

PREHISTORIC EUGENE WAS WATER-COVERED

Late Thomas Condon Credited With Discovery.

HONORS ARE CONTESTED

Daughter of Pioneer Geologist Publishes Pamphlet.

Claims of priority for her father in the discovery of a great body of water called the Willamette Sound which covered the present site of the city of Portland to a depth of over 600 feet and swept southward in an irregular basin that extended to the foot of Spencer's butte, near Eugene, are set forth in a pamphlet by Ellen Condon McCormack, daughter of Oregon's famous pioneer geologist, Thomas Condon, recently published by the department of geology of the University.

In her treatise, entitled "Contributions to the Pleistocene History of Oregon," for which the University conferred a master's degree upon her for the research work, Mrs. McCormack cites references and quotations which tend to prove that Dr. Harlan Bretz of the University of Chicago has laid claim to the discovery of geological data for the existence of the Willamette Sound which in all probability, as set forth by Mrs. McCormack, were known to Professor Condon in 1871 when he published his article in a non-technical magazine.

Co-incidence Claimed.
Bretz avers that Condon's claim cannot stand on his own presented evidence, maintaining that it was purely a coincidence that there was such a submersion as he names in connection with his observations at Willapa bay, Washington.

Granite bowlders, known as erratics to geologists, scattered over the bed of the ancient inland sea in the Willamette valley, are some of the evidence around which Dr. Bretz postulates his Willamette Sound, an extensive body of water practically covering the same area over which Professor Condon spread his hypothetical sound. According to geologists, these erratics were carried embedded in icebergs which drifted in from the north or came from the eastern portion of the sound through the Gorge of the Columbia, since there are no granitic formations west of the Cascades. Professor Condon did not mention the presence of Glacier-carried rocks in his classic which appeared in the Overland Monthly in 1871, but Mrs. McCormack in her treatise produces evidence that her father was aware at an early date of the import of the erratics played in the evidence of the postulated Willamette Sound.

Submersion is Post-glacial.
Professor Condon placed the time of the Pacific coast submersion as post-glacial. Dr. Bretz maintains that the elevated beaches of Oregon belong to the Satsop formation which, he says, in his article in the Journal of Geology, long antedates the Campian epoch, the period of continental depression. Mrs. McCormack declares that Dr. Bretz' stand on the time question is untenable since the pre-glacial epochs are recognized as times of general elevation. Dr. E. J. Packard, head of the geology department of the University, also states that Dr. Bretz introduces a period of mountain unfolding into the Pleistocene of the Northwest coast which is not in harmony with scientific opinion which has heretofore considered this a period of almost horizontal lines.

E. F. CARLTON SPEAKS AT ALUMNAE MEETING

Eugene Superintendent Suggests Need of Religious Training in Schools.

The address given by E. F. Carlton, superintendent of Eugene schools, and former assistant state superintendent of schools, was the principal feature of the meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae held in the bungalow Saturday afternoon.

In speaking of the educational problems in Oregon, Mr. Carlton said that some religious training should be given to the student while in school. Mr. Carlton suggested no definite plan in which this training could be carried out, but he said that few children go to Sunday schools or churches and their religious training is limited to that which they get in their homes.

Mr. Carlton in tracing the growth of the educational system in Oregon, pointed out that 20 years ago there were few high schools in the state that were doing full work and the certificate laws were very inadequate. Twenty years ago 34 counties were hiring teachers as they pleased without any state supervision.

Although Massachusetts is noted for its advancement, according to Mr. Carlton, Oregon is farther advanced in many ways than that state. The disadvantage of the Massachusetts system is that the child is allowed to go to work after he is 14 years old. Boston alone has 10,000 working people who have not finished the eighth grade.

PENDLETON PAYS WELL

Salaries for Teachers Range From \$1560 to \$2400.

The best high school salary schedule in the state is that used in the Pendleton schools, according to Dean H. D. Sheldon of the education department, who has just received a letter from the Pendleton superintendent of schools, H. E. Inlow, asking the co-operation of the University school of education in carrying out his plan.

By this salary schedule teachers in the Pendleton high schools receive from \$1560, the amount paid a college graduate with two years teaching experience, to \$2400, the amount paid a teacher with the same training, but more practical experience. Mr. Inlow expects to get the best teachers in the state for the Pendleton schools, and has asked the University's help in finding teachers who have sufficient experience and initiative.

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