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# **Oregon Eugenics Exposition Attracts Nation's Attention**

So Successful Was Last Year's Exhibit at Salem State Fair That the Legislature Has Doubled the Appropriation for 1913 to \$1000.

By O. M. Plummer, Superintendent one can conceive of its future possibilities, and without doubt the state leg-Oregon Exposition of Eugenics. islature at its next session, will make It was during one of the rare periods

of sunshine at the state fair at Salem in 1911, that the writer in company

with N. C. Maris, one of the members of the Oregon board of agriculture, stood in the arena watching the judges place the ribbons on a splendid line of junior Shorthorn calves, that the theoret flashed through his mind, why of the Oregon board of agriculture, thought flashed through his mind: why day Journal for May 4. should not the fathers and mothers of

bables? This idea was given to Mr. Maris, who instantly became enthusiastic over the proposition and stated that in bia mind a showing of babies at which physical fitness should determine the prize winners instead of doll-like beauty,

would be one of the features of the fair and suggested that immediate steps state board of agriculture. Upon presentation of the subject be-

be a little pessimistic, thinking the pub-lic hardly ready to have their children classed as livestock. .In conversation with Mr. Maris the following spring, the the subject of eugenics was being widewas suggested that our contest be partment.

#### called an exposition of eugenics, Attracts Wide Attention.

A few days later the state fair board appropriated \$500 for an exposition of similar conditions in her own state tho previous year, wrote many splendid suggestions. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Bates, of Denver, at once got in touch with the Oregon idea and on the strength of it initiated a movement for a similar exposition to be given in the early winter of 1913.

The management of the eugenics section at the state fair was given over to the Women's Medical association of the state of Oregon, represented by President Kitty Plummer Gray, who associated with herself Dr. Mae Cardweli, Dr. Mary V. Madigan, Dr. Mary Mac-Lachlan, Dr. Lavina Spurier and many other well known women of the pro-fession both in Portland and out over the state.

The Mothers' Congress of Oregon, represented by its president, Mrs. R. Tate, was given general charge of the Child Welfare exhibit; Mrs. W. W. Williams, president of the Woodlawn circle, being given immediate charge. To Mrs. Williams' very careful preliminary planning was due to a great extent the success of the entire exposition, and her associates from all over

the state and different organizations, were unanimous in their praise of her work. Possibly one of the most popular sections of the exposition was the maternity section installed by Miss McNary,

adequate provision for its future maintenance. So very thoroughly has Oregon's auc cess in its eugenics been noised over the

Oregon take as much pride in a far morg important production, that of their which will govern the eugenic department at the state fair this year. Oregon today leads the world in its appreciation of the one best crop, its

bables Bules Governing Contest.

One-Competition open only to child ren of parents who are bona fide resi dents of the state of Oregon. No entry fees. Entries close September 28 at 9 be taken to present the matter to the o'clock p. m. All children whose entries are made subsequent to this date will be scored after those regularly entered the board they were inclined to but will not be entitled to compete

for a premium. Two .- Entries must be made on blanks especially prepared, which will be sent upon application to O. M. Plummatter was again brought up, and as mer, superintendent, North Portland, Or. who will also furnish any other ly discussed over the entire world, it information with reference to the de-

Three.-Parents are requested make their entries as early as possible, in order that the management may have sufficient time to tabulate and arrange

sugenics to be held during the 1912 be notified of the day and hour set for appointments for same. Parents will fair at Salem. Inquiries began to pour the examination of their children, and in immediately from all over the coun- while it will not be absolutely computtry regarding the matter. Mrs. Watts, sory that they be presented at that time. of Iowa, who had held a contest under it is earnestly requested that the dates assigned be adhered to as much as pos sible, in order that there may be no congestion and all children receive the proper attention. Children not presented for examination at the time assigned. will have to wait until such time as will suit the convenience of the management.

love and Mother thought" to the many interested women of the state a place Four .-- In furtherance of the educawas made for this mission in the Chautional value of this contest, all prize tauqua program at Gladstone. Before winning children will be expected to be the congress was a year old it had espresented for exhibition at a date and tablished at Chautauqua a kindergarten hour to be fixed by the management. hour to be fixed by the management. which was conducted by Mrs. Berk-Silver cups will be presented at this holder. In 1908 realizing how valuable the kindergarten was to them, the Chau-

Classification.

time.

CLASS 75-BOYS. (Children from cities of \$000 and over n population.)

Each year since, the congress has had a trained kindergartener and her assist-1-Over 1 year and under 2, first, \$25 ants in charge. cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. Five cents is charged for the child's 2-Over 2 years and under 3, first care and training in this delightful child \$25 cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. school, each, morning. Every after-3-Over 3 years and under 4, first, \$25 noon the kindergarten is turned into a cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup.

tauqua management erected a kinder-

garten pavilion for the permanent use

of the Oregon Congress of Mothers.

play room and again the teachers be-come the leaders of systematized play. GIRLS. 4-Over 1 year and under 2, first, \$25 The records for 1912 show a total atcup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. 5-Over 2 years and under 3, first, \$25 tendance of 270 children in the kindergarten for the 10 day session. Miss Ahlsup; second, \$15 cup;-third, \$10 cup. gren being the teacher; while the at-6-Over 3 years and under 4, first, \$25 tendance at the afternoon play was cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup.

161 for the same length of time. (Children from cities under 3000 in In carrying on this work at Chau-auqua, the Congress of Mothers has population and from country).

ARTICLES FOR HOUSEHOLD USE MADE BY BOYS AND GIRLS OF LENTS SCHOOL



Section of the manual training exhibit held at the Lents school.

## A PRAYER:

By Miss Florence Taft Sawyer. Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word,

in deed. Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking, May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, with-

out self-pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment, and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene and Let gentle,

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differ-



Action Taken by High School in Portland Highly Commended as Step in Right Direction, Says Mrs. King.

By Mrs. J. C. Elliott King. Suitable dresses for school constitute but one phase of a vast and important subject. The philosopher may disdain such trivial matters as what shall we eat, and how shall we be clothed, but to every woman the dress question is a real issue, a problem as old as the sex, a bete noir which will not be downed.

Though ministers have preached against frivolity, poets have sung in ridicule, and courts of law have endeavored to legally restrain excesses of dress the ideal moderate and appropriate garb for the mass of women is still a dream of the future.

Yet the necessity for a solution seems daily more urgent, for in the course of the cycle which saw the extravagances of seventeenth century court life succeeded by Puritan and Quaker simplicity, we of the twentieth century are ascending toward that apex of reckless indulgence, with disaster inevitable unless some reformer appears. Formerly only the wealthy, or members of the nobility affected a rich or gaudy style of dress, while today, in America at least, the danger is doubled because there is no limit of class distinction, and the poor and ignorant are tempted to fall a prey to the love of show and finery.

#### May Follow Example.

Is it not possible that the stand taken by the White House ladies may prove to be the tiny cloud, no larger than a man's hand, which heralds good news for all sensible American women? Certainly the curtailment of unreasonable expense and lavish indulgence among women of recognized standing, of wealth and refinement would go far, very far, toward simplifying the problems of dress for the school girl, the shop girl, and the young and thoughtless wife who does not limit her dress expense to a fair proportion of her husband's income. Imitation is the natural method of learning for the young; in dress as in manners and morals they but copy their elders. Unfortunately, like the busy bee and gay butterfly, they are most prone to admire the brightest and most conspicuous objects within their range of vision. Therefore it seems all but hopeless to urge girls to adopt a simple style of dress, when on every side they see examples of poor taste and extravagence in dressing.

The movement for a suitable school dress for girls was started at the convention of the Oregon Congress of Mothers last October. The greatest in-Mothers last October. The greatest in-terest was displayed in the demonstration given, and photographs were reproduced in the press of dresses made by the girls wearing them.

#### Lead Is Taken.

Details of hair dressing, shoes, hats and jewelry were also considered. Al-

superintendent of the Salem hospital, and demonstrated by Miss Wishart. At almost any time of the day an attentive group might be found listening to Wishart or watching her demonstrations of the care of infants. This department was very completely equipped, due in a large measure to the kindness of Woodard, Clarke & Co.

#### Great Demand for Publications.

The Oregon library commission, under its secretary, Miss Cornelia Martook great interest in the work vin, made a very full exhibit. The Oreand gon Agricultural college was enthusiastic in its support, while the Oregon \$50 cup. State Grange, represented by its child welfare committee, Mrs. Buxton, of \$50 cup. Forest Grove, Mrs. Dickinson, of Oswego, and Mrs. Vale, of Portland, were a host in themselves.

The literature section of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, in charge of Mrs. I. M. Walker, assisted by Mrs. William Hayhurst, Mrs. Baird and others, was overwhelmed by the demand for their publications, and Mrs. Walker stated that at no other child welfare exhibit had so much interest been shown in their pamphlets.

baby fh class 76. Another department which attracted much attention was the amusement booth presided over by Mrs. A. N. Bush, of Salem.

The large charts scattered through the exhibit, teaching the eugenic and euthenic truths attracted many a father and mother and also appealed very keenly to the young people about to enter womanhood and manhood.

Many lectures were given during the week by well known physicians on live topics and Dr. William House addressed a meeting of the Oregon Pure Bred Livestock association, at which 150 well known breeders were present, on the subject of eugenics.

Children who had been winners at local contests all over the state were was a large waterfall. sent to Salem to represent their county, in many instances accompanied by interested delegations.

Appropriation Increased This Year. Three days were given over to the in the street, examination of these children by the women physicians who had donated their time. Many parents brought their children for examination, who stated that under no circumstances would they have allowed their children to compete in a beauty show. During the examination the physicians in charge were giving the parents good advice as to the future raising of their children; were pointing out a good feature here and a weakness there, and in many ways calling attention to slight defects which the parents had never known.

After the score cards had been carefully sorted, it was discovered the grand champion boy and girl were second cousins, and that their great grandfather was one of the well known pio neer ministers of Oregon.

So successful was last year's expo sition that without any hesitation whatthe state board appropriated ever. \$1000 for the eugenic section for this year.

State fair officials all over the United States were quick to realize the tremendous possibilities of this new feature and over twenty-five state fair associations have already notified the director of Oregon's exposition of eu- gether." genics that similar departments would be added to their own fairs. Also the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco has decided to make an exposition of eugenics one of penny. the very important features of its soeconomy section. This year they others' clubs, local grange, every local school and other organizations have in- then they would act better?" dicated a desire to take part in a state wide movement.

The parental bureau, now established on the fifth floor of the county court house, is the direct outgrowth of this

CLASS 76-BOYS. 7-Over 1 year and under 2, first, \$25 viding speakers, at the forum hour, who cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup.

SPECIALS.

baby in class 75.

8-Over 2 years and under 3, first, \$25 tion in the true essentials of parentcup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. hood but also to set intelligent people 9-Over 3 years and under 4, first, \$25 thinking of their relation to the negcup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. lected child. GIRLS.

The Chautauqua motto of the Oregon Congress of Mothers is: "To interest | 10-Over 1 year and under 2, first men and women to cooperate in the work of purer, truer home life, better \$25 cup; second, \$15 cup; third \$10 cup 11-Over 2 years and under 3. first. trained parenthood, and well developed 🔶 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 🌢 \$25 cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup. childhood. 12-Over 3 years and under 4, first, On the "Mothers' Congress day" at \$25 cup; second, \$15 cup; third, \$10 cup Chautauqua it is the aim that the Round

13-Grand champion boy of Oregon Table at 4 p. m. shall be the climax of ong remembered day. Last July it was 14-Grand champion girl of Oregon, indeed an inspiration to hear the heart to heart talks on the "Mother Inspira-

Over 120 women were present. tion." The management of the Woman's As the committee closes up the work Home Companion, of New York, has set of the season at the Chautauqua as- into the child's every day life. aside a fund of \$50,000 to promote the sembly, numerous questions present study of eugenics and of "Better themselves. As we pack and store our Bables" over the entire United States, neager equipment for another year, and offers the following special prizes these questions insist on rising: for the 1913 Oregon State Fair:

Why don't more mothers take ad-\$100 in gold for the highest scoring ten? What would we do with them if \$100 in gold for the highest scoring

Of these two prize winners, the one now and our tables are too high! with the highest scoring will receive Why can't the Oregon Congress a gold medal appropriately inscribed, Mothers have headquarters with a life's journey." the other will receive a silver medal mother in charge during the entire ses-Two bronze medals will also be awarded, sion?

one to the second highest scoring baby in class 75, and the other to the second within the province of each parentteacher circle in Multnomah county, we highest scoring baby in class 76. To each of these four prize winners shall hope that before the 1913 Chautauhandsome certificate appropriately qua convenes our greatest ambitions



ison give the Japs a good

"Perhaps he doesn't think so."

"Why don't you ask God to make you well," asked the mother. "I did, Mamma, but God is so slow and I am in a hurry to get well."

Teacher-"Give a sentence using the Mary-"The old maid was matchless. Teacher-"What is a parlor?"

Pupil-"A place where they won't le

"The "East Side" school organized a ago, Mrs. F. J. Swingle, is president. ary and musical features with the more We have held seven monthly meet- serious papers and matters of discus-

ings when the following topics have sion,

"Mamma, why does not President thrashing Can Assist in the Schools"; "Agriculture"; "Care of the Eye and Ear"; "Yes, but they would, for I tried it sorri Method of Teaching:" "Uniform if the two in our school yesterday." School Dress," and "Hygiene." We have a membership of \$5. Our

"Elwood, why does your teacher love child welfare day at the Ashland Chauexposition and at the present time no your" "Because I am so clean." "How taugua was a spiendid success.

realized its great responsibility in prowould be able not only to give instruc-

"He who helps a child helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their human life can possibly give again."

AROUSES PARENTS

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State Literature Committee of

Parent-Teachers Associa-

tion Reports.

mously

By Mrs. I. M. Walker. Chairman of State Literature Committee

The aim of the literature department of the Parent-Teacher association has been to put such literature into the hands of parents that would enable Hood River, Oregon. them to get a broader, truer insight

To arouse parents to a greater re sponsibility and duty, urging them to read, think and talk more on vital subjects pertaining to child training, thus ganized at the Roosevelt school, No- building of which our, circle was so assisting them to better prepare themvantage of the Chautauqua kindergar- selves to give the child ideas and training that will help him to discover himmore came? Note, Miss Ahlgren says self and open the way to a great and Julia Feilder; secretary, Mrs. C. J. East- in the school house. We vouched for we have only one-half enough chairs glorious entrance into right living. "He man; treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Eisenhardt. who violates a principle of right chooses for himself a harder road for is ably assisted by five teachers. There so two are still to come. We have been secretary.

The literature committee has put heart and soul in their work because As the answer to these questions lies it realized the need of sending literature to those who could not come to meetings for parents, and to those wh members. had not been aroused to the need of such helps, thereby hoping, the printed message might awaken an interest in a great need. Most gratifying reports erage attendance of about 60. have come to us and the ones' most gratifying are the requests for more literature, telling us of trials and asking for such literature that will help

the meetings are an inspiration. the inquirers in their special needs. Since last June we have sold and distributed of the free literature, about 10,000 leaflets at a cost of about \$103, \$15 of this amount having been provided by the Oregon Congress of Mothers

est men in the world are God, Santa and the remainder provided by the literature committee through different of the principal of the building is P. H. activities. Our literature treats on the Daily. subjects, physical, social, moral and spiritual development of the child, with

word

OAK GROVE valuable helps for parents themselves, his teacher, said, "Am I hot or and warnings against the many pitfalls for their children. The many calls for The Oak Grove, Clackamas county. the loan papers, written by men and Parent-Teachers' association is one of women of experience and treating on the largest of its kind outside of Portvarious subjects in a most scientific land, numbering some 55 members. From

manner, show an awakened interest on its beginning, about a year ago, it the part of many parents to study child started on a campaign for school and problems and get the most out of such social betterment. It has been influhelps. ential in getting the school board to install sanitary plumbing and sanitary

### HOOD RIVER

chase and improve some property adjoining the school for playground pur The Parent-Teachers' asociation of poses, making it one of the Odell school was organized September 1912, and became a part of the district in the state. It has also pre-Mothers' Congress December 13, 1912. sented the school with a phonograph, We have a membership of about 21. playground apparatus, and full equip ladies, meet the second Friday evening ment for a social center.

of each month, and have a good at-The new officers of the association tendance of interested people, both elected at the last meeting are: Mrs. Benvle, president; Mrs. Dayton, vice fathers and mothers, at each meeting. The Odell school has a roll of about president; Mrs. Wells, recording secre-115 pupils, and four excellent teachers. tary; Mrs. Bushnell, corresponding sec-Our principal. Miss Della Rush, is also retary and Mrs. Graham, treasurer. The teachers in the school are: Mrs. Endipresident of our Parent-Teachers' assoclation and has done a great deal to cott, Mrs. Greene and Miss Pennick. The school has over 120 enrolled this year.

WICHITA

make it a success in every way. We have not taken up any particular Parent-Teachers' association one year line of work, but have mixed the literary and musical features with the more

The Wichits Parent-Teacher's associ-

any fine of window boxes in the var- An honorary member of the circle to one another. During the part year lous rooms; putting white window cur- (the husband of each member is voted subscriptions to the Child Welfare Mag tains at all the windows, and many an honorary member of the circle) has azine have increased over 700 per cent other improvements made by the board, promised a suitable cupboard in which in Oregon.

ences; that in the big things of life we are as one. And may we strive to touch and to know the great common womanheart of us all, and let us not forget to be kind.

that otherwise would not have been to store the dishes, and very soon a range is to be installed for cooking purmade. We have discussed the home marking poses when serving.

On Arbor Day an appetizing free system and find the parents unaniin favor of it, and we believe luncheon was given the school chilit will be a part of our school system dren. The number partaking were over 100 including the ladies who served. The this coming year.

luncheon was in charge of Mrs. George We are planning on meeting once ; Atwood and others and was a great sucmonth during vacation and making them strictly a mothers' meeting to discess. A play is being prepared in which cuss how we may make better mothers about 50 characters appear. This play and consequently strive to have our

children a credit to ourselves and comwill be given in a few weeks. munity. Respectfully, Mrs. E. T. Folts,

MEDFORD



Since my report to the state convention olf last October we have been A Parent-Teachers' association was ormeeting in the new school house in the vember, 1912, and the following ofstrong an influence. Under our ausfleers were elected: President, Mrs. the expenses incidental to such occur-S. S. Beveridge is the principal and ences. We vouched for six of them are 125 pupils enrolled .- Mable Myers, the means of installing in Wilsonvilla

the Free State Traveling library. We Washington school of Medford was or. from the building to street. (The boys ganized in October of 1911, with 40 of the school built the walk as part of manual training). Have furnished light-

ing for both the rooms in the shape of The meeting on the second Friday of May will close this year's work.' We two gasoline lamps; saw to it that the now have a membership of 0 with an av- girls had a new, better equipped toilet; served refreshments to secure money to donate towards a "new seat" fund, The members, both parents and teachers, are in hearty sympathy with the which the teachers are building. We work of the circle and all agree that have also erected and will maintain a village bulletin board on which to make The circle has accomplished a number announcements for any public meeting

of things of local importance but the of interest to the community. We feel best result of the organization is the that we are awakening an interest in the spirit of hearty cooperation existing beparents and general public for the betterment of our school and for the good tween the parents and teachers. The Washington school enrolls over of the children.

best

300 pupils with 8 teachers. The name principal, Miss Helen Murray and a primary teacher, Miss Cora Hasselbrink,

The school is known as the Wilsonville school. Our circle is known as the Wilsonville Parent-Teachers' association and

we now have 32 members. The president is Mrs. Charles F. Wagner CHILD WELFARE IS HELPFUL MAGAZINE drinking cups in the school, and to pur-

equipped schools for the size of its By Mrs. G. E. Christmas, Chairman of Magazine Committee,

The Child Welfare Magazine, the official organ of the National Congress of Mothers; should be in every home. It

is a wonderful help to mothers and es- Richmond and others have made su pecfally to those actively engaged in uplift work. Only by perusal of its pages land should have me can one keep in touch with the grand grounds. Central East Portland espework that is being done throughout the cially needs a playground. At Verno

nation by the National Congress of acreage adjoining the school gr Mothers. L. H. Weir, field secretary of the Each monthly copy is full of interesting matter aiming to raise the standards Playgrounds and Recreation Associaof home life, to develop wiser, better tion of America, has made three rec trained parenthood; to teach mothers, mendations to Portland, well especially young mothers, how best to while. They are:

Can Assist in the Schools": "Agricul-ture": "Care of the Eye and Ear": "What Books a Child Should Read;" "Montes-sorri Method of Teaching;" "Uniform School Dreas," and "Herima".

games and sports, in those parts or eity in which there are so many heir plays and games and s

though the mother was cautioned to be on her guard, and the teacher adjured that her example be to see should, still the influence of girl leaders was admitted to be of paramount importance.

Therefore it was a matter for congratulation when the girls of the Lincoln high school of their own accord, formed an association for the purpose of influencing the pupils in the direction of simple school apparel.

This club now includes the majority of the students, and has had a marked effect in doing away with silk blouses low necks, and fancy colffures in the school room.

In the Lincoln school an address on the subject of good dressing was given the girls by the dean of women at Corvallis, and they too are displaying better taste in their selection of clothing for the school room.

-No direct effort at reform has been attempted at the Jefferson, but a recent visitor complimented the girls upon their sensible appearance, which doubt is due to the example of the George F. Krog; vice president, Miss pices there have been four free lectures thoughtful girls who are in the majority.

Credit must be given the teachers of sewing in the schools for the great influence they have had in this matter. Especially in the higher classes where the girls make their dresses, the director has an admirable chance, which she The Parent-Teachers' circle of the donated \$5 to the school for a walk never falls to use, of advising the girl as to materials and styles. In this ways the department can do double service, teaching good taste as well as the actual trade, and reaching girls whose mothers cannot influence them.

This subject has been discussed at some 12 of the city Parent-Teacher associations; often the ninth grade girls have been invited to remain to the meetings. The interest displayed by mothers presages a favorable outcome to the school dress agitation, for thoughtful care and firm determination on the part of mothers will solve the problem in a few years.



By Mrs. C. F. Clarke, Chairman of Playground Committee,

The playground committee of the Oregon Congress of Mothers works toward securing 'playgrounds' that are available for all children, and we hope that our work will be of value to both city and country, for the rural districts

need a center for community service a common play and meeting place for both old and young-where the coming together will brighten and freshen the

mature and serve to bring a spirit of youthfulness into the hearts of men and women, The parent-teacher associations of Lents, Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove, cessful efforts for playgrounds. Portpre and larger play-

