

TEACHERS FORM A CLUB

AIM TO STIMULATE PROGRESS IN THEIR PROFESSION.

Miss Faidie I. Orr, Principal of Fairview School, Elected President—R. F. Robinson Instructress.

The Teachers' Progress Club was organized yesterday in the office of County School Superintendent R. F. Robinson, with about 40 teachers from all portions of Multnomah County. It is the outgrowth of the Teachers' Reading Circle, which had been meeting with the County School Superintendent for some time. It was recently decided to effect a permanent club organization. A committee was appointed and the plan suggested was carried out yesterday.

The objects are: First, to secure improved methods of teaching; second, mutual professional aid; third, social enjoyment. The officers elected are as follows: President, Miss Faidie I. Orr, principal Fairview School; vice-president, Miss Anna Davidson, primary teacher South Mount Tabor School; secretary, Miss Berdine Merrill, principal of Powell Valley School; treasurer, Miss Carrie McCabe, teacher in the Woodstock School; instructress, R. F. Robinson, County School Superintendent.

All teachers in the county are eligible to membership in the club. Professor Robinson believes that good results will be secured. In other states teachers' clubs have been formed, which have proved helpful.

TO HONOR O. W. DIXON.

Milwaukee School Will Give Him Reception When He Visits Oregon.

Dr. O. W. Dixon, the second teacher of the Milwaukee School, whose picture alongside of that of Hector Campbell, first teacher, was unveiled and hung on the walls of the new building Friday, will soon visit that school, where he taught 32 years ago. He is now visiting in Pasadena, Cal., and writes that he will come to Oregon during May. The Milwaukee School and pioneer citizens will endeavor to make his visit enjoyable. It is not yet known when Dr. Dixon will come, but that will be ascertained soon. The following is the full text of the letter read from Mrs. Eva Emery Dye concerning Dr. Dixon:

"Although I had long heard of Dr. Dixon, my first and real acquaintance with him began a few days after the publication of my 'McCloughlin and Old Oregon' in June, 1900, when he surprised me with a long and delightful letter of congratulation. This was my first intimation that my book was really out. From that time on he regularly sent me the Inter Ocean containing matters that he thought would be of interest to me. His knowledge of Oregon and enthusiasm concerning its history marked him as one of the old pioneers.

"Two years ago, when in Chicago, I called at the Inter Ocean and had a memorable interview with him, in which he told me much of his early life in Milwaukee. The details of that conversation have powerfully impressed my memory, but he particularly mentioned the Lollings and other pupils of that early day. I told him of the new schoolhouse, and said that he ought to send them his picture to adorn its walls. The idea pleased him so much that he promised to do so. He also brought out a piece of polished wood engraved with some memorial of Milwaukee, just what I have now for office. At this time the Inter Ocean office moved into its palatial quarters, and Dr. Dixon was already dismantling his room for the change.

"Last year, some time in August, I called at the Inter Ocean office and found the doctor out of the city. Again in September I was in Chicago and dropped him a note. This time he called on me at McClung's publishing-house, where I was busily reading proofs of 'The Conquest.' Again I mentioned the picture, and later he sent it on, as you already know. The doctor is growing old, and his hair is white, but his spirit is as young as in the days when he taught the boys and girls of Milwaukee. He asked me all about you, and I told him what I could, and he said it was his intention to visit me some time in May and renew old acquaintances. Dr. Dixon's long service with the Inter Ocean has given him a national reputation, and his book reviews in the literary department have been an educational feature for many years. I do not know a better reviewer or one with better judgment in America. That a pioneer teacher from a log schoolhouse on the Willamette should become the literary editor of so noted a paper as the Inter Ocean and hold the position so many years is a matter of interest and congratulation to Oregon. It shows the trust and those early pioneers were made of, and that talent was not wanting even in those days on the lone Pacific. Of Dr. Dixon's study of modern history and his lectures in Oregon others are more competent to speak than I. Of course, you know he taught here before I was born; so that to older ones than I must fall the real reminiscences of Dr. Dixon. That he is a philanthropist we know from his constant donations to the Whitman College, and that he is loyal to his friends we know from his lifelong friendship for the boys and girls he knew 30 years ago. His coming to you this Spring ought to be celebrated as a golden jubilee."

WANT RAILROAD SPUR.

Factory Men Will Ask Railroad Company to Lay Track on East Eighth.

For several years efforts have been made by owners of the Oregon Packing Company's plant on East Eighth and East Yamhill streets, and others interested, to get a railway spur built into that district connected with the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific Railway lines, but were not successful. Now that the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has built a switch on East Eighth street from its line on Hawthorne avenue at the baseball grounds, those who have been working to get a spur are asking why it cannot be extended on northward to Belmont street. They argue that it will be no obstruction, and would give the Oregon Packing Company and the Frank Schmidt Flaming Mill a railway outlet for their products.

The gauge of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is the same as the standard gauge lines, and this spur would give them connection with both the other lines.

Edward Peterson, of the Oregon Packing Company, said yesterday that he had worked for the past five years to get a spur built into that district, but had not succeeded. The O. R. & N. Co. surveyed on East Salmon street to East Tenth for a spur, but no steps were taken to get a franchise, and nothing has been done in that direction. It is considered probable that an effort will be made to get this spur on East Eighth street extended. "This district is better fitted for manufacturing purposes," said Mr. Peterson, "than for anything else."

BUSINESS MEN OBJECT.

They Do Not Want Postal Station A on Union Avenue, Cut Out.

The proposal to eliminate Station A, now located in the Logus building, on Union avenue, near East Washington street, is not very favorably received by the business men of East Portland. It is proposed to cut out this station and substitute substations, where stamps may be sold and letters registered. Several months ago a movement was made to cut out this station and put in several substations, but there was such a strong protest against it that it was not done. All business men in East Portland who have expressed an opinion are very much opposed to having Station A cut out. Many of them receive heavy mail packages at this station, some receiving several hun-

dreds of pounds each week, who would be compelled to get these packages from the West side office at constant cost for expressage. It is understood that the business men may protest against cutting out Station A, owing to the inconvenience and extra expense they will be under without it.

Visited Cascade Locks.

Rev. G. R. Van Horn and wife, of Rock River, Ill., conference, who are spending a few weeks at the home of F. L. Posen, on East Ankeny street, visited the Cascade Locks last week, and Friday was driven through the barracks at Vancouver by Mr. Posen, where they met General Funston. Mr. Van Horn will preach in the Centenary Church today. His visit to Oregon is of more than ordinary interest, for many of the Methodist preachers here were in his district in Illinois.

Prominent Universalist Divine.

Rev. F. A. Blabbe, one of the leading ministers of the Universalist Church, will arrive this morning at 1:30 o'clock, and will occupy the pulpit of the First Universalist Church, East Eighth and East

MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

GRACE MCKINNEY BURNED BY GASOLINE LAMP AT WINFIELD HOUSE.

Amazing Liquid Splashes on Her Clothing and All Efforts to Extinguish Flames Failed.

Because she spilled turpentine and laid upon a gasoline lamp, the clothing of Miss Grace McKinney took fire, and she was burned to death before the flames could be extinguished. Miss McKinney was preparing a poultice in the room of a friend at the Winfield House, 1004 Fourth street, Friday night. Bending too low, some of the inflammable turpentine dropped into the lamp.

Wrapped in flames, she screamed for help and rushed to a washstand in the hall. Here she tried to pour water over

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AT WORK ON FAIR GROUNDS.



JOHN C. OLMSTED, OF BOSTON.

Couch streets, today, morning and evening, and tomorrow night. He is making a tour of the country. Mr. Blabbe is editor of the Universalist Leader, which is the leading denominational paper of the Universalist Church.

Death of William Moreland.

William Moreland, who died at the home of his son, Julius Moreland, near Woodburn, was a brother of J. C. Moreland, and formerly Justice of the Peace for several years in Albina, before consolidation. He was 66 years old, was a pioneer and Indian War veteran. Several grown children survive him. He had been living in Clackamas County for several years.

East Side Notes.

H. Wagner, driver for Weatherly's creamery, is at the Mount Tabor Sanitarium with a broken leg.

George Freytag is operating the country rockery near Rockwood. The crushed rock will be used on the Base Line road. This material makes a more durable roadway than gravel.

Rockwood Grange, No. 223, Patrons of Husbandry, held a meeting yesterday and gave the degree to a large class. Deputy A. F. Miller was present and assisted Master Crane in the work. Rockwood Grange is growing rapidly. Although but a few months old, it has over 100 members, and now ones are being received at each meeting.

"DOWN EAST"

Will Be Presented by St. Lawrence Dramatic Club April 21.

The St. Lawrence Dramatic Club, Tuesday, April 21, presents the beautiful New England comedy drama "Down East," in the spacious Assembly Hall at Third and Sherman streets. Of the many popular plays presented by this club this undoubtedly will be the most successful. At present there is a heavy demand for tickets, and it is safe to say that when the curtain rises next Tuesday evening the largest crowd that ever gathered in the hall will be on hand to greet the performers.

For intense dramatic acting, thrilling climaxes, uproarious comedy and a story of absorbing romantic interest, "Down East" has few equals. Active rehearsals under the direction of Mrs. Kate Ham have been in process for several weeks, and the performers, who are all artists in their respective roles, have reached a very high degree of proficiency. Speaking of the play recently, a critic who is familiar with the lines, and who attended a rehearsal, said:

"Splendid! Why, their interpretation is faultless. Let me tell you, and believe me, I am not exaggerating, you will scarcely see a play handled more evenly, ably and interestingly in a large Eastern playhouse."

Following is the cast:

Ezekiel Fletcher.....Joseph Driscoll
Charles Deacon.....Edward Murphy
Deacon Perkins.....Gerald Kavanaugh
Ralph Thorpe.....Charles Alphonse
John Deacon.....Edmond Cain
Will White.....Ed Brennan
Betsy Fletcher.....Lettie Underwood
Hanna Fletcher.....Kate Schneider
Myra Birdson.....Flora Joseph

HOBSON SPEAKS TO MEN

Will Give Free Lecture at Marquam Grand This Afternoon.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, of Spanish War fame, is to address the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Marquam Grand Theater. Captain Hobson has been feted and toasted all over the land. In almost every instance he has proved a genuine surprise. Regarded at first with curious interest because of his heroic naval feat, his reported oscillatory exploits and his recent resignation from the Navy, after being denied retirement, he has won entire favor. By nature Captain Hobson is much like a story-book hero. He has the broad, sloping shoulders, denoting great strength, and the clean-cut limbs of the athlete. His manner is polished. His features are finely cut, but the long-standing trouble with his eyes makes him squint at times.

In speaking, Captain Hobson is both eloquent and magnetic. He is withal an earnest Christian, having been a member and worker in the Young Men's Christian Association for more than 18 years. The admission this afternoon is free, and all men are welcome.

No route across the continent offers so many attractions as does the Denver & Rio Grande. Write the Portland Agency, 124 Third street, for illustrated booklets.

Demonstrate to your own satisfaction the merits of Opia de cigars. Try one.

Persons with blue eyes are rarely afflicted with color blindness.



CURES RHEUMATISM

Neuralgia, Kidney Trouble and all Kindred Diseases.

Swanson's "S-DROPS" will cure Rheumatism in any of its forms or stages of development. Applied externally it affords instant relief from pain. Taken internally it rids the blood, tissues and joints of the uric acid and other poisonous matter, which are the causes of the disease. "S-DROPS" never fails to cure Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Neuralgia or Kidney Trouble. It has effected more cures of these ailments than all other remedies combined. No other remedy in the world will stop neuralgic or rheumatic pains so quickly as "S-DROPS" and no difference how severe the case may be "S-DROPS" if used as directed will make a permanent cure.

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Get this out and send it to Swanson's "S-DROPS" (Litho) 1500 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill. For Sale by druggists.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO. 150 Lake Street, CHICAGO.

1.50 COMFORTS 1.19

Specially designed for Summer use; top of figured silk-aline, lining of plain silk-aline, filling of pure white cotton. We've another one with figured lining at \$1.38.

"We Are Out of the High-Rent District"

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SEVENTH STREET, BETWEEN MORRISON AND ALDER

1.25 BEDSPREADS 97c

These are full size, hemmed, ready for immediate use. The patterns are very handsome, being on the Marseilles order. This offering is one no boarding-house or rooming-house proprietor should overlook.

Women's Garments: Good Price News

Good news because it tells of decided underpricing of the correct styles of women's outer-to-wear garments right at the threshold of wear time. Listen:

\$4 Skirts, \$2.98

A very handsome skirt for little money, made of heavy, dark, royal blue melton cloth, seven-gore style, seams finished with straps, inverted pleat, 12 rows of stitching at bottom.

\$5 Skirts, \$3.68

A superb garment at the price. They are made of extra fine melton cloth, five-gore style, inlaid pleats; the side gore seams finished at hip and below knee with horizontal jasper stitched straps.

\$6 Skirts, \$4.48

These are made of black and navy blue snowflaked chevrons, and pepper and salt homespun; five-gore styles; inlaid and slot seams.

\$11.50 Tailor-made Suits, \$8.38

Made of all-wool bluish cheviot, collarless blouse jacket with peppermint finish of stitching and fancy buttons.

\$14.50 Tailor-made Suits, \$9.48

Made of all-wool pepper and salt homespun, in same style as the one above.

\$15.00 Tailor-made Suits, \$9.98

Made of all-wool black cheviot, collarless blouse-front jacket, trimming of stitched bands of taffeta, five-gore flare skirt.

\$18.00 Tailor-made Suits, \$13.48

Made of all-wool black Venetians, very short, collarless blouse-front jacket, with decided dip front; finish of straps and fancy buttons. The seams of the seven-gore skirt are finished with stitched straps.

\$22.50 Tailor-made Suits, \$15.98

Made of very light gray etamine, blouse-front jacket with peppermint collar, stitched strap over shoulder, kimono sleeves, seven-gore skirt, finished with straps.

85c Wrap'rs, 58c

Made of fast colored percales, in a wide range of handsome patterns, braid trimmed collar, cut extra full in length and width.

1.25 Wrap'rs, 88c

Made of fine, fast-colored percales and lawns, dainty patterns, braid trimmed collar and shoulder bretelles, deep hem, full length and width.

1.50 Wrap'rs, 98c

Made of high-grade, fast-colored percales and lawns, braid trimmed collar, bretelles and front, deep and full set-on ruffled flounce.

Stirring Silk Specials

Raw silks going up by leaps and bounds and the prices of the finished product, from the best looms of the world, taking a downward tumble! A seeming paradox, easily explained, however. Months and months ago the buyers of the great 48-store syndicate made their purchases when prices were at their lowest ebb. As the result of this forehandedness, we offer the following:

50c Corded Jap. Silks, 39c

These are the very best quality, heavy, lustrous and brilliant. Lots of the so-called scarce white. On sale Monday and Tuesday.

\$1.38 Grenadines, \$1.13

The best quality made. Choice, the genuine iron frame and lace stripe.

85c Black Taffeta, 69c

19-in. wide. Wear guaranteed. Splendid weight and color. On sale Monday and Tuesday.

35c Jap. Silks, 23c

20 inches wide, an absolute complete line of colors.

95c Taffeta Silk, 69c

These are the very same silks you are asked \$1.00 per yard for all over town.

98c Beau de Soie, 69c

Superb rich black Beau de Soie silk, rich and lustrous black. Monday and Tuesday, 69c, worth 98c.

\$1.25 Beau de Soie, 89c

20-inch wide, deep lustrous black, cashmere finish. On sale Monday and Tuesday at 89c instead of \$1.25.

\$1.38 Black Taffeta, 89c

36-in. wide, perfect raven black, wear guaranteed. On sale Monday and Tuesday.

Two Millinery Specials

These hats are not hats just made to "sell at a price," but are hats which show true artistic elegance in every line.

They are the product of our own designers, a fact which speaks volumes in their favor.

Then, too, they are marked at those charmingly little prices you know always prevail here.



\$5 Dress Hats, \$3.48

Our north window has a partial showing of these hats. They are our own make, and show the very latest ideas in millinery. The bodies are of chiffon and straw, and show a profusion of lace, fruit, foliage and flowers in the trimming.

Children's Hats, \$1.48

We might just as well ask more money, for they are worth it; but that's not the "O. M. Co." spirit—we always quote the lowest price possible.

Hosiery Specials

Four specials in hosiery that spell economy in its best form for all those who take advantage of them.

Women's 35c Hosiery, 22c

Fast Topsy black; choice of several handsome styles of lace lisle, and plain and ribbed styles; all have double soles, toes and heels; also some with white soles.

Boys' 25c Bike Hose, 18c

The strongest boys' stocking procurable; baring none; double strength throughout; fast Topsy black; sizes 6 to 10.

Girls' 22c Hosiery, 15c

Not as heavy as those above, but will wear like Bessemer steel; fast Topsy black, double soles, toes and heels; sizes 5 to 9.

Children's 15c Hosiery, 10c

Positively the best stocking procurable anywhere at the price. These we buy direct from the mill in lots of 500 dozen, thus saving all middlemen's profits.

\$1.38 Napkins, 98c

These napkins are pure linen and are half bleached. The pattern of the loom dice variety. As to wearing quality they are unexcelled. The size is 10x19 inches. We've them also in 22x22 inches, at \$1.18; worth \$1.50.

35c Vests at 25c

One of the very best values a thorough scouring of the New York markets brought to light. Choice of half a dozen or more styles in drop stitch, with plain top and lace top, in white, pink and light blue; also in mercerized cotton in white, pink and light blue, short and long sleeves.

Wash Goods

Judges of such things, who have looked over the town and made comparisons, tell us that our lines of washable fabrics are by far the choicest in the city—and last but not least, our prices are much less for same grades.

25c to 32½c Madras, 16c

Fancy striped Madras, jacquard Madras and mercerized Madras, all in one-price group—16c, instead of 25c to 32½c.

30c Wash Goods, 22c

Our large center window will give you an idea of these. Included are large Renaissance, mercerized Madras and Chambray, Arabian lace, mulls and black lace stripes.

22c Wash Goods, 15c

Included in this line are fine dimities, batistes, Madras, white piques and lawns.

12½c Percales, 8½c

An immense line, 36 inches wide. Fast colors.

8½c Cotton Foulards, 5c

24 inches wide, perfect copies of the silk foulards that sell at 75c and \$1.00; 50 patterns.

School Shoes

The best school shoe on the Portland market today is the "Academy" line, which is sold by us exclusively. The makers stand behind every pair with a binding guarantee of satisfaction. Every rip is mended absolutely free:

Sizes 5 to 8, \$1.25

Sizes 8½ to 11½, \$1.35

Sizes 12 to 2, \$1.50

Skirts

At 57c—Muslin skirts, with 9-inch flounce with 24-inch embroidered ruffle, headed with three tucks.

At 59c—Muslin skirt, with 10-inch double flounce, edged with Nottingham lace.

At 63c—Muslin skirt, with 12-inch cambric flounce with Nottingham lace and insertion. Also cambric skirts with 10-inch flounce, with 34-inch hem, headed with two rows of embroidered beading.

At 89c—Cambric skirts, 12-inch lawn flounce, with 5-inch embroidered ruffle, headed with tucks.

At 95c—Cambric skirts, 15-inch lawn flounce, with two rows of torchon insertion and lace ruffle.

At \$1.05—Cambric skirts, with 16-inch flounce, two rows of 1-inch torchon insertion and embroidered beading, 24-inch lace ruffle. Also muslin skirts, with 12-inch flounce, embroidered insertion and edge.

Corset Covers

At 42c—Cambric corset cover, square yoke, finest of torchon lace and insertion. Of cambric, square neck, finish of embroidery edge beading and ribbon.

At 49c—Cambric corset cover, finest of 1-inch bands of cambric and torchon insertion set on horizontally; neck finished with ruffle. Of cambric, square yoke of all-over beading, finest of lace at neck and arms. Of cambric, square yoke of tucks and embroidered insertion.

At 59c—Corset cover of cambric; front of alternate vertical tucks and lace insertion; finest of lace ruffle, embroidered beading and ribbon.

At 73c—Corset cover of cambric, round neck, with Val insertion, lace and beading.

At 83c—Corset cover of cambric; finest of embroidered edge insertion, beading and ribbon. Of cambric, finest of Platt Val. lace insertion, edge and ribbon bow. Of cambric, yoke of wide Val. lace, beading and ribbon.