

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT TUESDAY

Superintendent Alderman Expects Attendance to Increase by 4000.

KINDERGARTENS TO START

New Benson Polytechnic Building Will Be Opened for Trade School Instruction—War Is Not Permitted to Interfere.

Right on the dot, just as though there were no such thing as war, and without heeding such conditions at all, Portland's public schools will be opened Tuesday morning.

L. R. Alderman, City Superintendent, predicts an increase of about 4000 children in the elementary schools, but in the high schools he says there may be no showing of growth for awhile. Later, however, he anticipates that a good addition to these institutions will be recorded.

Dr. Alan Welch Smith, chairman of the Board of Education, said yesterday that the schools are in splendid condition this year, with all repairs completed and every building except that at Woodstock is in readiness.

Fuel Situation Met.
"We have faced some very serious problems during the year," said Dr. Smith, "but they have been nicely solved and we are ready for an auspicious opening. The fuel situation, which for a time caused us much concern, has been cleared up and we have ample coal and wood in sight to carry us through the entire school year. We will keep all of the buildings comfortable and it is our expectation that Portland will have a most excellent school term."

The members of the Board of Education are Dr. Smith, O. M. Plummer, N. G. Pike, J. Francis Drake and Dr. E. A. Sommer. L. R. Alderman has as assistant superintendents, D. A. Grout and C. A. Rice.

In the official bulletin, just issued, Superintendent Alderman has a greeting to the schools. It is as follows:

Potential Value Great.

Another year and another vacation have come and gone. We are back again with many mutual wishes for a happy and successful year. Our usual happiness at meeting our friends after an eventful and pleasant vacation is given a more serious atmosphere because of the nature of the times through which we are passing. Yet the very seriousness of the times of itself renders our meeting with the boys and girls more interesting. That most beautiful of all pictures—a teacher at harmony with her pupils, meeting them in the Fall, hearing their stories of adventure and seeing their faces as they are dramatized in hundreds of Portland school-rooms Tuesday.

Youth is the most inspiring thing in life; we are fortunate that our paths lead us so that we are constantly surrounded by youth. Never before in this country did the rising generation have such potential value. It is incumbent upon us to do our bit, which in this place is a great deal, in the way of bringing our boys and girls up strong, clean, straightforward looking, and possessed of initiative and power. This aim should be first in the minds of every teacher in Portland; and no other consideration whatsoever should be permitted to obscure it.

Kindergarten System Added.

There are two big new features to the Portland schools this term—the installation of a kindergarten system and the opening of the Benson Polytechnic building. The latter is detailed at length in a special article elsewhere. There will be three kindergartens this term, these being in the Pulling, Albina Homestead and Central. St. Johns. Harriet H. Heller has been busily engaged for some time in arranging for the opening of the new feature. Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Robert H. Tate and Mrs. S. Blumauer the last session of the Legislature appropriated \$10,000 for this purpose and the Board of Education approved the feature, so that Portland will no longer stand out as the only city of the first class in this country without any kindergarten.

Children between 4 and 6 years are eligible to enter the kindergartens and it will be largely because of the opening of three of these that Portland's school attendance this year will show an increase. Those who have been deeply interested in this branch of the work predict for it a brilliant future here, as it has proved elsewhere. Many of the larger cities of the country have a kindergarten in each of their elementary school buildings and investigators declare it to have been well worth while, as it adds just what is most years to the life value of a child.

Portland Has 70 Schools.
With the opening of the schools this year all of the equipment which heretofore has been located in what has been known as the School of Trades will be removed to the new Benson building. The school for the blind will remain in the old Atkinson building, with J. F. Myers in charge as principal.

Portland now has a total of 70 schools, 60 of which house the grades. Eight are high schools and two are special schools, conducted at the Florence Crittenton Home, and one at the Fraser Detention Home.

"There is more reason to open the schools right on time this year than ever," commented Superintendent Alderman. "The war conditions must not be permitted to interfere with our educational system, for it is too important that it go forward uninterrupted. It was therefore resolved by the Board that 'the school' proceed without reference to any outside influences and we are ready."

\$1,000,000 FUND SOUGHT

Jewish War Relief Campaign Will Start September 17.

During the Jewish holy days, beginning September 17, with the advent of the Jewish New Year, a campaign to continue until Yom Kippur, September 26, will be inaugurated to raise at least \$1,000,000 toward the \$10,000,000 Jewish war relief fund. This announcement was made yesterday by Henry H. Rosenfeld, assistant to the executive director of the American Jewish relief committee.

During the holy days 1000 important cities throughout the United States will be scenes of special appeals in the synagogues. The objective of the campaign is to raise \$1,000,000 by November 1. It is explained that it is necessary for the reason that the offer of Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, to give 10 per cent of all funds raised in America up to \$10,000,000, expires on November 1.

COOS BAY PROSPEROUS

As Mills at Marshfield Hum, Population Increases Rapidly.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—The unusual prosperity on Coos

Bay is attracting an unheard-of influx of new people and living quarters are becoming so scarce that families are unable to obtain tenant houses. The shortage of homes has induced a number of capitalists to make provision for taking care of the situation and a number of homes are being started in various sections of the city.

The new people are coming from all sections of Oregon, including some from the prosperous Bend district. Roseburg and vicinity have contributed many and others are coming from the labor-distressed localities in Washington.

Since the C. A. Smith industries outlived the strike, labor troubles here have passed and there is no sign of further interference of manufacturing by strikes. All the mills, factories and shipyards are running on full time and full-handed and a number of the

BRIGHT LITTLE CHAP IS ON VISIT HERE FROM HOLULU.



—Grove Photo.
Robert McEwan Walker.
Mrs. R. B. Walker and her little son, Robert McEwan, of Honolulu, are visitors in Portland this summer. They are guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill.

mills have obtained Government orders for spruce at the Government price of \$105 a thousand. There is, however, a shortage of help in nearly all the logging camps and more help is needed.

MRS. FRENCH HONORED

MRS. FREDERICK EGERT ENTER-TAINS DEPARTING CLUBWOMAN.

Guests Also Pay Tribute to Hostess in Honor of 44th Anniversary of Her Wedding.

To pay tribute to Mrs. Robert C. French, a member of the state board of the scholarship loan fund, of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Frederick Egert, chairman of the board, yesterday entertained in a luncheon in the blue room of the Hotel Portland.

Mrs. French will leave soon for Seattle, where Mr. French will be identified with a private school for boys. Mrs. Egert invited as additional guests women who have been identified with Mrs. French in the club and educational work of the federation.

The table was centered with a handsome arrangement of roses and the service was entirely in rose and gold. At the conclusion of the repast several short tributes were given in toasts and the health of the hostess and honor guest was proposed. Mr. and Mrs. Egert also received special tribute, although Mr. Egert was not present.

The guests offering good wishes, as the day was the 44th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Egert, among those who spoke were Mrs. Egert, Mrs. French, Mrs. P. J. Mann, Miss Ida Jacobs, Dr. Frankham, Mrs. Castner, Mrs. George Pettigrew, Mrs. A. Peck, Mrs. C. N. Rankin, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. J. W. Tift, and Edith Knight Holmes. As a "token of appreciation unlimited," Mrs. Egert presented Mrs. French with a handsome gold pencil and to each guest was given a corsage of roses. The College Alumnae will entertain Mrs. French at a luncheon at the University Club next Saturday.

MUSICIAN DOES HIS BIT

L. Woodfin Plays for Red Cross at Seaside Resorts.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Lawrence Woodfin, one of the well-known musicians, formerly of this city but now with headquarters in Portland, was in this city Tuesday arranging for the opening of his studio. Mr. Woodfin has just returned from the beaches of Oregon, and has been doing his "bit" towards assisting the Red Cross Society, having given a number of concerts, the proceeds of which will amount to \$1000.

"The entire amount," says Mr. Woodfin, "will be turned over for the good cause of the organization. I am trying to do my 'bit' at the present time in giving my assistance to the Red Cross, although I am among the young men who have been drafted and subject to call in March, and will then serve my country."

Concerts were given at Seaview, Long Beach, Wash.; Ocean Park, Wash.; Chinook, Wash.; Ilwaco, Wash.; Seaside, Or. At several of these resorts two performances in one evening were given.

TWO NEW INSTRUCTORS IN PORTLAND Y. M. C. A. SCHOOLS.



Cecil S. Van Vleet, Principal of the Y. M. C. A. School, in Education.



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TWO TUTORS ADDED

C. S. Van Vleet and H. F. Woohead Join Y. M. C. A. Faculty.

DUTIES ASSUMED NOW

Both Men Pass Several Years in Special Educational Work—Programme for Greater Efficiency Is Planned.

In furtherance of its plans to prepare men for positions created by present war conditions and in line with a policy of increasing efficiency, Cecil S. Van Vleet has been appointed principal of the college preparatory school of the Portland Y. M. C. A. and H. F. Woohead has been selected as assistant in education. They already have

assumed the duties of their new positions.

Mr. Van Vleet is a graduate of the University of Washington, also of the Lincoln High School, Portland. In the University of Washington he specialized in the sciences and received the degree of bachelor of science. He attended the University of Oregon medical department for a year in the dual capacity of student and assistant in chemistry. His experience in teaching extends over several years.

Mr. Woohead for 10 years was a salesman and sales manager for correspondence schools in Missouri, Illinois, Montana, Washington and Oregon. He also had been a postal clerk for a year and a customs inspector for one year. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry College, served as physical director for one year in that institution and as instructor another year.

"We believe that the two men added to our faculty will add materially to plans to make the Y. M. C. A. educational department especially adaptable to the life needs of the students," said L. G. Nichols, director of education for the Y. M. C. A.

AUDITORIUM IS FINISHED

Contractors Ready to Turn Over Building to City.

Except for a few unimportant details, Portland's Public Auditorium is completed and ready for acceptance by the city. The contractors reported to Mayor Baker yesterday that they are willing to turn over the structure. Mr. Baker referred the proposition to City Attorney LaRoche, with instructions to prepare the necessary legal papers, so the city can proceed without jeopardizing in any way the city's interests. The building may be taken over by the City Council Wednesday.

POLICE COURT FINES \$5248

Month of August Breaks Record in Total of Receipts.

August was a record-breaker for fines in the Municipal Court. A grand total of \$5248 was collected in the 27 court days of the month.

Never, as far back as records can be produced, has this sum been equaled by the court. This is probably because Judge Rossman has refrained from granting offenders the privilege of paying their fines on the installment plan.

Of the amount collected for August, the greater sum was derived from speeders and other traffic law violators.

FARM JOURNALS UNITE

WESTERN FARMER ABSORBS THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Combined Circulation Will Reach More Than Half of Farm Homes in Northwest Field.

The Western Farmer, the largest farm journal on the Pacific Coast, has purchased the Pacific Northwest from Phil S. Bates. The two papers, both of which were published in Portland, will be combined and operated by the present publishers under the name of the Western Farmer.

"This combination," says D. L. Carpenter, business manager of the Western Farmer, "gives to the Pacific Northwest territory a really big farm journal, which is something the field has long needed. The Western Farmer, which already had a circulation more than twice that of the Pacific Coast farm paper, will now reach more than half of the farm homes in the entire Pacific Northwest field, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Northern California. Our field of usefulness is constantly increasing and we have many plans for the future which mean big things for the agricultural development of this field."

The Western Farmer was established in Spokane 17 years ago and was acquired by E. E. Faville, the present editor, eight years ago. Mr. Faville was formerly editor of Successful Farming, published at Des Moines, Ia., known as "the largest farm journal in the world."

The Western Farmer has made rapid progress under Mr. Faville's editorial leadership. The paper soon outgrew the publishing facilities offered by Spokane and in 1915 the publishing headquarters were moved to Portland, but still maintaining offices in Spokane. Portland is the agricultural headquarters of the Pacific Northwest. It is the distributing center for farm implements and equipment of all kinds. It has the largest packing plant, the largest stockyards, the largest wheat-handling facilities, and it therefore seems logical that the Pacific Coast's largest farm paper should find its home here.

The officers of the combined publications are: E. E. Faville, editor; D. L. Carpenter, business manager; A. W. Stynes, director of publicity.

Rock Drilling Contest Set.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Takima, a mining town 40 miles south of this city, is to stage a rock-drilling contest on Labor day, in which teams from all of the prominent mines of the county will compete.

STORE CLOSED MONDAY—LABOR DAY



MOTHER! BABY!

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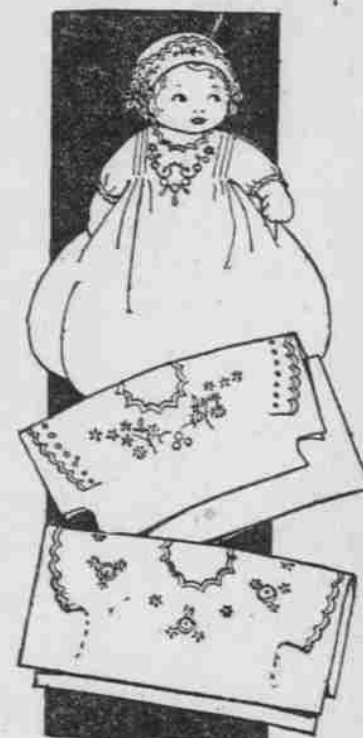
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There is perhaps no occasion that means quite so much to a Mother as the christening time of the wee one who has been entrusted to her care, and your

Baby's Christening Dress Is Here

Oh! the joy of making the little dress for that occasion, and the satisfaction of knowing it is as lovely as loving hands can make it.

The Baby's Boudoir has designed and made Christening Dresses that queens might envy—Dresses that Eastern and Parisian designers would sell finished for \$15 to \$30. They're of imported Irish batiste—a weave with a luster and sheen far more dainty than finest silks—and they're designed as only an artist who loves babies can design. These dresses, cut and stamped ready for you to embroider, will sell for \$1.50 and on up to as high as you care to pay.

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