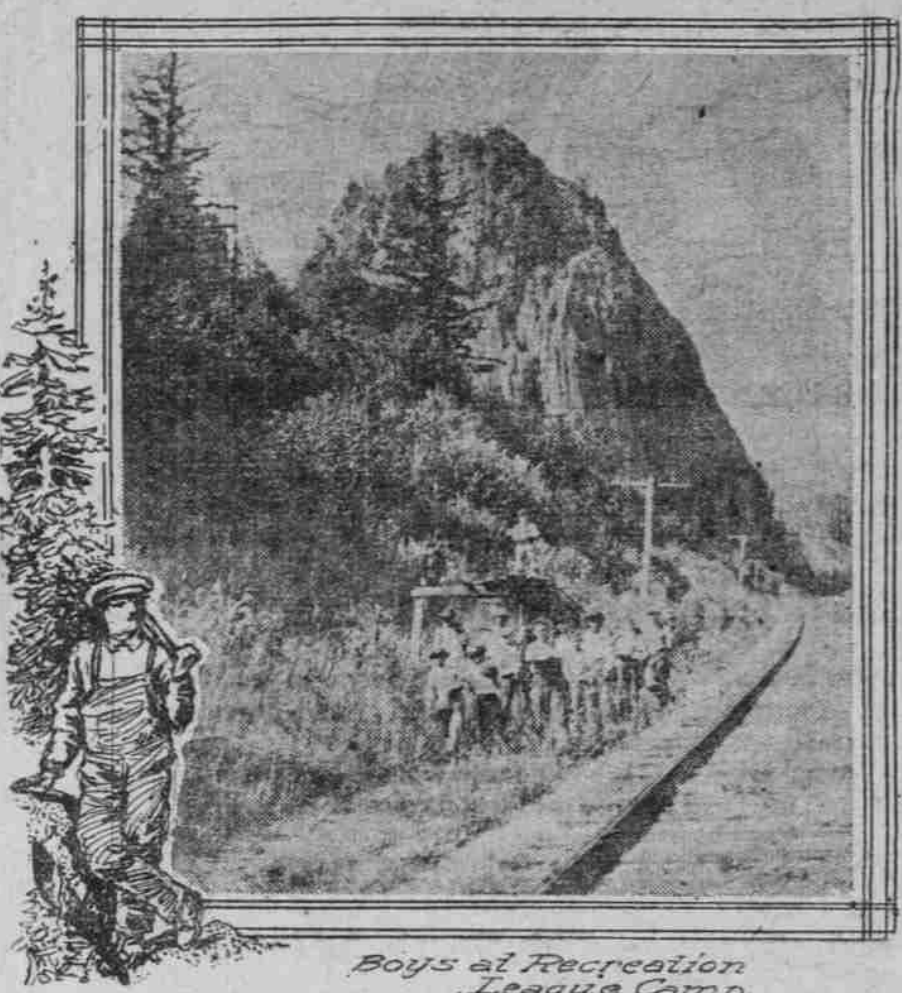


TIME FOR BOYS' CAMP AGAIN APPROACHING

Committee Is Organized to Conduct Outing and Professor Wood Tells of Good Accomplished and Enjoyment Given Last Year.



Boys at Recreation League Camp.

BY PROFESSOR A. E. WOOD.
AS the summer approaches again we are reminded that there are 20 boys or more who are hoping that the summer camp that was conducted last year at Cascade, Wash., will be opened again this season. It may be of interest, therefore, to consider some of the advantages of the camp enterprise, and to see if they cannot be got for Portland boys again this summer.

The Recreation League camp was opened last year from July 7 to August 21, and during this period 51 boys were guests of the camp for an average period of two weeks for each boy. Different races, classes and types of boys were represented at the camp, and one commendable feature of camp life was the splendid democracy that prevailed. From this point of view the camp included what some people have felt to be the finest aspect of our common school system, viz., the retention of the sense of democracy in a society where social cleavages are becoming all too apparent.

Detention Home Boys Present.
Moreover, the camp included some features which are lamentably absent from our common schools. By this I mean that it gave the boys a wholesome life out of doors, trained them to hardship and disciplined them to community living. We had several boys from the juvenile court and the Detention Home who reacted admirably to the camp environment.

The normal boy in the city feels himself hedged about and confined in a way that the modern business man, who, perhaps, spent his boyhood in the country, cannot understand. I remember talking to the president of a large corporation in an Eastern city about some property which his company owned, and which was being used for purposes that were degrading, to the children especially, in a congested neighborhood where many other evil influences existed. I was presenting a petition from the mothers and social workers of the community asking that the company put this property to other uses. The company official remarked that he did not see why the modern city was unwholesome for children, because, when he was a boy, living in the country, the happiest days of his life were those when his uncle took him to the city for two weeks. It seemed to me, from this remark, that the imagination of the man had been crushed.

Instincts Seek Adventure.
It is a fact observable from court records that the Spring and Fall of the year, the periods when nature's call is strongest, are also the times when city children commit the greatest number of delinquencies. When the blood surges in a healthy normal lad, and the instincts of adventure are rampant, if society does not recognize these instincts and provide outlet for them by means of playgrounds, camps and other agencies, they will find expression in all sorts of abnormalities which, stupid as we are, we call criminal tendencies, and for which we send the boys to jail.

Shirking Not Permitted.
No play was allowed mornings until 10 or 10:30 o'clock, when inspection took place. If work was properly done, then the boys were dismissed; but where carelessness or shirking were evident, boys were obliged to do their work over again.

Returns Is Awaited.
This year the schoolboys in the neighboring villages are waiting for us to come again, so that we can arrange for a series of games. No doubt the fish are waiting for us, too. Last season we had trout out of Hamilton and Cedar Creeks and splendid salmon from the Columbia, while the Warren Packing Company were kind enough to give us from their wheel.

The hikes were perhaps the most memorable occasions. It is fun to start off with a crowd of boys and hike until sundown, and then to cook an evening meal of good things brought from camp. Hunger, the night air, and the sound of the brook that goes on forever make such a meal about the best that one ever had. Then in the early evening, after a story, and after arranging for the night watches, the leaders and boys roll up in blankets and lie down under the stars. Gradually the voices subside, and the forest silence is broken only by the occasional crackle of the smoldering fire.

Nerve Is Tested.
That is a time for being grateful for life. The nerve and sporting instincts of the boys are often sorely tested by

the hikes. That is why they are so worth while. There is one feature of camp life of which I have not yet spoken, and that is the menu. One might say that there are three essentials for a successful camp, something to do, something to look forward to, and something to eat. The food cost last summer was only 12 cents per meal per camper.

In regard to the plans for the camp this summer, I would say that the general scheme will be carried out in regard to combining the different classes of boys. Last year the camp was conducted under the auspices of the Recreation League. This year the work will be conducted independently.

Committee Is Formed.
A committee is being organized for furthering the camp and getting the boys. Members of this committee include Wells Gilbert, W. L. Inley, State Game Warden; Miss Lowenberg, of the Neighborhood House, and Miss Frichard, of the People's Institute. Subscriptions may be sent to Wells Gilbert, Lewis building. In this connection it should be said that it is not the intention to make this entirely a charitable enterprise. Part of the expense will be defrayed by the boys themselves, when possible, and the balance by the general fund.

47 PASS EXAMINATIONS LICENSES TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN STATE ARE WON.

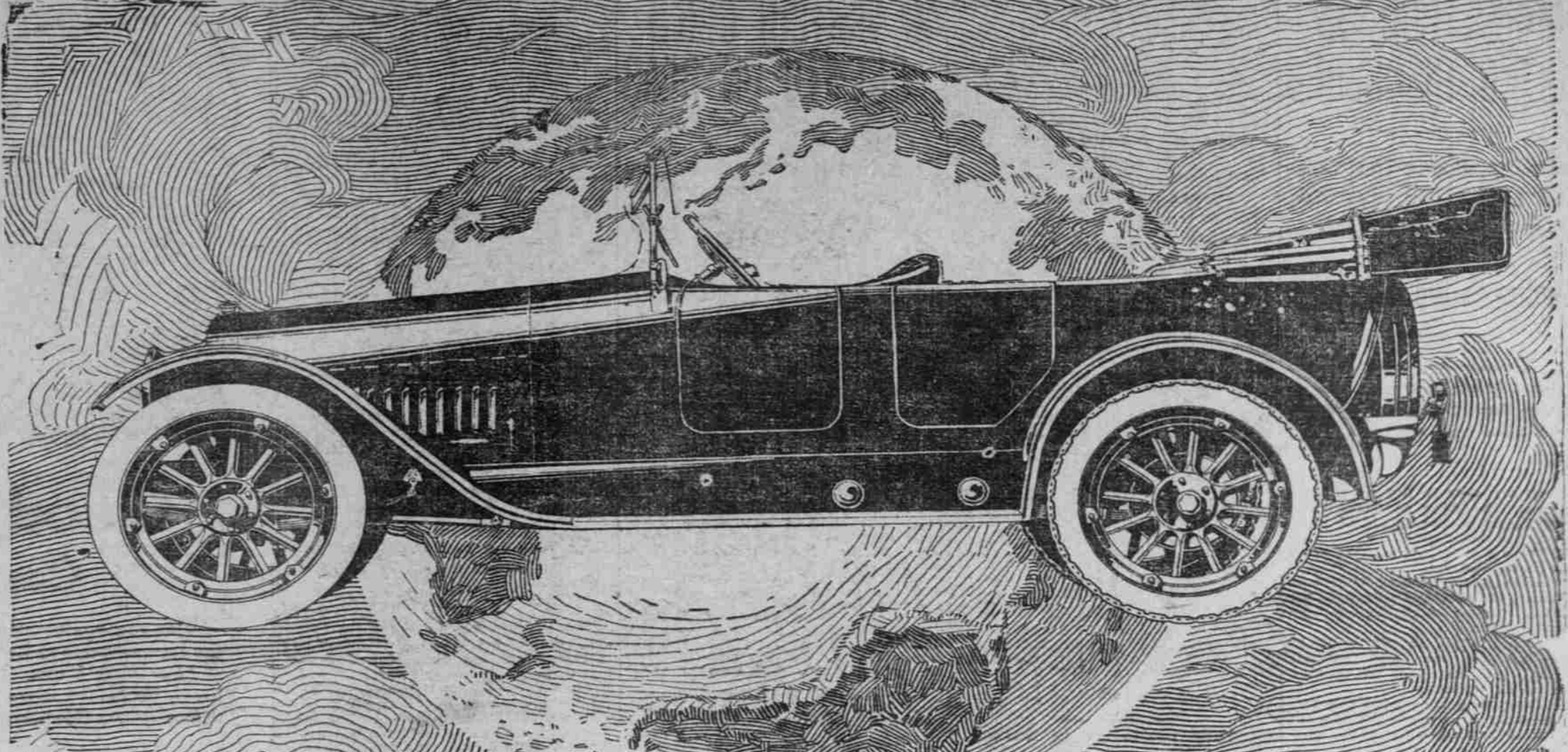
FIFTY-SIX APPLICANTS, THREE OF THEM WOMEN, TAKE TESTS—PRACTICAL WORK DONE BY EACH FOR PRISONERS.

Forty-seven out of a total of 56 applicants for admission to practice dentistry successfully passed the examination held at Salem the past week by the Oregon State Board of Dental Examiners. The theoretical tests were given in the House of Representatives chamber and the practical work at the State Penitentiary, dental work being done for the prisoners by each applicant. Among the applicants were three women.

The Board of Examiners in charge of the work is composed of the following: Dr. Jean Cline, Portland, president; Dr. H. H. Olinger, Salem, secretary; Dr. Clyde Mount, Oregon City; Dr. H. H. Schmitt, Portland; Dr. W. S. Kennedy, The Dalles.

38 WOMEN JOIN CHAMBER
Majority Have Professions, but Some Are Wives of Members.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has on its membership rolls the names of 38 women members. The majority of them are professional women, but a number of them are wives of members of the Chamber who also have taken out cards.



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FEDERAL PARTY IS COMING

Congressional Committee on Irrigation Due June 21.

With a view to learning the needs of the West, particularly from the standpoint of irrigation work, the Congressional committee on appropriations is making a tour of the Western States and will arrive in Portland June 21 on a trip through Oregon. Stops will be made at Klamath Falls and Hermiston in order to inspect the reclamation work which is being carried on by the Government in those sections.

Artificial Legs Betray Owner.

William Hutchins, alias Walter Parks, walked with a limp when arrested by City Detectives Moloney and Swennes Friday. The officers were told he had hurt his foot. Yesterday morning they saw two artificial legs standing by the jail bunk of Hutchins. They recalled that a legless man was wanted in Salem on a robbery charge, looked up the pic-

EILERS FAIR EXHIBIT WINS

A dispatch to Eilers Music House of Portland tells of the success of the Eilers exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, more than a score of gold, silver and bronze medals having been awarded to it. The Eilers exhibit is in the Palace of Fine Arts and comprises about 150 pianos of various makes; handed by the company. The extent of the victory of the Eilers exhibit is outlined in the following:

Government to Buy 150 Pack Mules.

Bids for supplying 150 pack mules, 2 to 7 years old and of hardy type, for use in the Philippines, are asked by the United States Quartermaster's Department in a memorandum sent the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Bids must be filed with the

BADGERS MEET THURSDAY

Last Programme of Season to Be Given by 100 Singers.
The Wisconsin Society has arranged the regular monthly meeting for next Thursday night at Library Hall, where the Harmony Choral Club and the Sellwood Choral Club, consisting of 100 voices, will give a programme under the direction of Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp, with Eva Benson accompanist. The programme consists of a chorus of men's voices, a sextet and solo. This is the last meeting of the Wisconsin Society for the season. A large attendance of all Badgers is expected.

office in Seattle not later than June 25, or in the San Francisco office not later than July 5. Fuller information may be obtained from the Portland Chamber of Commerce.