

# NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION SESSION

### School Teachers Gather at Cleveland to Discuss Ways and Means of Bettering Educational Conditions All Over the Country.

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Washington, D. C., June 29.—The biggest convention of the year will meet in Cleveland today. Greater interest may be excited by the national conventions of the two political parties, but the real significance of the annual meeting of the National Educational Association is not measured by the newspaper space devoted to it. School teachers to the number of 50,000 from every part of the union will gather in the Ohio metropolis to discuss ways and means of improving the mental, moral and physical condition of the 18,000,000 public school children of the United States.

Some good old-fashioned folk are inclined to look askance upon the new-fashioned and bifurcated methods of the modern school, but they will be pleased with the crowning feature of this particular gathering of the advanced pedagogues. For Cleveland is to have the biggest old-fashioned spelling bee ever pulled off in the history of Webster's blue-back spelling book. Selected teams of 15 pupils, representing the common school grades from first to eighth, will come from a dozen of the principal cities of the country. They will line up after the manner of their grandparents and they will spell against each other and against the pervasive and unyielding dictionary until but one remains—the master of syllables and the pride of some city.

From "b-a-k-er" and "a-a-r-l-er" to the labyrinthian mazes of those jaw breakers in the back of the book, teachers of the National Educational Association will follow their favorites through the most exciting contest of the school year. It will be a battle between some little girl from Boston and some boy from Atlanta, last of the vanquished.

"I'm sorry that I spell the word, I hate to go above you, because" (the brown eyes lower fell, "because, you see, I love you.")  
Such things will be the fun of the N. E. A. convention; its business is more serious and more important. The most remarkable educational development in the history of the human race is that of the growth of the public school system of the United States in the past 70 years.

**Meets at Cleveland.**  
For 51 of these years this national organization, which will hold its forty-eighth meeting at Cleveland, has been at the head and front of the teachers of the United States. It was organized under the name of the National Teachers' Association in 1857 at Philadelphia under the name of the National Teachers' Association. In 1871 the name was changed to National Educational Association. In 1906, when reincorporated by congress, the name was again changed to National Educational Association. Meetings have been held annually ever since the city of Chicago, with the exception of 1877, 1878 and 1879. The meeting of 1908 was merged into the world's congress at Chicago, and that of 1906 was not held because of the great earthquake which called to meet in that stricken city.

The membership of the association (the organization usually designated simply by its initial letters), includes school teachers, school boards and representatives of every class which has to do with the actual work of managing the great educational system of the country. The association includes the National Education Council and 17 departments. These sub-divisions are at work all the time, and their reports to the annual meeting are of great value. Everything that is said and done is preserved in permanent form. The proceedings of the N. E. A. for the past 50 years form a complete history of the growth of education in the United States.

**Many Schools Join.**  
When the organization was first launched there were only a few public high schools in the country. The privately conducted academies were still the main dependency for secondary education. Boys, and sometimes girls, were given the advantages of the study of Latin and Greek, a little history, little mathematics and a little English. The physical and vocational training of the modern high school was not dreamed of, the very idea of education was a good thing for practical purposes was frowned upon.

The old order has passed away, but the new order is not established. It must make way for the improvements of progress. The teachers of the country are not conservatives; they believe in doing things the new way, if the new way is better. It is through the influence of the N. E. A. that the discovery of new and better methods in one section of the country is made the common heritage of the whole country. Not one of the thousands of teachers who attend this year will leave Cleveland without new ideas to put in practice back home, despite precedent and despite conservative school boards.

The most remarkable features of the progress of the public school systems of the states are the extension of the rural high school territory; the increasing attention being given to the physical training of the children; and the increasing emphasis on vocational education. In the large cities the high schools turn out boys and girls thoroughly equipped for business or home making, but further fortified with a knowledge of business methods and domestic science.

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dustry and cleanliness. One can find such a rural school in California, Georgia, in Oklahoma, in the Dakotas. The day will come when they will cover the entire country.

The Cleveland convention will devote much attention to the discussion of the physical condition of the children. The physical training and care of pupils. New York city found that out of 78,000 public school pupils, one third had defective vision. The correction of visual defects by adjustment of proper glasses means the quickening of mental faculties or at least, increase in the power to acquire knowledge. New York is solving the problem of defective vision, in corrigible and unusual children, by providing special schools in which the physical supervisor has a great deal to do.

**Boston the Pathfinder.**  
Sixteen years ago the Boston schools blazed the way for medical inspection of children in the schools. Early this year the Massachusetts legislature enacted a law requiring that school children in the state be tested for defective hearing and eyesight. Boston has gone farther, and has employed a corps of 21 school nurses. These trained nurses are assigned to districts and they go into the homes and take care of the sick school children. Boston will tell about its advanced system, and the teachers will have with them the advantage of Boston's progressive experience.

There will be earnest discussions of the relation of the public schools to industrial problems, to agriculture, to the immigrant, to play, to the abnormal and abnormal children, to the state, and to the movement for the prevention of disease. In all of these discussions the leaders will occupy ground so well known more about the workings of the Russian duma than he does of the United States. It is only when the school progressivists need money that they turn to the aid of the conservatives. For that reason their actual progress is limited in some sections of the country, but they believe it is only for the time being.

**Jack and His Play.**  
Perhaps no one feature of the school work which will be discussed at the Cleveland convention is more markedly representative of the contrast between the education system of the present day and that of 60 years ago than that of "play" in the old days. The children were permitted to amuse themselves as they saw fit, and much play was considered quite as good for Jack as "all work and no play." Now the taxpayers hire men and women to teach their children how to play, and the work is looked upon as one of the most profitable branches of public school education. How was it in the past? Next to the national spelling-bee, a revival of the older day, the most interesting feature of the Cleveland convention will be the great play festival. Four thousand school children of Cleveland will be in Rockefeller Park, and the teachers of the country how to play according to science. They will be under the direction of the Cleveland public school supervisor of physical training. The main feature of the play festival will be the folk-dances in the homes of the thousands of Ohio lads and lassies who go through the poetic motions of the national dances of the peoples of the old world countries, and incidentally demonstrate the cosmopolitan capacity of the American citizen in his geography, ethnology and exercise.

**School Construction.**  
Another, and a most important, matter will receive earnest attention. It is the question of schoolhouse construction. Within a few miles of the scene of the awful disaster at Collingwood, the National Educational Association will take steps to abolish the inswallowing door, the unsafe furnace and chimney, the three-story schoolhouse, and all the other agencies of the fire demon. All in all, the Cleveland convention means quite as much to the boys and girls of this great nation as the Chicago and Denver conventions mean to the grownups.

**GRANTS PASS WILL CHASTISE HARRIMAN**  
"Expense Paving Taxation Too Great," Company; "Pave Anyway," Council.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Grants Pass, Or., June 29.—Placing extreme poverty, the Southern Pacific Railroad company is making a vigorous kick against the paving of the business streets of Grants Pass. As the railroad company has its yards and depot in the heart of town, it necessarily is assessed more heavily than any other single property owner for street paving, and the company has entered a remonstrance against the passing of the paving ordinance.

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**"Carolina Day" in Charleston.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Charleston, S. C., June 29.—This is "Carolina Day," the 125th anniversary of the repulse of the British fleet by the patriots, under command of Colonel Moultrie. Though the anniversary is but little observed nowadays it was in former years an occasion for big celebrations in Charleston. One of the largest and most notable of these celebrations was that held in 1875 when the citizen soldiery of several states, including a number of famous Massachusetts commands, paraded the streets of Charleston.

# NORMAL SCHOOL REGENTS MEET

### Receive Unique Report From Newly-Created Board of Visitors.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., June 29.—The annual meeting of the board of normal school regents will convene tomorrow, June 30. Tuesday will mark the end of the first year of the supervision of Oregon's four normal schools under the board of regents consisting of nine members and a secretary.

A brief but interesting report has been submitted to the board of normal school visitors. This board was created by legislative action in 1907. J. M. Powers, city superintendent of the Salem schools, is chairman. The members are: J. A. Churchill, city superintendent of Baker City public schools, and E. R. Turner, superintendent of the schools at Grants Pass, all superior school men. The report deals not only in conditions and courses of study but also the qualifications of the instructors.

**Plain-Spoken Report.**  
Of one instructor the report states that he "is no addition to the teaching force; has little to do and does that poorly." Of another it says, "takes no interest in his work; seems tired and sleepy." Some are only "very poor," others are "fair" and still others are highly commended in the report.

The board of visitors spent several days at each of the institutions during April. The members of the board entered quite enthusiastically into their work and were anxious to make a report that would be of value to the board of regents in improving the schools and selecting new instructors. The board of visitors has also recommended improvements of various kinds at the different institutions. At some of the schools there is absolutely no fire protection. Facilities are poor at others and some courses of study are recommended changed.

**Normal Presidents Meet.**  
The three presidents of the normal schools met today and will make some recommendations. Radical changes in the course of study will probably be advised. It is thought by both the board of visitors and some of the presidents that bookkeeping and stenography should not be taught in the normal schools and that the time could be spent more profitably in other branches.

A uniform date of opening and closing will be advised, also the issuing of quarterly bulletins telling of the work of the normal schools. The number of instructors will undoubtedly be decreased. The entrance requirements will be raised, too. It is expected that one of the most important duties of the board will be to elect a new president for the Ashland normal school.

**Scandinavian Workmen**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Minneapolis, Minn., June 29.—Delegates from Wisconsin, Minnesota and the two Dakotas were present in considerable numbers today at the opening of the annual convention of the Independent Scandinavian Workmen's association, a fraternal organization with a large membership in the four states named. The meeting is to continue four days.

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# ORCHARD STILL DESIRES TO DIE

### Governor Orders Stay, That Pardon Board May Decide as to Commutation.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Boise, Ida., June 29.—Next Wednesday is the date set for the execution of Harry Orchard. On the same day the state board of pardons will meet to consider the application made by the prisoner's attorney, without the consent of the prisoner, for clemency, and Governor Gooding has directed Warden Whitney to delay the execution until after the meeting of the board. Orchard continues to express the hope that his sentence will not be commuted.

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Red Cross shoes at cut rate prices on sale this week. Women's \$3.50 and \$4 Red Cross Oxfords, tan, blacks and patents, all sizes, now \$2.65 pair.

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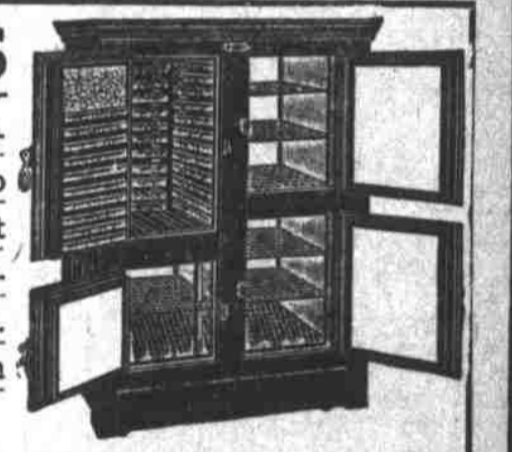
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Preserve Kettles, in two sizes—No. 22 and No. 27; special, each.....	15¢ and 25¢
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