

TEACHERS' COUNCIL TO CONVENE TODAY

Placing of Agencies Expected to Be Target.

STATE AID PLAN LIKELY

Association Understood to Favor Establishing Job Bureau in Education Department.

An attack on teachers' appointment or placing agencies in Oregon which operate on a revenue of 5 per cent of the yearly salary of teachers placed may be launched today in the representative council of the Oregon State Teachers' association at its annual session December 27-30 at Lincoln high school.

It recommended that a standing investigating committee be appointed to take up reported irregularities of such agencies and formulate a code of ethics for their guidance.

The statistics compiled by the committee showed that 11 state established placement bureaus by legislative enactment, and that some have taken it up through the state teachers' organizations.

California's Action Cited. California, according to the report of the committee, established a placement agency in connection with the state teachers' association in 1920.

Some Action Favored. The report has been in the hands of all members of the association for some time. Some feeling exists among teachers that the association should adopt means of placing its members, according to officials of the association, but the matter of forming a bureau or agency in the state, as do so has never come to a showdown.

Full Attendance Expected. Every indication pointed to a full attendance of the 700 official delegates from throughout the state, as well as to a large number of members.

Tenure Report Coming. The report of the investigating committee on teachers' tenure which will be made before the classroom teachers' assembly Friday morning, may bring a much-discussed subject into the limelight again, according to Professor E. D. Hessler of Oregon Agricultural college, secretary-treasurer of the association.

High School Meeting Place. All sessions will be held at Lincoln high school, with committee meetings and general headquarters at the Portland hotel.

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PROMINENT OREGON EDUCATORS GATHER IN PORTLAND FOR ANNUAL MEETING.



Upper, left to right—Miss Eva Roche, Bend, executive committee; Miss Minnie V. Altman, Jennings lodge, executive committee; Mrs. Mary A. Fulkerson, Salem, president Oregon State Teachers' association. Lower, left—E. F. Surface, principal of Florence schools; C. A. Howard, Marshfield, vice-president; Professor E. D. Hessler, Oregon Agricultural college, secretary-treasurer.

FIRE BRICK CONTRACT LET

THIRD LOWEST BIDDER LANDS BIG MUNICIPAL ORDER.

Competing Concern Declines Test of Product and Refuses to Bond City Against Loss.

Contract for supplying about 35,000 fire brick for use in retiling furnaces at the municipal incinerator, was awarded yesterday by the city council to the McCracken company, the third lowest bidder.

Before the award was made City Commissioner Mann demanded that the brick produced by the Monarch Fire Clay company of Portland be given a test at the incinerator.

Commissioner Mann demanded to know why the McCracken company was not required to give the city a surety, to which Commissioner Bigelow replied that both the material supplied by the company and the workmanship were known to the city.

Although engineers appointed by the council to investigate a certain cement lining recommended the adoption of a resulting authorizing preparation of plans for the improvement of Tenino avenue from East Fifteenth to East Nineteenth streets, and that the City Engineer Laugegard be directed to make a survey, plat and written report in the matter of widening Forty-fifth avenue Southeast from Seventy-second street Southeast to Eighty-second street Southeast.

He recommends that the city engineer be directed to make a survey, plat and written report on the matter of the city taking over county road No. 10, 117 and 208, from the north line of Sixty-fifth avenue Southeast to the south line of Division street. He also recommends passage of an ordinance re-establishing the curb line of Foster road from Powell Valley road to Seventy-second street Southeast.

STREET WORK APPROVED

Commissioner Harbur to Present Projects to City Council.

Recommendations from Commissioner Harbur will go before the city council at its session today favorable to four projects for street improvement work in the district of East Portland. He will recommend adoption of a resolution authorizing preparation of plans for the improvement of Tenino avenue from East Fifteenth to East Nineteenth streets, and that the City Engineer Laugegard be directed to make a survey, plat and written report in the matter of widening Forty-fifth avenue Southeast from Seventy-second street Southeast to Eighty-second street Southeast.

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WEALTHY THIEF IS FINED

Mrs. Clifford Weatherwax Ordered to Pay \$60.

Mrs. Clifford M. Weatherwax, wife of a wealthy lumber operator of San Francisco, was adjudged guilty of larceny in the city court yesterday and fined \$60 by Judge Rosenman. Through her attorney she filed notice of appeal to the circuit court. Appeal bond was fixed at \$500.

GARAGES ARE PLANNED

Applications for Permits to Go Before Council Today.

Plans for a brick and tile building for garage and repair shop purposes on Vancouver avenue between Tillamook and Hancock streets, by J. H. Johnson, and for nine one-story garages in a block on Gilson street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, by George H. Long, are included in the list of applications for permits that will go before the city council at its session today.

SALE OF LUMBER GOOD

OUTPUT DISPOSED OF NEARLY AT PRODUCTION RATE.

111 Mills Report Manufacture of 62,261,599 Feet and Selling of 60,708,605.

Lumber sales of mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association, for the week ending December 17, very closely approached production of the week. Figures for the 111 reporting mills on output, sales and shipments were: Manufactured, 62,261,599 feet; sold, 60,708,605 feet; shipped, 52,920,852 feet. Production was 2 per cent below normal; new business was 3 per cent below production, and shipments 16 per cent below production, said the weekly report.

HAT FOUND ON RIVER ICE

Friends of Charles Westberg Fear He Has Committed Suicide.

A soft hat resting on an ice cake floating near a house boat at Bridgeport, near Columbia Beach, is the only trace which has been found of Charles Westberg, who disappeared at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, according to H. Christofferson, chief criminal deputy in the office of Sheriff Hurlburt, who has been investigating the disappearance.

Westberg, who is a native of Finland, 30 years old, weighing 130 pounds and about 5 feet 8 inches in height, has been employed at the Murphy Timber company, Banks, Ore, and came to Portland about a week ago for the Christmas holidays, visiting a brother at Bridgeport. At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon he walked out of the bathhouse and was thought to have gone to the city, but nothing has been heard of him and the hat was discovered on the ice float. There was no reason known for suicide, yet an accident would have been difficult to explain along the bathhouse walk to the shore.

TACT FOR COURT REFORM

Chief Justice Pleads for Expedition in Procedure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Expanding activities of the federal courts swamp them "and delay is a denial of justice," Chief Justice Taft said tonight in an address urging reforms to expedite court procedure. He urged three reforms which he outlined as follows:

"An increase in the judicial force in the trial federal courts and an organization and effective distribution of the force by the council of judges. "Simplified procedure in the trial federal courts. "A reduction in the obligatory jurisdiction of the supreme court and an increase in the field of its discretionary jurisdiction by certiorari."

"While the bar and the bench are really much less responsible for delays in legal procedure than the public is likely to think, the very fact that they are popularly supposed to be responsible should make us act with energy to justify the existence of our profession and the maintenance of courts," he added.

G. A. R. EX-HEAD IS DEAD

William A. Ketcham Succumbs at Home in Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—William A. Ketcham, formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home here today. He was 75 years old. Death was caused by acute indigestion.

Christmas Party Held.

CANNON BEACH, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special)—An old-time Christmas party was held at the schoolhouse at Ecota, on Cannon Beach, Christmas eve. The tree was brilliant with decorations and laden with "goodies" for every one present. The program included games and music, and at midnight all indulged in a bountiful feast. More people have remained at the beach this winter than on any previous year, now residents are coming in, and there is much activity in the building line. The winter bids fair to be a very happy social one.

ROW OVER TREE IS AIDED

HUSBAND ALLEGED TO HAVE SLAPPED WIFE.

Woman Gets Warrant for Man Who, She Says, Beat Her for Talk About Present.

It isn't always "good will toward men" sentiment around Christmas time, and an aftermath of some of the heart-aches experienced during Yuletide began reaching the ears of Deputy City Attorney Terry yesterday.

Anna Drouth told her husband, Harry, that he was too rigidly in his giving of Christmas presents to their small child. The husband didn't like his wife's attitude and blacked her eyes, she told the deputy city prosecutor. As a result a warrant was signed yesterday charging Drouth with attacking his wife.

May Schner wanted a Christmas tree for her home. She went out and cut one which was just the right size. Harry Yost, owner of the property, saw the youngster cutting the tree and started after her. He was said to have taken the tree away from her and given her a severe slapping. The girl will appear later as prosecuting witness on an assault charge as she was given a complaint against her alleged assailant.

One woman went to the city attorney's office yesterday and sought help in finding her husband. She told downtown the day before Christmas to buy him a present, she said. When she returned she found he had removed all his personal belongings and all their furniture. He has not been seen since, she said. It not only spoiled her Christmas, but put her in a militant mood.

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