

SOCIAL QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT REED COLLEGE THIS WEEK

Northwest and State Conference to Be Held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

LEADERS WILL SPEAK

Revision of Oregon's Criminal Code to Be One of Chief Topics Which Will Be Considered.

Social questions of vital importance to citizens of Oregon are to be discussed by authorities for the leading social, governmental, intellectual, industrial and religious institutions of the northwest at the Oregon State Conference of Social Agencies which will be held in Portland at Reed college Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

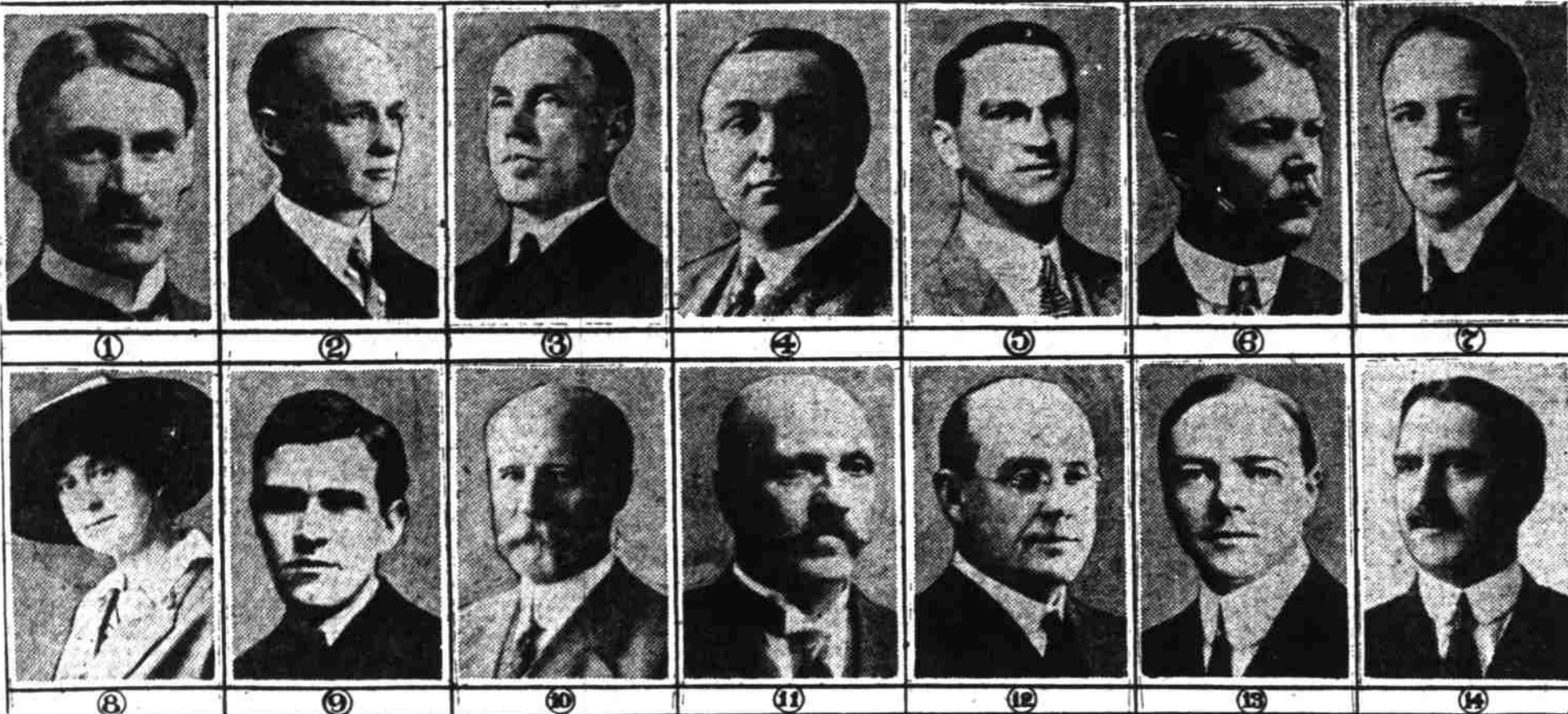
The first section of the conference, which will meet on Friday afternoon, will concern itself with the problem of the segregation of the socially inefficient. B. W. DeBusk, professor of education at the University of Oregon, will act as chairman.

The revision of Oregon's criminal code will be the subject of discussion for the second meeting of the social workers the evening of May 12. Judge William N. Gates will preside at this session. The history of Oregon's criminal code, its present defects, suggestions for changes from its present form, the inadequacy of some forms of criminal legislation and the work of a psychopathic institute will be the subjects considered.

Proposed social legislation for Oregon will be the main topic for the third session which will meet on the afternoon of May 13 and be presided over by Judge John H. Stevenson.

The fourth section of the conference will meet on the evening of May 13 and occupy itself with the question of health insurance. William G. Elliot Jr., of the Church of our Father, will act as chairman.

CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL AGENCIES IS APPROVED



Speakers at the Oregon State Conference of Social Agencies at Reed college, May 12-14: 1—Dr. Edward O. Sisson, commissioner of education, Idaho. 2—C. M. Rymerson, editor Portland Labor Press. 3—W. T. Foster, president of Reed college. 4—Judge C. U. Gantenbein. 5—Attorney James B. Kerr. 6—Miss Eleanor Rowland, professor of psychology, Reed college. 7—William F. Ogburn, professor of economics and sociology, Reed college. 8—W. F. Woodward. 9—George Thatcher, president Prisoners' Aid society. 10—Rev. John H. Boyd. 11—C. J. Bushnell, president Pacific university. 12—Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., chairman of the local executive committee of the Religious Education association. 13—Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the Industrial Welfare commission. 14—District Attorney Walter H. Evans.

Reed college is receiving daily testimonials as to the value of its conference on social agencies, the fourth of which is to be held next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These come from people who have attended previous conferences and are interested in the welfare of the people.

of the Industrial Welfare commission, said: "I consider that the conference is a valuable movement. It calls the attention of persons who believe that Oregon is too young and sparsely populated to have social problems to the fact that many inimical conditions have begun to flourish here."

Dr. Calvin S. White says, "This conference offers the greatest opportunity for the young to study citizenship and for the business man an opportunity to study the best means for the reduction of his taxes."

Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., chairman of the local executive committee of the Religious Education association, says: "The educational ideals in social service work and social service ideals in educational work come into vital and helpful contact in these annual conferences."

Mrs. Robert H. Tate, chairman of the Oregon Child Welfare commission, says: "The conference is perhaps the best means to stimulate our citizens to deeper thought and larger activity in social service on the basis of human brotherhood."

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"How Far Is State Insurance Wise?" by James B. Kerr. "Health Insurance From the Point of View of the Employer," by William F. Woodward, of Woodard, Clarke & Co.

"Health Insurance From the Point of View of the Employee," by Eugene Smith, president of Portland Central Labor Council.

"The Experience of Other Countries in Health Insurance," by Edwin C. Robbins, professor of economics, University of Oregon.

Organ recital, by Max Pearson Cushing, of Reed college: "Fugue and Fugue in C Minor," "Bach Sonata IV (Three Movements)." Prize Song From "Die Meistersinger."

Sunday Afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Wagner Romance. Debussy Concert Overture in F Flat. Faulkes Report of the resolutions committee. Report of the California State conference of Social Agencies, May 1-5, 1915, by William F. Foster.

Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock. "The Social Cost of Sickness," by Walter G. Bech, professor of social science, University of Washington.

"Outlines of a Health Insurance Act," by Edwin V. O'Hara, chairman of Oregon Industrial Welfare commission.

"The Work of a Psychopathic Institute," by Eleanor Rowland, professor of psychology, Reed college.

"The Inadequacy of Criminal Legislation," by Henry F. Cope of Chicago, secretary of the Religious Education association.

"Defects of the Present Criminal Code," by Walter H. Evans, district attorney of Multnomah county.

"What to Do With Those Who Cannot Earn the Minimum Wage," by Edward W. Olson, commissioner of labor, state of Washington.

"The Social Function of the Schools in Relation to the Inefficient," by Edward O. Sisson, commissioner of education, state of Idaho.

"The Social Problem of Inefficiency in Industry," by O. B. Coldwell, general superintendent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

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CRIMINALS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS SICK MEN AT CONFERENCE

National Charities and Correction Meeting Will Begin in Chicago Next Week.

WORK TO BE REVIEWED

Value of Social Surveys Will Be Explained; Employers Are Declared a Factor for Moral Uplift.

Chicago, May 6.—(I. N. S.)—The National Conference of Charities and Correction at its forty-third annual meeting in Indianapolis May 10-17 expects to meet the charge that work for the submerged classes is simply palliative and waste of energy. At the conference the criminal will be described as a sick man mentally. The New York plan of a clearing house for mental defectives will be presented. Dr. R. E. Sothard of the Boston Psychopathic hospital will speak on "Potential Delinquents." A New York official will describe the police as

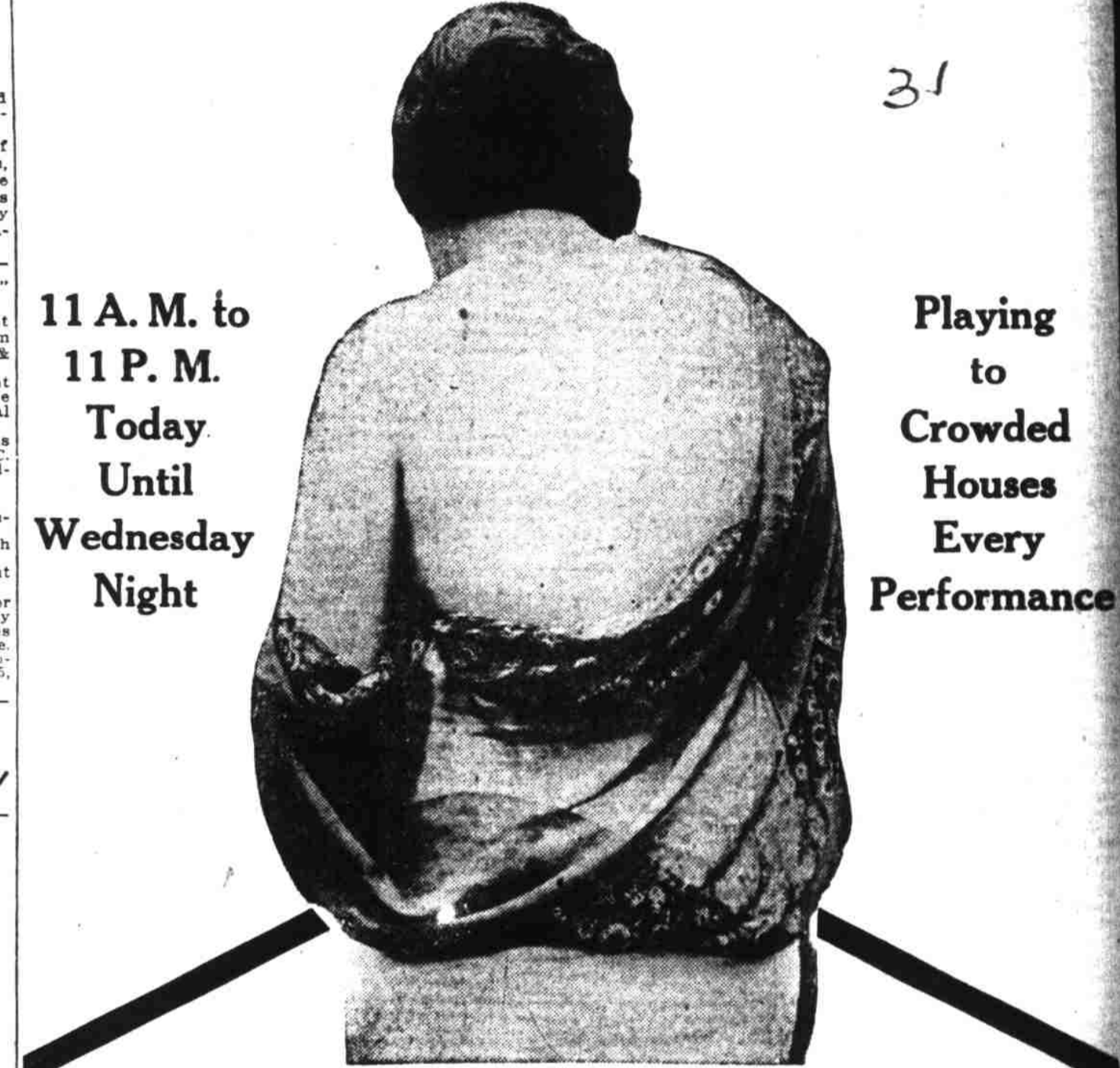
a social force and farm colonies for criminals will be spoken of as laboratories. In one division of the conference, under the chairmanship of Miss Julia C. Lathrop of the federal children's bureau, the Gary plan of public school organization will be shown to represent ideas that social workers have long advocated. Social work agencies will be represented as buttressing public school organization in respect to the health of children, recreation, school centers, steering the child into work, and juvenile courts.

Phases of Insanity. Insurance will be advocated as a preventive of dependency by Dr. Lee K. Frankel of New York. Dr. I. M. Rubinow, representing a special committee of the American Medical association, will speak on health insurance. The chief of the industrial hygiene department of the Ohio state board of health, Dr. E. R. Hayhurst, will describe the ways in which public departments through sanitary and hygienic measures are improving the condition of labor. Two physicians, Dr. D. C. Peyton of the Jeffersonville, Ind., reformatory, and Dr. S. E. Smith of the Richmond, Ind., hospital for the insane, will describe the ravages of disease upon crime, insanity and poverty. Dr. William F. Snow of the American Social Hygiene association, New York city, and Dr. C. S. Woods of Indianapolis, will depict the ravages of venereal diseases.

Employers will be shown to be moral reformers in their attitude toward the use of alcohol by their employes. In a report to be made by Dr. Alexander Fleisher of New York. Other sections will describe the medical and teaching professions and some of the labor organizations as allies of the large industrial concerns and the life insurance companies in the campaign against the drink evil. Value of Social Surveys. A striking new departure in this defense of organized social work will be the illustrations which the Indianapolis program furnishes of the new science of social engineering. Allen T. Burns of the Cleveland foundation, which is said to have accumulated within its first year of existence about \$30,000,000, will speak on the "Organization of Community Resources." The science and value of social surveys will be described by Shelby W. Harrison of the Russell Sage foundation, New York city, and Robert S. Binkerd, secretary of the New York city club. Coordination of civic efforts in small communities will be the topic of a symposium arranged by Mrs. Ada Eliot Sherfield of Boston. The plan of the Indianapolis meeting includes sessions of the International Association of Policewomen, the conference of Jewish Charities and the National Children's Home society. Other groups, such as playground workers, superintendents of lodging houses, members of state boards of teachers of sociology, and superintendents of public institutions will have separate sessions.

800 Workers Receive Ten Per Cent Raise

Boston, Mass., May 6.—The Gillette company granted an increase in the salary of their wage earners of 10 per cent, effective April 20. This raise affects about 800 operators and involves about \$40,000 per year.



11 A. M. to 11 P. M. Today Until Wednesday Night

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DOUBLE IDENTITY PUZZLE SOLVED BY ATTORNEY

J. B. Brown, Former Portlander, Was Robert Means.

A double identity puzzle in which Portland, Or., and Wapakoneta, Ohio, are mutually interested has just been unraveled by Attorney Ben Riesland of this city.

To Portlanders the subject of Mr. Riesland's investigations was known as J. B. Brown. He lived in this city from 1909 to 1914 and was engaged in the real estate business, removing to San Francisco two years ago.

To the people of Wapakoneta, Ohio, he was known as Robert Means, the son of N. Means, a prominent member of the Ohio G. A. R.

Brown died in 1915 leaving property in Portland to be looked after by Mr. Riesland as his attorney. His widow expressed a belief that her husband had been living under an assumed name. Mr. Riesland volunteered to investigate and began a search of Brown's papers and effects for a clue to work upon.

There was a picture of Brown as a boy from which the name had been erased. There was a group photograph, depicting Brown's father, grandmother and three aunts, as he had once told his wife. There were no names.

Mrs. Brown remembered that on one occasion he had mentioned his father as Ohio Grand Army man. Other than that he had never spoken of his family.

Acting on the assumption that Brown came originally from Ohio, Mr. Riesland took the photograph of the father and another of the son and sent them to Elias R. Monfort of Cincinnati, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. The photographs were hung in Memorial hall, Cincinnati, for several weeks but were not identified.

Then the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune was called upon to publish them, on April 25. The likeness of the son bore the caption, "John B. Brown." Over the father's picture was the query, "Who is this man?"

Newspaper Picture Recognized. The question was not long unanswered. A copy of the Commercial Tribune came into the hands of Mrs. L. N. Means of Wapakoneta, Ohio. She recognized immediately the likeness of her husband, the late L. N. Means, and of her son, Robert Means.

Robert Means and John B. Brown, were one and the same. Mrs. Means communicated with Mr. Riesland and learned for the first time of her son's death, that he had left a widow and of the existence of a granddaughter. But why Means used a fictitious name is still a mystery. There is no apparent reason for his assuming a name not his own. As far as is known he had no responsibilities to evade nor had he ever wronged a single person. At a young man 15 years ago Means, or Brown to use the name he was known by, here left home to seek his fortune, following his admission to the bar. He practiced law in Helena, Mont., and is known to have lived in many parts of the west, and in Alaska. His was a roving disposition. Would Be Worth Million. Robert Means was handsome, proud and talented. When he left Wapakoneta he boasted he would never again set foot in his home town until he was worth a million. He did return for a brief visit, however, 11 years ago. From that time to the publication of the pictures in the Cincinnati paper nothing further was heard of him. Letters addressed to him were re-



Above—Robert Means, known in Portland as John B. Brown. Below—L. V. Means, father of Robert Means.

turned unopened, due, no doubt, to the fact that he was living under the name of Brown.

The mystery as to who John B. Brown was is now solved but as to why he forsook his real name is still a puzzle.

Thousands Permanently Disabled. London, May 6.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Murray Leslie, figuring the British casualties in the present war up to February 1 at just over 500,000, and against only 50,000 during the whole of the Transvaal war, calculates that for every 1,000 deaths there are 200 cases of permanent disablement. HALLIDAY & DAVIS, upright, walnut, fine tone, \$137. WEBER piano, perfect, mahogany case, \$267. \$250 NEW PIANO, \$150. \$250 TALKING MACHINES, TABLE with \$40 in records, only \$120. NEW PIANO for rent to responsible party, \$5 per month. \$450 STERLING PIANO, almost new; party compelled by reverses, to give up after paying HAROLD S. GILBERT 324 YAMMILL ST. one block south Old & King store. Not a wildcat or fake piano store—having been connected with piano business in Portland for 15 years.

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