

TEACHERS APPOINT DEPARTMENT HEADS

State Association Closes Its State Convention.

COUNTY BODY ORGANIZED

Post-Season Athletic Games Are Opposed; Free Textbooks for Primary Grades Urged.

Closing sessions of the annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association were held at the Lincoln high school yesterday. During the forenoon the hundreds of delegates gathered in groups for the meetings of the various departments into which the association is separated, while in the afternoon all met together in the school auditorium to listen to closing addresses by Will C. Wood and Dr. A. E. Winship, prominent educators, who were invited to this city to address the teachers.

List of Department Officers.

The following were chosen: Higher Education—Dean Colin V. Dymann, University of Oregon, chairman; Professor W. R. Fredericks of Lincoln high school, secretary. Industrial Arts—E. Trenholm of Portland, chairman; Percy Daine, Portland, secretary. Vocational Education—A. B. Nichols, Oregon Agricultural college, chairman; Louise Wood, Oregon Agricultural college, secretary. Librarians—Mrs. Twyla Head Ferguson, Klamath Falls, chairman; Alice H. Cole, Forest Grove, vice-chairman; Eleanor Davis, Lincoln high school, Portland, secretary. Modern Languages—P. A. Getz, James John high school, Portland, chairman; Florence White, University of Oregon, secretary. Psychology and Education—M. S. Hanna, Roseburg, chairman; Dr. C. A. Gregory, University of Oregon, secretary. Science and Mathematics—Dr. H. E. Ferry, University of Oregon, chairman; Miss Helen S. Manning, Lincoln high school, Portland, secretary. Rural Schools—J. G. Swan, Eugene, chairman; Miss Almida Fuller, Jackson county, vice-chairman; Joseph Wills, Independence, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Dunn, Hood River, treasurer. Arts—Miss Esther West, Portland, chairman; N. H. Zane, Portland, secretary. Agriculture—Forest Ryeroff, Lebanon, chairman; K. D. Fendall, Newberg, secretary. City Superintendents—A. C. Cannon, Hood River, chairman; E. H. Hedrick, Hesperia, secretary. Physical Education—Dean John Howard, University of Oregon, chairman; Eva Hanson, Fredston, secretary. Music—Miss Helen F. Hand, Corvallis, chairman; Miss Louise Woodruff, Marshfield, secretary. Classroom Teachers—Miss E. M. Neav, Grants Pass, chairman; secretary to be selected later by the president. Commercial Teachers—H. D. Taylor, James John high school, Portland, chairman; Mrs. Bertha McMormick, Coquille, secretary.

County Auxiliary Formed.

For the first time since the state association was formed a complete county organization was perfected, composed of representatives of the association in each county of the state. At a meeting of the county representatives yesterday the following officers of that body were chosen: President, P. E. Leaside, Tigard; secretary, M. J. Penega, Forest Grove; executive committee, George A. Briscoe, Astoria; R. F. Youel, Silverton; E. F. Goodwin, Freewater.

Of the meetings of the various departments yesterday two of particular importance were those of the higher education group and the athletic department.

At the previous session resolutions urging the following were adopted.

Adoption of uniform entrance blanks for all Oregon colleges and universities; adoption of biology and zoology, chemistry or physics as the required sciences for college entrance, with possible substitution of physical geography, geology or general science if taught with proper laboratory work; adoption of phrase "honorable dismissal" to apply to honorable conduct; elimination of business English from the units of English required for college entrance; holding the number of special students in colleges and universities to as low a figure as possible; granting of special credits for musical work in high schools only after two years' work in beginning music has been fulfilled.

The resolutions as above outlined were contained in a report presented to the department by Dean George H. Alden of Willamette university.

The athletic department, at its session, took a stand against all post-season games with outside teams, on the grounds that such contests extend the athletic season to a point where they interfere with scholastic work, and also that the long trips taken in such connection are inadvisable.

Arbuckle "Parson" Assailed.

Action on matters both of public and of technical interest which had been taken by the association in earlier sessions was put into concrete form yesterday with the reading and adoption at the closing session of a long series of resolutions.

Among these perhaps the one attracting most attention was that directed against Roscoe ("Patsy") Arbuckle, motion picture actor recently reinstated by Will Hays. The resolution placed the teachers' body definitely in line with a number of other bodies in the state who feel that the return of Arbuckle to the screen should not be countenanced.

"Be it resolved that we," said the Arbuckle resolution in substance, "protest emphatically the action of Will Hays in the reinstatement of Roscoe Arbuckle as an actor in the motion picture industry in this country, believing that the vicious notoriety which has become associated with Arbuckle's name would constitute in such a position a most pernicious influence for evil."

"Further," the resolution held, "the time has come, in view of the rising tide of juvenile crime in America, when the educated world must denounce with alarm the questionable moral life of those who are participating in the motion picture industry, and the continued exploitation upon the screen, before the immature youth of our land, the most degrading exaggeration of sex relations and general criminal achievements."

Millage Tax Is Demanded.

Turning to other fields the association, through its sheaf of resolutions, extended congratulations and best wishes to the recently re-elected state superintendent of education, and congratulations to Willamette university upon the successful raising of her endowment. Another resolution urged a more equitable distribution of state taxes, but opposed any tendency toward reduction of taxation through modification of the millage tax law or in any other way at the expense of the present efficiency of the school system.

Support of the Towner-Sterling

bill, now pending in congress, for the establishment of a federal department of education, was urged. Legislation looking toward reorganization of county institutes, to provide for centralized government, state and county control, was urged, as was the passage by the forthcoming session of the legislature of an act appropriating money to provide readers for the blind students of the University of Oregon and state institutions of learning.

Free Textbooks Urged.

Turning to the textbook problem, the teachers urged the adoption of the free textbook system for all elementary schools of the state, with the provision that funds for purchase of such textbooks be provided by the state. It was also urged that the meeting time of the textbook commission be changed from June to November, and that approximately one-third of the textbooks should be adopted every two years, to be used for six years.

The action of the representative council in providing a teachers' placement bureau to replace private employment agencies was commended, but the bureau was advised to go forward slowly, and not jeopardize the success of the movement by hasty action.

At the closing session Will C. Wood, California state superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education, Boston, were again the speakers, dealing with modern trends in educational thought.

Registrars Hold Session.

While the association was in session Thursday and yesterday the Oregon Association of Collegiate Registrars also was meeting, with representatives present from the leading colleges and universities of the state. Sessions were held at the Lincoln high school and the general programme was made to conform to a large extent to the teachers' programme, so that the delegates present could take advantage of the open features of the latter.

The sessions of the registrars were brought to a close yesterday with election of the following officers for the coming year: G. R. Schlanck, Linfield college, president; Bertha Brainard, Oregon Normal school, vice-president; E. B. Lemon, Oregon Agricultural college, secretary-treasurer.

Uniform Credentials Favored.

At its business session the registrars' association, through adoption of resolutions, urged the adoption of uniform certificates of entrance credentials by all high schools in certifying students to institutions of higher learning in the state; went on record as favoring a sectional meeting for the Pacific coast in years alternate with the meetings of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars, and recommended uniform opening and closing dates for all colleges and universities in Oregon.

GROVER TWICE ATTACKED

George Clements Left Unconscious on Doorstep by Thugs.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Twice victim of unidentified assailants, who last night left him unconscious on the doorstep of a residence in Ballard, a suburb, after cutting mysterious hieroglyphics in his arms with a knife, George Clements, a grocer, was in a serious condition in a hospital here today. He was found on the doorstep this morning and had apparently lain there all night, according to physicians.

Mr. Clements was attacked in his store November 14 by supposed thugs who left him unconscious after he had wounded one of them with a hatchet. Yesterday, according to Mrs. Clements, the store was set afire by persons who placed kerosene-soaked paper under the roof.

Mr. Clements was unable this morning to give an account of last night's assault.

LA GRANDE MAN PICKED

O. A. Kratz to Be Business Manager for Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Official announcement was made by O. B. Setters, mayor-elect, today that O. A. Kratz, formerly of La Grande, is to be business manager for the city of Astoria under the new charter, which will become effective next Monday. Mr. Kratz arrived here today.

Under the charter the mayor and commissioners will also appoint the auditor, attorney, police judge and treasurer, while the manager will name the heads of the other departments.

No further appointments have been announced although it is understood that William Dethridge, who resigned today as a deputy sheriff, is slated for the job of chief of police and that Lewis M. Klotzring will be a deputy sheriff to succeed Dethridge.

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