

COMMONWEALTH TO BE DISCUSSED HERE

Annual Conference Under Auspices of University to Be Held January 3-5.

MANY PROBLEMS LISTED

Several Papers on Roads Included in Program—State, City and County Matters Also to Be Topic for Discussion.

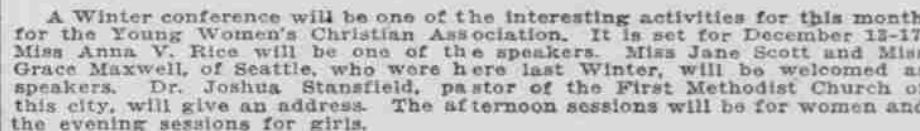
Portland instead of Eugene will be the meeting place of the next annual commonwealth conference held under the auspices of the University of Oregon and directed by F. G. Young, professor of economics and sociology.

Papers are announced. Professor Young has outlined the following papers: "Planning a System of Highways for the People of the State," "Economy in the Use of Scientific Methods of Highway Improvement and Maintenance," "Highway System as an Investment," "How Can Greatest Efficiency in Highway Improvement Be Insured Through Full Use of Principles of Business Organization and Art of Highway Engineering in Oregon?"

PROMINENT WOMEN WHO WILL SPEAK AT THE Y. W. C. A. WINTER CONFERENCE.



Miss Jane Scott



Miss Grace Maxwell

A winter conference will be one of the interesting activities for this month for the Young Women's Christian Association. It is set for December 12-17.

15,000 VISIT CAMP

Eagle Creek Grounds in Oregon Forest Attract Many.

SITES HANDY FOR AUTOISTS

Conveniences of Outdoor Life Are at Disposal of Travelers—Folk From Foreign Lands Are Included Among Guests.

The Eagle Creek camp grounds on the Oregon National forest attracted 15,000 visitors from 30 states and a dozen foreign countries during the outing season of 1916, according to T. H. Sherrard, supervisor of the Oregon National forest.

NEW COURSE ARRANGED

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WILL TEACH APPLE PACKING.

Instruction Will Be Given at Corvallis to New Growers From January 8 to February 2.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A course in apple packing for the especial benefit of growers whose orchards are just starting in the future will be one of the features of the winter short course to be held here from January 8 to February 2.

TWO LADS ENTERTAINED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTIES.



Marvin S. Swire

Every experienced fruitgrower ought to be here for the winter and for the sake of the apple industry in Oregon, said Professor C. I. Lewis, chief of the division of horticulture.

AVIATION PRIVILEGE ASKED

Five Members of Aberdeen Naval Militia Want Training.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Five members of the fourth division Naval Militia, of this city, have made application to the Navy Department for the privilege of attending the aviation school conducted by the Federal Government at Pensacola and expect that they will get a chance to take a three months' course there some time during the coming year.

William Griffith, of East Twenty-eighth street, entertained a number of friends in honor of his eighth birthday last week. Games, music and refreshments were the order of the evening.

Marvin L. W. Swire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Swire, celebrated his fourth birthday December 3 with a merry party for his young relatives.

BLACK HAND IS USED

Threats Made Against Investigators of Alleged Fraud.

SIX FIREMEN ARE ACCUSED

Business Men Who Purchased Worthless Mortgages Are Declared to Have Had Knowledge That Conditions Were Faulty.

Mysterious black-hand threats have played a part in the investigation now being made by the Board of Fire Chiefs of charges that six members of the board have been involved in a land fraud scheme. These threats are being investigated along with the charges.

D. D. Hall, attorney representing business men who were stung in the land scheme, has reported that a few days ago he received a threatening letter from a man who said if he pushed the case he would get a knife through his heart. Mr. Hall tried to trace the telephone call, but was unable.

Investigation of the land fraud charges is being conducted as fast as possible by the Board of Fire Chiefs. So far the probing has been in line of getting the stories of the business men who were stung.

It appears that the principal reason the business men were stung was in an endeavor to beat the old "get-something-for-nothing game." It has been shown that a man named Ruff bought some worthless swamp land near Medford and divided it into lots.

He then paid firemen for accepting deeds to the lots and giving them mortgages which bore provisions that the mortgages should be paid off at the rate of \$20 a month.

Apparently, it is said, took these mortgages to the business men, and after selling a hard-luck story, offered to sell them at a mere fraction of their face value. It is said some of the mortgages for \$500 or more were sold for less than \$100.

There also has been some indirect evidence that some of the purchasers of the mortgages really had no money and were not altogether right, but they purchased, believing they would be able to stick the firemen for the full amount.

The firemen apparently allowed the use of their names in the transaction for so much per name. It is said they received money from Ruff for signing the mortgages and for telling the business men who were offered the mortgages that they were regular and this trail to Wabtum Lake next season.

SILVER SALMON RUNNING

Grays Harbor Supply Comes Too Late to Benefit Canneries.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The silver salmon run is on in full swing in Grays Harbor and the tributary streams, but the fishing season is over and the canneries are suffering by the large number of exceptionally large fish running.

Silver salmon annually appear in the ocean off the entrance to Grays Harbor in the early part of October, but do not enter the harbor in any great numbers until after the first freshets, which usually come near the middle of October.

BIG CONCERN STARTS LOGS

Wynooche Timber Company Hauling to Tidewater Rafting Grounds.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The Wynoochee company, of this city, after practically nine months devoted to the construction of its camps and railway line, began hauling logs today from its timber in the Wynoochee to its tidewater rafting grounds.

The company already has seven miles of railway built from Franchers Slough to its timber and construction work is being steadily carried on to extend the main line and branches farther back into the timber.

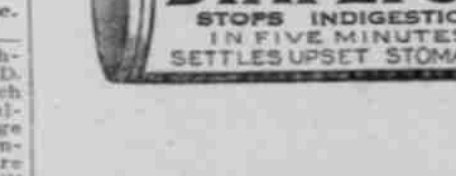
COVE TICKETS NAMED

Mayor's Meeting and "Progressives" Nominate Separately.

COVE, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—At a town meeting prior to the regular call by the Mayor to consider candidates for

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Aronson's Great Unloading Has Brought the Christmas Spirit to Portland

—How it warms the heart to see the crowds flow in and out through Aronson's doors! And what mysterious-looking packages are being tied up at the wrapping counter all the day long! And down in Aronson's basement and upon the balcony floor what great pyramids are being built, silver upon silver, gold upon gold.

—But Aronson is the Sphinx! —I'd explode if I had to carry around the secrets Aronson carries. Just to think that Aronson knows what nearly everybody in Portland is going to get in their stockings (or sox) on Christmas! But Aronson's too busy to tell, even if he would—and he won't.

—And Rueff, the big diamond expert! Why, Rueff ought to be losing more weight than a Chicago diet squad, the way he has to hustle at the diamond counters.

—A man came in the other day just as Rueff was trying to get away for lunch. Looked at a diamond ring, and then said he wanted to look around. Back in an hour and bought the ring, but Rueff hadn't been able to make his escape.

—Indulge yourself in cogitations and reasonings, as Red Saunders would say, and you'll discover why the diamond cases never lack for customers:

- 150 diamond rings for \$108.50.
—125 diamond rings for \$89.75.
—100 diamond rings for \$69.75.
—75 diamond rings for \$52.50.
—A \$500 solitaire diamond ring for \$374.50.
—A \$650 platinum mounted diamond lavalliere for \$474.50.
—A \$400 platinum mounted diamond lavalliere for \$296.50.
—A \$75 platinum mounted diamond lavalliere for \$56.50.
—A \$125 horseshoe diamond pin for \$37.50.
—A \$500 diamond mounted bracelet for \$363.50.
—A \$50 diamond mounted bracelet for \$36.50.

RUEFF ILLUMES CHICAGO

—The preceding paragraph was written at 3:05 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Just then my phone rang and Rueff's big voice boomed into my ear: "Just sold a representative of I. Newman & Son, Chicago, manufacturers of P. N. corsets, that big \$1900 solitaire at our advertised price of \$879.50. And, believe me," continued Rueff, "he's some diamond expert himself."

—"Thanks, old top," said I; "I'll put you in the Sunday ad, with a box around the story. That's the highest compliment I can give you."

—Thus does the effete and cultured East yield her tribute to the virile and ambitious West. Let 'em come, whether they make corsets, coconuts or crackers!

Advertisement for Aronson's Jewellers Goldsmiths Opticians. The Store of the Christmas Spirit. Washington Street at Broadway.

election for Mayor, three Councilmen, Treasurer, Recorder and Marshal, there was a large attendance in the City Hall Tuesday night. A "progressive ticket" was named as follows: For Mayor, E. A. Galloway, druggist; Councilmen, H. E. Blevins, merchant; R. Z. Baxter, barber; Treasurer, J. H. McCall, banker; Recorder, S. H. Weimer, grain dealer; Marshal, W. F. Breckner, butcher.

The call by Mayor Conklin for a town meeting at the City Hall Wednesday night was also largely attended, and a ticket partly filled, leaving it open to voters to write in names on the blanks: Mayor, blank; Councilmen, M. J. Duffoy, farmer; Oscar Lund, orchardist; blank; Treasurer, J. H. McCall; Recorder, blank; Marshal, C. F. Williams, employe; T. J. Ryan, employe.

Rupture Cured

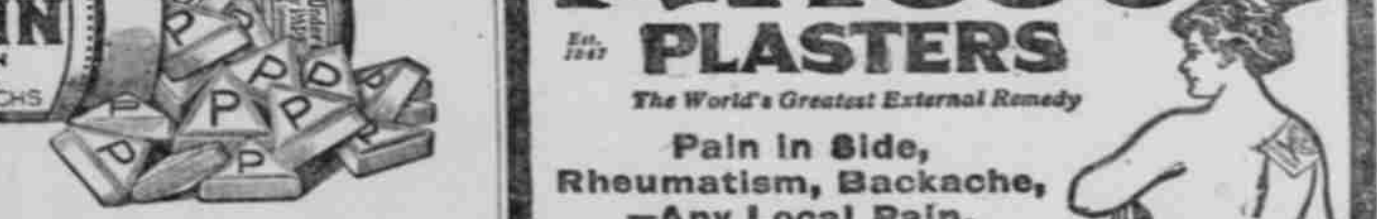
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