

PLAN NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF 3 YEARS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Education Board Considers Proposition to Regrade Elementary Institutions and Avoid Increase in Tax Rate

SAVING OF \$64,000 A YEAR

"Mighty Good Idea," Says Alexander Simpson, Jr.—David Lane's Support Expected

Changes in the public school system intended to effect a saving of \$64,000 a year and avoid an increase in the school tax rate have been proposed to the Board of Education by Superintendent Garber and his department.

The plan, devised by the Department of Superintendence after a year's work with publicity, calls for the complete regrading of the elementary schools and the abolishing of the public high schools as they now exist. The ultimate result of the adoption of the new scheme would be the establishment of junior and senior high schools, each of which would have a course of three years.

The present high schools have a four-year course. A complete public education would cover a period of 12 years, as at present. But six of these years would be spent in the elementary grades, while eight years are now devoted to these classes. After completing the elementary course, the pupil would be enrolled in the junior high schools and then in the senior high schools.

UTILIZE OLD BUILDINGS The junior high schools would be located in buildings now occupied by elementary classes, while the city's 10 high school buildings would house the senior students. School buildings now abandoned because they are in neighborhoods where residences have given way to factories would be re-occupied by the junior boys and girls.

By utilizing all available school space, the Board of Education to reduce the number of school buildings which it otherwise would be forced to erect. "Use all the space all the time" is the way the plan was described at the headquarters of the Board of Education.

The plan was read yesterday at a meeting of the board and after a thorough discussion, Superintendent Garber and his assistants have been considering the project for many months, but absolute silence on it has been maintained throughout. No hint that the new plan was to be presented to the board yesterday was heard anywhere. It is said that Superintendent Garber is not personally an ardent advocate of the reorganization, but that his associates and members of the Board of Education have urged him to the stand he has taken.

TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEM With 25,000 boys and girls attending part-time sessions and parents in all parts of the city complaining of conditions in the school buildings, a threatened increase in the tax rate to meet an impending deficiency and the school population constantly growing, the Department of Superintendence was forced to take some step toward the solution of the problem.

The new plan was championed by Alexander Simpson, Jr., law partner of Attorney General Brown and influential member of the Board of Education, as a "mighty good idea." David Lane, also expected to vote for the proposition because of his loyalty to Superintendent Garber in all issues.

It is feared that several legal problems may arise before the plan is carried out in all of its details. The provisions of the State school code may interfere with the enforcement of certain features and a legal opinion from John G. Johnson, school auditor, may be obtained to avoid entanglement.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S CONCERT

Newly Organized Choral Society Gives Meritorious Program

The Business Women's League Choral Society, recently organized with May Porter as musical director, made its bow to the public last evening in a meritorious concert in Witherspoon Hall.

The membership is composed of women whose vocations call them downtown to the commercial and industrial centers, but who have music as their avocation. To further their cultural aspirations they have organized the chorus, which was heard with many demonstrations of approval and applause by a considerable audience.

Miss Porter, who is director of the Cantata Chorus, has drilled her forces with excellent effect in tone, quality, volume and precision. There were attractive light and shade in the interpretations of a varied program, which traversed the best literature for female choruses.

The program included the Victor Herbert arrangement of the Donizetti "Springtime," Vincent's "Scotch Rhapsody," the famous Barcarolle from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann," Elgar's "Song" and a delightfully rhythmic waltz song by H. Lane Wilson. Purity of intonation and sharp attack marked every number.

William Sylvano, flautist furnished admirable accompaniment and the assisting soloists were Elizabeth Bonner, contralto; Emma Hudson Macool, soprano; Dorothy Johnston, bass; Florence Hasle and Elizabeth Porter, first and second violins.

STORE SUES WOMAN PATRON

Wife of Charles N. Welsh, Clubman, Asked to Pay \$482.41

Another suit against Helen Gallatin Welsh and her husband, Charles N. Welsh, wealthy clubman, based on an unpaid department store bill, was entered today. The claim is for \$482.41 and was filed in the Municipal Court by Joseph G. Darlington & Co.

The purchases for which payment is sought were made by Mrs. Welsh in 1915, from September, 1915, until February of this year. Itemized bills attached to the statement of claim show a costly bill for a blue and black striped coat for \$115, six pairs of gloves, \$37; six pairs of shoes, \$31; one suit, \$115, and two satchels, \$5.50. Then there is a charge of \$4 for repairing Mrs. Welsh's anklets. Other articles of adornment were ribbons, veils and trinkets, the total amount of the account reaching \$487.11. A credit for \$14.70 is allowed, leaving the balance alleged to be due, \$482.41.

Lieut. Baehr Ordered to Plattsburg

Lieutenant Carl A. Baehr, 254 Infantry, United States army officer stationed at the Pennsylvania Military College, of Chestnutburg, N. Y., one week from tomorrow, the day following commencement at the college, Lieutenant Baehr was the officer who was ordered to Plattsburg, N. Y., to be trained in the use of the "trotter" last year at Plattsburg. It is probable that he will be their instructor again this summer.

Rev. F. B. Lane III at Seashore

Rev. F. B. Lane III at Seashore. Lane leaves for the recovery of the Rev. F. B. Lane, former pastor of the Methodist Church, and a member of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, are ministers who have sent messages of cheer to him and have offered prayers for his recovery. The Rev. Mr. Lane, who was the evangelist field as a member of the Wood Street Baptist Church, was a member of the Wood Street Baptist Church at Chestnutburg.

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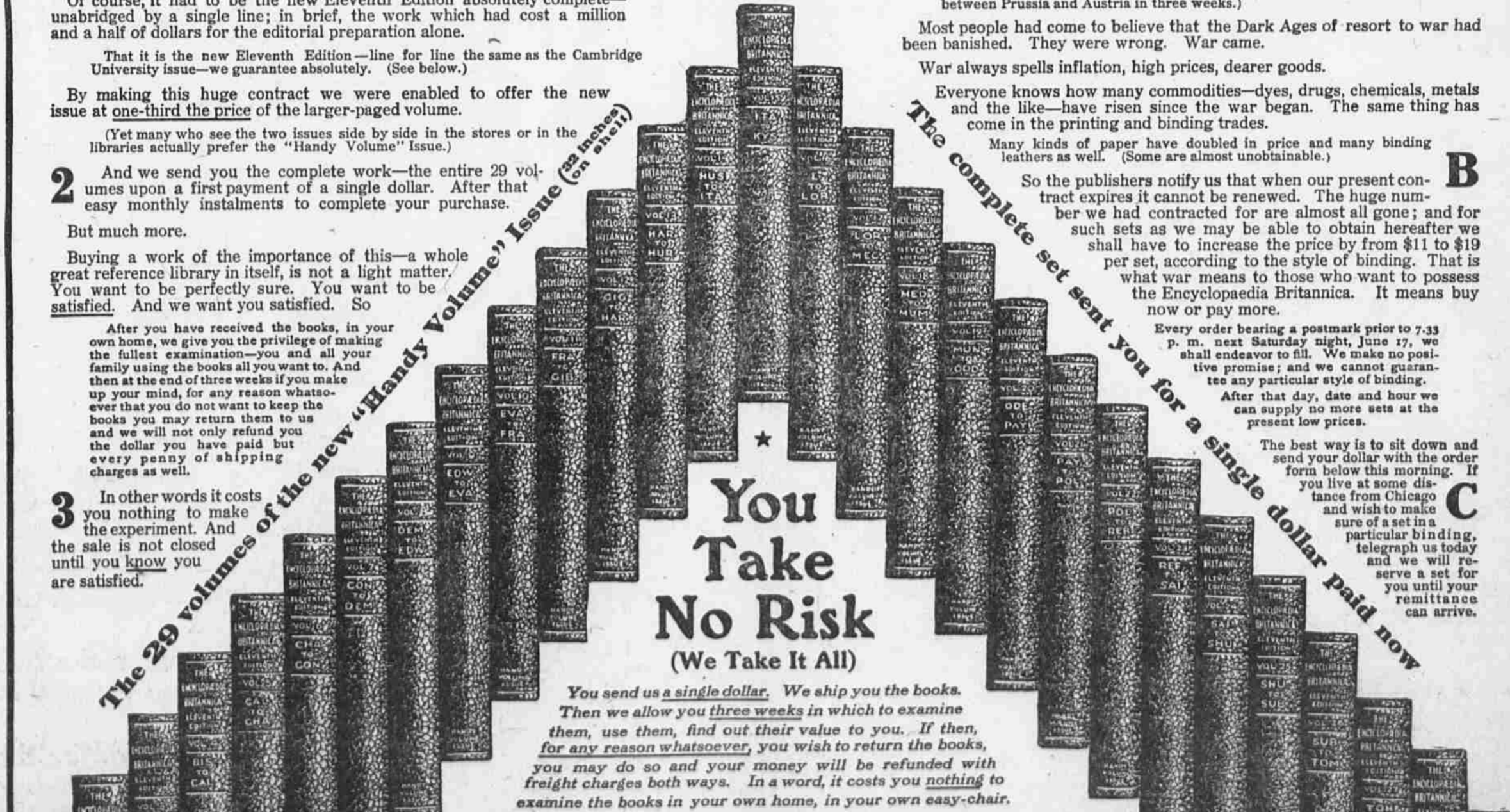
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