

AGREES WITH VIEWS ON RETIREMENT LAW

To the Editor of The Star:

I desire to thank you for your opinion as expressed in the editorial column of The Star on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, June 19 and 20, in reference to a ruling of Attorney General Palmer on the civil service retirement law. I appreciate the views which you have expressed, and want to say that they coincide with mine and those of members of the conference committee who drafted the bill known as the Sterling-Lehlbach bill, which is virtually the same as what is now before the civil service retirement law, and that there was no intention on the part of the members of the conference committee representing the employees, in the drafting of the bill, to work any hardship on any one who had not reached the stage or had not served a sufficient number of years to come under the provisions thereof.

Intended as Relief Measure.

The law, as you have stated, was intended to be a relief to the old employees who have served for a number of years and not as a hardship. It is true that the law is not all that it might be. It is not broad enough in its scope, and there are some minor defects which we hope will be corrected as time goes on, and it is sincerely hoped that the heads of the various departments, or the Secretary of the Interior, who will have this matter in charge, will be very considerate toward the old people who have not reached the retirement age or who have not served a sufficient number of years. We should regret very much if any misconception on the part of the heads of the various departments was made in reference to the law whereby any injustice would be done to the old people and it is to be hoped that the President will issue an executive order making it possible to care for those who do not come under the provisions of the law. It is possible for the President to do this, and we are in great hopes that such a ruling will be issued by the President will not be delayed.

Object of the Law.

The object of the law, to begin with, is in the minds of the employees who are to have it enacted, was to give relief to the old and disabled, but not as a cold-blooded house-cleaning proposition.

It will take a little time for matters to work out properly, and in the course of a few years the few people who have not reached the age or who have not served a sufficient number of years should be given a chance to continue in service until they are under the scope of the law, but after the law has been in operation for a while there will be greater efficiency throughout the government service, but this will take time and it is hoped that the law will be gradually so that no hardships will be brought upon any one.

ROBERT H. ALCOCK, Chairman.

WHISKY THEFTS GROW.

Robbers Attack Drug Store and Home Supplies, Too.

It is probable that drugists will have to build safety vaults in their stores to protect their supplies of whisky from thirty ones who think the end justifies the means in the matter of lubricating parched throats. Many thefts of whisky from homes have been reported in the past few weeks, and in several instances drug store supplies suffered at the hands of robbers.

Dr. F. G. Linton, druggist at 101 Rhode Island avenue, reported the latest whisky theft. He told the police that twenty-six pint bottles of liquor were taken from his place of business Saturday night.

Theft of a gold bracelet, valued at \$150, was reported by Nicholas Newman, 3208 O street. It was taken from his home last week. A gold watch, valued at \$70, was reported by John M. King, 710 14th street.

FORM SOCIETY OF ALUCO.

Ambulance Corps Veterans Who Served on Mexican Border Organize Veterans of the Provisional Ambulance Corps.

Train A, stationed on the Mexican border during the 1915 disturbances, held an informal meeting at Mount Rainier yesterday and formed the Society of the Aluco, Maj. Winfred, who commanded the train on the border, addressed the veterans and explained the objects of the organization.

Stephen F. Tillman, who served with the unit as color sergeant, was elected president of the society. A resolution was adopted condemning the attitude of the president of the board of education in seeking a successor for the superintendent of schools. Another resolution adopted put the newly formed association in favor of a separate platform in politics for ex-service men.

TWO WIN SCHOLARSHIPS.

Albert Francis Birch of Western High School and Weston George Thomas of Central High School will go to Harvard University this year as the result of the award of scholarships by the Harvard Club of Washington. This announcement was made today by Sidney Balfour of the local Harvard Club.

Birch has been a student at Western for four years and during that time has received nothing but "A's," the highest possible mark. Dr. Elmer S. Newton, principal of the school, said today that the student known only as two or three scholarship records like Birch's in his twenty-two year service at Western.

Thomas' scholarship record also is an unbroken line of "A's." He attended high school for two years in Cincinnati and then came to Washington and finished his preparatory course with two years at Central.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY.

The Alumnae Association of the Academy of Notre Dame is completing plans for the reception to be held Wednesday evening in the garden surrounding the convent in honor of the graduates of 1920. The reception will begin at 7 o'clock and continue until 9 o'clock, when the banquet will be given. As usual the members of the association will serve as ushers this afternoon at the commencement exercises of the convent of Notre Dame, which will take place at Gonzaga College.

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Photoplay Features.

METROPOLITAN.

A photoplay of the successful stage play, "Blind Youth," by Lou Tellegen and Willard Mack, which was shown yesterday at Crandall's Metropolitan Theater, is the story of two boys who were parted by the divorce of their parents, one of whom, following the aspirations of his mother, becomes a social bander, and the other, the charge of his father, a social derelict. It is a story of the buoyant optimism of youth dispelled by the experience of years and forcefully vindicated by the efforts of the two boys to attain social distinction. "All in a Day," furnishes the contrast and the amusement.

RIALTO.

"The Yellow Typhoon," Harold MacGrath's novel in picture form, which was shown yesterday at Moore's Rialto, is the melodramatic story of two sisters, separated in early life and products of different environments, one of whom becomes notorious and the other a secret service agent, who is sent to the Philippines to protect places for a secret marine. The efforts of the notorious sister and her accomplices to secure the plans and their preservation by the other sister make an exciting story, into which romance is woven. Anita Stewart is the picture star and plays the parts of both sisters.

PALACE.

"Sick Abed," Wallace Reid's new picture, shown at Low's Palace yesterday, was evolved from Ethel W. Mumford's stage play and will not rank with the average Reid photoplay. The success of its entertainment powers will depend entirely on how badly the audience is in need of entertainment. The amorous wife of the hero's real estate manager runs off into the woods with his cap and he after. A rainstorm overtakes them and the husband and the hero pretend to be sick abed to avoid testifying. While so he falls in love with a pretty nurse, etc. The Sennett comedy, "By Golly," and a Mutt and Jeff cartoon turn speculation into laughter.

COLUMBIA.

"Remodeling a Husband," at Low's Columbia Theater yesterday, introduces Dorothy Gish in a picture, which is a comedy, with such skill and excellent results, with the husband and the hero pretend to be sick abed to avoid testifying. While so he falls in love with a pretty nurse, etc. The Sennett comedy, "By Golly," and a Mutt and Jeff cartoon turn speculation into laughter.

GARDEN.

"The Sea Wolf," Jack London's thrilling story of adventure, is faithfully reproduced in the picture shown at Moore's Garden Theater, with Noah Beery as "Wolf Larsen," the brutal captain of a whaling schooner, who dominated by brute force, a rich idler and a beautiful girl picked up by the schooner, after a collision at sea, and their strange and terrible adventures furnish the interest of the story.

KNICKERBOCKER.

Crandall's Knickerbocker Theater yesterday presented the same bill as the Metropolitan, "Blind Youth," the Tellegen-Mack play in pictures, and "All in a Day," the Snub Pollard comedy, with minor features.

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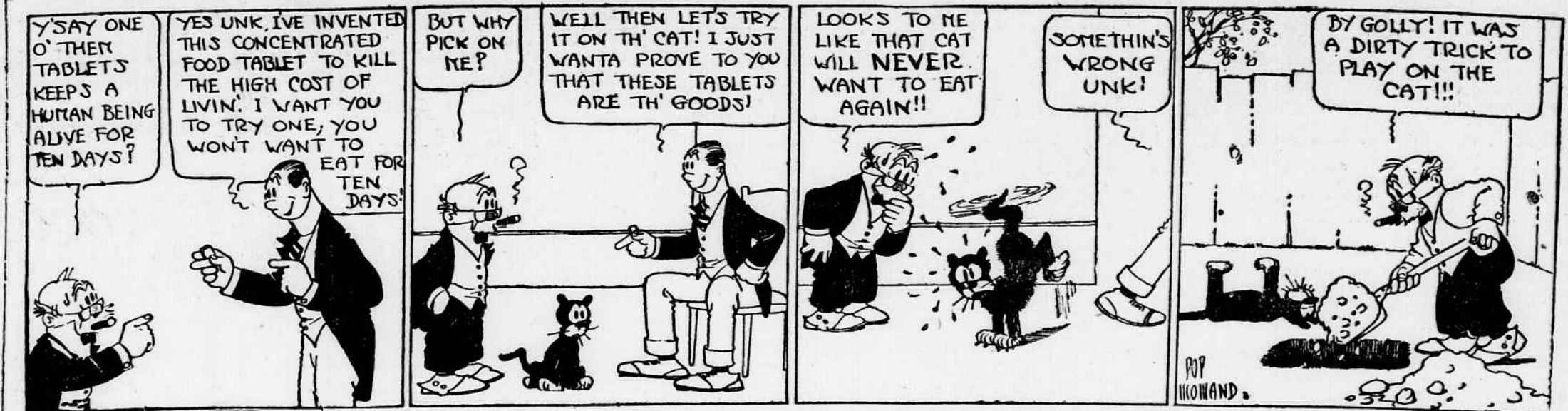
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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—A Sad Case.



PUPILS GIVE FESTIVAL.

Two Hundred From Miss Shreeve's Class Take Part in Program.

On a stage banked with flowers and ferns more than 200 pupils of Miss Cora B. Shreeve's dancing school took part in the annual festival of the school given at the National Theater last night.

The theater was crowded with relatives and friends of the children, and every number, from the charming portrayal of the oriental princess, by Miss Genevieve Pyle, to the singing of the little ones in the kindergarten classes, was roundly applauded.

The program was of broad scope and ran from jazz to ballet. The entire production was arranged and produced by Miss Shreeve and staged by Morgan A. Shreeve.

The children taking part in the festival included: Catherine Smith, John Hereford, Lester Dugan, Katharine Lyons, Catherine Hereford, Miss Jerry Williams, Virginia Trullinger, Terita Sheaffer, Clara Roehle, Hazel Hawkins, Evelyn Mann, Morse, Allen Holt, B. Kirtley, G. Harris, Mabel Getty, Dolly Gardner, Jane Hammack, Marian Williams, Nina Williams, Virginia Williams, Baby Levy, Virginia and Josephine Latterner, Eleanor Chambers, Madelyn Holt, Alma Harris, Virginia Morris, Mary Kline, Doris Keane, Eileen Lyons, Eileen Lally, Ellen McConchalia, Cecilia Cochran, Tony Lally, Dorothy Eschelman, Nina Polman, Elizabeth Arnold, Jeanette Nichols, Louise Feinstein, N. Marian Williams, George Simmons, John McLaughlin, Mary Arlington, Isabelle Anderson, Fannie Jones, William E. Shea, Ethel Coulter, Esther Cloyd, Ernie Hamman, Adelaide Flanagan, Baby Levy, Vernah Scott, Thelma Bates, Catherine Passin, Eva Rosenbloom, Florence King, Elizabeth Arnold, Ollie Birmingham, Ralph Naele, Miss Ehlers, Ernest Acker, Hawley Garfield, Hunter, Marie Hudson, Ethel Perry, Shirley Rosenberg, Carol Smith, Marguerite Smith, Beverly Tydings, Yuba Shipaugh, Blanche Cross, Catherine McLeod, Florence Browdy, Lester Dugan, Hawley Garfield, Ralph McKee, Dorothy Newkirk, M. G. Piquet and Rita Quinn.

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