

STATEMENT

By Secretary Jesson Covering The Work

That Has Been Accomplished At Y. M. C. A.

And The Many Advantages To The City

By Having Such An Institution Here

Paper Read At Meeting Of Membership Hustlers

The following is an extract from Secretary Jesson's paper before the membership hustlers, that met at the association last night:

First: The association is the interdenominational and undenominational agency existing in behalf of every man and boy of the community.

Second: Membership is open to every man and boy who will conduct himself as a gentleman while in the building. There is absolutely no distinction made, not only in the policy of the association, but in the minds of all interested men.

Third: Provision is made for the entire man, social, physical, educational and moral.

Fourth: Who can deny but that our regular gymnasium classes have been a great blessing to scores of young men of the community? Or, that the swimming pool and outdoor sports have inspired many to feel more like tackling the problems of life? The educational classes, while not large, are giving young men what so many need, a chance at life. And surely an up-to-date reading room open to every young man and boy of the community, whether a member of the association or not, 365 days of the year, is a good thing. Every one of the 250 men accommodated in the dormitory is ready to express great thankfulness for the good home thus provided them. These are not only splendid features to contemplate, but they are actually enjoyed and used by a large number of members and non-members, for the reading room, spectators' gallery and the special lectures and Sunday meetings are open to all.

Seventh: The association is placing at the disposal of the young men of the community and strangers "a friend in need." It is no little value to have a place where young men, boys and strangers may go for information and advice. Hardly a day goes by but that important service is rendered someone. This is the result of the nature of our work and we should be thankful for the opportunity.

Eighth: In reference to the finances, I feel sure that when we consider the figures relative to financing the new building and the work up to date, there is every reason for encouragement. In three years time we have spent in round numbers \$50,000. We have every current bill paid to date and owe but \$4,000 on the new building account, all of which is fully covered by good subscriptions. Three years ago at this time we launched the work of this association. We had a year of raising money, organizing the association, locating a building site, securing an architect and discovering a secretary. The next year was put in perfecting building plans, collecting funds, putting up the building, securing an additional subscription of \$15,000, organizing committees, and developing general lines of policy. The third year was spent in opening the building, starting the work, locating men in the dormitory, getting acquainted and starting all lines of activity, and getting every department developed and keeping the work going equal to a full grown association.

Ninth: There are three items of expense that I wish to refer to in reference to the regular work: (a) that of sufficient help so as to man the work in a way that will assure good supervision and discipline—too many associations are falling down at this point; (b) that of keeping the building and equipment in good condition, such as I am sure every one of us desire and the work demands; (c) that the building is open every day in the year and for this reason the heat, light and water expense is very large. It costs something to get something, and the something of cost under the keen eye of our directors and committees in this case has brought splendid results. With out a personal thought, I want to urge that this is not a bad

record and that we today have every reason to be greatly encouraged.

Eleventh: Now for the thing needed. We need to appreciate the work done. Three years ago we began telling the people what a fine thing an up-to-date Y. M. C. A. would be and now that we are realizing the splendid things that we then said would come, we need to have even an increased interest and good will. Let us appreciate what is as well as what is to be. Some will urge that there have been some disappointments, which may be true, but let me ask have there not been some surprises? Have we not done much splendid work? Have we not more than passed the hopes relative to the finances? Furthermore, is it not a bit unreasonable to expect that all our beautiful anticipations be realized the first year? We need enthusiasm spelled with capital letters and underscored. We need boosters who are going to have a part in this the critical year of the Mount Vernon association's splendid history. Cannot we work vigorously, earnestly laying the claims and opportunities of the association before the men of this community for the next three days?

A large number of men were present and took names of the young men and boys with a view to seeing them at once and it is the earnest hope that there will be a large response to the calls.

DEMAND

For Two Normal Schools In Northern Ohio

(By Mary E. Lee, press correspondent Ohio State Improvement Federation.)

Five thousand recruits annually enter the teaching profession in Ohio. A very large per cent. leave the school as pupils in the spring to enter it as teachers in the fall. A large per cent. are without professional training. They have not acquired the art or the science of imparting information. They are eager and anxious to excel but lack efficiency. Many school boards refuse to employ unskilled teachers. As boards increase in intelligence their demands for trained teachers increase. They know that sincerity and goodness are silver but efficiency is the alchemist that transmutes it into gold. The state compels a child to spend a part of its life in school. It should protect him by making these years so valuable that he recognizes them as a profitable investment for himself and the state. The teacher should likewise be protected by being provided with the means for securing that training which will enable him or her to meet the requirements of boards of education and the patrons of the school. Everywhere a cry is going up for agricultural, domestic, science and industrial training in our schools. This need calls for skilled teachers. The state should provide within its borders opportunity for the teacher to acquire the kind of training the times demand. It has been found that a majority of the students of colleges and universities are drawn from a radius of fifty miles of the institution. Ohio has two normal colleges in the southern part of the state and a teacher's college in the central part. She owes to northern Ohio the debt she has paid the southern and central sections. Educators, business men, farmers are urging that two normal schools be established in northern Ohio. Mr. Lowry of Henry county has a bill, No. 44, which provides for this. It has the endorsement of the state school commissioner and educators generally. The Lowry bill provides for a commission of five, appointed by the governor, who shall serve without compensation, but whose necessary traveling expenses shall be paid; no member of the commission to be personally or financially interested in any site determined upon. Said commission is to select suitable locations, lands or land and buildings and secure options on same. Not later than December 1, 1910, the commission shall transmit its findings to the governor for his approval. After the general assembly appropriates the money for sites and buildings the governor shall appoint for each normal school a board of trustees of five members who shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such a board.

Mr. Shankland, chairman of the committee on common schools has a measure for raising school revenues that has many meritorious features. He is anxious to have people interested investigate the measure and suggest any changes that will make it a good instrument. School men are opposed to giving up the mill levy unless a substitute can be found that will yield as much revenue, be as permanent and increase automatically with the ability of the state to pay increases, as the present mill levy.

TELLS HOW HE HELPED SLATER

Brelsford Turns State's Evidence Before Probers.

SAYS LOOT CAME TO \$15,000

Testimony Turned Over to Attorney General Denman With Instructions to Begin Criminal Action—Food Probers Learn Methods of Creamery Combine—Drastic Measure Introduced to Compel Gas Companies to Continue Service.

Columbus, O., Feb. 15.—According to the testimony of J. E. Brelsford of Dayton, former partner of Mark Slater, whose administration as supervisor of state printing is under fire by the state graft committee, Slater was justified in the tenacious manner in which he hung onto the office when Governor Pattison sought to replace him with a Democrat.

Brelsford turned state's evidence and told how he and Slater looted the treasury of nearly \$15,000 by means of "padded" bills, for which no goods were delivered, and by other bills for which the goods were only partly delivered. He asserted that Slater made the proposition that he (Brelsford) present the bills and collect the money, the spoils to be divided on an even basis, but he claimed that Slater always secured the big end of the decision. He said Slater secured \$10,000 and that he had considerable trouble in securing the balance as his share.

It is now considered improbable that Mr. Slater will ever return to Ohio to give his testimony in the investigation. No word has been received from him for over a week, when he was at Dowagiac, Mich., and all efforts to locate him have proven futile. Even if he is in the United States the committee has no power to compel his return to Columbus, unless he should be found in Ohio.

A transcript of Brelsford's testimony was turned over to Attorney General Denman to begin criminal proceedings against Slater.

Food Probers Also Busy. While the state graft probers were unearthing rank frauds in the office of the state printer under Slater, the food probers were busy getting at facts which prove the existence of a creamery combine to keep the price of butter at a certain level. Charles W. Wood, a stationary engineer, testified as follows before the committee:

"I was standing in Houser's grocery store some time near the first of last November and heard two representatives of two leading creameries tell Mr. Houser that unless he sold their butter at 40 cents a pound they would not let him handle their goods."

Mr. Woods, chairman of the committee, claimed that through personal investigation he had found the grocers charging practically the same price all over the city, showing clearly an understanding as to prices. "The Retail Grocers' association is responsible for the fixing of high prices," declared Woods. He said further that he had watched City Sealer Beckett condemn meat scales on the Central market and that no sooner had the sealer turned away than the proprietors were using the same scales again.

Furnishes Wage Statistics. State Commissioner of Labor Statistics C. H. Wirmel showed that the baking industries of the state had paid their laboring employees \$1.71 for 10 hours' work in 1899 and that now they paid \$2.10 for 9.6 hours. Coffee and spice mills paid \$2 in 1907 for 9 hours' work and \$1.80 for 9.5 hours in 1908. Flouring mills paid \$2 for 10 hours in 1907 and \$2.15 for 10.5 hours in 1908. Pickle and preserve companies increased the wages in 1908 from \$1.60 to \$1.65 for 10 hours' work, while the meat packing industries paid \$2.20 for 10 hours in both 1907 and 1908.

E. C. Cain, state statistician in the secretary of state's office, showed by the assessors' returns from 1860 to 1908 that, although the acreage of farm land under mortgage had decreased from 40,357 in 1889 to 22,732 in 1908, that the valuation of the property had only decreased from \$37,818,812.76 in 1889 to \$34,866,140.37, showing that the farmer was also a victim of high valuations as well as his city brother.

His report showed also that the agricultural population of the state in 1890 was 2,013,572, and in 1900 it was 1,743,285, a decrease of a million, or one-fifth of the entire state's population. "There are good prospects now of investigating all the railroads in Ohio," said Representative Day, Democrat, of Ross county, after the tariff clerk of the state railway commission testified before the joint legislative committee which is investigating high cost of living. "And more especially," he said, "the Big Four railway in Cincinnati, where charges and countercharges of rebates have been made since the Warriner expose."

Opens Fight on Gas Companies. A legislative fight on the gas interests in Ohio controlled by the Standard Oil company was launched when Representative Charles W. Kempel of

Akron introduced a drastic bill which will seek to protect cities and towns from arbitrary stoppage of gas service. The measure is inspired by the decision of the supreme court which gave the East Ohio Gas company the right to withdraw its service from Akron unless the Akron city council met the gas company's terms. A similar condition existed at Canton.

The Kempel bill provides that, if a gas company arbitrarily withdraws its service from a city without the consent of the city council, it shall be forced to withdraw its service from all other cities and towns in the state and, in addition, surrender its charter.

Another bill that Kempel will introduce seeks to amend the present law relating to gas company franchises that it will withstand future attacks in the supreme court by broadening the authority that the gas company's charters shall make acknowledgment of such authority.

Indications are that the Kempel bills will get through the house easily, because of the large number of fights that are going on between cities and their gas companies.

REGULAR

Meeting Of The Board Of Control On Tuesday

The regular weekly meeting of the board of control was held Tuesday morning with Mayor Mitchell and Director of Service Board, and Director of Safety Stauffer in attendance. The bond of Secretary Henry W. Jennings of the water works in the sum of \$3000, signed by H. H. Greer and J. B. Waigh, was presented and accepted.

The following additional electric lights were ordered placed: Cedar and Rogers street, Cedar and Boynton street, East Water and Compromise street, Sugar street and Third avenue, Madison and Marion street.

DEPOSED

Sultan Of Turkey Starving Himself To Death

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—Abdul Hamid, who for 33 years was the despot-sultan of Turkey, is hopelessly insane, and is starving himself to death in his prison palace at Salonika, according to authoritative dispatches from there today.

The death of the former ruler is believed to be a question of only a few days. The attempt of Abdul last week to commit suicide by hanging revealed his true physical condition, which had been hinted at in numerous vague rumors that escaped the palace.

BIRTHS

A son was born Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Servias of West Gambier street.

A son was born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smothers of Sparta, O.

A daughter was born Sunday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. William Hall of Fairview.

A daughter was born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Balcomb of Fredericktown.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Helen R. McIntire

Word was received in the city late Monday afternoon conveying the sad news of the death of Mrs. Helen R. McIntire, widow of the late Hon. Alfred R. McIntire, which occurred at the home of her son, Mr. Heber McIntire, in Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. McIntire went to Pittsburg some months ago to visit, and while there fell a victim to pneumonia. She was very ill for several weeks, but recovered from the attack of illness and was able to be up, and about the house for two weeks. However, she suffered a relapse about a week ago and sank rapidly until death's summons came at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The deceased was sixty years of age and resided a greater part of her life in Mt. Vernon. She was actively identified with the Woman's Christian association and was one of the vice presidents at the time of her death. She was also a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and was prominently identified with this body. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Mt. Vernon.

The deceased is survived by two sons: City Clerk Rollin R. McIntire of Mt. Vernon and Heber L. McIntire of Pittsburg; by one brother, Mr. Arthur Richards, and by one sister, Mrs. Clara Richards.

The remains will arrive in Mt. Vernon at 5:15 Tuesday evening over the C. A. & C. railroad, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rollin R. McIntire, who were present at Mrs. McIntire's bedside when death came, also Mr. Heber McIntire. The remains will be taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McIntire on East Vine street.

Eli Hyatt

Eli Hyatt died at his home in Liberty township Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock after a lingering illness of diseases incident to old age. He was a bachelor eighty-three years of age. The funeral Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. Wm. Bell of Liberty township. Interment in Friendship cemetery.

Won't Need a Crutch. When Editor J. P. Sossman, of Cornelius, N. C., bruised his leg badly, it started an ugly sore. Many salves and ointments proved worthless. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve healed it thoroughly. Nothing is so prompt and sure for Ulcers, Boils, Burns, Cuts, Corns, Sores, Pimples, Eczema or Piles. 25c at G. R. Baker & Son's, Mt. Vernon, and F. Flak, Fredericktown.

PERSIA

Sends An Ultimatum To Russia Today

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—Persia today sent an ultimatum to Russia that unless Russia withdraws troops from Persia, the latter will abandon efforts to restore order in Karadagh and other places.

Took All His Money. Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicines, to cure a Stomach, Liver or Kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Bloating, Constipation, Jaundice, Malaria, and Debility. 25c at G. R. Baker & Son's, Mt. Vernon, and F. Flak, Fredericktown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sapp of Danville and Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Welsh of Howard spent Tuesday in Mt. Vernon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Schaeffer of West Vine street.

SOCIETY NOTES

A Poverty Party At Danville

Miss Carrie Parrish entertained at her home in Danville with a poverty party Monday evening. This was something unusual, giving cause for a great deal of amusement and enjoyment. About twenty guests were present to enjoy the evening which was spent in music and games. Refreshments were served. The out-of-town guests were Mr. A. I. Hardy and Mr. Benton Senst of Gambier. The prizes for the most poverty stricken appearing guests present at the party were given to Mr. Darwin Lowney and Miss Zella Hauges.

Post Card Shower For Mrs. Parker

A post card shower was given Miss Rebecca Parker, of near Bladensburg, Thursday in honor of her

eighteenth birthday anniversary. She received one hundred and fifteen cards from her many friends of Howard, East, Waihonding, Zuck, Danville, Buckeye City, Gambier, Mt. Vernon, Butler, Bellville, Granville and Kinsammee, Fla.

Crompt-Temple Wedding. The marriage service was read by the Rev. W. E. Hull at St. Paul's rectory Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock which united Mr. John Crompt of Loudonville and Miss Ethel May Temple of Howard, O. The young couple will make their home on the farm of the groom near Loudonville.

FOR SALE—Farm of 8 1/2 acres 4 miles from City. Price \$5,600. See Stream & Rimer.

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