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SCHOOL WRANGLE AIRD AT LONG MEETING

Board Ratifies "Star Chamber" Selection; Contract Not Yet Signed, it is Reported.

SMALL SALARY TO BE PAID

Judge Phelps Holds Inference of Secret Session and That Board acted Hastily in Selecting New Superintendent; Mr. Hampton Makes His Position Clear.

Confirming the informal action they took on Monday afternoon, the members of the school board last evening formally voted for A. T. Park of Hermiton as superintendent of the Pendleton schools for next year at a salary of \$1896. The vote was unanimous. It is understood however, no contract has yet been made with the superintendent-elect.

The matter was brought up at the conclusion of the routine business last evening and occasioned more or less discussion between members of the board and Supt. A. C. Hampton.

Judge Phelps brought the matter up by referring to the articles in the evening newspapers announcing the action of the board at the secret meeting. He stated that it had not been the intention of the board to make the matter public at this time out of courtesy to the present incumbent.

Supt. Hampton replied that so far as he was personally concerned, he had nothing to do with the publication of the matter and had never been officially apprised of the action taken by the board. He said he had no objections to the public knowing what was done at this time though he had no disposition to engage in any controversy over the matter.

Judge Phelps resented the reference of the East Oregonian to the caucus as a "star-chamber session" and the statement that the board had acted hastily in selecting a new superintendent. He stated that the board had received numerous applications and had been considering them for some time.

Hampton's contention I heard. Judge Phelps further told Supt. Hampton that when he was elected in January, it was with the understanding that he was to secure another position by next year and did not to be an applicant here again.

Director E. L. Smith stated positively that he had himself so told Mr. Hampton when among the latter replied that Mr. Smith's words were to the effect that he would stand by him until you can secure a better position.

Director F. P. Strain brought an end to the part of the controversy by upholding Hampton's contention absolutely. "I think the board will remember," he said, "that at the time Mr. Hampton was elected certain members wanted his election to be conditional upon his retiring at the end of the term. You will remember that I fought any such condition and insisted that the election be made without any strings attached so that Professor Hampton could be in a position to be an applicant to succeed himself if he so desired. The board agreed to my contention, I think, as a concession to me. I have not felt like continuing a fight in the board to retain Prof. Hampton because I believed that there should be harmony on the board for the sake of the district."

Prof. Hampton stated that inasmuch as the matter had been brought up, he intended making his position clear. "I did not come here," he said, "to engage in any controversy with you gentlemen. I came in a spirit to cooperate with the board in school matters until the end of my term, and I have been too long connected with the Pendleton schools to do anything that would tend to injure them. I certainly hope that my successor will be given the support to which a superintendent is entitled."

"As far as your action in selecting my successor at a secret meeting without giving me a hearing and consideration as an applicant, I do resent it. I tell you this quite frankly and further, that my friends also resent it."

To this Judge Phelps replied that, while Prof. Hampton had in no written application, the action of his friends in urging his retention was in itself an application, and he implied that the board had considered him and decided against him.

"All I have ever asked," said Prof. Hampton, "was a hearing that I might present my claims. You remember I called upon you, Judge"

Resentment Shown Over Hasty Action by School Board; Further Investigation, More Pay, Advised

There is decided resentment over the action of the school board in selecting a new city school superintendent without giving notice such action was intended and it is being freely suggested on all sides that before closing any contract with a new man the board should consider the matter more fully with a view to securing the very best man available. It is suggested that applications should be secured from a wide field and the salary raised so as to be on a par with the salaries paid by other eastern Oregon towns of Pendleton's class. In this way it is believed a man can be secured who will give the schools prestige and redeem the present unfavorable situation.

Hampton Eliminated.
Since the action of the board removing Prof. Hampton was taken he is considered as eliminated from the contest and no effort is being made with a view to having him retained. Mr. Hampton himself takes the view he is entirely out of the race.

To sound sentiment as to what people think of the board's action the East Oregonian questioned a number of prominent local people today. Some were opposed to Mr. Hampton and some favorable to him. With a single exception every man and woman questioned criticized the board for acting hastily and urged that further attention be given the matter before a full decision is reached.

A Backward Step.
Mrs. J. C. Woodworth, patron of the local schools and county president of the W. C. T. U., expressed her feelings in the following:
"I am highly in favor of a move to consider the matter of a superintendent more thoroughly and to secure a big man for the position. It appears to me that we are taking a step backward. The salary offered for the position is too low in view of what we have been paying in the past."

Entitled to the Best.
Mrs. W. D. McNary, prominent official in the Parent-Teachers' organization here expressed surprise and some feeling over the board's action though speaking reservedly on the topic. "I believe Pendleton is entitled to the best superintendent to be had," she said "and it is possible the best man cannot be obtained for \$1,896 a year."

Judge Fee Indignant.
Judge James A. Fee expressed strong indignation over the action by the board, saying it was an outrage. He declared he had been friendly to Superintendent Hampton and considered he had done good work, particularly with young men. "If he is to be removed there should be care to see that a better man is chosen," says the judge. "The published record of the man elected does not look well. Hermiton and Myrtle Point are small towns compared with Pendleton. This city needs a school superintendent who will assure a high standard for us in the state."

Pelt Astonished.
Col. J. H. Haley expressed great astonishment at the turn in affairs. He firmly stated his belief the board has made a mistake and should protect the interests of the town by seeking the "most capable man open for the position."

Private Dwelling for Class in Domestic Science is Plan of School Board Next Year

If a suitable house can be found for the purpose, the domestic science department of the high school will next year be conducted in a private dwelling so that the girls may receive practical experience in housekeeping from the washboard to the sewing machine.

This was decided upon at the board meeting last evening and Miss Alice Butler was re-elected head of the domestic science department at a salary of \$1200. Miss Butler has been urging the community house idea and members of the board stated that her consent to remain here is conditional upon being permitted to work out this idea.

The intention is to rent a large, well arranged dwelling where Miss Butler and her assistant will live. They will pay rent so that the district will receive returns for the investment. The girls will learn housekeeping in all its essentials, taking turns at living at the house. Members of the board stated that it might be possible to secure the Judge Maloney home on South Main street for the purpose.

position. He is favorable to more consideration of the subject before closing the matter of selecting a superintendent.

W. L. Thompson, president of the American National Bank urged support of the school board and said he understood the board had investigated the matter extensively before taking action.

A One Man Board.
Mrs. U. S. Terpening, who has taken a prominent part in civic affairs was not inclined to criticize the board for holding secret meetings to discuss matters nor did she think that because a school man works for a small salary that he is necessarily inefficient. However, she did express strong criticism of the board for the way it is dominated by one man and for playing politics.

Mrs. Stewart in Hospital.
Mrs. Stewart, mother of Mrs. William Goedeker, is very ill at the St. Anthony's hospital, having recently submitted to an operation.

Justice Cases Held.
Testimony was taken today before Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes in the cases of L. I. Harris vs. M. S. Kern and Wain & Rogers vs. M. S. Kern. The plaintiffs are merchants of Weston and the former claims \$132 and the latter \$78 due on account. Defendant holds that the debts were incurred by George Ferguson who had leased his land. Plaintiffs were represented by Fee & Fee and the defendant by W. M. Peterson. Justice Parkes has the matter under advisement now.

Deputy Grand Master Here.
Earl A. Williams of Preswater, special deputy grand master of the L. O. O. F., is in Pendleton today while on a visiting tour to the different lodges. Saturday night he visited the Echo lodge, Monday evening the Hermiton lodge, last evening he was accompanied to Pilot Rock by R. E. Kirkpatrick, Frank Wheatstone and John Brown of this city and tonight will visit the Helix lodge. He reports all of the lodges in good condition.

Assassination is Confirmed.
LONDON, March 15.—Reading the report that Enver Pasha has been assassinated, the Exchange Telegraph's Athens correspondent today wired that Ismail Haki, president of the commercial administration, has been appointed successor. Athens already reported that the Bulgarian leader Topogoff had been murdered.

Postponement is Denied.
AMSTERDAM, March 15.—Berlin dispatches officially denied rumors that the Kaiser planned to abandon or postpone the campaign of torpedoing armed merchantmen without warning.

GERMANS FORCE WEDGE BETWEEN VERDUN ARMIES

Teutons Reported to Surround Bethin Court on Three Sides; French May be Forced to Evacuate.

PARIS CONTRADICTS REPORT

Counter Attacks Said to Have Resulted in Capture of Several Trenches on Hill 265; French are Confident of Holding the German Forces in Check.

ATHENS, March 15.—It was reported that large forces of Germans from Macedonia and Serbia are being rushed to the western front.

LONDON, March 15.—Between Bethin Court and Dead Man's Hill, the Germans have driven a wedge deep into the French defenses, Berlin messages declared. The Germans claim to surround Bethin Court on three sides and a slight further advance will force the French to evacuate the city. Dead Man's Hill is similarly imperiled.

The latest Paris reports contradict these claims. It was asserted all charges were repulsed, except at two isolated points.

Paris critics said that should the Germans gain Verdun via Douaumont and Vaux, it will be an empty victory. They will lose 300,000 men for an empty husk. Success via Goose Hill might be more substantial. The French are confident of fighting the Teutons to a standstill.

PARIS, March 15.—French counter attacks have resulted in the capture of several trenches on Hill 265, north-east of Verdun, a communication declared. The Germans did not attempt other infantry attacks between Bethin Court and the west bank of the Meuse last night. Cannonading is continuous on the right bank of the Meuse toward Woerle. Elsewhere it was reported calm.

BERLIN, March 15.—Silesian regiments have penetrated further the French lines southeast of Bethin Court, taking a thousand prisoners, headquarters announced. Four French counter attacks on the west bank of the Meuse were repulsed. French patrols in the Vosges mountains were routed. Artillery fighting on the east bank of the Meuse was reported.

MUCH LIQUOR SHIPPED INTO COUNTY DURING FEBRUARY

A total of 421 quarts of liquor and 49 quarts of beer were shipped into Umatilla county during the month of February, according to the returns made to County Clerk Saling by the common carriers. This amount represents an excess of that received during the first month of the dry year when the supplies laid in during December were still unexhausted.

The liquor, the greater part of which was whiskey, was received by 21 different persons and the beer by 22 different persons. Nearly all of the orders were for two quarts of liquor or 24 quarts of beer, the full quota allowed by law.

Closing Prices Are Slightly up Today

CHICAGO, March 15.—(Special)—Wheat, 108-110 1-4; July, 105 3-4-108 3-4.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(Special)—Wheat, 91-92; bluestem, 11-102 1-2.

LIVERPOOL, March 15.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 148 6d; No. 2 hard winter, gulf, 128 6d; No. 2 red western, 128.

In American terms the Liverpool top price for spot No. 1 Manitoba is \$2.11 per bushel.

Troops in Border Break Camp in Readiness for Dash Into Mexico

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE ARMY PASSES SENATE

United States Regular Forces Will be Brought up to War Strength of 100,000 Men at Once.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The Hay-Chamberlain resolution, increasing the size of the regular army to its full strength of 100,000 was adopted by the senate. It provides for the immediate increase.

Hoke Smith was the only senator opposing the resolution during the debate. He proposed an amendment making the enlistment term two years. An unlimited debate proceeded until Gallinger demanded a vote. It then was passed unanimously.

Sherman introduced a resolution suggesting the withdrawal of American forces from the Philippines. He said these men were especially adapted for a Mexican campaign being experienced in a tropical climate and in guerrilla warfare.

SAN ANTONIO, March 15.—From a physical standpoint our troops could not be in better condition," Funston said. "The border patrol work has hardened and toughened them. Villa has tied into one of the most naturally desolate countries in the world. Unless we are sufficiently supplied with food and fodder, nature will defeat us long before we have met the Villistas. Prisoners captured at Columbus said the Villistas are living on jerked beef. They have no other foodstuffs. I believe aeroplanes are going to be the most valuable in scouting. I hope the people will understand the reason for the apparent delay in crossing into Mexico. It would have been sheer folly to continue the pursuit the day of the Columbus raid. I had only 250 men against Villa's 1500 and possibly more. Our men had no supplies. We might have continued a running fight and killed a few more, but unless we actually captured Villa it would not have been worth while."

Rumors Reaching El Paso Say Forces Have Already Started on the Trail of Villa But no Confirmation of These Reports Has Been Received; Censorship is Strict.

Carranzistas Said to Have Revolted

TROOPS CROSS, REPORTED

SAN ANTONIO, March 15.—Asked to confirm reports of cavalry fighting in Mexico, Funston admitted Colonel Dodd's cavalry probably crossed the border. The place of crossing was 90 miles from Columbus, and out of communication with the concentration point.

"I am out of touch with Dodd's cavalry. Undoubtedly he will communicate with Pershing and I then will receive details. Reports of fighting so soon after crossing the border were unexpected. Nevertheless, it is interesting and may be true. Possible word of operations along the border may have seeped back through telegraph operators not under censorship, before reaching me. Only Columbus itself is under censorship," said Funston.

DEMING, N. M., March 15.—American troops have not yet crossed the border into Mexico, automobilists arriving from Columbus at noon declared. Camp has been broken, however, and the expedition is ready to move at a minute's notice. It was reported but not confirmed that the Carranza garrison at Palomas had revolted and declared themselves for Villa. The mutinous troops were said to have started toward La Ascension.

EL PASO, March 15.—The military censorship has been thrown so closely about the border country that it is impossible to ascertain troop movements. Many firmly believe the American expedition actually has started. A censored Columbus dispatch from the United Press correspondent told of preparations to establish a base of operations. Railroad switches and bridges are being buff by the army engineers. Troop movements were not mentioned.

Bishop Hurst reported that the Mormon colonists had arrived safely at Chas Grande, saying that Villa was hovering in the vicinity.

MEXICO CITY, March 15.—Carranzistas asserted today that well laid plans to force American intervention in Mexico were defeated when Wilson accepted Carranza's military reciprocity proposals. Carranza knew of these plans and was said to believe that the Villa raid on Columbus was financed by American interests seeking intervention. Patriotic demonstrations continued today following the announcement that the differences were all settled. Military bands paraded playing national airs.

Civic Club Members Take Stand for Road to Columbia River

In action of the Pendleton Civic club the proposed bond issue for good roads is endorsed with some pronounced reservations as to the class of work to be done and a provision that a road be constructed to the Columbia river.

The following copy of the resolution passed has been furnished the East Oregonian.

Resolution passed by the Civic Club of Pendleton at their meeting of March 11, 1912, that the Civic Club will endorse the bonding of Umatilla county for hard surface roads to the amount of \$350,000.

Provided only that an experienced road engineer be employed whose honest, thorough and efficient work on first class roads in other places is a known fact and whose entire time will be given to the personal supervision of this work.

Provided only that such engineer can show personally to the members of the county court and such other advisory committee as may be chosen roads built under his personal supervision which are still in first class condition after having been in use for ten years or longer and having undergone various conditions of hard usage and severe weather to prove their worth.

Provided also that one of the proposed roads shall reach the Columbia river by a route which shall accommodate the greatest amount of freight tonnage.

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NEWS SUMMARY

General.
Germans driving wedge into French lines at Verdun.
Austria withdraws diplomats from Portugal.

Local.
Strong resentment shown over school board action.
Park formally cleared; board and Hampton disease matter.
Much liquor shipped in last month.
Community house for domestic science department next year.

West End People Will Urge That More Bond Money Be Given Them
As a result of a good roads meeting held yesterday a strong delegation will be sent here Saturday for the purpose of urging that the proposed bond issue provide for a complete road from Pendleton to Umatilla via Echo, Stanfield and Hermiton.

The Hermiton meeting was in the nature of a west-end affair and parties were present from Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla as well as Hermiton.

Frank Sloan, vice president of the Umatilla County Good Roads Association, presided and made a report on the meeting in Pendleton at which the tentative appointment of the funds was made. He said he believed that that was a very just and equitable apportionment.

A. C. Meatz of Umatilla, made a short address in which he said he was not satisfied with the apportionment as made. He called attention to the fact that the east end had been given as much as the west end without considering that that section had already received more good road money than any other part of the county, and he believed that if the situation was put up squarely to the people of Umatilla county they would readily see where it would be of far greater benefit to the people of the whole county to have the road from Pendleton direct to the Umatilla river by way of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiton and Umatilla than any other road that could be built.

Athens Meeting Friday.
It is reported that Athens people will hold a good roads meeting on Friday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Fraternal Brotherhood Society will celebrate their twentieth anniversary tomorrow evening at the Odd Fellows hall. The following program has been arranged:

Plan Selection, Prof. Erick Brooks Solo, "Mother Melba"
Miss Louise Cahill Address
James Spiers Recitation
Miss Virginia Spiers Solo, "Polish Dance"
Miss Hazel Strain Recitation
Miss Nadyne Blakely Dance of the Merry-les
Miss Helen Kunch Recitation
Dr. Henderson Solo
Irene King Piano duet, Miss Mae Paulson and Miss Hazel Strain.
Illustrated, "Rock of Ages."
Miss Mae Paulson and Dr. Henderson Narechius
Miss Blanche Pringle Song, selected
Miss Laura Cahill Recitation
Robert Clark Piano Solo
Miss Mae Paulson Solo, "Annie's"
Entire Audience

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian Church gave a private party last evening in the church basement. Over one hundred guests assembled, many of them in the habit of wearing costumes. The program consisted of speaking and singing by members of the society. The numbers rendered by the male quartet were especially enjoyed. A debate as to whether the apparel of women was more sensible than that of the man was won by the men. After the program the baskets were auctioned and refreshments served to others. The endeavor raised over twenty dollars which will be applied on the church pledge.

H. W. Collins of Harts, Montague, is here to take charge of the planing work at the new library building. He came here from Spokane and is registered at the Golden Rule.

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