

## HEARING OF CHARGES AGAINST KERCHEN IS SET FOR APRIL 26TH

Manual Training Supervisor  
in Schools Is Facing a  
Number of Accusations.

### TEACHER MAKES DENIAL

Delegation Asks That Name of Oakley  
Green School Be Changed to  
Frank Rigler.

J. L. Kerchen, supervisor of manual training in the public schools, against whom charges have been filed that he is irreligious, a Socialist, etc., will be given a hearing before the school board, April 26, at 2 p. m. This was decided at a meeting of the board yesterday.

Mr. Kerchen has denied the charges and has retained Attorney Isaac Swett to represent him.

Headed by Mrs. C. J. Devereaux, a delegation from the Oakley Green Parent-Teacher association petitioned the board to change the name of the Oakley Green school to the Frank Rigler school.

Claim Name Is Misnomer.  
It was pointed out that Oakley Green is a misnomer, as there is no longer an Oakley Green addition, it having been changed to Terminal addition; that the school is a mile from the old Oakley Green; that there is no station, street or anything else that warrants retaining the old name.

Inasmuch as the Oakley Green school is the only one devoted to vocational work in the city, and the late superintendent of schools, Frank Rigler, made this branch a particular study, to name the school after him would be most fitting, it was urged.

A petition bearing some 200 names was presented to the board, the request, however, being turned over to the buildings and grounds committee. A previous petition was turned down by the board.

Woman Changes Her Name.  
Thalia B. McCarty, teacher in the Richmond school, notified the board of her change of name to that of Thalia M. Cleland.

The board decided to leave a portable at the Capitol Hill school, to be used as a manual training shop in the event that room cannot be found in the proposed new building.

Esther W. Wuest, supervisor of drawing, was granted a two weeks' leave of absence to attend a meeting of the Western Drawing and Manual Training association at Grand Rapids, Mich., May 3-6.

The resignations of June Gray, of domestic science, and Belle Lytle, of the

Woodstock school, and Charles V. Ross of the Glenhaven school, were accepted, effective June 16.  
Mrs. Josephine R. Sharp asked for use of the assembly hall in the Vernon school for each Tuesday evening for the Alberta Woman's Improvement club. The club, under board rules, has been forced to repeat its request each month. "Is the Alberta Woman's Improvement club a permanent organization?" asked Judge Munly.  
"It has been going three years," replied Mrs. Sharp.  
"That seems to prove its permanency," said Judge Munly, and on a vote the request was granted, the board reserving the right to revoke the privilege at any time.

### Report Closing of Coos Realty Deal

Electric Rail Connection Between  
Marshfield and North Bend Is  
Enterprise Announced.

Marshfield, Or., April 7.—The sale of the L. D. Kinney property has been practically closed, it is announced here. The purchasers are Dr. Dennison Cook and John D. Rogers, real estate men of San Francisco. Rogers will be here in a few days to finally close the transaction, which involves several hundred thousand dollars. The property consists of about 6000 town lots in and around North Bend. Steps to clear title will be taken at once and when this is done the property will be put on the market.  
The new owners announce they intend to build an electric car line to connect Marshfield and North Bend, and to reach a large part of the property. For 10 years the property has been involved in litigation. Major L. D. Kinney, who owned it twice, attempted to build a railroad out of Coos Bay. He failed and finally went to an insane asylum.

### Dr. White to Discuss Bread Sanitation

Proposed Bread Wrapping Safeguard  
to Be Considered at Meeting of the  
Consumers' League.

Dr. Calvin S. White will explain the sanitary side of the proposed wrapping of bread sold in Portland before the meeting called under the auspices of the Consumers' league for Monday afternoon at 4, in room A of the Central library.

The question of rigid inspection to forestall violations of a bread wrapping ordinance, if passed by the city council, will be brought up at the meeting.  
City officials, bakers and prominent citizens have promised to attend the meeting. Particularly Portland's housewives are invited to be present. To interpret the public's thought on the proposed ordinance for the benefit of the city administration is the aim of the meeting. A bill is at present before the city commissioners to provide for the wrapping of all bread sold in the city of Portland.

## ANOTHER PORTLAND WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR FESTIVAL QUEEN

Miss Louise Taylor Has the  
Backing of Western Union  
Telegraph Company.



—Photo by Cutberth.  
Miss Louise Taylor.

Miss Louise Taylor of 320 East Fifty-sixth street, south, is the latest candidate for queen of the 1916 Rose Festival.

Miss Taylor is sponsored by fellow employees of the Western Union Telegraph company. She is receiving clerk at the main Portland office.

Under the direction of Fred Fleet, campaign manager, Klamath Falls is holding a voting contest to pick a candidate from the Klamath country.  
Interest in the queen election is picking up all over the state. Miss Muriel Salting, Pendleton's candidate, will be remembered by many Oregon people as the queen of the 1912 Round-Up. She led the spectacular Westward Ho pageant at that time.

To raise money for votes for Miss Marion Anderson, Albany's candidate, Madame Leonora will give a concert at the First Presbyterian church in that city, Tuesday night. A percentage of the proceeds will be turned over to the Albany vote fund.

## Founding of G. A. R. Is Duly Celebrated

Women Aid War Veterans in Conducting  
Program in Honor of the Golden  
Jubilee Yesterday Afternoon.

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R., assembled at Multnomah hall, East Sixth and East Alder, yesterday afternoon to celebrate the golden jubilee of the founding of the G. A. R. Russell T. Chamberlain presided and C. G. Burton, past grand commander, delivered the address, reviewing the history principles and achievements of the G. A. R. "We believe that the sinking of ships carrying Americans is not war but murder," was one of his striking sentences.

"Should this country become involved we believe that the young men under the inspiration of the G. A. R. would come to its defense," he declared.  
Frank D. Hennessey sang two patriotic songs. Rev. J. J. Walter and Rev. C. E. Cline made brief remarks. Mrs. Fred Olson sang two solos.  
The G. A. R. was founded on April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Ill. The first grand commander was Dr. Stephenson. The national organization was perfected in November of that year at Indianapolis with the holding of the first grand assembly. Membership is restricted to those who served in the Civil war with the Union forces, and it is not the intention of the organization to perpetuate itself indefinitely.

## INSURANCE COMPANIES LOOK UPON OREGON AS GOOD BUSINESS

Advance Report by Commissioner Wells Shows Local  
Concerns Run Strong.

Salem, Or., April 7.—That life insurance companies are carrying \$130,000,000 on people in Oregon, and that in addition to this the industrial business written amounts to \$7,762,000, is shown in an advance report for the year 1915 given out today by Insurance Commissioner W. W. Wills.

A total insurance of \$15,230,000 is carried by the two Oregon companies, the Columbia Life & Trust company and the Oregon Life Insurance company. The two companies have 7150 policies in force, of which 2262 are new policies written in 1915, and the total amount carried in premiums on all policies is \$1,992,000. The two companies paid death claims of \$78,455 and returned to the policyholders \$18,899.

Life policies of all companies in the state totaled 67,068 and industries policies totaled 55,031. The Oregon Life is fourth and the Columbia Life & Trust seventh in the total business of all companies in the state. Inasmuch as there are 53 companies transacting business in Oregon, this is considered by the commissioner a remarkable showing for the two Oregon companies.

In an examination of the investments of these companies, Commissioner Wells found that they have loaned on real estate in Oregon approximately \$11,000,000 and have purchased over \$6,500,000 in state, school and municipal bonds. Since January 1 the commissioner has collected \$43,824 in taxes and license fees from life insurance companies.

Life insurance companies look on Oregon business as desirable, as statistics show the state to be healthy.  
These figures given show the heavy life business of 1915: 12,402 policies issued, making a total of \$23,309,300 new insurance; amount of premiums collected on outstanding policies, \$4,186,000; death claims paid, \$1,992,000; dividends on policies returned to policyholders, \$524,048.

The following shows the industrial business: 21,218 new policies, amounting to \$2,378,000 new insurance; claims paid, \$42,823; total premiums collected, \$227,977.

## Most Milk Bottles Give Full Measure

Assistant Sealer of Weights and Measures  
After Investigation Reports  
Conditions as Whole Satisfactory.

Salem, Or., April 7.—Spence Wortman, assistant sealer in the office of weights and measures, has recently completed a comprehensive investigation of the milk bottles in use and held for sale in the state, and while some discrepancies were discovered, the majority of the bottles were found correct and the conditions on the whole were found good.

All bottles must hereafter have the capacity permanently marked in or on the side of the bottle and the name, initials or trademark of the manufacturer thereon on the side or bottom, thereby enabling the inspector to determine the responsibility of a party where inaccurate bottles are shipped into the state for use.

Wortman inspected 66,000 bottles during his investigation. He also inspected 1000 packers, the latter being a receptacle for use in the delivery of fruit juices, etc.  
Much of Wortman's time was spent in Portland, where agents representing manufacturers were visited, and notification given that all future shipments must comply in every particular with specifications recently promulgated by the department.

According to Deputy Sealer Fred Buchtel, active head of the department, and chief of the bureau of delivery of milk in accurate measures.

## Generals' Blunders Cause of Failure

Arno Dosch Says There Is Not English  
Commander on Mediterranean  
Who Knows Where He Stands.

Arno Dosch-Fleuret, magazine man and war correspondent, better known to Portlanders as Arno Dosch, is now sending articles to the New York World from Greece. "The Dosch-Fleuret is sizing up the near eastern situation for the World, having gone to Greece from Egypt. In an article published last Sunday he lays the blame for failure of the English campaign in that part of the world on the blunders of English generalship. There is, he says, an English general on the Mediterranean who knows where he stands, asserts Mr. Dosch-Fleuret, who is a former Portland newspaper man, because of a lack of plan on the part of the general staff.

## REGISTRATION BOOTH TO BE LOCATED AT CHAMBER TONIGHT

County Clerk to Accommodate  
Crowds at Big House  
Warming Event.

### SPECIAL FEATURES PLAN

Committees Will Show Visitors New  
Quarters, and Program Fitting Occasion Will Be Rendered.

Chamber of Commerce people who have not yet registered will have no further excuse for not doing so tonight. When the big housewarming party is at its height in the Oregon building, County Clerk John B. Coffey has arranged to have a deputy installed on the seventh floor, where a branch registration office will be operated.  
"Two birds with one stone," said Executive Secretary George E. Hardy today. "The members can see the building and the operation of the various bureaus and fulfill their civic obligations at the same time."

Big Attendance Expected.  
Tonight's housewarming is to be the first real social event of the coming year. The members of the Chamber are expected en masse with their families. Two exhibitions of the Berger-Jones pictures will be given in the big main dining-room, the first starting at 8:15 and the second at 9:30.

Committees have been appointed to show the visitors all over the building, from the newly equipped exhibit hall on the ground floor to the sanitary kitchen on the top floor. Women members of the Chamber will compose a committee to help entertain the women visitors.

One special exhibit which will be explained will be flax. Dr. E. A. Pierce, chairman of the chamber's special flax committee, has arranged a large display of possible uses of flax, some of which are practically unknown here.

Samples Are Varied.  
The samples to be shown include linens, fiber covering for steam pipes, mattresses and pillows made entirely of flax, fine writing papers made of linen, threads, and dozens of other products of the new crop which the committee hopes to see mount to such important proportions in the industrial life of Oregon.

The city safety commission has promised to see that no accidents occur. All the departments will be open, with guides to explain what the bureaus do. Governor Withycombe has promised to be present with his official family, so that the function will take on more than a local significance.

## Rural Credits Will Be Discussed Again

Oregon Civic League to Give Further  
Consideration at Luncheon to Be  
Held Tomorrow at Noon.

The Oregon Civic league will give rural credits further consideration in connection with its luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow noon. Arthur M. Churchill will preside. Report will be made on the progress of a special committee appointed to combine the rural credits bills of the committee appointed by the state credits conference and a committee of the Oregon Civic league. The announcement of the program continues:

"The following interesting facts have been brought out at the committee hearings:

"That only 7 per cent of the acreage of Oregon is cultivated.

"That only about one-third of the farm lands of Oregon are being cultivated.

"That fully 40 per cent of the farms of Oregon are being mortgaged at an average rate of 9 per cent interest.  
"That millions of dollars are being sent out of Oregon each year for lard, bacon, canned peas, canned corn, canned tomatoes, canned asparagus, canned peaches, canned beans, butter, eggs, cheese, filberts, hickory nuts and so forth. Not only should all of these food stuffs be produced in Oregon, but millions of dollars' worth additional should be produced for shipment to other states and Alaska."

## Bird Houses on Exhibit.

Milwaukie, Or., April 7.—An exhibition of bird houses built by pupils in the manual training department of the Milwaukie school was held this afternoon in Day's hardware store. About 60 different houses were on exhibition. Two sets of prizes were offered, one for pupils of the fifth and sixth grades and one for the seventh and eighth grades.

## Woman Is Slashed.

A cutting affair occurred about 6:45 last night at 191 North Fifteenth street, and as a result Mamie Smith, colored, is at the Good Samaritan hospital, slashed across the neck and breast. Lottie Prime, her alleged assailant, is held under \$50 bail on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

## Car Load China and Enamelware

and household necessities, now selling at extraordinary low prices for strictly new and good grades, produced by people who know quality and prices to be the lowest: 100 good china plates and bowls for \$1.00; 100 good cups and saucers for \$1.00; 100 good plates, cups and saucers, worth 90c, 75c; plates, worth 90c, 75c; China cups and saucers, plain and decorated, 75c to \$2.25; White cups and saucers, 45c to 60c; 100 good plates and bowls, 10c; 100 good tea pots, coffee pots, 15c to 75c; Percutanea, 50c; Lamps 50c to \$5.50 each. 1 gal. stone jar, 40c each. Large 10 gal. Water classes, 3 for 10c to 50c set. Hand painted China, European, the best, 1-4 to 25 price. China plates and bowls, 10c to 25 price. China berry sets worth \$3.50, \$2.97. Good line of suitable presents for wedding parties, prices. Strips of paper, Japanese food trays 1-5 off. Penicillins and toys. Come and see for yourself.

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## Advance in Price Of Lumber Is Due

Northwest Mills, It Is Announced, After  
Meeting at Tacoma, Will Ask 50  
Cents to \$1 Per 1000 Bales.

Tacoma, Wash., April 7.—(U. P.)—After a survey has been made to even up discrepancies in quotations, a general increase in prices will be made. A thousand in lumber prices will be made by northwest mills, it was announced today. Sixty-three western Washington mills were represented at a meeting held here late yesterday to consider the question of advancing prices.  
About 60 per cent of the delegates to the meeting are affiliated with the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The present market is strong and the demand good, lumbermen said. Conditions in the industry, it was claimed, are better than in several years, and promise to improve steadily.

## Riverside, Wash., Has Another Fire

Wenatchee, Wash., April 7.—Riverside this morning suffered its second disastrous fire within a week. Seven

mercantile buildings were destroyed, entailing estimated loss of \$40,000. Origin of the fire is unknown. Monday's fire did \$4000 damage to the business section.

## Noted Musician Will Visit Portland

Theodore Harrison to Accompany the  
University of Michigan Glee and  
Mandolin Clubs.

The University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin clubs, which will appear in concert at the Eleventh street playhouse Tuesday evening, will be accompanied by Theodore Harrison, faculty representative of the university school of music and director of the famous glee club from the Wolverine campus. Mr. Harrison is a native of Philadelphia, and is a musician of international fame. He has spent many years abroad studying. During his career he has been identified with the Apollo club of Chicago, the Orpheus club of Philadelphia, the Musical Art society of Pittsburgh and the Orpheus club of Buffalo. He is now head of the vocal department of the school of music of the University of Michigan, and when the glee clubs give their concert here, Mr. Harrison will have a place on the program.

## Strange Man Had Occupied Room

No Identification Made of Person Who  
Engaged Apartment With Window  
Facing Seattle Murder House.

Seattle, Wash., April 7.—(U. P.)—An unknown man slept in the "observation room" of the apartment house at 323 1/2 Westlake avenue on the night of the murder of Mrs. Corinne Wheeler and her sister, Miss Kate Swift. This was the discovery made today by Mrs. J. O. Fouts, the landlady.  
The aged sisters, who were found dead with their heads beaten in with an ax and a hammer, had told a neighbor, Mrs. C. E. Smith, that a man was watching them from the apartment house across the street.  
According to the Dexter Horton bank, Mrs. Wheeler withdrew money from the bank between February and July, 1915. Her account amounted to a little more than \$100.  
The police put H. S. King, nephew of the victims who found the bodies, under a severe examination for three hours yesterday.  
"We are inclined at the present time to accept King's story as he tells it," said Captain of Detectives Tennant. "He stuck to it during the whole time."

## "SMITH" and "SMITH"

came to buy jewelry at the Delovage sale. One "Smith" knew it all—the other said, "I'll leave it to you." They both got the same square treatment. Everybody is treated alike.

## At the DELOVAGE SALE

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As money can be moved easier than the merchandise, dealers are invited to buy as well as the general public.

\$3.00 Sterling Salt and Peppers are \$1.50; \$5.50 Sterling Flower Basket is selling for \$2.75. You can buy a \$14.00 Sterling Butter Dish for \$7.00, and a \$30.00 Cake Tray for \$15.00—Sterling, of course.

All "Fairfax," "Gorham," "Chantilly" and "Mother" Sterling Silverware at one-half price.

One lot of Sterling Manicure pieces that formerly sold to \$3.00 are going at 50 cents each.

You can buy a \$12.00 Sterling Vanity Case for \$6.00.

All plated Silverware is selling at half price, and Hawkes' celebrated Cut Glass is also marked at half.

Yesterday the \$6.00 Solid Gold Cuff Buttons were selling like the proverbial hot cakes.

\$3.00 is all we're getting for them, and we could probably melt them and realize more than \$3.00 for the gold that's in them. But that isn't keeping faith with the public. We said "half price," and we're selling 'em at "half price."

Anything that we say we won't recall. Like the retort that said, "Anything that's done cannot be undone, especially a hard-boiled egg."

All Gold Rings are now selling at half price, also the Umbrellas are going for half.

Watches are moving because they're priced at half. A \$25.00 men's 17-jewel, 20-year case Watch goes for \$12.50. A \$45.00 men's 21-jewel Hamilton Watch, 20-year case, goes for \$22.50. A \$50.00 men's 14K solid gold, 21-jewel Watch at only \$25.00, and \$70.00 men's 14K solid gold Watch can be bought for \$35.

A \$30.00 ladies 14K Elgin goes for \$15.00, and a \$40.00 ladies' 14K solid gold Waltham goes for \$20.00.

Pendants and Lavalieres are selling at exactly half price.

We've sold a heap of Diamonds since Wednesday last, and there's quite a "rock-pile" left. Diamonds are selling at one-third off and the reductions are genuine, as you will see.

A \$50.00 Diamond Ring is \$35.00; \$75.00 Diamond Rings are \$50.00; for \$20.00 you can buy a \$30.00 Diamond Ring, and \$47.00 buys a \$70.00 Ring; \$100 Diamond Rings are \$66.75; \$120 are \$83.00; \$145 are \$99.00, and \$190 buys a beauty that formerly sold for \$285.00.

There's a big Diamond display in the window. Take a peep at them.

Maurie Delovage speaking: "Don't forget to tell 'em that when the sun sets May first I'll be steaming away to Butte, Mont., and if anybody wants to see me in Portland they'll have to do so before May first."

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