

EDUCATOR URGES NORMAL SCHOOLS

Tenth Annual Convention of Oregon Teachers Meets in Portland.

1800 TEACHERS ATTENDING

Special Lectures Will Be Delivered Daily by Educators From East and California—Oregon's School Law Praised.

"It is evident to any thinking person that one normal school in Oregon is not enough to supply the number of teachers necessary yearly. Hence it would seem to be in keeping with the reason to ask the Legislature to set aside sufficient funds to employ a teacher who could work in a high school in the county and whose time should be taken up in teaching pedagogical subjects. In this way the immediate needs of the county could be looked after."

This spoke E. T. Moore before the tenth annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association yesterday. Mr. Moore is president of the association.

The sessions of the convention, which will continue three days, were called to order yesterday morning at the Jefferson High School by President Moore. The association is held this year in conjunction with the annual institutes of Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill Counties. More than 1800 teachers are in attendance, including all of the prominent school men of the state. Dr. Margaret Schallenberger, of the State Normal School, San Jose, and Dr. David Snedden, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, will lecture each day.

Two addresses were given yesterday morning, the first by President Moore, superintendent of the Oregon State Blind School, and the second by Dr. Margaret Schallenberger. The rest of the time was devoted to department work.

Oregon's School Laws Best.

Mr. Moore said in part: "Oregon's system of education has been keeping pace with the development along all other lines, as might be shown by testimony of William E. Chancellor, ex-Superintendent of Schools, Washington, D. C. After a visit to this state, he said in one of his lectures at Johns Hopkins University, which was published in the Atlantic Journal, that he had read the school laws of every state in the Union and that Oregon had the best. Other writers equally as prominent as Superintendent Chancellor have made similar statements. There is a growing tendency on the part of all those who have to do with education to give credit for work done, whether it be all done within the four walls of a school room or not, and this, in my mind, is the broad and correct view to take."

In reviewing some of the important school laws which have brought the Oregon school to their high standard, Mr. Moore said:

"The compulsory educational law, which has been in effect only a few years, has done more to bring the people of the state to a correct understanding of the fact that the state wants educated citizens, and that a child's first duty is to its state. The percentage of enrolled pupils in actual attendance has increased very materially since the passage of this law. In 1900 the percentage of attendance was 72 per cent; in 1910 92.5 per cent."

"The course of study for the public schools has unified the work and has instrumental in carrying on the time of both teacher and pupil. Before the adoption of the course of study, patrons of the school would dictate to a teacher as to how much arithmetic or grammar was to be taught. If the teacher was by nature timid, she would quietly acquiesce; if she was obstreperous she was usually dismissed at the end of the term. Now this has all passed away, for the teacher has only to produce her course of study and cite a passage from the school law."

Rural Schools Improve.

"The uniform eighth grade examination, which is a natural outgrowth of study, well planned and carried out, has had the effect of establishing the course of study firmly and causing the children to remain in school for a longer period. Before these examinations were held, children in the country schools would cover the same work term after term."

"The eighth grade graduation exercises which are being held in every little country schoolhouse throughout the state, each year, have had a good effect in bringing the people together and to a better understanding of the importance of keeping the children in school. One of the main themes at these graduating exercises is the necessity of a higher education. This was assisted very materially in the establishment of high schools. The number of eighth grade diplomas issued in 1908 was about 2000; in 1910, over 3000."

"Among the most important of the educational laws passed in Oregon within recent years, was that of 1905, making compulsory the purchase of books for school libraries. It is generally considered the best state school library law in existence."

Meetings Help Greatly.

"The law providing for school board conventions, which has been in effect for four years, is producing much good. One county superintendent, writing of the effective work being done in his county by the School Officers' Association, said, 'The county high school fund carried in this county by a vote of five to one. This splendid showing is due largely to effective work done by the School Officers' Association.'"

At these meetings are considered such questions as better buildings, better heating, lighting and sanitation of school rooms, and questions of finance. As a direct result of these meetings, almost every county in the state has at least one model school building equipped with all modern conveniences for both teacher and pupil."

WOOD BLOCKS TO BE USED

Important Street Work Is Outlined for Next Year.

A number of highly important street improvements are projected for the ensuing year. East Morrison street is to be paved between the Morrison bridge approach and the east line of Union avenue with wood blocks. It is estimated that this improvement will cost \$2,111. The pavement will be classed as a wood-block pavement the city is

to maintain it for four years, and the blocks are to be laid on a concrete foundation six inches thick. East from Union avenue East Morrison street is paved with bituminous material. Hawthorne avenue is to be paved between East Fifty-fifth and East Sixtieth streets, formerly West Avenue. This improvement to cost \$1454. This improvement takes in the jog between East Lincoln and Hawthorne avenue on East Fifty-fifth street, and thence to East Sixtieth street, and will make Hawthorne avenue a hard-surface pavement between the new bridge and East Sixtieth street.

An improvement district has been formed between East Fourteenth and East Sixteenth, Division and Clinton, and includes Iron street. The cost of this district is estimated at \$26,948. The Knapp-avenue district, between Milwaukie and East Sixteenth street, has been formed, to cost \$11,820.

In North Albina the Mason-street district has been formed for hard pavement, to cost \$112,285, which is one of the largest improvement districts yet formed. In Swinton, on the Peninsula, a district has been formed, to cost \$23,471. A hard-surface improvement it to be

NATIVE DAUGHTER OF OREGON DIES, LEAVING HOST OF FRIENDS.



Late Mrs. Nina Schoeps Tucker. Mrs. Nina Schoeps Tucker, wife of F. B. Tucker, of 182 1/2 Fourth street, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday. Besides her husband, Mrs. Tucker is survived by a daughter, Roma Ilean, two and a half years old, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Schoeps. Mrs. Tucker was born in Oregon City, June 6, 1853. She leaves a large circle of friends.

made next year on Killingsworth avenue between Union avenue and East Fourth street. The street has been made 60 feet wide and the City Engineer has prepared plans for this improvement, which will be nearly two miles long.

It is planned to have the contract let so that work may be started on the improvement in the early part of next April. Union avenue also will be paved next year between Alberta and Bryan streets, in El Tovar, near Woodlawn. These two improvements alone will cost about \$200,000.

MOTIVES ARE DEFENDED

ROSEBURG BOARD TELLS OF LOCATION OF NEW SCHOOL.

Censure of Citizens Met With Denial That Site Is Chosen Through Selfish Motives.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—As a result of the attack made upon Judge J. Fullerton, chairman of the Roseburg School Board, by Attorney E. L. Eddy, on Saturday, when the latter declared that the chairman of the school board as well as several of its members had voted to locate the contemplated Central High school in North Roseburg through selfish motives, feeling is intense among local factions.

In a lengthy article in a local publication yesterday, Judge Fullerton denoted emphatically that the board had acted through selfish motives, or that they had decided to locate the school in North Roseburg with a view of dividing the votes of the taxpayers. On the contrary, Mr. Fullerton says that a majority of the board voted in favor of the suburban site in order that the condition of the bond issue of \$75,000, the sum authorized by the taxpayers at the time the bonds were floated, Mr. Fullerton alleges that in erecting a graded school in North Roseburg it will be necessary to spend less than \$20,000, thus leaving \$55,000 with which to erect a central high school when the occasion demands.

Those opposed to Mr. Fullerton's plan are persistent, however, and declare that the high school should be centrally located, and should not be erected in any extreme portion of the city. They also say that, according to the bond issue, the board has no legal right to apply any part of the money in erecting a graded school, but is bound to expend the total sum in building a high school in the city.

Since Saturday's indignation meeting the school proposition has been the chief topic of conversation in this city, and there are many who declare that the fracas will result disastrously. It is stated that the board probably will allow the matter to rest until such time as peace and quiet is restored and the taxpayers can reach some agreement.

PUGILIST IS EASY VICTIM

"Bad" Anderson's Opponent Unconscious Five Minutes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Knocking out his man after two minutes of fast fighting, "Bug" Anderson was tonight won in the first round what was to have been a 15-round battle with John Lowe, alleged Canadian lightweight champion. For five minutes Lowe was unconscious and it required a retinue of negro rubbers and a doctor to bring the young pugilist back to consciousness.

A crowd of 500 spectators, among whom were Mayor Kligman and the Chief of Police, saw the preliminaries and the main bout of the boxing tournament. From the sound of the gong, Lowe

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Other speakers were E. K. Knap, of "National and Local Prosecution Funds"; F. B. Fisher, on "Explanation of Property Statement Blank"; L. L. Paget and E. M. Underwood.

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