

NORSE SINGERS AT EXPOSITION

Throw Their Whole Souls Into Song Until the Very Rafters Ring.

AUDIENCE IS APPRECIATIVE

Twelve Societies From as Many Towns Contest for Silver Cup to Be Awarded the Most Meritorious Singers.

Linne, Olaf Udness, and Dr. Mason, of Astoria, Carlo A. Sparvick, of Decatur, and the late Tacoma, directed the united chorus last night.

The singers of the sangerfest and their families ate dinner at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Administration Restaurant, at the Exposition. There were about 400 guests seated at the tables.

Will Elect Officers.

Today a business session of the association will be held at Arion hall at 9 A. M., when the judges will announce the winner of the silver cup. Officers of the ensuing years will be elected, and other business of importance transacted. At 9 o'clock tonight a grand gala will be held at the headquarters, which will be in charge of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The present officers of the Norwegian Singers' Association of the Pacific Coast are: F. A. Tomte, president, Portland; Louis Langlow, vice-president, Tacoma; John Norman, second vice-president, Everett; S. R. Johnson, corresponding secretary, Portland; C. J. Cornelius, recording secretary, Portland; A. Winge, treasurer, Seattle; Otto Johnson, chairman, Ballard. The singing societies that participated in the sangerfest last night were those of San Francisco, Everett, Silvana, Tacoma, Ballard, Seattle, Eureka, Astoria, Astoria; Eureka, Ballard Island and Parkland.

The Barlow Singing Society, of which C. Rodby is the leader, came to Portland yesterday morning on a special car, accompanied by nearly 100 Norwegians. The car was beautifully decorated with agricultural products, grows in the vicinity of Barlow. Shocks of wheat and hay were tacked along the sides, and hung from the ceiling. The eight members in the Barlow Singing Society.

Nebraska Exhibit.

Free moving picture exhibitions, Nebraska Pavilion, Agricultural Palace.

PROGRAMME OF SONG.

The following is the programme of the sangerfest last night:

Overture, "William Tell" (Rosini), De Caprio's Orchestra; song, "Brudeferden" (a Bridal Party on the Norwegian Coast) (Kjerulf), United Singers; song, "Naar Fjordene Slianger" (Paulsen), Everett Singing Society; song, "Hvo har Dig, Du Skjonne Skov?" (Mendelssohn), Silvana Singing Society; vocal solo, aria from "Herosinde" (Mansoni), Mme. Ragna Linne; song, "Hör Oss Sveal" (Swedish National Hymn) (Wennerberg), United Singers; song, "Hayet er Skjont" (Beisler), Ballard Singing Society; song, "Brumskens 1. Bumba" (Edv. Grieg), Seattle Singing Society; song, "Daa Ropte Fjell" (Dance) (Cried the Fiddle) (Heese), United Singers; intermission.

"Der Gant Sult" (a Morning), (b) The Death of Am (Edv. Grieg), De Caprio's Orchestra; song, "Det Store Hvide Fjok" (The Great White Multitude) (Ortg), Mme. Ragna Linne and United Singers; song, "Olat Trygvaan" (Reisager), Portland Singing Society; song, "Aftenroset" (Borg), Barlow Singing Society; song, "On the Sea" (Dudley Buck), United Singers; song, "Haven Lea Under Birker" (Kjerulf), Astoria Singing Society; song, "Ula-brand" (Selmer), Tacoma Singing Society; vocal solo, aria from "Herosinde" (Mansoni), Mme. Ragna Linne; song, "Jeg vil Ud" (Edling), Mme. Ragna Linne; song, "Vormorgen" (Heilsgaas), Islander (Ballard) Singing Society; song, "Tambur Staa en Lystig Hvit" (Krag), Parkland Singing Society; song, "Landkending" (Landkending) (Ortg), solo by Olaf Udness, United Singers and orchestra. (A poetic picture of King Olaf Trygvasson's arrival to Norway after years of absence, describing in lofty words the sublime feeling that overcame the youthful monarch on the first sight of land, and after landing, the prayer offered by him to the Almighty and afterwards taken up by his men.)

Norwegians are born with the musical instinct. Music and song afford them their greatest recreation and pastime. In every town in Norway, from the largest city to the smallest hamlet, are singing societies, and the men gather together to enjoy themselves with song. Usually many of these societies gather and hold a sangerfest, which are one of the most important events of the Norwegian national life. Wherever they are, Norwegians are singing societies, having been transplanted in nearly every country in the world. This love of song on the part of the natives of Norway has been brought into the Northwest, and last night, true to their ancient custom, the Norwegians held their annual sangerfest, or sangerfest.

Hold Their Sangerfest.

Portland was selected for this year, and the sangerfest of the Norwegian Singers' Association of the Pacific Coast was held last night in the auditorium at the Administration Building. It was attended by fully 3000 Norwegians, the members of 12 singing societies, from as many different towns, taking part, forming a chorus of 300 voices.

The huge auditorium at the Exposition was packed and jammed with people last night, the majority of whom were natives of Norway who had cast their fortunes in a new land. All the available seats were taken, and standing room was at a premium. The 300 singers occupied the platform. The instrumental music was furnished by De Caprio's orchestra.

Rare indeed are the musical festivals that equal the one held in the auditorium last night. The Norwegians threw their whole souls into song, and the walls and rafters of the building fairly shook from the volume of the voices of the united chorus. The conclusion of every number on the programme was the signal for a tremendous outburst of applause and enthusiasm on the part of the audience. At times during the singing the Norwegians became so enthusiastic that they could hardly refrain from raising their feet and breaking into cheers. There was probably more enthusiasm displayed in the auditorium last night than any time since the Exposition has been open.

Famous Norwegian Soprano.

One of the features of the sangerfest was the appearance of Mme. Ragna Linne, a famous Norwegian soprano, who made the long journey from Chicago for the express purpose of appearing last night. Mme. Linne is one of the finest singers ever in Portland. Last night she completely captivated the several thousand people who listened to her singing. When she had finished her first selection, the applause was so great and continued that she was compelled to render an encore. Then the audience was not satisfied, and applauded for so long that the programme was interrupted for several minutes. She appeared several times in the programme, and each time was given a tremendous ovation. Mme. Linne has a magnificent voice, which is full of strength and feeling, and her singing shows all the signs of culture and long years of training. Another vocalist of prominence, who appeared last night, was Olaf Udness. He was also given a hearty reception.

Sing for Silver Cup.

Besides the singing of the united chorus, all of the singing societies appeared separately in a contest for a silver cup, which is awarded at the annual festival. The Seattle Singing Society now holds the trophy. All of the societies had many friends among the audience, and were given great ovations, the different sets vying with the others in applauding the loudest. The contest is said to be largely won by the Seattle, Tacoma and Portland singing societies, each of which received unusually heavy applause upon its appearance last night.

The winner of the trophy will be decided upon today by the judges, Mme.

DAY FOR YOUNG MEN

Dr. Wheeler Says Chances in World Are Abundant.

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President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California, who is in Portland to attend the Educational Congress that convenes at the Lewis and Clark Exposition today, addressed the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon on the "Chances of the Young Man of Today in Business or Professional Life."

The meeting was attended by a large crowd, mostly members of the Association, who listened attentively to the remarks of the eminent scholar, and dean of California's famed institution of learning, who is rated as one of the foremost educators of the United States.

Previous to the address of President Wheeler, the usual Sunday afternoon services of the Y. M. C. A. were conducted. President Wheeler's remarks, in part, were:

Energy an Essential Quality.

"I am pleased to be able to speak before such an attentive body of men as I see before me today, and the subject I shall take is of great interest to members of this organization, for the principal object of your association is the advancement of its members in all the principles of a successful business, professional and religious life. Energy is an essential quality in every young man of the day who desires to attain a certain height or ambition. It was the energy displayed by one man in this United States that has caused our country to be recognized as a mediator of the present struggle between the two nations of the East, and this same quality displayed by our President can be expected to make this country the mediator for the world."

"In no part of the world can a young man say so well 'I have a job,' as on the Pacific Coast. This portion of the country offers more opportunities to young men of today than any other portion of the globe. Young men, keep your mind focused on the main chance, and when it comes to you, push it. Every man is a young man, whether he be eighteen or fifty, who yet has a chance. There is absolutely no reason why any man should say he has had his day, for no matter how many reverses you may meet during your career, never give up the spirit of dogged determination to accomplish something that will be of material as well as spiritual benefit to you in your declining years. Opportunity knocks at every man's door, and it is immaterial whether you have had an education or not."

Experience a Necessity.

"What is in an education? There is nothing in an education except experience. The difference between a college education and a practical one is that in the former you get it in condensed form. Experience is necessary to both. Every man should have one grand object in life, and should strain his energies towards the accomplishment of that one thing. Never slip down from one thing to another like a moth among a row of lamps. There never was a great scholar, a great leader or a great general, who was not inspired by some great object, the attainment of which wrought his name in the history of the world."

"Most of the young men of today seem to think that they are to live forever, and conduct their pursuits in life as though they had an eternity in which to accomplish the zenith of their careers. They should live every day with the idea of accomplishing something that will benefit towards the object of their ambition. Always have these mottoes in mind: 'Do it now.' 'Strike today.' Men of today differ not by their words, but by their wills. I have known boys who have had splendid opportunities and

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Dr. Wheeler said that while in Chicago a few years ago he saw workmen laying the foundation for the great building for the Tribune, and that they went down to the bedrock before they started the great building with its immense height. And so, he said, must the human character be grounded on the gospel of the Lord Jesus. He spoke of the beautiful personality, which he said was within the reach of every one.

"A beautiful personality," said Dr. Wheeler, "does not consist in beauty of face and form. It is the beauty of the beauty of personality among the plain and homely. It is attainable for all. There must be purity and chastity for the man, and the woman. There is no moral law for the woman that man should not obey. It is equally binding upon man to be pure as the woman who becomes his wife. The young man who is pure as he requires his sweetheart to be. There must be the quality of endurance and sunshine, to stand the bitterness, the griefs, the disappointments and the sorrows that come to every life."

In closing his sermon Dr. Wheeler said that it was the duty of husband and wife to live as sweethearts all the way, and denounce in unmeasured terms the quarreling and bickering that destroy the peace and harmony of so many homes.

Dr. Wheeler announced that he would leave for Aberdeen, Wash., this week, where he would remain and conduct services for one month, when he would join the Chapman evangelists and remain one year with them.

WILL BURN THE MORTGAGE

Evidence of Debt on Evangelical Church Soon to Be Evagelical

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An \$1500 mortgage on the Memorial Evangelical Church, East Eighteenth and Tibbatts streets, will be burned in about two months. Pastor and people are working to have the debt, which has rested on this church since it was built more than 12 years ago, liquidated. All the money has been subscribed and paid in except about \$200, and the balance is being collected as rapidly as possible. The debt campaign in this church has been going on for three years, and was started by Rev. P. J. Green, former pastor, and is being completed by Rev. R. D. Streyfeller, the present pastor. Meanwhile the church is being generally overhauled throughout. The outside walls have been repainted, and inside the auditorium has been reinterred and wood-work revarnished. Mr. Streyfeller, the pastor, is able not only to preach a good sermon, but is an all-round good painter, and has, with the help of his members, done much of the repainting, which will cost about \$253. When the mortgage is burned the church will be in new clothes and a big jubilee will be held.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE.

Mormons of Four States Meet in Quarterly Session Here.

Mormons of the Northwest division, which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, held their Quarterly Conference in Astoria last night. Three sessions were held, all of which were well attended by members of that faith who had come to Portland from other cities, and members and their families who reside here.

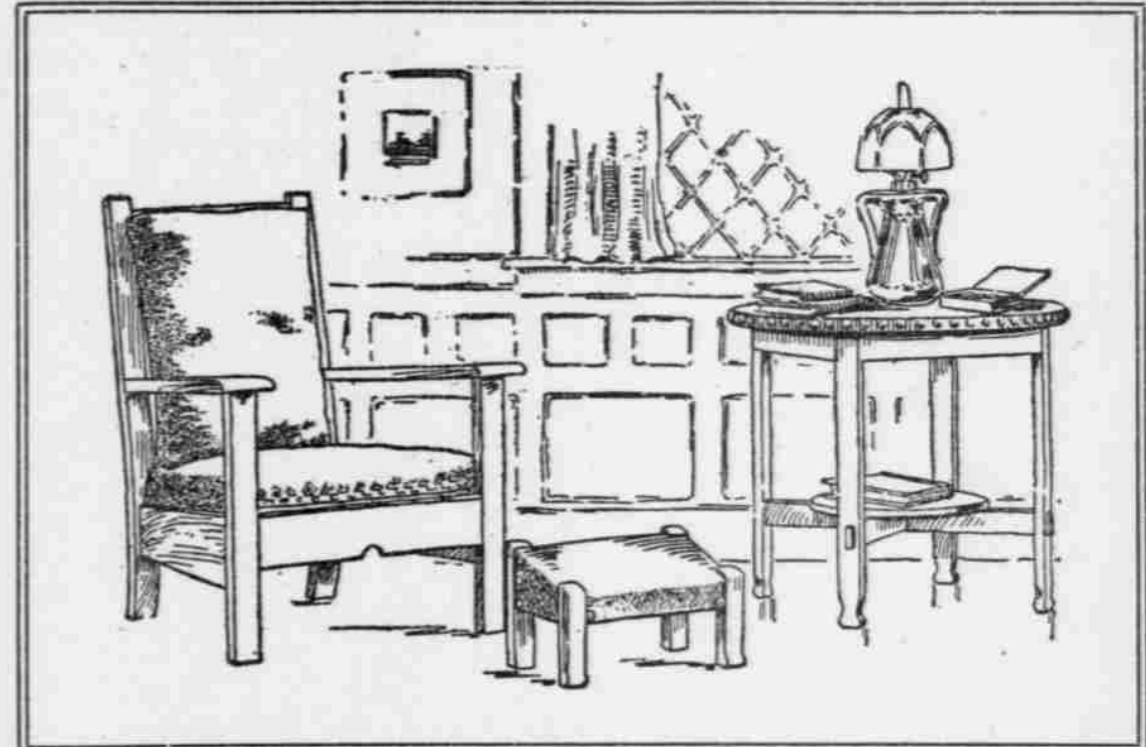
Apostles John Henry Smith and Charles W. Penrose, of Salt Lake City, were the principal speakers at the meetings. Both addressed the gathering in the morning, and Rev. Penrose spoke in the afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Smith in the evening. Others spoke briefly, and there was special music at all the sessions.

In the afternoon the elders from the different missions gave reports of their work for the past quarter. There are 40 elders in the Northwest division, all of whom were present. The states included in this division are sub-divided, with headquarters at Portland, Seattle, Spokane, Boise and Vancouver. The reports showed that the work of the Mormons was progressing in all the missions except Oregon. The report for Oregon, given by President John Walter Smith, showed that there has been little growth



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GUIDE AND FRIEND OF INDIANS

Francis E. Leupp, the New Commissioner, Shows Wisdom in Directing Their Affairs.

HON. FRANCIS E. LEUPP, who succeeded Commissioner Jones as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, although he has only been in office since January, has already made his presence felt in the Indian department. Commissioner Leupp for 20 years was connected with the New York Evening Post and in spite of his active newspaper duties, he has devoted years to the study of the Indian, and is today one of the best-informed men on Indian affairs in the United States.

After year he has devoted his vacation time to visiting the various tribes of Indians and it is this knowledge of the red man and his ways that caused President Roosevelt to insist that he take the office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

President Cleveland first tried to have Commissioner Leupp take charge of the Government development of the Indians. President Harrison also tried to get him to take up the work, but he refused, and it was not until President Roosevelt told Mr. Leupp that he finally consented. His appointment was a source of great satisfaction to the members of the National Educational Association and at the annual meeting which was held in Asbury Park July last, resolutions were passed thanking the President for making the appointment. The new Commissioner has already set in motion many badly-needed reforms in the practical education of the Indian, and from now on and as long as he is in charge of Indian affairs, educational fads in the department are dead. His heart and soul are in the work and he believes in the practical education of the Indian from the kindergarten up.

Commissioner Leupp knows that the Indian has no use for so-called higher education. He believes first in making him a better Indian and will insist that all attempts to make him a white man be given up. He has notified his Indian instructors that it is absolutely necessary for the Indian to be taught English, but at the same time it is necessary for him to be made to forget his own tongue. He has also set his foot down upon punishment of the Indian because he cannot be divorced from his old customs at once. He has announced that his first aim is to make the Indian a self-supporting citizen and this to be done in the shortest time possible. Mr. Leupp has also stated in outlining his policy in connection with the education of the Indian, that there should be a reasonable reform in the cutting of hair and the wearing of clothing. He is opposed to a classical education of the Indian and very aptly



FRANCIS E. LEUPP, COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

In this state and that the people display an indifference to their doctrines. The closing meeting of the conference will be held today and will be attended by the elders only.

Two Splendid Sermons.

Rev. W. W. Youngston, of Elizabethport, N. J., preached an excellent sermon at the Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday morning. At the evening service Dr. P. Burgette Short's sermon was on the subject of "Requirements for Christian Strength." Misses Mary Adele, Chase and Nettie Greer each sang a solo at the evening services, which were attended by a large congregation.

Many Babies in Gotham.

Chicago Record-Herald.

A baby census of Manhattan borough shows that little ones from 1 to 4 years old comprise 11.5 per cent of the entire population, and those from 5 to 14, 18.4 per cent in Manhattan and the Bronx and 19.9 per cent in Brooklyn. Italy leads America by a small margin in the infant class, as is shown by the following table of births in the city last year:

Number.	Number.
Austrian Hebrew 6,922	Italian 11,208
Polish and Russian 9,588	Swedish 30
Swan Hebrew 9,588	Swedish 309
Canadian 822	Swiss 11,903
English 284	Mixed nationality 1,781
French 2,290	Total 50,198
Irish 2,880	

Officially, there were born in Manhattan in the last year \$9,156 babies, of whom 29,843 were boys and 29,353 girls. No better illustration of the cosmopolitan character of New York's population can be afforded than by the fact that of this total only 11,903 had both parents American. Of the 49,674 infants of foreign extraction only 1731 were of mixed foreign parentage, the rest, 47,943, having parents of the same nationality. The race which scored heaviest was the Hebrew, with more than 16,000. Next comes the Italian, with 11,208.

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