

# SOCIAL WELFARE WORK IS EXPANSIVE

## Playground and Recreation Association Shows Influence Is Felt.

### HOOSIER'S LABORS LONG

#### Graduate of Indiana and Stanford Universities Began His Social Work in Cincinnati—Mr. Weir Tells of His Aims.

Its influence having been felt in the affairs of Portland for more than a year, the Playground and Recreation Association of America has now become a permanent feature in the activity of the city in social welfare work, and the central office for the Pacific Northwest is now permanently established in this city, with L. H. Weir, field secretary of the association in charge, and Mrs. Stella Durham, as chief assistant.

Mr. Weir came to Portland in the Spring of 1911 for the purpose of looking over Portland's system of public playgrounds, and again in September, 1912, he came, under the auspices of the Consumers' League, to make a social survey of the city. Thereafter he went into the East visiting 17 different cities between Boston and Columbus, O., and upon his return, was active in the congress of the association held in San Francisco.

The office for the Northwest was opened in Portland, March 1, as a result of the surveys and of the active interest taken in the work by prominent citizens of Portland. The Playground and Recreation Association of America includes all of North America. The Portland division covers the Pacific Northwest and the other central office for the Pacific Coast is situated in San Francisco.

**Mr. Weir Is Hoosier.**

Mr. Weir is a native of Indiana. He is a graduate of Indiana University and Stanford, and began his social work in Cincinnati in 1902. In 1905 he became chief probation officer for the juvenile court of Cincinnati and he remained in that work until 1910, when he was chosen first field secretary for the Playground and Recreation Association of America and was sent to take charge of and organize the work on the Pacific Coast. While in Cincinnati, he organized and was treasurer for the Newsboys' Protective Association, organized and for two years was president of the Social Workers' Club of Cincinnati, president of the Portland Athletic Association, captain commissary of the regiment, manager of the regimental revolver team, and a practical farmer.

Some of the movements in which the playground association has taken an active and effective part in Portland since its influence here first began to be felt are: the Boy Scout activities, park and playground extension, development of recreation centers, organization of tennis and walking clubs for the benefit of the people of the city, engineering of festivals and holidays in the playgrounds of the city and many other lines of activity.

Members of the committee, which was active at first in bringing the organization to establish its headquarters in Portland and which has extended to the movement active assistance, in a financial and personal way, are W. M. Ladd, H. L. Corbett, the Misses Failing, Colonel H. C. Cabell, C. B. Jackson, Robert Stronach, Sig Sichel, W. E. Ayers, J. B. Kner and Father McDevitt.

**Aims Are Set Forth.**

The aim of the Playground and Recreation Association is to provide for the dwellers in cities of all ages, but especially for the young people, plenty of wholesome ways in which their leisure hours may be applied, recognizing the truth in the saying of Master Lincoln that as the struggle for existence becomes less intense with the development of society and the people find themselves with more and more leisure hours at their disposal, the effective utilization of this leisure is becoming and is bound to become a problem of increasingly vital importance.

"The recreation movement is concerned with the leisure time of all of the people," says Mr. Weir. "It seeks to promote the establishment of playgrounds for the children, athletics and sports for the older boys and girls; boating and swimming centers for all the people; parks for the use and enjoyment of all the people; recreation and social centers either in municipal recreation buildings and in the school buildings where all the people of a community, irrespective of race or creed, may find opportunity for the fullest possible recreation, social and civic life. It promotes the boy scout and the campfire girls' organization as a scheme fitted to meet the social and recreative needs of adolescent boys and girls and as a training for citizenship; school and municipal camps; organization of tramping clubs and for all forms of activities that will cultivate the habit of an outdoor life in the people; for a system of physical education and athletics in the schools that will reach efficiently every child instead of a few as now. It seeks to provide facilities through which musical, literary, dramatic, civic and artistic talents of the people may find expression and encouragement; for a constructive social supervision of all commercial amusements such as dance halls, moving picture theaters, pool and billiard parlors, saloons, skating rinks, amusement parks, etc.

**Educational Need Felt.**

The providing of ample facilities for the fullest and most wholesome use of the leisure time of all the people is believed to be a community responsibility and duty, just as important as a system of public education.

"Because the significance of the recreation movement in its deep and fundamental relation to dependency, juvenile delinquency, adult delinquency, the vice problem, education, industrial efficiency, health and of the various problems arising out of the coming of large numbers of immigrants, is not yet understood by the people, there is need of continuous education, demonstration and promotion; and of assistance and advice to private and public authorities, attempting to handle play and recreation and social problems.

The Playground and Recreation Association of America is the international focalizing and energizing power behind this movement. Because of the great interest shown by the people of Portland in the work, the American Recreation Association has established a branch office and headquarters in Portland, so as to be in a strategic and efficient position to give every aid to the furtherance of the movement in Portland and the Northwest. Field Secretary has been placed in charge of this branch of the American Association. Mrs. Stella W. Durham has been chosen as resident assistant secretary and will give her entire time to work in the local field.

**Recreation Survey Is Made.**

A recreation survey of Portland has already been made by this office. This

survey has considered in more or less detail, parks, municipal playgrounds, and recreation centers, play and physical education in the schools, the wider use of school buildings for community, social and civic purposes, school buildings and grounds necessary for larger use by the people, libraries and reading rooms, church facilities for social and recreational activities, municipal concerts, private organizations, clubs and societies which in any way provide their members with commercial amusements, including dance halls, moving picture shows and theaters, pool and billiard halls and the like. The recommendations contained in the report of the survey are vital with respect to increasing the efficiency of all these different agencies in meeting the leisure time needs of the people.

The local office has co-operated with the Park Board and the School Board in the establishment of a playground and recreation training school which has been largely attended from its opening last October. It is co-operating with the Park Board and the Park and Playground Committee in the Greater Portland Plans Association in the bond issue for parks and playgrounds, and has organized and conducted a lecture bureau for the purpose of educating the people upon recreation matters. It is constantly co-operating with the school authorities and the municipal authorities in many matters of development and organization and management of play and recreation facilities in these departments.

### OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATION THAT IS WORKING TO EXTEND PORTLAND'S RECREATION GROUNDS.



also with many private institutions where play facilities are lacking at this time, especially committees upon festivals, tennis, walking clubs, boy's club work, boy scouts and campfire girls have been formed. The assistant secretary of the Portland branch of the Playground and Recreation Association of America is also secretary of the school garden contest committee and has co-operated with the Portland Floral Society in promoting the movement for improving and beautifying of the homes of the city.

### Portland Branch Aids.

"In general, the Portland branch of the Playground and Recreation Association of America as headquarters for the Pacific Northwest can assist committees in their playground and recreation problems in the following ways: Conduct surveys and draw up plans for the more efficient management of play and recreation activities and assist in carrying these plans out; its a limited extent, furnish speakers to communities desiring to conduct campaigns of education or desiring practical advice upon playground and recreation movement, conduct correspondence with individuals and organizations in any community seeking information, hold practical playground and recreation institutes for the purpose of exchanging ideas, getting new ideas and inspiration and unifying and standardizing playground and recreation work, from time to time securing workers and extending of national reputation to visit institutes and leading centers of work, advise universities, normal schools and colleges regarding installation of playground and recreation work.

"The Portland office is open at all times from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M. for general consultation with any one in the city desiring information or assistance with their work."

### BAPTISTS END SESSION

#### WILLAMETTE ASSOCIATION HAS MEETING AT LENTS.

#### Hearty Indorsement Is Given to Work of McMinnville College and Pacific Coast Seminary.

Hearty indorsement was given the McMinnville College and the Pacific Coast Seminary, which held its 55th annual session at the Baptist Church at Lents, closing Friday night with a stirring address by Rev. W. B. Hinson. Robert Gray presided as moderator during the sessions which opened Wednesday morning. Delegates were present from 25 churches of the district, and the meeting was made interesting by the addresses of prominent men.

Rev. H. E. Marshall, field secretary, represented the Pacific Coast missionary work. Rev. Mr. Hutton spoke for the Anti-Saloon League. Rev. L. W. Riley, D. D. president of McMinnville College, spoke on "Educational Interests and McMinnville College," setting forth the work of that institution. Mrs. Ada W. Urub, president of the State Women's Christian Temperance Union, spoke for that organization.

Reports of committees on home and foreign missions showed substantial progress.

D. C. Latourette, of Oregon City, was elected moderator for the year, and Rev. A. C. Saxton, of University Park, Portland, was elected clerk. The next sessions will be held in the Arleta Baptist Church.

A resolution was passed indorsing the use of the franchise in suppressing saloons and evils wherever they may exist. Also the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we believe in the absolute separation of the church and state and condemn any individual or organization in their destructive attitude toward the civil and religious liberty of our Government and public schools."

### TEAL ASKS FOR AD

#### Settlers Should Be Encouraged, Says Report.

### STATE ACTION NEED SEEN

Joseph N. Teal, Chairman of Oregon Conservation Commission, Tells Governor Commonwealth Has Big Work to Do.

Settlers under the Federal homestead act should be encouraged by the state to locate on the land, and should be assisted in some way, to obtain a location, says the report of Joseph N. Teal, chairman of the Oregon Conservation Commission, submitted last night to Governor West.

Recommendations for state action in

securing an early release of agricultural lands within the forest area and for a general study of the logged-off lands also are contained in the report, which, consisting in the main of a review of the work of the Commission, is as follows:

"The Oregon State Conservation Commission herewith submits a brief report of its work and activities since May 23, 1908, the date of the appointment of the first Commission.

**Success Crowns Efforts.**

"We will not rehearse the conditions existing prior to the adoption of various measures relating to our public resources, but it is sufficient to say the results have gratified every measure which an enlightened public opinion has supported them.

"While the problem is simple in its statement it was more difficult in solution. However, certain measures which the Commission prepared and advocated have received the approval of the Legislature and the executive and it is believed will go far toward remedying this condition. Amongst them are the following:

"The water code, carrying out and conservation of water resources, enacted by Legislature of 1909.

"The forest code, enacted by Legislature of 1911.

"Topographic survey in co-operation with United States Geological Survey, the appropriation for which was increased by \$20,000 per annum by Legislature of 1911.

"Oregon Bureau of Mines and Geology created by Legislature of 1912.

"Study and investigation of water resources of the state in co-operation with Federal agencies, enacted by Legislature of 1912.

**Various Subjects Favored.**

"In addition to the particular measures the Commission recommended in their last report for your consideration and for legislative action, the following subjects have been discussed and acted on favorably by the Legislature: Increasing appropriation for forest fire protection; submission of constitutional amendment providing bond issue for the purpose, amongst other things, of constructing irrigation and power projects, and developing the untitled land of the state; Agricultural College extension work, and better protection of fish and game.

"In 1911 at your request the Commission endeavored to secure favorable action on the adoption of the West Extension of the Unimproved project, and every reason to believe they, with the aid of yourself, Senator Chamberlain and others, had succeeded. However, from reports just received it would appear that the whole question is again involved in doubt and future action thereon uncertain. I have written Senator Lane.

"The state having now furnished the machinery and means to conserve, control and aid in the development of our natural resources, we believe the future will show markedly favorable results. Under the circumstances the members of the Commission believe they can now turn their attention to the consideration of other work of a constructive nature of general and immediate importance as follows:

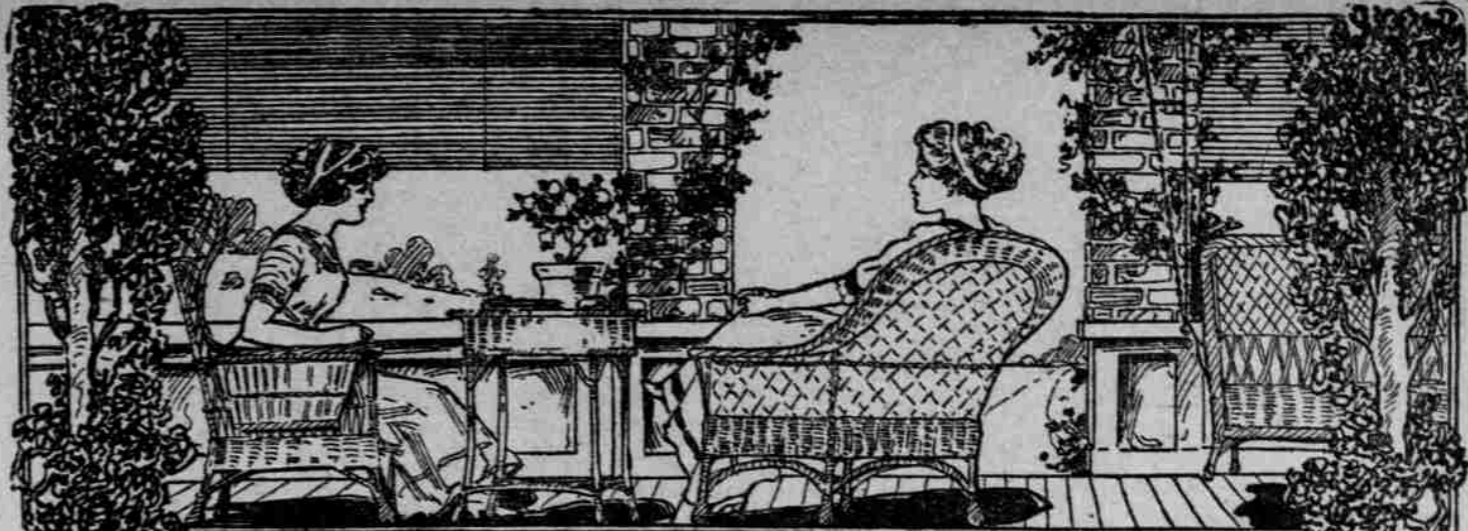
**Recommendations Are Made.**

"First—A study of the best methods of control and disposition of the public lands and other public resources, with a view of encouraging settlement, development and beneficial use, both in the interest of the individual and of the public.

"Second—There is complaint as to requirements of settlers under the homestead act, it being asserted that it is well-nigh impossible for a settler without considerable means to prove to certain classes of lands subject to the act. Without at this time expressing an opinion on the question, the Commission believes it can be of service by making an impartial investigation and making recommendations such investigation may warrant.

"Third—There is also complaint that agricultural lands within the National forests which should be open to settlement are not released and that settlement of lands within the forest subject to entry is discouraged. This matter also will be examined into and report made thereon.

"Fourth—A study of the problem of logged-off lands with the hope of evolving some plan that will bring them into productive use."



## Featuring New Reed, Wicker and Fiber Furniture All This Week at Very Attractive Special Prices

This furniture is delightful for all-the-year-round homefurnishing—on the porch, the lawn during the pleasant outdoors days, in the living-room, the library, the den, the bed chamber, for the wintry days to come later.

We offer you an exceptional showing and one of the striking features of our display on the 10th floor is the series of groupings which reveal delightful possibilities.

There is something here for every country house, cottage, bungalow, porch, lawn or garden, however fine and pretentious, however modest.

Arm Chairs, Arm Rockers, Tables, Stands, Tabourettes, Electric Reading Lamps, both in the table and tall floor lamps, their shades beautifully lined with imported art cretonnes in flowered and tapestry effects.

Many of the Arm Chairs and Rockers have Spanish leather and goatskin upholstery, seats and backs—many more have art tapestry and cretonne upholstered cushions and backs.

We mention here a few of the many excellent offerings in this week's specials.

- \$27.50 Large Reed Rocker, full upholstered in Spanish leather, for \$21.75
- \$25.00 Large Reed Rocker, full upholstered in Spanish leather, for \$20.00
- \$20.00 Wicker Rocker, full upholstered in art tapestry, for \$16.50
- \$18.00 Wicker Rocker, full upholstered in art tapestry, for \$15.00
- \$12.00 Wicker Arm Chair, full upholstered in art tapestry, for \$9.25
- \$10.00 Brown fumed finish Wicker Arm Rocker \$6.95
- \$ 6.75 Natural finish Wicker Arm Rocker for \$5.50
- \$ 6.00 Natural finish Wicker Arm Rocker for \$4.85



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Oaks of new Dinner Sets rolling in for the past 30 days have made possible a very comprehensive and beautiful display of all grades, from the lowest-priced domestic wares to the fine Austrian China.

The prices are considerably lower than such wares usually sells for—the decorated sets are in very pretty designs—the plain ware is clear and white.

- \$5.65 Special Price—52-piece Set, decorated, six patterns to select from.
  - \$4.40 Special Price—54-piece Sets, plain white, extra clear semi-porcelain.
  - \$17.75 for a 69-piece Set, White Austrian Ware, fancy beaded edge; sells regularly for \$22.00.
  - \$47.40 for a 56-piece Haviland Set, very fine quality; has gold band and small decorated design; regular price \$59.50.
  - \$35.75 for a 66-piece Set, Plain White Haviland, extra fine, open stock ware; sells regularly for \$42.
  - \$37.80 for a 54-piece Set, Haviland Ware, gold band and small design decoration; sells regularly for \$43.40; all open stock; a beautiful set, fine quality.
  - \$32.75 for a 69-piece Set, Austrian Ware, gold band decoration, extra fine quality; reg. price, \$39.
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- Regular \$27.50, Special \$24.50—Mahogany finish Chiffonier, Colonial design; has large square bevel plate mirror, four large drawers, two small ones.
- Regular \$32.00, Special \$23.35—Solid oak Chiffonier, polished golden oak finish; triple swell front; has large bevel mirror, shaped corners; three large and two small drawers; also one large hat compartment at top.
- Regular \$27.50, Special \$21.95—Polished golden oak Chiffonier, triple swell front, large bevel plate mirror and shaped corners; has five large drawers.
- Regular \$24.00, Special \$19.75—Mission design solid oak Chiffonier, golden wax finish; has large square bevel plate mirror; four large and two small drawers.
- Regular \$27.50, Special \$21.35—Solid oak Dresser, golden wax finish, triple swell front; has large bevel mirror with shaped corners; two large and two small drawers.
- Regular \$25.00, Special \$19.90—Mahogany finish, square-line pattern Dresser; has large beveled mirror, square corners; 2 large and two small drawers.
- Regular \$30.00, Special \$24.65—Mahogany finish, Colonial style Dresser; has large square beveled mirror, two large and two small drawers.
- Regular \$32.50, Special \$24.25—Mahogany finish Princess Dresser, with large oval bevel plate mirror; has one large drawer and two small ones.
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