



Agitate School Fairs.

To Teachers, Pupils and School Patrons:

At a recent meeting of the county Educational Board it was decided to advocate and encourage the holding of a number of local school fairs at various places in the county, preceeding the county fair to be held at Medford, working through commercial clubs, improvement clubs, parent-teachers associations etc., in securing prize lists for agricultural exhibits. In the interests of this work, Mr. N. C. Maris of Salem, representing the State Department of Education as Field Director of Industrial Fairs, will spend the week commencing April 14th, 1913, in Jackson county. I have arranged a series of meetings for Mr. Maris as follows:

Monday, April 14th, at Rogue River, citizens' meeting in evening.
Tuesday, April 15th, Gold Hill, citizens' meeting in evening.
Wednesday, April 16th, Central Point citizens' meeting in evening.
Thursday, April 17th, Talent, citizens' meeting in evening.
Friday, April 18th, Jacksonville, citizens' meeting in evening.
Saturday, April 19th, Eagle Point, citizens' meeting in evening.

We hope these meetings will be well attended, not only by the citizens of the above mentioned towns, but by residents of the surrounding country. At each meeting a short preliminary program will be rendered by the pupils of the local school, consisting of songs, recitations etc., to be followed by an address by Mr. Maris. Let every one who is interested in promoting this industrial phase of education be present at these meetings.

Yours truly,
J. PERCY WELLS,
County School Supt.

Buncom Reports.

Wallace Haskins was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

E. Forman tarried at Buncom the first of the week.

Lee Saltmarsh was in the city Monday.

W. L. Barzee was smiling on Jacksonville friends Monday.

Dora Donahue returned here from Portland last week.

Mrs. Henry Taylor was in the city last week.

Mrs. W. R. Garrett and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Loomis of Buncom were visiting and shopping in Medford last week.

Mrs. Frank Silva was the guest of homefolks at the saw mill last week.

Sam VanDyke and family of Medford were the guests of A. S. Kleinhammer and family Sunday.

Fred Copple and wife were in town Saturday.

B. J. Palmer, the piano man of Medford was up Little Applegate the first of the week.

Chester Pursel was in Medford Saturday.

Newt Haskins visited friends near Buncom Tuesday night.

Gage M. Pierce who is now living at the poor farm is visiting friends at Buncom.

Mrs. C. C. Buck visited Mrs. Walter Bostwick Tuesday.

A crowd gathered at J. Goldsby's last Sunday and was entertained by music played by W. L. Barzee, A. L. Hall and Dorothy Donahue. The following were present: Joe Daly, Chester Pursel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cameron and daughter Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Barzee and son Cecil, and daughter Geneva, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ginett, Gage M. Pierce, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Cameron and son Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hall, Mrs. J. M. Donahue, Ora, Bert and Cora Goldsby and Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldsby.

Debenger Gap.

In attempting to jump a creek last Wednesday evening, Luther Wortman of Debenger Gap received a very severely sprained ankle and has been compelled to use crutches ever since and doesn't expect to be able to use his foot for about three weeks.

Wilkes Berry of Beagle was a business visitor at Medford last Saturday.

Mr. Morrison Beagle made a trip to Sams Valley last Saturday to get a load of hay from Wm. Kinney.

A mild form of la grippe has attacked several families in this vicinity.

J. H. Croft of Long Branch went to Central Point last Saturday after a load of baled hay.

Catches Man Gaffing Fish.

District Deputy Game and Fish Commissioner Sam L. Sandry early Wednesday morning caught Charles Stanton gaffing steelheads near the Ray dam and placed him under arrest. Stanton was arraigned in the justice's court in this city, pleaded not guilty and will be given a hearing at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Sandry has been laying for some time for Stanton and a number of others and heretofore has been unsuccessful in catching them in the act of gaffing fish.—Tribune.

WIFE ASKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Jonathan Bourne Charges Cruelty and Inhuman Treatment.

Portland, April 7.—Mrs. Lilhan Elizabeth Bourne filed a suit for divorce here today against former Senator Jonathan Bourne, alleging cruelty and inhuman treatment and on general grounds. She specifically charges the applying of epithets to her, declining to join in entertaining her guests, refusing to talk to her and though occupying the same apartments to all intents living apart from her. She alleges also "she lived in fear and terror" of her husband and on one occasion when he ordered her to leave the apartments frightened her so she telephoned the police. Bourne is now in Washington.

Japs to Boycott Panama Fair.

Tokio, April 8.—B. Nakano, president of the Tokio chamber of commerce confirmed today the report that an agreement had been reached with all Japanese exhibitors, not to exhibit a single article or product of the empire at the Panama Pacific International Exposition if the legislature of California passes any of the anti-Japanese bills now pending.

Nakata in an interview with the Tokio Asahi, said that the chamber and the exhibitors agents had reached this conclusion after a thorough discussion of the subject.

Members of parliament and editors of Japanese newspapers, who have relations with Japanese in America will meet here today for a further discussion of the anti-Japanese movement in California.

Obituary.

Mrs. Louise Webster, wife of Judge L. R. Webster who died in Portland Thursday will be remembered by many people in Medford and the Rogue river valley. Mr. and Mrs. Webster lived in Jacksonville for many years while Mr. Webster was circuit judge and a leading attorney in southern Oregon. Formerly Mr. and Mrs. Webster taught school in the Grove school house between Medford and Jacksonville. Mrs. Webster was a woman of fine education and high character. Mr. and Mrs. Webster resided here for ten years.—Tribune.

EXTRA SESSION CONGRESS

For Purpose of Cutting Tariff Champ Clark Reelected Speaker.

Washington, April 7.—With progressive democracy in full control, the ranks of the republicans depleted and their old leaders gone, President Wilson's special session of the sixty third congress opened today.

Bright, sunshiny weather marked the opening of the national legislature and the capital was crowded for hours before the time of convening.

One of the features was a parade of 531 suffragettes, who, accompanied by two bands, marched to the capitol from their downtown headquarters. They had plenty of police protection today. Each of the suffragettes wore a huge sash and each carried a flag showing the congressional district she represented. In the center of the procession was a huge banner demanding that congress grant equal suffrage.

On arriving at the capitol the women were greeted by a committee of congressmen and senators from the suffrage states. Various speeches were delivered and afterwards the women were escorted to a special senate gallery which had been reserved for them.

Clerk South Trimble called the house to order. Chaplin Couden offered prayer. Trimble directed the reading of the president's proclamation calling the special session. Then the roll was called.

The roll was answered in the order of the states. In the long list were 279 democratic and 174 republican and progressive members, besides the delegates and commissioners from Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

The senate was in session only twenty minutes during which time it disposed of pending business and then took a recess until 2 o'clock. Senators Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois and Nathan Goff of West Virginia were sworn.

In the house there was confusion over the new benches replacing the old fashioned desks and swivel chairs. The house was finally organized by Clerk South Trimble voicing the call to order.

Then Messrs. Murdock, Mann and Clark were nominated for speaker and Clark was elected. The vote stood: Clark 271; Mann 111; Murdock 18; Nelson of Wisconsin 1; Cooper of Wisconsin 4.

After the election Congressman Mann escorted Speaker Clark to the rostrum and introduced him with a fervent eulogy.

Message Read in 8 Minutes.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—When the house gallery was opened at 10 o'clock, 300 women, carrying cards of admission, stood outside. Wives and daughters of the members of congress, arrayed in spring finery, pushed and hauled in a mad rush for seats. Cards of admission brought from \$5 to \$10.

Capitol officials took moving pictures of President Wilson's visit.

For the first time since the Spanish-American war, Admiral Dewey sat on the floor of the house, a privilege accorded him by congress.

At 11 o'clock every seat was filled and hundreds of persons arriving later were unable to enter the galleries.

En route to the capitol, President Wilson insisted that Jimmy Sloan, chief of the secret service men at the White house, ride on the seat with him instead of on the front with the chauffeur.

It required but a little over eight minutes for the president to make his opening remarks and deliver his message to congress. As soon as he had finished reading his message, the president returned to the White house, the entire proceedings consuming only 37 minutes.

At 1:08 o'clock the house adjourned to Thursday. The senators returned to their own chambers and after transacting brief routine business adjourned to tomorrow.

Astoria Closed, Says West.

Salem, Or., April 8.—Governor West today sent a warning to Mayor Edward E. Gray, of Astoria that he must not attempt to establish a vice district in his city or organize a "municipal trust" in that business. That the mayor had planned such a district is shown in letters and orders he sent to his chief of police, J. F. Kearney, copies of which has been sent to the governor.

Last Saturday Mayor Gray sent Chief Kearney a letter saying that he intended to modify his order of February 19, requiring all houses of ill repute to be kept closed, and that he would permit the Gordor house, conducted by Lou Clifton; the Richmond and the Wigwam to remain open on condition that the inmates be limited to five. Mayor Gray stated in his letter that he would submit rules for the observance and control of these places. He requested the chief of police not to allow any other places to be opened under penalty of arrest.

Tuesday Governor West sent Mayor Gray the following message:

"My attention has been called to your letters of April 5 addressed to Chief of Police of Astoria, in which it appears you are about to organize a municipal trust in sin. Please be advised that the maintenance and operation of houses of ill fame in this state is in violation of law and that any municipal official who permits or endorses the existence of these institutions lays himself open to prosecution under section 2043 Lord's Oregon laws. This office will expect you promptly to join with Sheriff Burns and Chief Kearney in cleaning up all such places. Otherwise we must take such steps as the circumstances demand."

After sending this message, the governor received a telegram from Astoria informing him that last night the city council had taken action recalling Mayor Gray's instructions to the chief of police.

California Passes "Resor" Law

Sacramento, Cal., April 8.—Ninety days after adjournment of the legislature the Grant-Bohnett red light injunction bill, to which Governor Johnson's signature stands affixed after passage by both houses, will become operative, and any citizen will have the power to close down houses of prostitution upon proper showing to the court.

Under this act, modeled after the Iowa law, public prosecutors will no longer have to be appealed to to begin action against such houses, but any responsible citizen upon filing a bond may institute such suit.

Thereupon a preliminary hearing is set where both sides are heard, and if the proper showing is made the trial is held, and, in case of conviction, a permanent injunction is placed on the property for one year. During that time it cannot be used for any purpose whatsoever, save under a provision which requires the owner to deposit a bond in full value of the property that he will not use the premises for immoral purposes.

In this event, the court has the discretion to allow the building to be reopened within the year for legitimate purposes.

The two radical departures of the new law from the old are that it places the burden of white slavery on the property owner instead of on the inmates, and that citizens can go over the head of the district attorneys to bring action against places of ill repute.

China Recognition Deferred.

Washington, April 8.—The United States will defer recognition of China until the constitutional assembly which met today at Pekin attains complete organization. This decision became known after President Wilson had discussed the question with the cabinet today.

Secretary Bryan indicated that as soon as both branches of the assembly completed their organization and the provisional offices of the executive branch of the government were chosen recognition would be extended.

Not only China but the issue in connection with the proposed California anti-alien law occupied the attention of the cabinet today. The protest of the Japanese government that the bill violated the treaty rights of Japan was canvassed by the president and his advisors and an effort will be made to remove any cause for protest.

Rig Smashed in Runaway.

Demolishing a buggy and badly bruising John Watkinson, a runaway horse on West Tenth street Tuesday morning created considerable excitement. The animal ran through three yards dragging part of the buggy behind him, tearing up grass and shabby en route.

The animal became frightened at a passing automobile and bolted before Mr. Watkinson could control him. Round a corner the buggy tilted throwing Mr. Watkinson out. He was badly bruised.—Tribune.

EIGHTEEN DIE

German Bark Mimi at Mercy of Waves off Oregon Coast.

Bay City, April 7.—Four rescued and eighteen dead must be marked up against the German bark Mimi which went ashore off Nehalem February last and which early Sunday after several weeks of endeavor to salvage the vessel was edged into deep water only to overturn shortly after in a heavy sea and wind which prevailed. Heavy seas washed over the wreck and sixteen of those aboard were washed into the sea. None of the bodies of the 18 who perished have been recovered.

All night and all yesterday and again last night the breakers incessantly pounded the boat the elements in their fury keeping off the Garibaldi life saving crew which tried to go to the aid of those on board. Attempt after attempt to reach the boat was unsuccessful. No boat could get close to the wreck and live.

Late Sunday night the life savers gave up the task husbanding their strength for the supreme effort today when it was expected to make an heroic effort to save the eighteen men which it was believed were imprisoned in the hold. In fact the impression prevailed the awful news that they and the two men lashed to the masts had been the only ones not washed overboard.

The Mimi is a total wreck from which little will be saved. The dead are: Captain Albert Pope, Lloyd's surveyor of Portland; William C. Koen, Russell Blackman, both of Portland; O. S. Estes, Jack Fitzpatrick, J. E. Holyfield, John Wagt of Brighton, O. W. Sipp of North Alans; William Kuschon, cabin boy of the Mimi, and nine sailors.

Medford girl's husband drowned

Russel Blackman, whose wife of a week was Mae Roberts, formerly of this city, was among the 18 men drowned in the bark Mimi off Brighton, Ore., Sunday morning. Mr. Blackman's name appears in the list of those drowned and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, have been notified at Albany where they now live.

Mrs. Blackman and her parents lived in Medford for a number of years and had many friends here. A little over a week ago these friends received announcements of the wedding of Miss Roberts and Mr. Blackman and word has arrived that the honeymoon had been cut short by the wreck of the ship on which he was sailing.—Tribune

Mild Weather Benefits Pears.

Pear blossoms are two weeks behind, according to Prof. O'Gara, a very favorable sign for a bumper crop, with the prospect that the blossoming will not be in full swing before the middle of next week. Last year the pear trees throughout the valley were blossoming March 25, and this year only scattered trees in sheltered nooks are in bloom. This means that the pear crop will be spared the brunt of the heaviest frosts.

According to the weather office reports the heaviest frosts in the Rogue River valley in the last three years have fallen upon April 14. Present indications point to cloudy and rainy weather the remainder of this week. The buds are maturing naturally, and a couple of sunny days would bring the blossoms out rapidly.

The work of inspecting the fruit for the spring clean up has been about completed, and most of the orchards are free from blight. In a couple of cases the enforcement of the fruit laws may have to be made through the prosecuting attorney's office.—Sun.

Beeman Perjury Case Postponed

The perjury case against Joe Beeman of Gold Hill, preferred by former Chief Noe of that place following charges against Noe, has been postponed in the justice's court indefinitely. Beeman was released on his own recognizance.

It is believed that this will end the matter until the next grand jury meets. A probe of the whole affair will probably be made then.—Tribune.

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