

THE members of the City school board have put the ban on dancing as an art to be taught and practiced in the city schools, at its Tuesday's session and that seems a very just and practical thing to do. Not that we care to express our views in regard to dancing. It is that individual rights and attitudes should be respected. In the first instance there are several hundred teachers in the city schools who have their moral views in reference to dancing, and it is a matter of conscience that should be respected. To require these persons to attend dancing classes, to subject them to ridicule for their views or to compel them to give instructions in an exercise under these conditions would be little short of criminal cruelty.

Then the position of the parent who views dancing with conscientious repugnance must be respected. He assists in supporting the school and his views are far more valid than that of those who would refuse the reading of the Bible in school. The rights of the latter has been conceded. Why not of the parent who dreads the possible outcome of dancing experience?

Then there is the long established antipathy to the introduction of associations or practices into the school building which have always been questioned as to their moral influence. The school building should not be used as a dance hall—especially when so large a percent of its patrons are opposed to it.

And still further, we believe that dancing is a social art which should be developed at personal expense and according to one's own moral or religious view point. Teaching it in school tends to encourage, yes practically forces the child to submit to a practice which is a question of disputed moral influence.

A RECENT periodical contains the interesting story of the recent recovery of a tiny casket which was sealed and imbedded in a cement chamber, inclosed about by a wonderful tomb, about 2000 years ago, at Peshawar, India. The casket has its legend, known long before it was relocated, and it was reputed to contain a portion of the remains of Buddha. The finding is a wonderful vindication of faith in the part of a large number of people of India, China and Japan who look upon Buddha as their prophet. It is, however, of interest to everyone as an instance of the marvelous turn that events and natural phenomena will sometimes take, and is but another evidence of the importance of present day activities and undertakings. The vast temple which once adorned the spot where the remains were found sank into the ground a thousand years ago, stone was torn from stone and scattered to the ends of the country. Today its foundation walls stand uncovered and what was little more than a myth is shown to be a fact in the history of one of the world's greatest religious sects. What thing are we doing today that will live in history, the folklore, the imaginations of the people of two thousands years hence?

A GAIN we are reminded of the necessity of protecting a large area of land lying near Lents that has come to be of large value for homes and intensive farming, from the periodical overflow of Johnson creek.

This was a matter of interest years ago. It was a matter of importance four years ago, and has been several times since. But the platting of this land into lots and small tracts and the utilizing of more of it for garden land makes it imperative that the county, or at least the property owners affected by it, should devise some plan to protect themselves from floods like those that have occurred in the past, and that must occur again, in more dangerous form. In this the county will probably have to take part, condemn a passage way and dig a more direct channel for the creek, as it is so filled with rubbish, and so crooked that it cannot clear its channel.

Juvenile Department

(The Other Wise Man)

By Grace Larson, Woodmere School.

Artaban had made plans to join the three wise men in their search for the Christ child whose birth was revealed to them by the star. He had told his friends in council of his purpose and prepared everything for his departure. He had three precious stones to give to Christ as a gift, a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl. He had been given ten days to get to the temple where he was to meet the three wise men. Artaban thought he could easily make it as his horse, Vaeda, was a very fleet-footed animal.

But on the way, Vaeda, becoming frightened at an object lying in the road, stopped suddenly and would not go further. Artaban dismounted and proceeded to the spot. He saw that it was a Hebrew who was at the point of dying. He turned to go but the Hebrew took hold of his garment and silently appealed for help. Artaban did not know whether to stop or not because he knew that if he stopped he might not reach the temple in time. He also knew that if he went on the Hebrew might die. He decided to stay and do what he could for the sick man so he knelt down and tried to bring the Hebrew back to life which he finally did. When he was able to talk, the Hebrew told Artaban that he had no gold to pay him with but that the Christ child would not be found in Jerusalem but in Bethlehem. Artaban thanked him for the news and hurried on. When he reached the temple he found only a note saying that they had tarried as long as they could and for him to follow them across the desert. He purchased a caravan with his sapphire and prepared to journey to Bethlehem.

When he reached Bethlehem everything seemed deserted. He went into one of the houses and found a young mother rocking her child to sleep. While they were talking, she told him that Joseph, Mary, and the babe had disappeared, and she thought they had gone to Egypt. In the meantime, a crowd had gathered in the street and someone shouted, "The soldiers! the soldiers of Herod! They are killing our babes!" Artaban went to the door and seeing the soldiers were about to enter the house, held up the ruby and said, "I will give this to the man that will let me alone in peace." The greedy captain seized the jewel and ordered his men to move on. Artaban then left the house and hurried on.

He went to Egypt but found that the Christ child was not there. Artaban went from place to place in his search for the Christ child, never seeing Him. He searched for about thirty-three years, always keeping his pearl to give to Christ as a gift. He at last reached Jerusalem and found everybody going outside the city to a hill. He inquired and found out that three men were going to be hung, two robbers and a man who claimed to be "King of the Jews." Artaban hurried on, thinking that at last he could see Christ and probably purchase his life with the pearl.

Just as he was entering the city's gate, a girl appealed to him and asked him to buy her from captivity. He turned around and saw the young girl surrounded by soldiers. He hesitated about giving her the pearl but he finally parted with it. She gave the soldiers the jewel, who left her and passed on. Suddenly the earth trembled and everything shook. Artaban and the young girl got under a building for shelter but a beam struck Artaban on the head rendering him unconscious. The girl knelt down to help him when she heard a voice saying, "When have I seen thee hungry and fed thee, ill and cared for thee, naked and clothed thee, in prison and visited thee my King?" The

answer came, "Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." A glad smile lit up the face of Artaban for he had seen Christ, but not until he had passed from the earthly world to Christ's Kingdom above.



ROBERT B. MANTELL IN KING LEAR

Union County Prosperous.
La Grande.—Five hundred carloads of apples, 1200 tons of cherries, four trainloads of potatoes, 85,000 feet of lumber, great numbers of cars of horses, cattle and hogs, and 1,500,000 bushels of wheat form an industrial procession which is moving to the market from Union county. This county has been in extremely fortunate circumstances this year for fair prices have been realized on every product of the soil. Records have been set this year for wheat, cherries, hogs and cattle.

NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

In the national W. C. T. U. calendar January third is Mother's Day. This is the anniversary of the birthday of the mother of Frances E. Willard. Her golden rule for the up-bringing of her children was: "Never let any human being separate you from the knowledge and love of your little one."

A group of Mother's Meetings will be held on the regular meeting day of Mt. Scott Union Tuesday, January 13th.

Watch the columns of this paper for the date of the Chapman lecture.

The famous Chinese physician who directed the preventive service against the Manchurian plague in China, said that western-trained doctors who ordered alcohol in China are turned out of the house. Good for the Chinese people. A man in Lents recently, seeking relief from physical complications sought the aid of a reputable practitioner. The man was a temperance man. The doctor told him when the distressed feeling came upon him to take brandy. He did so, but upon learning that the doctor was a confirmed drinker he stopped the brandy business.

On Tuesday of next week a Mother's meeting will be held at the Baptist church. A meeting will also be held at the home of Mrs. Clark, beyond Johnson creek, and one at the home of Mrs. Sommerfeldt. Topics of especial interest to mothers will be discussed at each of these meetings. Time of meeting is 2 p. m.

At The Churches

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Tragedy of Fighting Deer.
Ashland.—Trappers on Lick creek, in this county, recently came across a strange find in the way of two deer with horns interlocked, one of them a six-point buck and the other a five-pointer. The six-point animal was dead, and its carcass was being dragged about by the other one, appearances indicating that the larger deer of the two had been dead several days.

Merchant Gets "Black Hand" Card.
Copperfield.—A postcard picture of a "black hand" and a bomb, inscribed "will soon get you," was received by Samuel Aklin, merchant of this place. Aklin was one of those who refused to sign the petition asking Governor West to close the saloons here. Peace officers are inclined to the belief that the card was sent entirely as a jest.

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