PARENTS CONVENE AT THE DALLES

Fifty Circles Report Improvement in Condition of Their Schools in Past Year.

75 DELEGATES REGISTERED

Playgrounds Are Provided in Many Cases, While in Others Lunches Are Served—President Tells of Further Work Needed.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 12. — (Special.)—With the largest number of delegates ever registered at an annual state convention of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations of Oregon, enthusiastic sessions have been held today, the opening one being held this morning at 9 o'clock, when 75 delegates registered. Many of the delegates attending the Congregational Conference remained as delegates to this convention.

The state officers present today were: Mrs. George W. McMath, president, Portland; vice presidents, Mrs. I. M. Walker, Portland; Mrs. E. R. Seely, Medford; Mrs. B. G. Skulason, Milwaukie; Mrs. C. W. Bradford, Roseburg; Mrs. R. W. French, The Dalles; Mrs. D. C. Thoms, Jefferson; president emeritus, Mrs. Aristine N. Felts, Portland; treasurer, Mrs. A. Bonham; recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Nichols, Portland; secretary of literature, Mrs. Fred J. Meindl; directors, Mrs. W. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Aristine Felts, Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst.

Improvements Are Many.

Reports from 50 circles were read, all indicating improvements that had been made in schools and their equipment. In many cases, phonographs, libraries, hot lunches and playgrounds were provided.

Portland circles reported as follows: Gilbert, school fair held; St. Johns, working for scholarship fund; Troutdale, working for free comfort station on highway; Clinton Kelly, food shower given; Hoffman, improved grounds and bought phonograph; Ladd, established magazine exchange; Milwaukie, making effort for library.

Professor Ralph Hetzel, of the Oregon Agricultural College, urged better co-operation between the state colleges and the people, and suggested that the convention outline problems of the homemaker. Miss Ada B. Milam, of the household economics department of the college, also was a speaker.

"Since last November your president has traveled about 9000 miles in the interest of the association and hopes to be able to do as well during the coming year," said Mrs. George W. McMath, state president, in her report.

Referring to activities of local circles, she said:

"Let us suggest your interest in school equipment, water systems, heating, and, really, while we dislike to mention it, we still have the common towel in some of our districts. In a recent survey of one county there were 22 schools using it, 76 were equipped with individual and five with paper towels.

"We also believe every Parent-Teacher Association should have a good-roads committee, and a real live one at that.

Tardiness Should Be Prevented.

"Of course, every Parent-Teacher Association should make an effort to lessen tardy marks and promote regular attendance.

"Many schools we find still use the out-of-date double seats; some have insufficient seating capacity or the seats may be improperly placed.

"In Oregon every school should have a playshed, if nothing more.

"We recommend the industrial clubs and feel that the Parent-Teacher Associations should encourage them.

"Then there is the local social service problem in nearly every district, and by united efforts it is often possible to keep the families of the poor together and the children in school.

"The social life of the adolescent boys and girls is one of the very big problems of the day. We must provide amusement for our young people.

Politics Not Advised.

"Every school should have a library.

"The circles that are endeavoring to meet the needs of their own community will be too busy to mix into any political or religious differences which so injure the work. Of course, we must consider and work for good legislation for our schools and for our children, and as a state body must stand united in all matters looking to higher standards."

THREE BOYS ADMIT THEFTS

Mystery Surrounding Series of Grocery Store Robberies Cleared.

The recent robberies of three Portland grocery stores were cleared up yesterday by the arrest of Veri Owens, a messenger boy, 18 years old; Everett Owens, his 15-year-old brother, and Alexander McWhirter, 15 years old. The youths were taken in custody by City Detectives Goltz and Howell, to whom they made confessions shortly afterward.

Last Sunday night the three broke into the grocery of J. M. Pille, at Sixteenth and Glisan streets. On Tuesday night, according to their confession, they entered another store at Twenty-first and Johnson streets. On the night of September 26 they robbed the store of O. A. Bjelland, at 234 North Sixteenth street.

Veri Owens, the eldest, will be given a hearing in the Municipal Court on the charge of larceny. His brother and their companion, Alexander McWhirter, will be taken to the Juvenile Court.

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Through Life of 50 Years in Portland Dr. T. L. Eliot Has Radiated Peace and Hope and Helped to Uplift Citizenry of Town Generally.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

TODAY the Rev. T. L. Eliot will celebrate his 75th birthday, and unless there is some mishap before this article appears in print, he will do so in perfect health and in the acute enjoyment of every faculty. For Dr. Eliot is not 75 years old—he is 75 years young and in face and figure, in agility and deportment he is in far better mental and physical condition that the majority of Portland's citizens of 50.

When the Portland readers of The Oregonian today read this article practically with one accord they will turn their thoughts heavenward and say, thank God, for there is no man in Oregon more generally beloved than Dr. Eliot. For almost 49 years he has been a citizen of Portland and for every day of that time he has been pastor or pastor emeritus of one of Portland's leading churches, a church which, like its pastor, has known but a single change in the 50-odd years of its existence, that change being the building of additional enclosures around the old structure of the early '60s.

Children Evoke Memories.

When I went up to the residence of Dr. Eliot, at 227 Park street, to talk to him about his life and activities in Portland, I found the streets and parks adjacent to his dwelling fairly alive with children at play, it being the recess hour of the near-by Ladd School. As I stood upon the doctor's porch and listened to the joyous shouts and hilarious laughter of the happy youngsters, I wondered how many of them and how many of their parents knew of the debt the people of the city owed to the gentleman living so unostentatiously within a stone's throw of that great school.

In going back to the Christmas season of 1867, when Dr. Eliot took charge of the little Unitarian Church on the corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets, and following his pilgrimage down to the present time, we find that he has in one way or another taken worthy part in almost every branch of human endeavor that has been launched in the city during those years for the betterment and uplift of manhood and womanhood.

To recapitulate the many activities of the doctor's life would be to go over what has been published many, many times in these columns, while to praise him for his deeds would be but transferring to the news columns what has often been said in the editorial columns. And yet it seems difficult to dwell upon the thought of the doctor's anniversary without in a way recurring to these events and speaking of his triumphs.

Only One Pastorate Held.

Suppose we first dwell for a moment upon this thought—Dr. Eliot has been a pastor for 50 years and has never had but one pastorate, although for a single year after his ordination he assisted his father, who was then pastor of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. For the first 25 years of his connection with the Portland church, he was its sole shepherd; then for 10 years Rev. Earl M. Wilbur was his assistant; since then the doctor has been the pastor emeritus, with his son, Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., as pastor in charge.

Consider for a moment the coming and going of pastors to the churches of Portland. Think of the constant changes. Some remain a year, some two years, some half a dozen and in rare cases we find one who remains a dozen or 15 years, or perhaps even more. That record alone tells more about Dr. Eliot's character than any eulogy that could be written—he was so beloved of his people that no change of pastors was ever thought of. And, as a fitting corollary, it must be said that the members of the congregation should receive unstinted praise for their keen judgment and Christian behavior in always standing behind the doctor through the vicissitudes and changes which are bound to come in any congregation.

Dr. Eliot can look at our schools and remember that as long ago as 1870 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools. When the Republican convention was held that year the doctor was absent on Puget Sound and was nominated without his knowledge or consent. A few days later the Democrats convened and confirmed the nomination, with the result that practically no votes were cast against him. For four years without emoluments he held that office and had a guiding hand in the establishment of our public school system.

He was a member of our first Park Commission and was instrumental in having one of the Olmsteads, a member of the Frederick Law Olmstead firm, come here and lay out the ground work for our present park system. For more than a quarter of a century he was a trustee of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, for many years he was president of our humane society and for several years president of the Oregon State Charities Association, and from the death of Mrs. Reed, who left her fortune for the founding of Reed College, he has been president of the board of Trustees of that institution, made so by the will of Mrs. Reed.

In fact, you can scarcely bring to mind any work that has been inaugurated in this city during the last half century for the uplifting of mankind or the progress of the city in which Dr. Eliot has not taken an active part, and in all cases without compensation, his services always being at the command of the citizens and his best abilities offered and rendered simply for the good he could do the cause of humanity and the cause of his Master.

Greatest Works Not Published.

Of all such activities most of the Portland people know, and of them Dr. Eliot should be justly proud. But I think if one could search the innermost depths of the doctor's heart we would find that the works he is the proudest of are those that have been invisible to the public eye, hidden so deep that the public prints never mentioned them. To get in touch with these one would have to search out the poor and afflicted he has counseled and relieved, the downtrodden, sick in heart and soul, whom he has brought back to hope and manhood, and a long list of weary pilgrims trying to travel the highway of the Lord and yet faltering by the way that he has steadied and turned until they have lived and died with the armor of the Lord wrapt closely around them.

And still his good works go on. Still at 75 he is strong and vigorous and ever instant in doing good, and will be as long as the good Lord spares his health and strength.

Today every citizen of Portland who learns of Dr. Eliot's birthday will doubtless rejoice and give thanks and pray that he may be spared many long years yet to live with us as our most-beloved citizen. For without thought of creed or condition, without the thought of color or nationality, without any thought save that he has spent more than 50 years of his life for the upbuilding of Portland and the bettering of our social, religious, educational and all other conditions that elevate and refine and purify.

No citizen of Portland has ever done so much along those lines, and we all rejoice that Dr. Eliot's activities are now as constant and as useful and as successful as at any time during his long career and that he is enjoying every moment of his life.

ROSSI BELIEVED MAD

Portland Physicians Examine Wallace Slayer.

FIGHT ON OVER TESTIMONY

Defense Challenges Right of Justice of Peace to Tell Story of Killing Alleged to Have Been Told by the Prisoner.

WALLACE, Idaho, Oct. 12.—The first medical expert for the defense was called here today in the trial of Herman J. Rossi, charged with the murder of Clarence Dahlquist last June. Dr. W. T. Williamson, of Portland, testified that Rossi was suffering from temporary insanity when he shot Dahlquist after he had been told that Dahlquist had lived at the Rossi home with Mrs. Rossi; that both had been intoxicated during Rossi's absence in Boise. Dr. Charles E. Sears, of Portland, also testified.

The principal issue in the case now is whether an alleged confession by Rossi to Justice of the Peace George W. Walker the night of the slaying will be admitted as evidence.

There was one thrilling moment today. While Attorney Gray for the defense was objecting to Walker's testimony being admitted, the witness left the stand and advanced toward Mr. Gray, shouting that the attorney was misstating what he had said or would say if he testified.

Rossi is alleged to have made a complete confession of the shooting to Walker the night of the crime, though the defense contends that Rossi remembered nothing whatever regarding the occurrence, being demented at the time.

Rossi denies Walker's story, declaring it "wholly, fully, absolutely a lie."

The jury was excluded from the room while the permissibility of Walker's evidence was being argued.

The decision of Judge Woods on this point will be announced tomorrow morning at opening of court.

HUGHES REASONS GIVEN

A. E. CLARK TELLS MEDFORD CROWDS WHY TO SUPPORT HIM.

Mrs. William Kent, of California, Urges Women to Vote for Republican.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Before 1000 people, A. E. Clark, of Portland, at the Natatorium tonight answered the recent claims of Senator George Chamberlain and in an eloquent and convincing address gave explicit reasons why it is to the moral, material and National interests of this country to return the Republican party to power under the leadership of Charles E. Hughes.

An unexpected feature of the meeting was an address by Mrs. William Kent, wife of Congressman Kent, of California, well known as president of the Independent Woodrow Wilson League. Mrs. Kent urged the women of Oregon to aid their disenfranchised sisters in the East by supporting the Republican party. She said she and her sister members of the Woman's party had tried for four years to get some encouragement from Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party.

"Mr. Wilson has lost his chance of receiving the support of the women of this nation who believe in equal rights for all," said Mrs. Kent. "I urge you women of Oregon to work for and vote for Charles E. Hughes, who, in a manly, straightforward fashion, when warned the action would be politically unwise, gave his hearty support to the amendment the women of this country have tried to pass for over 40 years."

LOTTERY GAMES CHEATED

Joseph Rannes Detained Pending Investigation of Swindles.

Joseph Rannes, a carpenter who dresses like a well-to-do business man, was arrested last night by Sergeant Van Overn and Detective Goltz, to be held during the investigation of a series of swindles by which Chinese lottery games have been defrauded of nearly $1000 in the past six weeks.

The swindlers are said to have cut tickets to pieces, and to have pasted parts of one ticket over the corresponding sections of another. When the results of the drawing had been announced, the confederates are said to have pulled off the pasted sections of their ticket, leaving a blank, with the signature of the lottery game proprietor on the margin. The winning numbers were then painted on the blank ticket, the police say, and the ticket was presented and the winnings obtained.

TILLAMOOK FOR HUGHES

R. R. Duniway Addresses Newly Formed Alliance.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—A branch of the National Hughes alliance was organized here tonight. Forty-five names were signed to the charter petition.

Ralph R. Duniway, of Portland, addressed the meeting and was well received. Mr. Duniway read a copy of the Adamson eight-hour law to show that it did not provide for an eight-hour day, but was merely an act to increase wages. He also attacked the Democratic platform and policies.

Several hundred persons were in attendance at the Courthouse.

COL. GREEN BUYS STEAMER

Son of Hetty Green Pays $500,000 for His Yacht.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 12.—The Crosby line steamer United States today was purchased by Colonel E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hetty Green. The purchase price, it is said, was in the neighborhood of $500,000.

Colonel Green immediately ordered the vessel sent to the Atlantic seaboard, where it will be drydocked and converted into a yacht for his personal use.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HUMANITY FIRST, SAYS C. E. S. WOOD

Suffrage Secondary, Insists Democratic Speaker in Appeal to Women.

PLANS FOR SESSION MADE

Effort to Be Made at Meeting Today to Show That All Suffragists in Oregon Are Not Supporting Mr. Hughes.

"Don't put suffrage ahead of the rights of humanity," pleaded Colonel C. E. S. Wood in addressing a Democratic political gathering at the Library last night.

His speech was intended, evidently, as a sort of reply to the campaign being made by the women of the East who are traveling through the suffrage states of the West with a plea to the enfranchised women to vote against Wilson and the Democratic party because they have failed to pass the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment.

"Let us grant," he continued, "that the party in power did wrong in failing to pass the amendment, but let us consider the other issues that must be weighed against that.

"National suffrage is inevitable and must come. It will come eventually, anyway. But in the meantime, remember that President Wilson has initiated legislation that gives the poor people a chance to eat," and he enumerated some of the measures passed under the Wilson Administration. Principal among them he mentioned the Federal reserve law, the rural credit law, the child labor law, the Adamson law and others.

He argued that some of these new enactments are still in their infancy of operation and that it will require the friendly hand of Wilson to administer them successfully. These issues, he contended, should be considered by the women. If they seriously consider them, he argued, the Oregon women doubtless will hold these issues as far superior, for the present, to the question of granting suffrage to the Eastern women.

Many other speakers were heard, including Mrs. L. Gee, president of the Garment Workers' Union, who presented resolutions indorsing President Wilson. They were adopted.

An interesting incident of the meeting was the presentation of Mrs. Frances E. Nye, 86 years of age, who expressed her intention of voting for Wilson. Mrs. Nye's daughter, Mrs. A. J. Dillon; her granddaughter, Mrs. Schuyler Miller, and her great-granddaughter, Miss Virginia Miller, also were present. Miss Miller entertained the crowd with a piano solo.

Other speakers of the evening were John A. Jeffrey, A. W. Lafferty and Judge W. N. Gatens.

Plans for the Women's Wilson demonstration, which is to take place on Saturday evening, were outlined. Automobiles will assemble at the Library at 7:45 Saturday evening. Women voters, wearing the suffrage colors and Wilson badges will occupy the machines and parade through the principal business streets. Addresses will be made on some of the corners. The idea is to demonstrate to the women who are coming here on Saturday on the Hughes special that not all the Oregon women are supporting Hughes.

Another branch Hughes alliance was organized at a meeting last night in the Creston School. The permanent officers elected were: E. E. Southard, chairman; T. M. Hurlburt, vice-chairman; E. J. Steele, secretary, and H. L. Ganoe, treasurer. Edwin I. Pyle organized the alliance and H. L. Ganoe made a Hughes address. It was voted to hold another meeting Tuesday night, October 24.

George Tazwell has some active supporters in the South Portland district. Among those who are putting in some hard licks there in behalf of his candidacy for County Judge—all unselfishly, of course, with no thought of future manna—are Jake Weinstein, a South Portland junk dealer, who has been in police court now and then; A. Rosenstein, proprietor of a North End Clothing store; Ed Fisher, bailiff in Judge Gatens' court and not entirely a stranger to the court records; H. ("Sam") Wolfe, Democrat and one of the best little police court mediators "the boys" had in the good old days; M. Barde & Son, dealers in junk and second-hand railroad supplies; and just about all the old friends of the estimable Max Cohen, who was paroled not long ago from the McNeill's Island Federal Penitentiary. Their efforts are being ably seconded in the North End district by Harry Harris, proprietor of the Coast Hotel, at Second and Burnside streets, who figured unpleasantly and notoriously in the various Sam Krasner white-slave trials.

Several important speakers, including members of the Hughes campaign special train, are scheduled to speak before the Hughes Business Men's Club at their luncheon Saturday. Congressman N. J. Sinnott is also on the programme for an address. The luncheon will be given at 12:30 in the Orange room of the Hotel Oregon. All persons interested, especially young business men, are invited to attend.

Claude C. McColloch discussed the brewers' amendment and the anti-veto bill at a luncheon of the Women's Political Research Club, at the Portland Hotel yesterday. Mrs. Peter McIntosh spoke on the Sunday closing bill. Fritz DeBruin sang and Miss Elsie Lewis played the violin, the accompanist being Miss Jessie Lewis.

A new Republican club, to be known as the Hughes-McArthur Southwest Portland Republican Club, was organized last night at a meeting in Shattuck School, attended by about 50 residents of the community. Mrs. F. L. Benedict, precinct committeeman, was elected president and Mrs. L. W. Therkelsen was chosen as one of the advisers. The club will embrace Districts 13 and 14, comprising precincts 68, 69, 70, 70½, 76 and 77. The next meeting will be held Thursday night at a place to be selected later. C. N. McArthur, Representative in Congress from the Third District; Judge J. P. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Joseph F. Kelly, County Assessor Reed, George Tazwell and Joseph Beveridge will speak. The slogan of the club is "Republican times, good times, vote it straight."

Thomas P. Gore, United States Senator from Oklahoma, is to make two campaign addresses in Oregon near the end of the month, according to word received yesterday by Judge Samuel White, Democratic state chairman. He will speak in Portland, but will deliver an address at Astoria on Monday night, October 30, and at Salem on Tuesday night, October 31. There is a possibility that this schedule may be changed to provide for a speech in Portland.

The Women's Democratic Club of Portland will meet at 8 o'clock tonight in room A of the Central Library. R. W. Montague is to be the speaker of the evening, and there will be a musical programme.

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