

### SCHOOL POLITICIANS SCORED BY BOARD

#### Edict Issued Prohibiting the Teachers From Dabbling in Legislative Matters.

### "KEEP HANDS OFF," OYSTER DECLARES

#### Present System of Certifying to Substitutes Will Be Investigated.

Teachers in the public schools of the District must keep their hands off the board of education.

This edict was issued yesterday by Capt. James F. Oyster, president of the board, and today Superintendent of Schools Stuart sent an order into every school in Washington to the effect that when a teacher wants anything she must go to Secretary Hine, or appear personally before the board at its monthly meeting.

The order was a result of a number of teachers "attempting to influence legislation in the administration of the schools, and the practice of going to officials at the District building for minor matters that should go through the board or the secretary.

"Our rules are not being observed," declared Captain Oyster, "and these flagrant violations of them must stop. Our employees take it upon themselves to know more than we do, and if this is so they ought to be in our places. Teachers must keep their hands off the board of education."

Another matter which came up for criticism at yesterday's regular meeting was the alleged irregularity in which certain principals of schools certify to work that has not been performed by substitute teachers. As a result of the carelessness of a principal in certifying to the name of a substitute who had "ceased to substitute," an investigation of the present system will be made.

The following appointments were announced: Miss Mildred Earnest, kindergarten assistant, Hyde School; H. A. Simmons, caretaker of portable school at the M Street High School, to take effect when building is turned over to board.

E. A. Booth, caretaker of portable school at the Armstrong Manual Training School, to take effect when building is turned over to board.

E. J. Myers, caretaker of portable school at the Orr School, to take effect when building is turned over to board.

Miss M. L. Davis was promoted from kindergarten assistant to kindergarten principal, and will go from the Hyde to the Smallwood School.

### ROOF KILLS ONE PUPIL

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Jan. 20.—The roof of a public school building here collapsed today, killing one person, injuring three others, and causing a panic among the children.

### PREDICTS FATEFUL YEAR



MADAM THEBES, Seeress, Prophesies That 1910 Will Be Black Season For America.

### FORESEES DECLINE OF AMERICAN RACE

Representative S. C. Smith of California foresees the beginning of the end of the American nation so long as we continue to use recklessly our resources. Representative Smith lectured last night before the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Bankers on "Conservation Misunderstood." He declared that our exports are decreasing rapidly, that demand is almost keeping pace with production in America, and that "as soon as a nation becomes an importing instead of an exporting one, its decline is beginning."

### SUFFRAGETTE WINS SUIT

MANCHESTER, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Davidson, the suffragette who was drenched with water from a hose pipe at Strangways jail, when she barricaded herself in a cell, has recovered a verdict for forty shillings.

### POSSE ON TRAIL OF JAIL BURNERS

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 20.—A posse of twenty deputy sheriffs was sworn in this morning, and shortly after 9 o'clock set off behind a pack of bloodhounds on the trail of the incendiaries who last night burned the jail at Lincoln county, about twenty miles from here. The flames was not discovered until they were beyond control, and it was with difficulty that a dozen or more prisoners were rescued.

### UNGRATEFUL CAT

YORK, Pa., Jan. 20.—After Mrs. Amanda Frey, of York, this county, had driven off a dog which attacked her cat, the excited feline pet showed its ingratitude by turning upon its mistress, clawing her face and hands so severely that the woman is laid up.

### SEERESS IS PAINED IN PREDICTING DOOM

#### Sorrows Are to Overwhelm America in 1910, Says Madame Thebes.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—The year of 1910 will be one for Americans to look back to with horror, in the opinion of Madame Thebes, the seeress, whose prophetic eye is credited with having foreseen more events than any other member of her craft. The madame was sought out in her elegant home in the Avenue De Wagram by a press correspondent to get her opinion on the way of crime that is now sweeping over France.

"The earth is under the strain of a terrific planet revolution," she declared. "Human destiny is red. That means blood. Political events are black. Terrible changes are imminent, and America is placed under the worst zone of all."

Madame was only too glad of the opportunity of delivering herself of her warning. "I am glad you came," she said, "for I have a message for your country, an important message. Until the last of March the earth will be swept by a wave of murders, suicides, and tragedies of all descriptions. France every day is witnessing the most atrocious murders. The influence of term-changes in other planets is affecting us. But the strain will be most severely felt in America.

"You will pay dearly for your riches and your prosperity. A financial crash is impending, to be followed by a long string of suicides. The times are swaying toward degeneration. Black ruling us, young men will marry old women for money. Young girls will marry old men.

"We are out of the orbit. Our souls have lost their proper place. I dare not say all that is revealed to me. It would be too terrible. It would frighten people, but read well what I have told you."

Madame rested a while after her mental excitement, and then declared: "I am very fond of America. She is one of the greatest of countries. But, like all youth, she has too much life. Age will temper her down."

### COUPLE OBSERVES 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Shortsleeves, Ninety-two and Eighty, Were Wedded in 1840.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Seventy years of married life were celebrated today by Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Shortsleeves. The husband is ninety-two years old and his wife eighty-eight. They have five children, twenty-two grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Mr. Shortsleeves is feeble in body, but strong in mind. He was the piddler who made the steel plates for the sides of the Monitor during the civil war.

### STANDARD OIL PLANS CRUSHING CAMPAIGN

#### Trust Now Threatens to Slash Prices Still Deeper and Many Producers and Independent Refiners Would Suffer as a Result.

The Standard Oil Company, for the purpose of forcing Congress to restore countervailing duties on foreign oil which were removed by the tariff revision act of last August, has planned a campaign which threatens to crush many oil producers and independent refiners. The trust has been cutting prices for about a year; now it threatens to slash them still further.

As a result the profits of producers of crude petroleum, as well as those of rival refiners, will be practically wiped out. Word has gone out to the Pennsylvania oil well owners that by February 15 they may expect a cut of at least 5 points in the price paid for practically all grades of crude oil delivered at pipe lines. This is likely to be followed by a small cut in the price to be consumer of refined oil and other products manufactured by the monopoly.

These decreases will be made by the trust in such a manner that it will not itself suffer the slightest loss. In this way it will be able to squeeze both the producers, from whom it buys oil, and the independent refiners, with which it competes.

It also has been learned that an anticipation of a rise in oil, which the trust plans to bring about after as many of its smaller rivals as possible have been forced out of business, the Rockefeller corporation is storing vast quantities of oil in all the great oil bearing districts of the United States. Never before has it had so many tanks filled. One Standard Oil representative

### PATH FOR TEACHER.

LANSDALE, Pa., Jan. 20.—Coming to the aid of Miss Mabel Thomas, a pretty school teacher, neighbors shoveled a path for a mile so that she could reach her school.

### TO GET ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ALWAYS BUY THE GENUINE

## SYRUP OF FIGS AND ELIXIR OF SENNA

MANUFACTURED BY THE CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO

SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS

ONE SIZE ONLY. 50¢ A BOTTLE



McKee Surgical Instrument Co. 1004 F St. N. W.

### Makes Kidneys Act Fine Ending Lame Back and Bladder Misery

#### Just a few doses will regulate your out-of-order Kidneys.

A real surprise awaits every sufferer from kidney or bladder trouble who takes several doses of Pape's Diuretic. Misery in the back, sides or eyes, sick headache, nervousness, rheumatism, pains, heart palpitations, dizziness, sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eyelids, lack of energy and all symptoms of out-of-order kidneys disappear. Uncontrollable urination ceases at night, smarting, offensive, and colored water and other bladder ailments end.

It is needless to feel miserable and worried, because this unusual preparation goes at once to the out-of-order kidneys and urinary system, distributing its cleansing, healing, and strengthening influence directly upon the organs and glands affected, and completes the cure before you realize it.

Your physician, pharmacist, banker or any mercantile agency will tell you that Pape, Thompson & Pape of Cincinnati, is a large and responsible medicinal concern, thoroughly worthy of your confidence. Accept only Pape's Diuretic—fifty-cent treatment—any drug store—anywhere in the world.

### Stop That Cough

Hall's Cherry Expectant will not only stop the cough, but 25¢ cure it. Money back if it fails. O'DONNELL'S Rexall Drug Store 904 F Street

### Christian Xander's IVES, VA., CLARET

A famous table wine. Highly recommended by physicians. \$2 doz., 25c bot. Only at Family Quality House, 909 7th St. Phone Main 374.

## A Two-Fold Event Tomorrow: CLEAN SWEEP SALE FIRE SALE OF SHOES

### FIRE SALE OF HIGH-GRADE SHOES

# CLEAN SWEEP

## HECHT & COMPANY

513-515-517 7th St.

### A Price-Regardless Clearance Of Men's Clothing

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| All Men's and Youths' \$10 and \$12.50 Suits at.....     | \$7.75  |
| All Men's and Youths' \$15.00 and \$17.50 Suits.....     | \$11.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$20.00 and \$22.50 Suits.....     | \$15.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$25.00 and \$27.50 Suits.....     | \$19.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$30.00 Suits at.....              | \$22.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$12.50 Overcoats at.....          | \$7.75  |
| All Men's and Youths' \$15.00 Overcoats at.....          | \$11.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$20.00 and \$22.50 Overcoats..... | \$15.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$25.00 and \$27.50 Overcoats..... | \$19.75 |
| All Men's and Youths' \$30.00 Overcoats at.....          | \$22.75 |

Men's and women's half-heel shoes, strap slippers, fur-top Juliettes; also a lot of men's heavy shoes; not all sizes; values \$1.50 and \$2.00. **78c** Fire Sale price.

Men's Celebrated \$3.50 and \$4 W.L. Douglas Shoes, **At \$2.47**

Women's Famous \$3 and \$3.50 Jenness Miller Shoes, **At \$1.87**

The Famous W. L. Douglas Shoes. Every pair stamped; all styles; patent leather and tan; vici kid, box calf; straight lace and blucher style; sold the world over at \$3.50 and \$4; all sizes to fit all men.

Every woman knows the renowned Jenness Miller Shoes selling at \$3 and \$3.50 everywhere; these have fine welt and turn soles; all new toes and latest lasts; patent leather, vici kid, gun metal; button and blucher. Women's Oxfords in patent leather, tan, vici, etc.; 2 eyelets and plain toe shoes; not all sizes; the values are \$2.50 and \$2.00; for the Fire Sale..... **97c**

### Clearing up in Women's Wear Friday's Bargains Break All Records

|  |         |   |         |
|--|---------|---|---------|
| \$10 Golf Capes.....                             | \$5.00  | \$39.50 Dancing Frocks.....                         | \$25.00 |
| \$10 1-pc. Dresses.....                          | \$5.00  | \$19.50 Evening Capes.....                          | \$9.75  |
| \$19 Coats, full length.....                     | \$5.00  | \$6.98 Fur Sets.....                                | \$2.98  |
| \$15 Rubberized Silk Rain Coats.....             | \$9.50  | \$12.98 Fur Muffs.....                              | \$5.00  |
| \$25 Suits, none reserved.....                   | \$15.00 | \$14.98 Persian Paw Fur Sets.....                   | \$7.98  |
| \$35 Suits, none reserved.....                   | \$19.75 | \$39.50 Squirrel Sets.....                          | \$25.00 |
| \$50 Suits, none reserved.....                   | \$29.50 | \$50 Black Fox Peleries.....                        | \$25.00 |
| \$5 Cloth Skirts.....                            | \$2.98  | \$100 Black Lynx Sets.....                          | \$59.00 |
| \$5 Silk Waists.....                             | \$2.98  | \$100 Seal Coats, 50-in.....                        | \$59.00 |
| \$19.50 1-pc. Silk Jersey and Serge Dresses..... | \$9.50  | \$35 Black Fox, Wolf and Lynx Scarfs and Capes..... | \$15.00 |

### Clean Sweep Grocery Prices

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Sugar-cured Hams, choice selected.....      | 15 1-2c |
| Bacon and Boneless Strips.....              | 19c     |
| Pillsbury's Flour, 1-5 barrel.....          | 87c     |
| Sardines put up in Mustard, 1-lb. cans..... | 7-8c    |
| Pure Lard in 3-lb. pails.....               | 48c     |
| Corn, Shriver's Blue Ridge.....             | 7-8c    |
| Van Gump's Peas, Early June.....            | 7-8c    |
| Tomatoes, 1909 Packing.....                 | 7-8c    |
| Beets in large cans.....                    | 7-8c    |
| New Orleans Baking Molasses.....            | 7-8c    |
| Babbitt's Soap, 7 for.....                  | 7-8c    |
| Table Raisins, 25c pkg.....                 | 11c     |
| Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. pkg.....              | 7-8c    |
| Cleaned Currants, 1-lb. pkg.....            | 7-8c    |
| Figs in 15c boxes.....                      | 7-8c    |
| Quaker Corn Flakes.....                     | 7c      |
| Salmon Steak, 1-lb. cans.....               | 1-2c    |
| Rumford's Baking Powder, 5c box.....        | 1-2c    |
| Peaches, "Columbus" brand, lemon cling..... | 16c     |
| Coccos, "Captain" brand, 1-lb. cans.....    | 1-2c    |
| Scouring Soap, 5c pkg.....                  | 2-12c   |
| Strained Honey, pure.....                   | 7-12c   |
| Old Virginia Herring, 5c.....               | 7-8c    |
| Prunes; choice, large fruit, 3 lbs.....     | 20c     |
| Pure Olive Oil, guaranteed, full qt.....    | 65c     |
| Lowrey's Sweet Chocolate, 5c size.....      | 1-2c    |
| All 10c and 12c Candies, pound.....         | 7-12c   |

### Bedwear Bargains

TAN AND WHITE 10-4 BLANKETS with neat colored borders; sell at 80c pair. For the Clean Sweep Sale..... **59c**

PINE WHITE WOOL 10-4 BLANKETS with colored borders; sold usually at \$3 pair. For the Clean Sweep sale..... **\$1.90**

ALL WOOL 11-4 RED Blankets with pretty borders; sell at \$7 pair..... **\$4.98**

WHITE BEDSPREADS OF GOOD size; neat and pretty patterns; have always sold at 80c. For the Clean Sweep Sale..... **49c**

FANCY CRIB BLANKETS, in pink and blue; selling at 30c. Clean Sweep Sale price..... **19c**

EXTRA QUALITY WHITE BEDSPREADS in attractive designs; selling regularly at \$1.59. For the Clean Sweep..... **\$1.19**