

TEACHERS MAY BE SHORT IN OREGON

Superintendent Churchill Advocates Training Work in High Schools.

UTILITY COURSES FAVORED

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Oregon will face a serious shortage of teachers in 1915 unless high schools of the state respond to the appeal for the installation of teachers' training courses, according to J. A. Churchill, State School Superintendent, speaking before the Oregon State Teachers' Association here today, at which about 700 educators were assembled.

"Oregon needs 1000 teachers annually, and the State Normal School does not furnish more than one-tenth of this number," he said, "and this is in face of the fact that after September 1, 1915, no one, not even a high school graduate, can be granted a certificate who has not had an elementary teachers' training course."

"While the course in the high school cannot give the training that a standard normal school gives, it can partially prepare them for their work, and it can give the training course required by the new law. Incidentally, it will assist in raising the standards of the rural schools."

A still greater extension of the industrial educational system in the schools of the state is being urged by speakers today at the opening of the fourteenth annual session of the Oregon State Teachers' Association. Extending the teaching of book-keeping, shorthand and handicraft work below the high school into the grades; preparing those students who will be industrially fitted whenever they drop out, were the themes.

"Commercial education has been reserved for those in the secondary schools," said S. F. Ball, principal of the Franklin High School, Portland; "but as 70 per cent of the students entering school do not finish the grades and most of these enter business or industrial pursuits, it is evident that a knowledge of commercial subjects would be useful to a majority of them. It is said that 90 per cent of men fall in business. Commercial education would reduce the number of failures."

"Many business failures are due largely to poor bookkeeping. The trial balance, the monthly statement and the annual inventory are as necessary as the highest degree of shrewdness and business instinct."

Commercial education as a whole is the most vital, most far-reaching educational problem of today, according to Frank H. Shepherd, assistant professor of industrial education at the Oregon Agricultural College. It is a preventive of social evils, he said.

"His aim is to equip every young person that when he leaves the school system he shall be able to take hold of life's work at some definite point worth while, presenting him with the possibility of being a useful, self-supporting citizen," he continued.

The typewriter as a substitute for the black spelling book, an example of natural methods of English teaching used in Oregon, declared E. F. Carlson, assistant State Superintendent of Schs.

An appalling death rate and great number of nervous breakdowns exists among the teaching force of the country, according to C. E. Rugh, head of the department of education. He said that the profession of teaching under modern conditions is a very exacting one, a number of subjects, the intensification of the systems and the greater requirements of the teachers, demanded a greater amount of nervous energy than any other profession.

His appeal to the teachers assembled was that they should give him the routine of the teaching profession; that they take sufficient exercise to counteract the intense concentration of the mind; that they should take care of themselves with a view to preventing the present terrific number of cases of broken health.

M. S. Pittman, of the Monmouth Normal School, made an appeal for more efficient training for the teachers in intermediate grades, where the life of the pupils is in a formative stage.

TEACHERS' UNION APPROVED

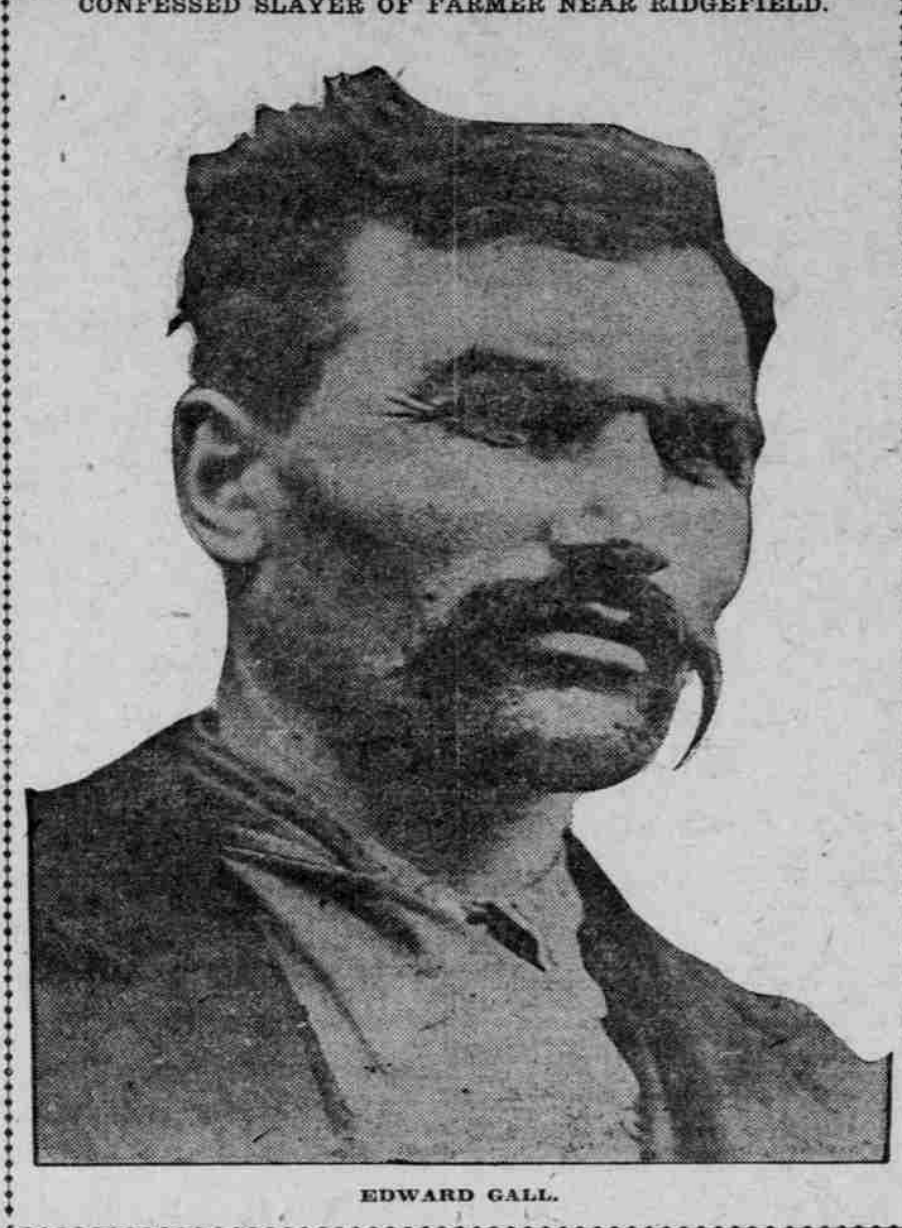
New State Organization Proposed at Eugene Conference.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Steps to form what will correspond to a teachers' union, or a centralized organization of Oregon educators, were taken today with the appointment of a committee of 15 to effect within a year the reorganization of the Oregon State Teachers' Association. Patterned somewhat after the California organization, its purpose will be to form a body large enough and sufficiently influential to direct and initiate educational legislation in the state.

The organization, although growing out of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, will represent virtually the first body of its kind in the state. It will be formed, according to the plan outlined tentatively by H. D. Sheldon, head of the department of education at the University of Oregon, in two units—an eastern and western division, with a central board controlling the two. Although internally the organization will be democratic, through the equal representation of all parts of the state, the two units will form a highly centralized body.

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CONFESSED SLAYER OF FARMER NEAR RIDGEFIELD.



EDWARD GALL.

AUDIT IS ASSAILED

Columbia County Officials Deny Expert's Charge.

FIGURES ARE EXPLAINED

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—That the charge alleging negligence of county officials, as made in the State accountant's report, is not well founded as concerns Columbia County, is declared by county officials here.

Columbia County is alleged to be involved in charges that surety bonds by county depositors were not renewed for 1914; that the Seapac State Bank failed to credit the county with \$10,000 deposit; that Justices of the Peace failed to file monthly reports; and that the bid on highway bonds was not awarded to the highest bidder.

The accountant's report is said by Mr. Hutton to be based solely on the failure of the Clatskanie Bank to file a receipt for its 1914 renewal receipt, as it had made renewal and possessed surety in excess of deposits.

The credit with the Seapac bank instead of being \$10,000, says the county treasurer, refers only to interest of \$141 due by the bank on a deposit of about \$6000, which the bank had held back pending an investigation of rights in the case.

The highway bond bid was awarded to the Portland Trust and Savings Bank, although the bid by Sidney, Spitzer & Co. of Toledo, was higher. The bids were opened April 1, and the figures show that Sidney, Spitzer & Co. offered \$100,000, while the Portland Trust and Savings Company, at a premium of \$5555, or \$601 lower than the bid of Sidney, Spitzer & Co.

Only one Justice of the Peace failed to file his report. The county treasurer, he declared, made by officials that the cost of county expiring is higher this year than before. Columbia County paid more than \$800, or double the cost heretofore.

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ORPHANS TO SEE SANTA

Children at St. Agnes Baby Home Not Forgotten at Christmas.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Santa Claus will not slight the children in St. Agnes Baby Home at Parkdale.

The sisters of the institution are assisting Santa in preparing for the entertainment Wednesday. A Christmas tree will be covered with presents for the children Christmas morning. The programme Wednesday is open to the public.

Seventy-two children of all denominations and ages are housed in the home. Many of the tots are orphans.

NO LET-UP ON COLD

WINTER IS PREDICTED

Weather Bureau Can Find No Promise of Warm Wind or Rain for Some Time.

MERCURY REGISTERS 21.5

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Portland people may as well prepare to shiver the longer, for the cold spell is expected to continue and today will see little change from yesterday, according to the best guess of the Weather Bureau. The night still sticks in the east and north, Acting Forecaster Theodore F. Drake can see no great cause for hope that the next 24 hours will bring more moderate temperatures.

Pressure continues high and temperatures low. The barometer was unchanged late yesterday, standing at 30.53. To the weather-wise, this means fair weather, undisturbed by rain or snow, and as the wind still sticks in the east and north, Acting Forecaster Theodore F. Drake can see no great cause for hope that the next 24 hours will bring more moderate temperatures.

The thermometer may show slight changes here, he says, but he is dubious about any considerable improvement, and least of all does he see any chance for the coming of what every Oregonian is longing for, a brisk, blood-warming wind from the south bringing with it the rain common to this season, and banishing the frost king from the land.

The whole Columbia Basin is the victim of continued high pressure. At Spokane the thermometer was 22 and at Walla Walla 18. The Dalles and along the Upper Columbia, it was colder.

It was warmer yesterday in the River Valley, throughout most of California, Arizona, most of Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and the faraway and frigid Alberta, Canada. This high pressure likely to affect this part of the country one of these days, but the weather man says no more.

Ice Runs in Willamette. Ice floating in the Willamette, a rare sight, attracted much attention yesterday. In the open river there was running ice, although in sloughs and probably that he will not be in the water. The slack-water channel between Ross and Hardack islands was covered completely, although it was not thick enough for skating.

Columbia River steamers generally tied up yesterday because of the ice. The weather is not likely to be, say many.

Ice in Bull Run River at the headworks, where Portland's water supply is diverted from that stream, annoyed officials of the water department to some extent yesterday. Employees were kept busy clearing the ice away from the intake so that the two big pumps which take the city's water will not become choked.

River Drops Foot in 24 Hours. The Willamette River has dropped more than one foot in the past 24 hours. The water is running low, and streams there is still a shortage of 5.33 inches of rain for the season, a deficiency that presumably will be made up later in the winter.

The Columbia River gorge is ice-bound, low temperatures of the past week in that district having frozen the streams and the waterfalls. Many of them, solid pillars of ice on the face of the cliffs. The falling spray has been caught by the waterfalls.

The absence of storms during the present period of temperatures that are considered low in this favored region accounts for the fact that there has been no damage reported as the result of the unusual cold weather. Many are enjoying the bracing weather to the utmost, finding plenty of skating on lakes near the city.

WALLA WALLA DAY IS COLDEST

Temperature Falls to 8 Degrees Above and Pipes Burst.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The mercury slid down this morning to eight above zero, the coldest of the winter in five degrees. Clear skies tonight give promise of even lower temperature.

The cold weather brought the first broken pipes of the season and all plumbers were busy repairing the damage. Many residences were flooded partially. As yet no damage has been reported to the wheat, snow protecting it.

ICE PACK FILLS CALAPOOIA

Albany Thermometer Registers 13 Degrees Above Zero.

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The Eighth-street branch of the Lebanon-Albany canal is also almost covered. The channel is only two feet wide in some places. With the Government thermometer at 13 degrees above zero, Albany last night experienced the coldest weather in nearly two years.

Cold Endangers Winter Wheat.

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is the coldest recorded here for three years. There is little snow on the ground and the air is perfectly clear and quiet. Farmers are afraid that the continued cold will destroy the winter wheat. Warmer weather or heavy snow at this time would mean much to the wheat farmers.

Astoria Colder at 47 Above.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Twenty-seven degrees above zero was the point touched by the mercury in this city last night, the coldest of the

Winter by two degrees. Fortunately the east wind had moderated, and the weather, while cold, was not as disagreeable as on the three previous nights.

Vancouver Ferry Still Tied Up.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Because of ice in the Columbia, the ferry remains tied up and the river steamer Jessie Harkins dodges the ice floes to carry passengers across the river.

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Sheriff Quine, of Douglas, Attacks Report of \$250 Shortage.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—That the expert accountant sent here by Insurance Commissioner Ferguson to check over the books of the several county offices were incompetent and unreliable was declared today by Sheriff Quine, of Douglas County. The

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ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Jackson County reports 184 marriages up to December 1. For the year 1914. During the same period 31 divorces were granted, although about a dozen other such cases are now pending before the courts. Six of the divorces were granted to Ashland couples. June remains the banner period for marriages, 28 weddings out of the 184 having occurred during that month.

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