V. Skiff, state president of the War Mothers, announced the invitation from Superintendent Carter of the Portland Veterans' hospital, to the Salem War Mothers to visit the hospital on Mother's day, May 11. The Mothers are asked to bring flowers. Those who cannot go but who would like to send flowers, are asked to bring their flowers to 421 Court street Saturday afternoon or early Sunday morning. Special buses will carry the visitors to Portland. A program will be given in the afternoon at the hospital, when it is said that Marshall Dana will address the Mothers.

TURKEYS REFUSE TO GO WILD IS REPORT

Even wild turkey raising has its difficulties, according to Ben Claggett, deputy game warden. For some turkeys just will not go wild!

Claggett made a trip to Detroit this week to see how 21 turkeys he turned loose in that vicinity were doing.

Imagine his surprise when he found three hens and three gobblers had refused to go for the tall timber but had domesticated themselves right at Detroit.

And presently, says Claggett, there will be some little turkeys, all the hens now being busy with good-sized batches of eggs.

As soon as the little turks are able to travel, Claggett says he will deport these deserters to the woods along with the rest of the 21 who are going back to nature.

The game warden recently made a trip to the North Fork of the Abiqua in the region of Table Rock. He found that 12 turkeys planted there two years ago were doing famously, the flock having increased to 80. Despite the cold weather in January, all had done well, contenting themselves during freezing days by eating buds from trees or discovering occasional clumps of grass.

Delphian Group Has Drama Study

DALLAS, May 6.—Members of the Dallas Delphian society were guests of Mrs. J. C. Tracy at her home, Monday, May 5, at the concluding study of drama for the year. Those taking part in the program were: Mrs. V. C. Staats, Mrs. H. M. Webb, Mrs. J. C. Uglow, Mrs. Maurice Dalton and Mrs. C. N. Blyden who reviewed Sheridan's play, "The School for Scandal."

The election of officers and annual picnic of the members will be held in the city park, on May 19. Mrs. Maurice Dalton is chairman of arrangements for the day.

The Call Board.

By OLIVE M. DOAK

HOLLYWOOD
Today—"Devil May Care," with Ramon Novarro.
Friday—"Untamed" with Joan Crawford.

BLIGH'S CAPITOL
Today—"General Crack," with John Barrymore.

GRAND
Today—"Lucky Star."
Friday—"Night Ride."

FOX ELISINORE
Today—"The Light of Western Stars."

If you have never liked a "western" picture you and I could have shaken hands until Tuesday afternoon—but now I am out of that class for "The Light of the Western Stars" now playing at the Fox Elsinore proved a delightful surprise, and I liked it. The cowboys led by Richard Arlen, are like what stories both in books and by recounting have lead one to imagine a cowboy to be. They are natural and sincere even though at the end of the days work in making the picture they hurried out to high powered cars and dined in excellent dining rooms.

The photography is interesting and colorful. The outdoor sound is unusual for one hears the actual sounds accurately and easily either at a distance or close at hand be it the howl of a coyote or conversation on a porch at night.

The plot is tense and at most times keeps well within the limits of possibilities. There is humor, dramatic incident, and suspense so that all told, "The Light of the Western Stars" is according to the reviewer's opinion, interesting entertainment.

As a part of the music week program the Liberty Rhythm band of children between the ages of 4 and 8 years of age will be presented by the Hollywood theatre as a part of its Friday night program. This number will go on the program at 9 o'clock.

Executions Are Filed in Court Here Yesterday

Three executions were filed in the county clerk's office Tuesday as reported from the sheriff's office.

Returns of \$1256 were reported on the sale of 10 acres of land sold by the sheriff to satisfy a claim in the case of E. A. Gehlert vs. Ralph S. Howard, administrator of the estate of Esther G. Howard.

Returns of \$25,084 were reported in the sale of four parcels of land in the case of Ladd & Bush vs. S. Paul Jones et al. The lands sold were divided in tracts of 20, 137, 120 and 100 acres each.

In the case of the Ene company vs. Robert Culver, the sheriff reported returns of \$1273.

Derry, a Westmoreland county, Penn., borough with a population over 8,000 had not a death recorded in the first three months of 1929.

Stomach Distress

If you suffer from gas, heartburn, sour stomach, bloating and dyspepsia, why not make the Dietex 15 minute test? Absolutely harmless and making thousands feel like new. One ingredient has the amazing power to digest 3,000 times its own weight. Don't give up. Get Dietex at any drug store. Put it to the test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, and able to eat most anything in comfort. Dietex most satisfying 100 per cent or cost nothing. Only 60c.

Ferry's Drug Store
115 S. Commercial St.

OLD MISSION SITE DEEDED

Memorial Shrine Set Aside In Honor of Early Pioneer Here

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this deed also marks the definite beginning of preparations for the 1934 centenary celebration of the coming of the missionaries, for arranging the details of which a committee will now be formed, to include representatives of the states of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada, and the District of Columbia; also the city of Salem and Willamette university.

Advent of Civilization Here to Be Celebrated

It will be a celebration of the beginnings of Christianity and civilization in the Oregon country, and of the movement that extended the ray of the republic to the Pacific; without which all the territory west of the Rockies would likely have gone under the British flag.

This old mission site, now belonging to the people of Oregon as a perpetual shrine, was the beginning place for the influence that brought forth the Willamette university; that made Salem a village, a town, a city, and the capital of the state.

The original rude log house on the Willamette was back of the movement that started the covered wagon immigration; that originated the organization of the first civil government; that was behind the first committees looking to the organization of the provisional government, and the wolf meeting at the Joseph Gervais house two miles away—that, in short, was behind Champepe.

Slavery (Indian) in the old Oregon country was abolished at that old house, and temperance and prohibition established. It was the first place of refuge. It was the cradle of American patriotism. The first wedding of white people west of the Rockies and north of the Spanish (Alta California) line was celebrated there, and the first white mother and child died and were buried there. American home life in the old Oregon country had its beginnings for permanency there.

Various Members of Family Sign Deed

The deed recorded yesterday was signed by Joseph W. and Annie LaFollett, his wife; Clyde M. LaFollett and Luella LaFollett, his wife; Perry L. LaFollett, his wife; Elva M. Aspinwall and Britt Aspinwall, her husband, and Charles M. LaFollett.

The recording of this deed is in line with an organized effort for the marking of all historic sites in this section. This will include the site of the Joseph Gervais house, the place of which has been located; the spot where the mission mills were located, in Salem already has been surveyed, the place on Wallace prairie (below Salem), where the first school for white children was built, and many other places where important events in the early days took place.

TORNADOES KILL 53 IN WIDE TEXAS AREA

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added to the list of more than a score killed Thursday when tornadoes ripped through Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. In the latest disturbances outside Texas, nearly 40 persons were injured.

Tornadoes Sweep Over Oklahoma Again

High winds visited Oklahoma again today. More than \$5,000 damage was caused by a gale at Delhi. Considerable damage was done south of Oklahoma City but no deaths were reported.

Lightning striking a barn near Topeka, Kas., killed a negro truck driver. Harold Groth, 8, was drowned near Sylvan Grove when caught in a flooded highway.

In Oklahoma last night a three months old child was blown away when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Black near Chickasha was demolished. The infant's body was found today. Mrs. C. T. Bush, 63, and a 16 year old negro boy were killed near Greenfield.

Seeking refuge in a chicken house, Barney Von Bon, farmer near Petersburg, Neb., was killed as the structure was smashed by the wind.

Communication Greatly Handicapped by Gale

Wire service throughout the southwest generally was hampered by the storm.

In Kansas rising streams brought a threat of floods in some low lands.

The principal destruction in Oklahoma was in the western part of the state in the vicinity of Greenfield, Blaine county; Walters, in Cotton county, and Marlow Junction, in Stephens county. Derriks in the oil fields were demolished, a dozen houses in Walters destroyed or damaged by two tornadoes in an hour and much loss caused to farms.

A thirty mile swath a quarter to a half mile wide was cut by a twister near Ellinwood, Kas. Thirty farm homes and many outbuildings were razed and much livestock killed. Two persons were injured. Property loss in the Ellinwood community was estimated at \$400,000.

Three persons were injured when a small tornado dipped south of Fort Riley, Kansas, destroying several farm homes.

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His First All Talking Picture
Hear His Golden Voice
RAMON NOVARRO

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Harry Langdon Comedy News

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3 Pre-School Clinics Slated For This City

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These clinics, which are open to all pre-school children, are being held as part of the May Day Health Day observances in the schools here and in them special emphasis is being given to the child who will enter school next fall. In view of the emphasis placed, mothers are especially urged to send the five-year old.

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