

Eastern Oregon Teachers Assemble In Thirteenth Annual Convention Today

FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND FIRST DAY'S SESSION

VISITORS ASSIGNED TO RESPECTIVE ROOMS WITH PRECISION AND DISPATCH

MEN OF FAME ON HAND

Thirteenth Annual Convention Comes to Order This Morning—Restaurants, Grills and Hotels Will Give Ample Service at Meal Hours—Main Delegations This Morning

La Grande last night and today has been the mecca of fully 500 school teachers of a vast geographical area of Oregon, from Umatilla on the west to the border line on the east. Commencing with the arrival of the Wallowa delegation last evening every train has poured into this city a detachment of school teachers and educators of note and reknown from several states of the union. Pedagogically, Eastern Oregon is deserted everywhere save here, and proudly not a single school, rural or otherwise, could muster up a teaching staff in that big district this week, for the teachers are in La Grande. For weeks the educators have agreed that the program about to be carried out here has had no equal in years past, and in many respects the addresses will come from men and women of national fame. Hence the liberal interest.

Rooms Assigned Spedily. With precision and promptness the teachers were assigned their rooms last evening and this morning. The difficult task was carried out with no hitches, and John Girdler, superintendent of city schools, and Secretary Williamson of the Commercial club, have engineered a hard job successfully. The response from residents rooms for all. The hotel grills, the was sufficient to guarantee good leading restaurants and the specially fitted up restaurant in the cafeteria rooms on Depot, will be able to handle the crowds with dispatch throughout the sessions.

Reception This Evening. Tonight the teachers will cast aside any evidence of study and learning and will join one with the other in listening to music, speeches of welcome and responses, and tripping the light fantastic. Rex hall will be crowded as it never has been before no doubt. No invitations have been issued and all friends of the visitors are urged to attend this evening. At that time the right hand of fellowship will be extended by La Grande—after tonight it will be lectures and addresses from morning until night, and no time for frivolity or amusement.

The thirteenth annual session was called to order promptly but the late arrival of No. 17 brought many of the teachers to the high school auditorium a trifle late and missed a portion of the opening features. Dr. A. G. Lane, pastor of the Presbyterian church, invoked divine blessing on the assemblage, the president delivered her address, and the convention was on its feet to continue until Wednesday night when a great majority of the teachers will return to their respective homes for their Thanksgiving dinner, for the moulders of human destiny.

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Precedent Is Shattered

FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OPENS CONVENTION

SPEECH IS REAL GEM

Mrs. Stella Ingle Manipulates Gavel With Grace and Elegance

Pedagogical precedent was broken today when a lady called the convention to order. For the first time in the thirteen years of its existence a woman president has ruled the convention. Well it was done, too! The par excellence program, arranged under the direction of women solely, the annual address of the president, all bear out the assumption that woman can rule an association of pedagogues well.

Mrs. Stella Ingle of La Grande retires as president this week, but this is the first time she has presided, or that any woman has presided over the association. Her annual address was brief, but a rhetorical and literary gem. In it she urged that every teacher might be that "one teacher" which every man and woman remembers. "I believe it to be a fact that every boy and girl has one teacher in his school career that inspires him to something good—an inspiration by word or act that he remembers always. When each of us can be that 'one teacher' a greater height of perfection in teaching has been attained," Mrs. Ingle elegantly stated. The presiding officer carries her characteristic grace and elegance through every introduction of speakers.

FIRE PARTLY RUINS HOME

D. H. STEWARD RESIDENCE ON OAK AFIRE

One Room Gutted and Furniture in It Is Destroyed

Fire originating from either an explosion in a closely shut stove, or from a defective stove pipe, destroyed the front room and partially burned the porch of a residence at Washington and Oak streets last evening. D. H. Steward owns the house and some insurance is held. The loss will be fully \$200, for the residence and the furniture loss will be heavy. Everything in the room was destroyed but the very prompt arrival of the fire department cut off a spread to other rooms. An explosion of gases, formed in the room, knocked out the windows and drew attention of neighbors. Mrs. Hills, who lives in the house, and Frank DeKalp and Lawrence Hills, both relatives, were down town when the blaze broke out and nothing was saved from the room.

Young Woman Dead

Mrs. Ora Lindsay, aged 23, died at the home of her brother, who lives on Cherry street, yesterday. She was the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Summerville and the body will be interred at that place. Mrs. Lindsay was for some time employed at the Model restaurant and had many friends in this city. Her husband was employed by the Klees sawmill at Summerville.

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE HAS ITS INNING

DR. HODGE PLEADS FOR EARLY INSTRUCTION OF NATURE STUDY

FIRST DAY ON SCHEDULE

Penmanship Is Filled with Pedagogy in Modern Methods, Points Out Representative of New Oregon System—Miss Newlin Heard for First Time—Sections Are Busy

Elementary science and agriculture scored an inning today when Dr. C. F. Hodge of the University of Oregon faculty pleaded earnestly for an hour for a closer relationship with nature on the part of the young. Dr. Hodge was the man upon whom the first curtain was rung up when the thirteenth annual convention reached the address period today.

"Elementary science is the most vital branch of our school system—or should be," affirmed Dr. Hodge. "In my home at Eugene I have always made a welcome for tramps who wanted breakfast, that I might satisfy myself on one point. 'Had you ever worked in a garden of your own as a boy?' I ask them. The answer has invariably been a negative one, and on the basis of other observations, I can say that the army of tramps in America is the first sign of a lack of elementary science in our school. Bring the children up with a close freindship for nature and you have gone a long way toward holding that boy or girl away from wrong. Neglect to teach elementary science and acquaintances with things of nature is tantamount to pushing back or failing to pull way from barbarism the child of today."

Dr. Hodge traced very interestingly the history of the human race as repeated in the child of today, and closed with a warm appeal for nature study early in the career of a school child. "If study science at all, the earlier the better," he pointed out.

Palmer System Explained

Before the convention adjourned for sectional work hour, Miss Agnes M. Jones, representing the A. N. Palmer system of penmanship, adopted in Oregon schools, brought home the first lesson to the teachers. "Our system is full of pedagogy," she asserted at the outset. "I have found in my travels over Oregon that penmanship is often slighted, that it is touched as a sideline, and neglected when a good excuse is afforded. Learn to love your penmanship hour, teachers, fill it with the same degree of pedagogy that you do other studies, and you will soon find that the penmanship hour is as profitable and interesting as any other. The author has given you two books as a guide and if you follow these texts you will get results and like the work. I love your pretty, scenic Oregon, but I have found that penmanship is neglected. Fill it with pedagogy and the battle is half won."

Section Work Interesting

For the first time in the history of the association rural schools have been given special attention in section

work. The sectional work today follows:

Sectional Work Program

Primary section—Primary penmanship, Agnes M. Jones.

Grammar section—Arithmetic in the grades, Mr. Hodge. Frank Rigler, ex-superintendent of Portland schools, is seriously ill and cannot take his parts on the program.

High school section—Hints, John Girdler, city superintendent of La Grande.

Rural school section—The present need of the rural school, J. H. Ackerman, president Oregon normal school.

These sessions are held in the various recitation and class rooms of the high school building.

At 11 o'clock the teachers again assembled in the auditorium for the first appearance of Miss Jessie L. Newlin.

"Reading—the Lost Opportunity," was the subject by which Miss Newlin was introduced to the convention, in which she plays an important part. Miss Newlin is witty, rapid and convincing in her speech. The lost opportunity, she believes, is the failure to understand and interpret the printed page. Reading, she said in her sparkling address, was the foundation of our educational system, and slipshod thinking, while reading, was the cause of the misinterpretation. "How to teach to think, and how to read should be the purpose of our school system," she said. "A few magazines have criticized our school systems and have been criticized for their criticism but they are right. The teacher helps the student along while in school, but the moment of graduation the props are gone and the person cannot read, cannot think, cannot reason. This because of slipshod reading and failure to interpret the printed page."

"School is taught better today than ever in the history of the world." Such was the keynote of the address this afternoon by J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon normal school. "I would give this advice to to teachers," said Mr. Ackerman. "Look your contradictor in the face and say our schools are now taught the best in history. If he doesn't believe it, look him in the eye again and say 'You're another!' To the younger element I would say, get in the progressive band wagon and stay there for progress is in the air."

DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT HAS DRIVEN HUERTA TO MAKE A FINAL LAST-STAND EFFORT

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Wilson is convinced that his diplomatic boycott policy is beginning to be seriously felt in Mexico City. The administration today attributed Huerta's circulation of false reports that the United States was about to recognize him, to be a final, desperate effort toward re-establishing credit sufficiently to float a loan to pay his troops. Entire confidence is expressed that he will fail. Summing up every-

thing, the administration regards the outlook as tolerably favorable today.

El Paso, Nov. 24.—With General Villa's rebel forces of a thousand deployed along twelve miles of frontier and 25 miles south of here, confronting a federal army of 4,000 to 10,000, there is an air of expectancy in Juarez. A battle is looked for and everything points to a big fight, once started. The outcome will be decisive.

BASEMENT FIRE THREATENS GEO. A. ANDERSON STORE

Fire in the basement of the Gardiner building on Adams was quenched this afternoon before it had worked its way into the building proper and to where, once started, it would have threatened the very heart of the city's business district. How the blaze got its start is not known, but persistent fumes from the basement called the attention of people in the George A. Anderson ladies' ready-to-wear store to the fire. The smoke crammed both basement and the store, but no water was used, the chemicals being sufficient, and consequently no water harm was done to the Anderson stock, worth about \$20,000. The racks of suits were hastily covered and it is not likely that the smoke has done any material damage. This cannot be determined until later, but no water was used, hence the less likelihood of much

damage. There is no insurance on the stock.

"We had no insurance at the time, but we have now," said General Manager Hadley.

Perfects New Hotel Plans

J. E. Foley went to Portland to have the plans for the new hotel building put under way. P. A. Foley is going to the same place during the course of this week for the purpose of attending the hotel men's convention and to complete the preliminaries with the architects. On this trip Mr. Foley will endeavor to have the convention approve an idea which has been gaining ground for some time, namely, to induce all hotel men not to serve veal in their grills and restaurants for a definite period, in order that the supply of beef may become more plentiful.

WILL TEST FIRE ALARMS

Commencing at 9 o'clock tomorrow the fire alarm system will be tested out fully. In case of fire the usual protection will be available, however.

TWO AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH

TOTAL OF FIVE HAVE DIED AT AVIATION CAMP

San Diego School Records Two More Fatalities Today

San Diego, Nov. 24.—Lieutenants Hugh H. Kelley, aged 32, and Eric Lellington, aged 24, were killed in a fall from an aeroplane over North Island today. The cause of the accident is unknown. The machine was 80 feet in the air when it plunged to earth and fell near Aviation Camp. When assistants reached the scene, both were dead. This makes five killed in the army school near here.

NEW CHIEF OF BANKS PICKED

S. G. SARGENT OF PORTLAND IS SUPERINTENDENT

Successor to Will Wright, Resigned, Has Been Named by Governor

Salem, Nov. 24.—S. G. Sargent has been appointed state superintendent of banks to succeed Will Wright, who has resigned to accept the directorship of the Scandinavian-American bank at Portland.

Picture of First Water Let Into Culebra Cut, Now Fully Flooded



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THIS picture is one of the last views of part of the Culebra cut before it was flooded. The engineers had just started to let the first bit of water in when the photograph was taken. It had been planned to complete the flooding of the cut by dynamiting the Gamboa dam, thus letting water in from Gatun lake, but the cut was really flooded by pipes under the dike before the explosion occurred. The cut will now be dredged out, the channel having been choked by debris from the slides. The Culebra cut has been the one mammoth obstacle in the way of slicing the isthmus of Panama in two. Since Uncle Sam took up the job it has given him a lot of trouble because of the slides. As fast as the cut was dug out a slide would occur and undo much of the work.