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CLASS PLANS LAID

Seniors of Washington Will Hold Big Carnival.

SOCIETIES NAME OFFICERS

Lincoln Seniors of February, '12, May Charter Steamer for Class Party—Domestic Science Exhibit Is Success.

With the approach of June and graduation, the senior classes in the high schools are planning many festivities. Already posters are up in the schools announcing a big carnival to be given May 26, by the June '12 class of Washington. The place will be the assembly hall of the Washington High School, and it is being planned to have some gayly decorated booths and stands, while rehearsals for various entertainments are being conducted. There will be several surprises on the programme. It is expected that a period will be devoted to commemorative exercises in the high schools the day before Memorial day, next week. At Lincoln a girls' chorus has been organized under the direction of Miss Northrup, and several selections are being prepared for this occasion.

Under the direction of Miss Lillian Tingle, an exhibition of cooking and domestic art was held in the Domestic Science rooms at Washington High School last Thursday. A large number of visitors attended and were pleased with the tempting dishes on display. Everything offered was sold long before the exhibition was over. Refreshments were served to all comers. Miss Tingle is planning a similar exhibition at the other high schools, to be given soon.

Peace Movement Explained.

As a stimulus to the universal peace movement, Miss Rounds, of the history department, addressed the Washington students Thursday morning on this subject. The growing sentiment in favor of arbitration was explained, and the movement in favor of peace was reviewed.

As a sequel to some of the activities of the June '12 class at Lincoln High School, the February '12 class has formulated plans for an elaborate excursion party to be given about the middle of June. It is planned to engage the Bailey Gatzert for the evening and conduct all the festivities aboard this vessel. The possibilities of a gay outing are numerous. There will be music, dancing and refreshments; and plans for other entertainments are being considered. The affair is the outcome of the custom by which the two senior classes entertain each other, the hosts on this occasion being the seniors of February, '12.

Much disappointment has been caused by the lack of opportunity to play the big game between Lincoln and Washington. This match has been four times postponed on account of inclement weather, and fears are being expressed that the game cannot be played at all.

Societies Elect Officers.

At Lincoln the numerous societies have conducted elections of officers for the ensuing term. These officers are: Scholastic Debating Society—Pres-

dent, Russel Berst; vice-president, Francis Healy; secretary, George Warner; treasurer, Gertrude Stone; editor, Amanda Smith; gongress-at-arms, Virginia McKenzie; committees, membership, George Warner, Bruce Dickie; initiation, James Kelsa, Helen Matteson; entertainment, Virginia McKenzie, Etta Kucks, Richard Case; board, Russel Berst, Jack Tucker.

Phi-loxian Debating Society—President, Bernice Harry; vice-president, Margaret Ripley; secretary, Susie Paige; assistant secretary, Ina Deani; treasurer, Gertrude Stephenson; editor, Romaine Elliott; sergeant-at-arms, Edna Townsend.

Tolooeen Debating Society—President, Arthur Struble; vice-president, Ray Toomey; secretary, Clarence Young; assistant secretary, Carlyle Giesler; treasurer, Edward Anderson; editor, Charles Ahlson; sergeant-at-arms, Lawrence Hansen; committees, advertising, Baird, Newhoff and Percy; entertainment, Ahlson, Toomey and Goodie; programme, Bristol, Weiss and Foster.

Modoo Debating Society—President, Helen Hermann; vice-president, Joe Celestino; secretary-treasurer, Agnes Nudelman; editor, Eliza Dietrich; committees, membership, Gladys McAllister, Louis Nudelman, Joe Celestino, Alice Warner and Maxine Hirst; programme, Annie Dring, Ann Weeks, Sylvia Bagley, Susie Barton and Agnes Lawson; initiation, Eliza Dietrich, Ruby Steinburg, Gladys McAllister.

Daleth Nun Society—President, Hazel Edgcomb; vice-president, Bernice Rapson; secretary, Ross Heywood; treasurer, Alice King; sergeant-at-arms, Mildred Rogers; editor, Florian Linklater.

PRESIDENT WHITMAN COLLEGE TO TALK AT HELIX THEATER TODAY.



Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose.

One of the foremost educators of the Pacific Coast, Dr. Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, will be the speaker at the men's mass meeting under the auspices of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association in the Helix Theater this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be open to all men in the city and it is probable that the theater will be filled. Dr. Penrose's subject will be "Modern Progress."

Special music will also be a feature of the meeting. There will be singing by the boys' choir of Trinity Episcopal Church, under the direction of W. H. Boyer.

TITHING IS URGED

Epworth League Told Giving Should Begin in Youth.

BETTER SERMONS RESULT

Speaker at Convention Advocates Progressive Contributions, Increasing to One-Half of Income—Officers Are Chosen.

That the plan of giving one-tenth of the income of members to the church support and benevolences would settle all the financial troubles of churches was the sentiment expressed yesterday at the convention of the Portland District Epworth League in session in the Central Methodist Church, Vancouver avenue and Fargo street. T. S. McDaniel began the discussion in his address on "Christian Stewardship." He said in the course of his address that generally only one-half of the church membership gives to the support of the churches and the benevolences. He said that out of a church of 1200 members only 100 were contributors to the benevolences, and he thought that the average of contributing members was about half. To overcome this Mr. McDaniel advocated progressive giving, one-tenth to start with and increasing the amount finally to 50 per cent. He said that the foundation of giving should be laid in youth.

Problem Would Be Easy.

"All the financial problems of churches would be solved at once," said District Superintendent McDougall, "if the plan of giving one-tenth of the income were practiced. I am sure that the preacher would preach better if this were done. It would make it easier for the pastor and maintain the finances. I always use a certain brand of soap because the maker makes it a practice of giving more than a tenth of his income to the Lord; yes, most of the profits of his business go to the Lord. When I go into a store, I ask for this soap, and I don't say this to advertise the soap, either. We need the money here in Portland to build the churches in the suburbs, and a one-tenth would bring in the money we need."

Addresses in the same vein were delivered by Rev. D. A. Watters, J. A. Fay and others. Rev. C. L. Hamilton, of the Central Methodist Church, said the members of his church were all paying members and many paid a tenth of their income, with good results.

The Junior League rally was conducted in the afternoon by Miss Ida Mattson, district superintendent. Miss Bertie Chan told about the Chinese mission. Reports were received from the chapters and in the evening the convention listened to an address by George B. Pratt.

Officers Are Elected.

The following are the newly-elected officers for the district: President, William M. Owens, of Mount Taber chapter; first soap, either, W. G. C. Cooley, of Sellwood chapter; second vice-president, Carl Young, Clinton-Kelly Memorial Methodist Church; third vice-president, Miss Jennie

Oliver, of Wesley chapter of Centenary Church, fourth vice-president, Rufus Misenheimer, of Grace Church chapter; corresponding secretary, W. H. Warren, of Sunnyside chapter; recording secretary, Miss Vida Follard, of Montaville chapter; treasurer, H. H. Hall, of Woodlawn chapter; executive committee, J. W. Peters, of Woodlawn chapter, and J. W. McDougall, district superintendent.

These officers will be installed tonight in the Central Church, after an address by Dr. E. R. Foss, vice-president of Willamette University. Rev. C. L. Hamilton will preach a special Epworth sermon this morning at 11 o'clock, and a general service will be held by Rev. J. W. McDougall, assisted by other pastors, at 3 P. M.

Husband and Two Children Survive.

Mary E. wife of W. A. Ashton, who died of heart failure at the family residence, 661 Umattilla avenue, Sunday, May 7, was born in Truckee, Cal., March 19, 1874. Mrs. Ashton was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Kane, of this city, Mr. Kane being a retired lumberman. He was one of the organizers of the St. Johns Lumber Company, but spends much of his time now on his farm, near Camas, Wash. Besides her husband, to whom she was married in Portland, March 3, 1885, Mrs. Ashton leaves a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, aged 14 years, and a son, John Edwin, aged 10 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday and interment followed in Riverview cemetery.

OREGON PIONEER WOMAN OF 107 DIES AT PORTLAND AFTER LONG ILLNESS.



Mrs. Pauline L. Schmeer, a pioneer resident of Oregon, died at Portland Sunday, May 7, after being ill many years. Mrs. Schmeer was born in Seelz, Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Victoria, B. C., and from there to Portland in 1857. She lived in Oregon practically the remainder of her life, spending about 15 years in Albany and ten years in Pendleton, and the remainder in Portland. She was married in 1871 to John Schmeer, of Albany, Or. Mrs. Schmeer is survived by one son, F. G. Schmeer, of Portland; two brothers, Charles Hegelo, of Portland, and Gustave Hegelo, of Scappoose, and one sister, Mrs. C. A. Alsky, of Portland.

REVENUE IS LESS

Railroads Show Decline in Receipts of Year.

ECONOMY IS PRACTICED

Reduction of Operating Expenses Effected by Heavy Saving in Department of Maintenance of Way and Structures.

Net operating revenues of the American railroads as a whole showed a decline of 7.3 per cent, and the operating income a decline of nearly 9 per cent for the eight months of the current railroad year closing with February, according to the digest of revenues and expenses recently compiled by the bureau of railway economics at Washington, D. C.

Operating revenues show a very slight increase, 1.3 per cent, but this was more than absorbed by the heavy increase in operating expenses, amounting to 6.6 per cent. Freight business, which supplies the bulk of railroad revenue, increased only .5 of 1 per cent. Western roads for the same period show an even smaller advance in total operating revenues, amounting to only .4 per cent, while their operating expenses advanced 2.7 per cent. Their net operating revenue fell off 3.3 per cent, and their operating income 4.3 per cent.

For the two months of the current calendar year American railroads made an even less favorable showing, their total operating revenues falling off 1.4 per cent, their operating expenses advancing 2.1 per cent, and their operating income decreasing 12.8 per cent. The Western roads, for the same period, experienced a decrease of 3.3 per cent in operating income. The decline in total operating revenues is traceable in both cases to a falling off in freight business.

For the month of February alone railroads show a decline of 2.2 per cent, or \$22 a mile, in total operating revenues, and a decrease of 14.6 per cent, or \$35 a mile of line, in operating income after paying expenses and taxes. Total operating expenses advanced .8 per cent. The Western roads experienced a drop of 5.5 per cent, or \$36 a mile of line in total operating revenues and a decrease of 12.7 per cent, or \$22 a mile, in operating income. Operating expenses declined 2.9 per cent, but at the expense of a heavy saving in maintenance of way and structures, which decreased 13.3 per cent.

The fact that on American lines as a whole operating expenses were held virtually stationary during February, in spite of a continued tendency to advance, shows the extent to which rigid economy of expenditures is being practiced, declares Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, in commenting on this latest report. The advance of only 2 per cent for this entire period, he points out, is significant. The average net revenue per day per mile for the calendar year 1910 was \$10.23. For the two months of the new calendar year it is only \$12.

Franklin T. Griffith Goes East.
Franklin T. Griffith, attorney for

the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, will leave today for New York to attend the annual meeting of the National Electric Light Association, which convenes on May 29. This

association will take all questions which involve the work of electric lighting and will discuss the conservation of water power sites. Mrs. Griffith accompanied her husband.

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