

BAPTIST CHURCH ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS ON SCHOOL DANCES

The Baptist church Sunday evening adopted the following:

"Whereas, the Medford school board, at a recent meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the superintendent of schools shall inform the principals of all schools having high school pupils enrolled in their buildings to instruct the teachers and pupils under them that the board of education will not allow any high school dances or any questionable social gatherings to be held under the auspices of the high school; and furthermore, that all teachers that are employed by the district in district No. 49, shall give all their moral support to inculcate into the pupils under their care the highest ideals of thorough American citizenship, and the clerk is hereby instructed to furnish the superintendent with copies of this resolution to be handed to the principals having high school pupils under their care."

"And whereas, we can now at last hold up our heads and bravely defy the devil, because the ban has been put upon that shockingly sinful pastime, dancing.

"And whereas, the pretty school ma'ams can no longer chaperone class balls and promenades.

"And whereas, we owe the school board a great deal, especially for the moral reformation worked in saving youth from tripping the light fantastic on the shining path to perdition.

"Now, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Baptist church, in public service assembled, this 17th day of December, 1916:

"First—That we indorse the action of the school board and commend each member of it for his courageous action.

"Second—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the school board.

"Third—That a copy be furnished the city papers with request for publication.

"Note—In the preamble to the above resolutions, the entire phraseology is taken from the editorial which appeared in the Medford Mail Tribune Wednesday, December 13, 1916.

"The above resolutions were carried by a unanimous vote of the membership of the Baptist church present at this service. Respectfully submitted,

"FREDERICK W. CARSTENS,
"Pastor."

GOVERNMENT RESTS IN HOUSE SWINDLE

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 18.—The government rested its case at noon today in the federal court here, in which it charges the United States Livestock company and the Omaha Land & Investment company with using the mails to defraud in the sale of phantom "wild horses" in Cochise county, Arizona. The defense opened its case this afternoon.

STANDARD OIL TO INCREASE CAPITAL

PITTSBURG, Dec. 18.—Stockholders of the Standard Oil company of Kentucky, located here, today received official information that they would be asked to vote on a proposition of the directors to increase the capital of the company from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000. A cash dividend of 100 per cent is to be paid out of the company's \$4,000,000 surplus.

STEAMER WESTMINSTER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamship Westminster.

The vessel referred to probably is the 4324-ton steamship of that name, built in 1905 and owned in London. There is also a British steamship Westminster of 252 tons, owned in Grimsby.

"The Little Girl Next Door"

tells her story before the Illinois Vice Commission. Real facts — actual happenings — sworn testimony.

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STATE TEACHERS MEET IN PORTLAND DECEMBER 27-29

The most important educational meeting ever held in the state of Oregon will be the State Teachers' association at Portland, December 27, 28 and 29. Two of the most eminent educators in the United States have been secured for this meeting. They are: President Henry Suzzallo of the University of Washington, formerly of Columbia university, New York, and President Carroll G. Pearce, Milwaukee, Wis., of the State Normal school.

The business of the association will be transacted by a representative council composed of delegates representing every teachers' organization in the state. The entire first day will be given up to the work of this council. Besides the regular business which will come before the association there will be the reports of three permanent committees which have been at work during the past year. The first report will be on a retirement fund for teachers. This committee has been at work during the past year under the direction of the chairman, President William T. Foster, of Reed college. The report will be submitted by Superintendent J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction. The second report will be on a code of ethics for teachers, which will be presented by the chairman, President J. H. Ackerman, of Monmouth. The third will be on the retardation problem, which will be presented by C. W. Boettcher, city superintendent of the schools of Albany.

On Thursday morning and Friday afternoon there will be general assemblies of all teachers. Only speakers from abroad will appear on this part of the program.

Thursday afternoon and Friday morning will be given up to department work. Leading educators from all parts of Oregon will meet in conference at this time. Following are the departments which will be in session as a part of the state association: City superintendents, higher education, secondary schools, history, modern languages, foreign languages, council of English teachers, elementary schools, rural schools, manual training, home economics, commercial, art, music, librarians and physical culture.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP REPORTED TORPEDOED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—A French battleship of the Patrie class was torpedoed and badly damaged by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 12, according to an official statement issued in Berlin today.

The statement also reports the torpedoing on December 11 of the armed French transport Makhelan, a 6000-ton vessel having on board 1900 troops.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—It was stated by the French admiralty today that there was no truth in the statement that a French man of war of the Patrie class was damaged on December 18 and that the loss of the Maghlan already had been reported.

NAVAL RECRUITING STATION HERE TO BE CLOSED SOON

The largely increasing business of the United States navy recruiting station at Portland, has required an addition of its office force, and that he may be transferred to the Portland station, Chief Quartermaster J. E. Norstrom has received orders to close the Medford station and report to Portland about January 10.

Young men, who are contemplating entering the navy should, at once, apply to or open correspondence with recruiting officer to the end that their applications may be acted on while the Medford station is open, as applicants, who, thereafter go to Portland will be subjected to the expenses of the return trip in case their applications are not accepted.

That it is the determined policy of the navy department to increase the attractiveness of the service is fully shown in the recent recommendation of Secretary Daniels that the pay of enlisted men be raised \$5 a month. Recruiting officers will give prompt attention to all applications, made in person or by letters, and expedite action thereon.

The recruiting officer states, that while the general business of the station has been satisfactory, it is a fact that a lack of patriotic sentiment has been shown on the part of the young men of Medford and Ashland, nearly all of the applications having been received from residents of other places.

PARCELS POST FOR U. S. AND RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Inauguration of a movement to have a parcel post system established between the United States and Russia was announced today by the Merchants' association here. At the request of business interests having houses in Russia, it was stated, such a postal convention was urged in a letter sent to William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce.

QUASH ARIZONA ELECTION CONTEST

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Superior Judge Stanford today sustained Governor-elect Thomas Campbell's motion to quash the contest proceedings inaugurated by Governor Hunt. The court held that because the secretary of state has never issued a certificate of election to Campbell the court has no official knowledge of the result of the election and is therefore without jurisdiction.

GEORGE T. COLLINS QUILTS RACE FOR COUNCIL

George T. Collins has withdrawn as a candidate for councilman on the business Men-Citizens ticket in the following letter:

Unforeseen circumstances over which I have no control make it im-

possible for me to be a candidate for councilman in the coming city election.

I deem it an honor to have been considered competent to fill so responsible a position and would be only too glad to devote my time to the furthering of the city's interest if it were possible for me to do so.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE T. COLLINS.

Mary E. Ward of Miameth Falls is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

IRRIGATION MEETING HELD AT OAK GROVE

An irrigation meeting was held at Oak Grove Saturday with a fair sized crowd in the school room. J. A. Perry and Tom Osgood were the principal speakers for irrigation, and were opposed by Attorney F. J. Newman, who became somewhat confused by questions asked by landowners. Considerable interest was shown in the meeting, a number attending from this city. The small acreage owners were present.







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