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THE COUNTRY'S TEACHERS.

In view of the fact that the meeting of the National Educational association will be held in Portland, July 7-14, a few statistics of the country's teachers and the property which they use may be interesting.

There are 600,000 teachers in the graded public schools of the United States. Of these 86.5 per cent are women.

The estimated value of all public property in the country used for school purposes is \$1,444,666,859.

The expense per annum of the total population is \$5.60 per capita, and the cost per capita of the average attendance is \$39.04.

The average daily attendance of pupils is 14,216,459, which is 74.2 per cent of the total enrollment.

There are 11,515 public high schools, with 57,909 teachers and an attendance of 1,218,807 pupils.

Private high schools number 2,199, giving employment to 13,890 teachers, who impart instruction to 154,857 students.

The public normal schools number 235, with 4,640 teachers and 89,537 students.

There are 46 private normal schools, with a teaching force of 359 and a student enrollment of 5,479.

The salaries of teachers for the year 1915 amounted to \$303,537,849.

Oregon is doing her best that the teachers who attend the convention may learn as much as possible about the state during July. La Grande's school children are writing letters to eastern friends to attend the convention and see Oregon, too. It is important that these teachers know our state for in teaching their pupils geography next year, and the years following, their knowledge of "where rolls the Oregon" will then not be mere book learning.

IF HE DOESN'T WANT WAR.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany, says he does not want war with the United States. All he needs to do then is to call off his dogs of war and tie up his ruthless submarines. All the German Chancellor is trying to do is to befog the issue as he has done more or less successfully since the beginning of the war.

Let's hope that the Hip Sing-Hop Sing La Grande peace pact will continue to stand. There have been fights in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco since City Manager Currey got the tongs together but so far the Chinese have not re-opened hostilities here.

The women of England are going to win woman's suffrage. The women who won the ballot are the women who worked in the factories for the benefit of the nation and not the militants who went around raising Cain.

Society

A goodly number of citizens attended the patriotic entertainment given by the ladies of the W. R. C. last night in the K. of P. hall. The program given was quite interesting. The song "America" by the audience opened the program, followed by the opening address by Chairman George Cochran. Mr. Cochran eulogized the work of the W. R. C. and paid fitting tribute to the "Boys of '61" in their past work for their country during the Civil war.

A stirring song entitled "Keep the Home Fires Burning" was rendered in excellent voice by Mr. Charles Harding. Encore was demanded by applause and the chorus was sung again. A very humorous feature of the evening's entertainment was a recitation by Cecil Morgan, entitled "No Half Way Doin's." Cecil was made up to imitate a colored proscher, and his number evoked a generous amount of applause. An encore called for another recitation in which he then appeared in whiteface. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Bowman. This was accompanied by a prettily arranged tableau of six young ladies waving the "Stars and Stripes." At the close of the entertainment the audience rose and in ringing voice pledged their "Allegiance to the Flag." This brought the entertainment to a close, after which ice cream and cake was served by the ladies of the W. R. C. Everyone reported an enjoyable time.

The Kaffee Klatch club gave a Bridge luncheon at the Foley hotel Friday at 1 o'clock, in honor of Mrs. Turner Oliver who has been a member of the club for several years and leaves soon to make her home in Spokane. There were 20 ladies present. Mrs. George Cochran was toast-mistress, and addresses were given by Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, and Mrs. Vincent Palmer. A response was given by Mrs. Oliver. The decorations were daffodils and the color scheme being in yellow and white.

Those present were: Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. T. F. Robinson, Mrs. Vincent Palmer, Mrs. M. B. Donohue, Mrs. E. E. Bragg, Mrs. George T. Cochran, Mrs. Adolph Newlin, Mrs. M. E. Hall, Mrs. Chester Newlin, Mrs. E. E. Kirtley, Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. George Palmer, Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. Grace Molitor, Mrs. A. V. Andrews, Mrs. Robert Newlin, Mrs. W. W. Berry, and Mrs. J. Van Buren. After the luncheon they adjourned to the home of Mrs. M. B. Donohue where the afternoon was spent in bridge and sewing.

A prize was given for high score to Mrs. T. F. Robinson which she graciously presented to the guest of honor. Also the Klaffee Klatch presented Mrs. Oliver with a gift. The club will not meet again until after Easter.

The operetta "The Wild Rose" which was given on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Neighborhood club and so ably directed by Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. Norman Frees was a splendid success. The leading part was taken by Miss Leona Newlin as the Wild Rose. She was very graceful and beautiful in that character. Mrs. Lynn Bohnenkamp as Mrs. Fussy, the housekeeper, acted her part very successfully and she with Miss Mary Newlin, as Bobby, made a decided hit. Miss Hilda Anthony, as secretary and friend, was fine as was Mrs. P. S. Robinson who took the part of Lady Grey, an eccentric playwright. The Misses Sarah Smith and Gladys Black were accomplished and finished reporters. The Misses Gladys Winters, Frederika Schilke, Ruth Ghormley, Florence Happersett as debutantes were charming and pretty in their parts. The Misses Dove McKee, Mamie Woodel, Nora Arbuckle and Mrs. Chas. O'hallaren did credit to their characters. The maids in their different costumes in the two scenes were certainly very attractive and more than pleased their audience with their catchy songs. The city people also came in and add to the scene and every one of those who took part are to be congratulated.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson was in splendid voice and sang "Spring Awakening" and "I Hear You Calling Me" and for an encore she sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. Richardson has a beautiful contralto voice which



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was heard to advantage in these songs.

A very pleasant birthday surprise party was tendered Mrs. Della Harnden last Saturday evening by the Pythian Sisters and Brother Knights at the K. of P. hall. A silver berry spoon was presented to Mrs. Harnden by the members of Pythian Sisters' lodge in appreciation of her splendid work, the presentation speech being made by H. P. Oliver and Mrs. Harnden responded with a witty and fitting reply.

Music, games and dancing was indulged in and refreshments were served.

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mrs. Floyd Charboneau on Spring street Friday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Kennedy. A musical program was given and dainty refreshments were served. Pink was used in the color scheme and the table was decorated with a large pink umbrella in which the gifts were placed. Miss Kennedy received many beautiful and useful presents. Among those present were: Misses Nellie Kennedy, Eunice Kennedy, Mamie Geary, Ethel Hanley, Elsie Newquist, Blanche Black, Ona Warner, Francis Hill, Mrs. Earl Rosenbaum, Mrs. Floyd Charboneau, Mrs. Raymond Stites, Mrs. Vester Atkins, and Mrs. Sax Bruce.

The birthdays of Mrs. George Ball, aged 76, and Rev. J. W. Oliver, aged 72, were celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Disqua Tuesday evening. A luncheon was served and several appropriate presents were bestowed on the two guests of honor.

Those present were: Rev. J. W. Oliver, Mrs. Brady, H. C. Ball, G. L. Oliver, Miss Marion Lusk, Miss Belle Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Disqua.

Chapter I, P. E. O. gave a most interesting affair in the parlors of the Neighborhood club, on the evening of the 23rd, in honor of their husbands and a few invited guests.

As a fitting climax to the winter's study of Ibsen and the Modern Drama, a program was arranged by Mrs. Mossman in which great interest was manifested. By the use of a balopticon she exhibited a series of pictures on Scandinavian art. At the same time Miss Anson favored the chapter and guests by reading an excellent paper explaining the pictures and portraying the customs and arts of the Scandinavian people. The paper showed careful research and was thoroughly appreciated.

The evening was concluded by an informal social hour during which refreshments were served.

Civics day at Neighborhood club Tuesday April 3.

The dominating idea in modern municipal progress is "community cooperation." How much the city can do for the individual and how much the individual can do for the community, to the end of better public service. Paper, "The Community Spirit," Mrs. M. K. Hall. "All emotion, all knowledge which does not result in action is futile." Reading, "Getting Closer to Folks," (Gale) by Mrs. Norman Frees. "Women's Place in Community Affairs" by Mrs. Robert Eakin. Discussion, leader, Mrs.

Vincent Palmer. All members are requested to bring their program books.

PAPER COSTS MORE; PAPER ADVANCES

Effective June 1 The Timberman, of Portland, will charge \$2.50 for subscriptions, instead of \$2 as at present. Increases in the cost of all the materials used in publishing the paper are given as reasons for the advance.

Half Portion Gowns and Undressed Women Shock Amelia E. Barr.

New York, March 31.—(United Press)—Undressed women in half portion gowns shock the venerable authoress, Amelia E. Barr, she admitted on this, her 87th birthday. Mrs. Barr, who has her home at Richmond Hill, Brooklyn, is the author of more than 75 novels which for more than half a century have been perused by the novel readers of this and other countries. Mrs. Barr believes Dame Fashion shows poorer taste and less of it today than at any time in the last 75 years. Women of today, Mrs. Barr declared, do not dress, they undress. And their clothes are ugly too, she says. In addition to that she thinks girls today go in too much for athletics and use too much slang. Slang in the mouth of a woman, she said, is a sure sign she is on the downward path. Golf and tennis are for men only, she believes. Mrs. Barr is as alert and active as at 40.

There is a close relation between the coffee industry and the piano business in Guatemala. Whenever there is a good year for coffee in the republic there is a better demand for pianos.

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