

Parent-Teacher Association News



Top, left to right—Mrs. E. T. Busselle, chairman of the committee on program given at Ladd school Friday evening. (Photo by Bushnell.) Mrs. James E. Davidson, president of the Alinsworth Parent-Teacher association. (Photo by Pershing.) Bottom—Mrs. Martin Wagner, president of the Portland Parent-Teacher associations. (Photo by Grove.)

Official Punisher Latest Suggestion

Function Would Be to Apply "Locally External Remedy" for Bluffing and Misdeemeanors.

Chicago, June 20.—Appointment of an "official punisher" for every school is advocated by Professor Allen Hoban of the University of Chicago. The function of the punisher would be to "apply locally an external remedy for a disposition toward bluffing and other misdemeanors."

Youth Learned to Walk Like Monkey

Had Used Hands and Feet to Propel Himself; Now Being Taught Proper Way.

Birmingham, Ala., June 20. — Tom Armstrong never knew till he was brought to the juvenile court that the proper way to walk was upright. When Tom was a younger boy, and even now, it seemed natural to him to walk on his hands and feet. His arms are abnormally long, and with his body in a horizontal position he can place his palms flat on the ground.

Remedy Condition Of Child Laborers

New York Authorities Turn Their Attention to Employees in Artificial Flower Industry.

New York, June 20.—Immediate action to remedy conditions among child workers in the artificial flower industry in this city, in which it is charged there are many violations of the child labor law, is urged in a report by the Sage foundation.

Thompson Association Election.

The last meeting of the year of the parent-teacher association of Thompson school was held in the assembly hall of the school building Thursday afternoon.

Outing for Poor Planned.

The Salvation Army proposes to give a free summer outing on Thursday, July 9, to all poor mothers and children in Portland who otherwise would be deprived of enjoying such a treat.

Capitol Hill Banquet.

An al fresco "Made in Oregon" banquet was the attraction offered by the Capitol Hill parent-teacher association Thursday evening. More than 200 people were served with the good things which Oregon produces, the tables being set under the trees near the school house.

Levelly Has Picnic.

More than 300 people of the Levelly district enjoyed a picnic at the Oaks yesterday. The picnic was given

Lightfully.

The closing address was made by A. G. Clarke, his subject being "Clean and Truthful Advertising."

Ladd Association Entertainment.

A very pleasing entertainment was given by the Ladd parent-teacher association Thursday evening. The program consisting of 12 numbers held a large and appreciative audience nearly two hours.

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BETTER BABIES WILL CONTEST FOR PRIZES

Dr. Madigan Tells of Oregon Plan to Improve Standard of Babies.

By Dr. Mary V. Madigan.

The agricultural fairs, which are responsible for raising the standard of farm life and for standardizing stock, grain and farm products in general, have taken up a new line of work. They are improving a farm product that has been, in a way, sadly neglected, the farm baby. Incidentally, they are giving the town and city baby a helping hand and a boost. It is all through what is known as a Better Babies contest.

If you have not heard of the contest about to be held in connection with your state fair, read about it now. The babies are entered like any other exhibit at an agricultural fair, but with this difference, they are not on exhibition all the time. They are examined by judges, just as livestock, grain or apples are examined. The judges are physicians, and they test the baby by standards which have been set by specialists in the care and feeding of children, who know just how much a baby should weigh and measure and what its general development should be at a given age.

Many readers of this paper can look back to the day when the first standardized farm products. The farmers who thought they were raising pretty good livestock and mighty fine grain, entered them in competition with what other farmers were raising. Sometimes they learned that they were raising prize winning products; again they found that their farm products were far below the standard set by the judges. And what did they do—these men who took second, third and last prizes? They went back to their farms, took better care of their livestock, raised better grain the next year, and they have been doing that ever since. The result has been a higher grade of products in their fields, and all because the county or state fair set the standards.

Now the same thing is being done for better babies in the Better Babies contests. They are setting a standard for baby health and baby strength and baby development. They are notifying parents to bring along the babies from the farm, town and city, for comparison with these standards. They are telling the parents why, and how the baby can be made better for another year's fair, and for all its life. The result is bound to be, not prettier babies, but better babies at each year's fair—a stronger, healthier race of people on the farms, in small towns and in the cities.

This Better Babies contest at the state fair this fall will be an all-mation contest, the entries being confined to children who have been prize winners at local contests. In this way we hope to get the very best of the state's produce and the grand champion boy and girl will be prophetic of the future; the exponent of the future man and woman.

The following people constitute the advisory committee of the eugenics department: L. R. Alderman, Mrs. Frederick Egart, Mrs. Oswald West, Professor Harry Seal Torrey, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, President P. L. Campbell, President W. J. Kerr, Mrs. A. N. Eber, Mrs. E. W. H. E. Hinson, Father E. V. O'Hara, Rev. Luther R. Dyott, Mrs. M. C. Young, Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, Mrs. C. F. Nichola, Mrs. Ida M. Hartman, Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. R. H. Tate, Dr. Mae H. Cardwell and O. M. Plummer.

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Three months ago the women began trying to make their way into the Department of Social Service for Women confined in both the city and county institutions and they have succeeded to such an extent that their coming is now eagerly awaited by the inmates.

The women have at all times had the assistance and cooperation of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin of the Municipal Department of Social Service for Women and of Mrs. Rogers, matron of the county jail. Up to comparatively a short time ago, absolutely no employment was provided for the women through Mrs. Baldwin's influence an ordinance was passed permitting the girls to make the towels, bedding and other things needed in the jail and in the homes of the inmates.

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Miss Mary Van Kleeck, a special investigator of the Sage foundation and author of the report, declares that "the mere mention of the artificial flower trade recalls the picture of 8-year-old toilers picking apart the petals to be pasted together in the shape of a violet or a rose."

The Republican party is the only one to have a candidate this year for every state office in Minnesota.

SOCIAL SERVICE



Social Service News.

News of social service agencies of Portland is welcome in this column.

The cooperation of all who are connected with or interested in any of Portland's social service organizations, institutions, bureaus, leagues, homes, refuges, etc., where social service is rendered, is requested.

All news must reach this office not later than Friday noon of each week. Telephone Main 7173 or A-5081.

By Vella Winner.

FOR the first time in its history Honolulu last winter found itself confronted with the serious problem of lack of employment," said Miss Emily Farley of Honolulu, who spent last week in Portland, investigating its social service agencies with a view to clearing away some of the things which she might use in her work on the islands.

Continuing, Miss Farley said: "The Associated Charities was organized in Honolulu about 1905, but it has done very little work, first because there was little to do, as the people coming to the islands from the states were usually well employed, while the emigrants were always furnished employment and second, because of lack of systematic organization and of understanding of the problems there were. The work of the charities was confined almost wholly to friendly visiting.

The past winter, however, brought us serious industrial problems. Our immigrants are largely Russians, Spaniards and Portuguese; they are brought to the islands by the territorial board of immigration and are scattered over the islands to work on the sugar and pineapple plantations. This year the report became current that the laborers left their work on the plantations, and came to the city, only to find that the reports were false. They could not return to the plantations, as their places had been filled, and so they turned to the board of immigration, which has been responsible for their coming in the first place, and they in turn came to the Associated Charities.

"In 10 days we had 80 families come to us—not just individuals, but what number of families, and sometimes they were large ones too. Of course we could not allow them to starve, nor could we pass them on to the islands, for they would not have food without asking something in return, so one of the citizens volunteered to oversee a gang of workers in the parks. They worked two or three hours a day and we fed them. Others finally found employment on the Kamehameha school building and on a pipe line, but was being completed some of the Russians also did stevedore work. A law has recently been passed providing for the deportation of any laborer brought in by the territorial board of immigration who, within three years, becomes a public charge by reason of permanent physical disability.

"The bureau remembered that we have the most undesirable class of immigrants, those who are most ignorant and poorest; those who have come to San Francisco. It will probably surprise the people in the states to know that we have no public institution to care for the poor and unfortunate, no poor house, orphanage or institutions of that sort. Up to this time they have not been needed.

Baby Home Dispenses Pencils.

Friends and former contributors to the Baby Home during the past week received a bulletin from the Home, together with a box of lead pencils. The bulletin explains that the pencils are those that were left from the pencil sale held more than a year ago, and as the Home has no use for them it was decided that they should be distributed among those interested in the institution.

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

All members of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Oregon and friends of the institution are earnestly invited to attend the twenty-ninth annual meeting, which will take place at the receiving home, corner of East Twenty-ninth and Irving streets, Tuesday afternoon.

Reports of the officers will be read as follows: F. E. Beach, secretary; William F. Woodward, treasurer; Mrs. C. R. Templeton, secretary of the ladies' advisory board; W. T. Gardner, superintendent. Short talks will also be given by the Rev. J. D. Corby of the Universalist church, Dr. T. L. Eliot, Mrs. A. E. Watson, principal of the Kerns school, and others.



Top and center—Examining babies at the modified milk station established last week. Bottom—Miss Emily Farley, social worker from Honolulu, who is making a specialized study of organized philanthropy in the United States. (Photograph by Bushnell.)

but we are beginning to feel the need to sing solos on this occasion. After the meeting an inspection of the Home will be made and light refreshments served.

Among other things, the society's annual report will show that the society received during the past year 164 new cases from 25 different counties of the state.

Seattle Y. W. C. A. Open.

With appropriate ceremonies the handsome new building of the Young Women's Christian Association of Seattle was opened for use last week.

In Other Cities.

Jacksonville, Fla., reports a good sized building boom.

Milwaukee dealers have boosted ice prices 20 per cent.

Elkhart, Miss., women are crusading against filthy sidewalks.

Pittsburg children will set out 80,000 plants this year in school gardens.

Buffalo Catholics are raising \$400,000 to pay off debt on St. Joseph's cathedral.

Tarkio, Mo., reports a woman resident who hasn't missed a Sunday school session in 31 years. She is 49.

FRECKLES

Don't Hide Them With a Veil; Remove Them With the Othine Prescription.

This prescription for the removal of freckles was written by a prominent physician and is usually so successful in removing freckles and giving a clear, beautiful complexion that it is sold by druggists under guarantee to refund the money if it fails.

Don't hide your freckles under a veil; get an ounce of othine and remove them. Even the first few applications should show a wonderful improvement, some of the lighter freckles vanishing entirely.

Be sure to ask the druggist for the double strength othine; it is this that is sold on the money-back guarantee.