

## TEACHERS CONSIDER PROBLEM IN STATE

Churchill, at Salem Meeting Suggests Department to Direct Activities.

\$50,000 FUND REQUIRED

Acker Advocates Centralization of Association — Campbell Says Essentials of Christianity Should Be Taught.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Addressed by P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, and J. H. Ackerman, president of the Monmouth Normal School, and the presentation of a scheme for the improvement of the rural schools by J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, were features of the first session of the 15th annual meeting of the Western division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, which convened here today. Teachers and persons interested in education from all parts of the state were present, and it was the consensus of opinion that the convention likely will be the most important held by the teachers of the state.

The teachers were the guests tonight of the Commercial Club. Among the features of the sessions tomorrow will be addresses by M. V. O'Shea, professor of education at the University of Wisconsin; William T. Foster, president of Reed College, and W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural College.

Mr. Ackerman urged the association not to try to do too many things at once, but to do a few important things right. Mr. Campbell characterized the condition under which the educational force is operating in this country as a "Christian democracy" and said the opportunity was greater than ever before for great results.

**State Department Urged.** Mr. Churchill said that he favored closer supervision of the rural schools and suggested the creation of a state department composed of experts, subject to the call of the county superintendents. They would in a measure teach the teachers, where it was necessary, and see that all the schools were conducted as to obtain the highest efficiency. Mr. Churchill urged that the Legislature be asked to provide \$50,000 annually for the department.

He said expert supervisors should be selected to go to rural schools at the call of the county superintendents. The supervisors must be selected because of fitness and not through political or friendly affiliations, he said. They would supervise the work of teachers, direct the social center work, the parent-teacher meetings, industrial clubs, etc.

The superintendent, in explaining the work of his department, said it was attempting to establish parent-teacher associations throughout the state. He said it also was trying to establish industrial clubs in all rural districts, which will have the co-operation of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Various lines of industrial activity were mentioned, such as the raising of broilers, turkeys, geese, livestock-raising, etc. The best children's industrial exhibits at the county fairs to be shown at the state fair.

Mr. Churchill said a part of the plan was to send the winners of prizes to Washington, D. C., as an incentive for them to do their best work. The primary motive, however, he asserted, was to stimulate interest in industrial activities throughout the state.

**Ackerman Urges Centralization.** President Ackerman outlined what should be, in his opinion, the great work of the association for the future. He expressed the opinion that in all probability the future policy of the association would not depend upon its numerical strength, but upon the attendance of the leaders of the state at an annual conference. He said that at such meetings the educational policies in the state, as outlined by the State Superintendent, could be discussed more definitely and at greater length than they possibly could by an association composed of several hundred teachers. He said he believed that the recommendations of such a conference would be of great value to the state at large, especially to guide the ensuing Legislature in legislation on school matters.

He recommended that educational questions should be raised in the year in advance, and that committees be appointed to investigate such questions, gather statistics and present reports to the following year's meeting of the association. This committee should be appointed one year in advance, and perhaps some funds given for the investigation.

He cautioned the teachers to be careful not to overload the courses of study to the detriment of the three R's. He said that in all probability the greatest problem is the rural school, but that the rural school had its limits, and care should be taken not to overload the teacher who has to teach all the grades to the extent that he becomes discouraged.

**Education for Life, Slogan.** Mr. Campbell said in substance: "Education for life" has become a slogan in education. In these latter days of prosperity, the meaning of life is made comprehensive enough, and may include its moral and aesthetic values, as well as its materialistic ones. This slogan will be productive of much good. Clearly enough, high effectiveness in production is essential, but no less certainly education must also busy itself with conditions of social life, of government, and of ethical-working theory. Shall our pleasures be those of the senses, or those of the intellect? This is a problem of vast importance in the face of the incoming tide of immigration which is soon to set in from Europe to the Pacific Coast.

"Education must, certainly give high efficiency in production, but it must no less certainly help to produce conditions of society and of government which render production safe and easy. Education must fix in the mind of every American boy and girl the supreme generalization of history that self-government is the only ultimately safe government. It must ground in the very hearts of our people the fundamental belief in the essential equality of all the people, not only as to rights, but also as to endeavor. The fundamental principles of Christianity should also be made an essential part of all American education."

**REVISED BILL IS PASSED**

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He congratulated the House and Senate and the banking and currency committee on "accomplishing a result that many congresses and many committees have attempted in 20 years and failed."

Mr. Underwood referred to the talk

of a money trust and said that one of the great reforms under the bill is the taking of the reserves out of the reserve centers and scattering them through the regional reserve banks under governmental supervision. He said he had a firm conviction that the great banking interests would accept the bill and that it would be a boon to the people.

Minority Leader Mann closed the debate for the Republicans, declaring that Democratic control of nine months' duration "had cast its malignant influence over two great countries."

"Mexico," he said, "lies prostrate, bleeding and America lies prostrate, its men out of employment and its factories closed."

As a remedy for this, he said, the Democrats proposed to inflate the currency and he predicted it would return to the House "an unvied Republican majority next November."

**Vote Announced Cheered.** Prolonged and uproarious cheers from the Democrats greeted the announcement of the vote by Speaker Clark and many members of the House hastened over to the Senate to see the report received there. Earlier in the evening the Senate had agreed to vote not later than 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and the leaders regarded it as certain that the completed bill would be in the hands of President Wilson for his signature before tomorrow night.

On the final vote 24 Republicans, 11 Progressives and one Independent, Kent of California, voted with the majority for the report and two Democrats, Callaway of Texas and Witherspoon of Mississippi joined the opposition.

The vote followed a debate of nearly three hours, during which the galleries remained crowded with spectators, including many prominent figures in official life. The House adjourned until 2:30 P. M. tomorrow, when the leaders hope to put through a joint resolution for a recess until January 12.

**Vote Is Tabulated.** Republicans who voted for the report: Barton, Burke (S. D.), Cooper, Cranton, Curry, Davis, Dillon, Esch, Farr, Frear, Haugen, Helgeson, Kelly (Mich.), Keiss, Kinkaid (Neb.), Moss (W. Va.), Nelson, Nolan, Norton, Sinnott, Sloan, J. M. C. Smith (Mich.), Samuel Smith (Mich.), Smith (Minn.), Stafford, Stephens (Mich.), Sutherland, Treadway, Young (N. D.), Minahan, Mapes, Stephens (Cal.), Woodruff.

Progressives who voted for the report: BELL (Cal.), Bryan (Wash.), Chandler, Falconer, Hullings, Kelly (Penn.), Lafferty, Murdoch, Temple, MacDonald, Thompson (Ill.), Ruppey, 12.

After the announcement of the vote a joint resolution proposed by Majority Leader Underwood, that the house recess upon adjournment tomorrow until January 12, was adopted. It will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow.

Senator Owen announced that a separate bill to provide for guaranty of bank deposits had been introduced in the near future. This had been introduced in debate by Chairman Glass, of the House banking committee.

**TYPHOID DEATHS NINE**

ANOTHER DIES IN CENTRALIA AND MORE BECOME ILL.

State Health Officer Advises Merchants Not to Suppress News, and Says Disease Is Not Contagious.

CENTRALIA, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. William S. Newburn died from typhoid fever last night. Her death was the ninth as a result of the epidemic. Mrs. Newburn was the wife of a clerk in the Centralia postoffice. Several new cases were reported Saturday and Sunday, making the total number of cases during the epidemic more than 270.

Dr. Eugene Kelly, State Health Officer, returned to Seattle tonight for a few days, his place here being taken by Dr. Wilbur, a state bacteriologist. Dr. Shaw, an internist of the Seattle Emergency Hospital, who has had charge of the Army hospital here since it was opened a week ago, also returned to Seattle, at the demand of Seattle Commissioners, on whose payroll he is. His place will be taken by a National Guard physician, who will be sent here at the command of Adjutant-General Llewellyn, who offered to send down the entire hospital corps of the state militia if necessary.

Mrs. H. C. Camp, wife of a prominent local attorney, who volunteered her services as head nurse at the Army hospital, collapsed from overwork yesterday, and Miss L. E. Jones, a Seattle nurse, was appointed to her place. There are 34 cases of a serious nature at the Army, and both Dr. Shaw and Mrs. Camp have worked untiringly. No single death has occurred at the Army.

At the noon luncheon of the Commercial Club today Dr. Kelly spoke to the members of the club and spoke to the press of the epidemic. Many of the business men have complained that the city has been overrun by the epidemic, and that they are losing thousands of dollars in Christmas business through outsiders fearing to come into Centralia, and that they are afraid that there is no fear of contagion from the disease and as every patient is being accorded the best care possible, there is no reason why the city should be censured.

**WEST'S ORDER NOT OBEYED**

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needs themselves, and now Mr. Knezevich is seeking to square the account. "A short time ago Knezevich's saloon was burned, by whom he could not find out. He asked me to investigate, and I did so. We found there was no evidence. Then the city authorities there proceeded against Knezevich and he was forced out of the saloon business. He then came to the courts and asked that there was no law under which he could act, so he telegraphed the Governor for information, and asked Mr. West to cite the law. He said that it might be well for Mr. West to send the militia to Copperfield if he wished to close the saloons, but said he did not see how the Governor could legally direct the Sheriff's office to do something that the law would not permit it to do.

Mr. Rand declared that there were not 55 bona fide families in Copperfield and he was inclined to doubt the authenticity of the petition. He said that the petitioners since the town is divided into factions, which he believes would make it impossible to get that many signatures to a petition.

**Sheriff Expresses Surprise.** Sheriff Rand was inclined to treat the communication from Governor West humorously. The move took him by surprise and he called on District Attorney Godwin at once and asked what he could do. He was informed that there was no law under which he could act, so he telegraphed the Governor for information, and asked Mr. West to cite the law. He said that it might be well for Mr. West to send the militia to Copperfield if he wished to close the saloons, but said he did not see how the Governor could legally direct the Sheriff's office to do something that the law would not permit it to do.

**Earthquake Is Reported.** NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Rich Chatterton, surfman on watch at the life-saving lookout at 4 o'clock this morning, reports that an earthquake took place at that hour. An electrical thunder storm occurred at the same time and many believe this confused Chatterton.

## POSTAL WORK SEEN

Federal Commission Investigating Portland Methods.

STANDARDIZATION IS PLAN

Experts Now Visiting Important Offices to Condemn or Commend Operation and Model Offices Will Be Equipped Later.

Watching the efforts of Postmaster Myers and his assistants to get through the first "parcel post" holiday season without being swamped and helping occasionally with suggestions as to a special commission sent out by Postmaster-General Burleson and composed of the following postal experts: E. T. Bushnell and E. T. Frazier, special agents; R. C. Knox, W. F. Martin and C. M. Perkins, inspectors.

The presence of the commission in Portland is in the furtherance of Burleson's plan to make the post office service more efficient and so far as local conditions will permit to standardize it the country over.

Immediately upon assuming his duties Mr. Burleson began the study of plans looking to a greater efficiency in method and practices in the post-offices of the country in the belief that such standardization of service would result in greater efficiency.

**General Inspection Ordered.** In line with this conviction, one of the best expert postal officials was detailed last May to the field for the purpose of discovering the most effective way of organizing, standardizing and advancing the service, visiting first the offices where the service seemed to be efficient and passing on to offices where the service was inefficient.

The experience of this postal expert has been supplemented by suggestions which have been generally sought from postmasters throughout the country, and now, with a view to giving greater scope and effectiveness to the plan of the Postmaster-General to standardize the service, it has been decided to organize, equip and operate a number of model offices and use these as dynamo from which to charge the entire chain and system of offices throughout the country.

It will be the effort at these initial points to discover the best practicable way of administering the postal facilities for that and other communities, as well as to test out devices and methods which may be found of value.

**Three Divisions Made.**

In organizing the field service for this work the country has been divided into three groups, the Atlantic States, the Middle West group and the Pacific group of states. The plan, which has now reached Portland in its operation, is to dispatch two officials of the bureau of the First Assistant Postmaster-General to each of these divisions, where they will co-operate with regular postoffice inspectors in a study of present conditions, with a view to reorganizing the clerical force of the postal service in the most efficient manner possible, and as far as possible unifying the methods employed.

The reports of these special field agents will be analyzed in the department and the best plan of organization and the most effective methods of transacting the postal business will be evolved and brought to the attention of all postmasters by bulletins. These investigations will cover every phase of the postal service including the collection of mail, the methods of handling in postoffices, its dispatch by trains and its final delivery to the addressee.

In this way postmasters of all classes will be given the benefit of the discoveries at the more important offices.

**TIDAL WAVE HITS BEACH**

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about 10 o'clock last night, after being held about eight hours back of the damaged section of track. By making repairs here and building temporary tracks there a way was opened for trains to pass. Traffic in both directions then was restored. A large force of men now is at work making permanent repairs.

W. D. Torrey, of Bailey & Torrey, linotype operators, was a passenger on the train.

He describes the wreckage caused by tide as picturesque. The monetary loss, excepting to the railroad, will not be great. Some people will be inconvenienced for a while, until they get their building foundations repaired. "It was lucky for us," said Torrey last night, "that the train was not a minute earlier, or that the tide did not come up a minute later. A minute's difference and we would have been right in the path of the deluge."

"Maybe the weight of the train would have held the track in place, but I should have hated to have been on board."

Tides along the Tillamook coast have been abnormally high for more than a week, said Mr. Torrey. Some slight damage has been done, but nothing serious.

The railroad at Saltair runs near the beach, but nearly half a mile from the edge of the water at ordinary tide. On this occasion, however, the watery wall seemed to be three or four feet higher.

None of the passengers saw the destructive wave. The engineer and other members of the train crew saw it. The tide was running in at the time. No repairs could be made until after it started to recede.

**DIPLOMAT'S WIDOW HELD**

Mrs. Sheridan Bitt Read Accused of Obtaining Money Falsely.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Sheridan Bitt Read, of New York, widow of a former American Consul at Tientsin, China, was charged today at Bow-Street Police Court with obtaining credit from a London hotel on false pretenses. The amount involved was \$40.

The Magistrate ordered the defendant remanded for a week and admitted her to bail on a surety of \$250.

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# 2 More Days of the Most Successful Jewelry Sale In Portland's History!

Whether you purchase for gifts or your own use, here's the opportunity that Portland people will never have again—a chance to buy Diamonds (constantly increasing in value), high-grade Watches, Sheffield Silver, famous "Hawkes," "Eggington" Cut Glass, Solid Gold Jewelry, etc., etc.—and every article in this high-grade stock at absolutely the lowest prices ever known! We never hope to have to sacrifice our profits again, as we have this year. But we cheerfully did it to save this store that for 52 years has stood for integrity and reliability in the jewelry business of Portland.

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## DEATH BARES SECRET

HIDDEN ROOM IN DEAD LAWYER'S OFFICES AFFINITY'S ABODE.

Wife of Ex-District Attorney, Who Died of Ruptured Blood Vessel, Learns When She Comes to Aid.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The death of Melvin H. Couch, prominent lawyer and ex-District Attorney of Sullivan County, revealed today that, unknown to his family and friends and known to his clients, he had lived for three years in a secret room connecting with his law office. Couch was found yesterday lying dead on his office lounge. Death was due to rupture of a blood vessel.

In the next room crouched a frightened woman who admitted she had seen him die, but she insisted she was not responsible for his death. She said she was Adelaide M. Brace, of Goshen, N. Y. The secret room had been her only home during the three years.

Couch was 65 years old. The woman is 40. Her hair had begun to turn gray. She was poorly dressed and the room where she lived was furnished with an old cook stove, a table, an iron bed and two chairs. She said she had lived there voluntarily and had never gone out in the day time. At rare intervals she went for a walk at night.

The woman was held on a technical charge, but the coroner's verdict as to the cause of Couch's death supported her assertion that she was not responsible. The attorney, she said, died of a ruptured blood vessel Sunday morning.

Miss Brace said she first met Couch three years ago when she called at his office to sell books. Couch's wife first learned of her husband's death brought word of his unexpected death brought her to the office where he lay dead.

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