

WOMEN SUPERINTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NINE STATE COUNTIES

That They Appreciate Their Responsibilities Indicated by Policy Declarations.

UNION-LED IN MOVEMENT

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Re-elected Last Fall, Was First Woman County School Superintendent in State.

By Alfred Powers. One-fourth of the county superintendents of Oregon are women. In nine county court houses, if you open the door marked "County Superintendent," you will find a woman—efficient, alert, courteous—and this woman, be it said, is not the county superintendent's stenographer but the county superintendent herself, placed there by several thousand voters.

The counties of Linn, Josephine, Klamath, Jefferson, Baker, Union, Malheur, Harney and Morrow, all have women county superintendents. In practically every county where women were candidates they won out.

Union county was the first county to have a woman county superintendent. That was several years ago. Then came Malheur, then Jefferson. These three women so successfully got away with their difficult jobs that they were swept back into office by big majorities, and six other counties followed suit.

Mrs. Ivanhoe Is First. Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe of Union county, re-elected last fall, was the first woman to hold the office of county superintendent in the state. Mrs. Ivanhoe used to be an easterner, but that was long ago, she came from Woodrow Wilson's state, getting her education at the Salem, N. J., high school and the State Normal at Trenton. She taught school in New Jersey for nine years and then after her marriage came to Oregon, settling at Joseph, then 75 miles from a railroad.

"I have experienced all the hardships of a pioneer life," says Mrs. Ivanhoe. "My furniture was made at a sawmill and limited to a few articles. Dry goods boxes were made to serve as dressers and cupboards, and we dined on homely fare and all that."

When Mrs. Ivanhoe's children entered the public school, she again took up teaching, giving services in the La Grande, Pendleton and Enterprise schools, and for one year in the Weston Normal.

Malheur Field Is Immense. Miss Fay Clark, superintendent of Malheur county, was graduated from the University of Oregon only four years ago. There are over 6,000,000 acres in this big county and a tour of inspection of its 56 school districts is no Sabbath day's journey. Miss Clark has done such remarkable work for the schools in her vast district that she has not only been featured in the Woman's Home Companion and

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COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS



Above, left to right—Miss Elmetta Bailey, Baker; Mrs. Francis Clarke, Harney; Miss Ida M. Cummings, Linn. Below, left to right—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Union; Miss Fay Clark, Malheur.

McCall's Magazine, but last fall was complimented by one of the biggest majorities ever given a candidate in Malheur county.

Miss Ida M. Cummings, county superintendent of Linn county, has lived the greater part of her life at Halsey, Or., in the county whose schools she supervises. She was educated at Albany college, Oregon Normal school and the Oregon Agricultural college. She is a teacher of much experience gained in the schools of Seattle, and the public schools of Oregon. She is assisted by a supervisor, who is also a woman.

Miss Elmetta Bailey, county superintendent of Baker county, spent her girlhood in Douglas county, and is a graduate of the Drain Normal school. She comes from a family of teachers, her mother being a teacher and instructor in the old Umpqua academy at Wilbur, and her cousin, O. C. Brown, being the present school superintendent of Douglas county. Baker is the largest county in the state, the most remote of which is 72 miles from Baker City. Miss Bailey has no supervisor to help her. She plans to purchase a small car with which to get over her big county without having to spend most of the time on the road.

Mrs. Clarke in Harney. Mrs. Francis Clarke, county superintendent of Harney county, is also a native Oregonian. She received her education at the Oregon Normal school and the Oregon Agricultural college. She taught for some time in the schools of Crook county and Baker in the county territory that was at that time under the supervision of Miss Edna Wells, who during the next four years will teach across lakes in motor boats and climb snowy hillsides in high boots, and generally live a life of active and adventurous pedagogy.

Responsibilities Appreciated. What will these women do now that they are at the helm? Happily, this does not have to be left to conjecture, since many of them have definitely indicated what their policies will be, what they will emphasize and try to accomplish.

"My policy," says Mrs. Ivanhoe, "in the future as it has been in the past, is to further the administration of the state office and to inspire teachers with a public spirit, as much as in miles, to the cultivation of all the possibilities that are in each human life. The industrial training, the mental development and the training in many of the good morals are every day emphasized, as I go about my work. As there are 52 districts in Union county and no supervisor to help me, it is needless to say that the duties of my office will fill my life, but it is beautiful work, full of variety and interest, and I rejoice in it."

"As to my work during the next four years," says Miss Fay Clark of Malheur, "I hope to complete a few of the lines of work already begun. I want to shorten the distance between the Baker county and Nevada lines. Our people are scattered over such a great territory that we are not acquainted with one another. Accordingly, in May or June I hope to have a county eighth grade commencement. Many of my children will have to travel nearly 200 miles, but I believe they will be glad to do so. We propose to do more work along industrial lines. We believe that we can be of some use to Malheur county by advertising the products of our section in this way."

Miss Ida M. Cummings of Linn county says she intends to encourage way vocational work, especially in domestic science, manual training and agriculture. I favor parent-teacher associations, and making the school more like home for the children of our county."

Emphasizes the Rural School. "I intend to give the rural schools most of my attention," says Miss Elmetta Bailey of Baker county. "I will emphasize industrial club work, hot lunches, school houses as social centers, literaries, spelling matches, local institutes for teachers and shall encourage the optional meetings of teachers at least once a month."

In Harney county there are 60 schools, few of which are standardized. "May I see the last one standardized," says Mrs. Clarke. Some of the schools are more than a hundred miles from the county seat. She will make her trips in a runabout and emphasize standardization—the flag flying in all those wholesome standardized printed on the big yellow card sent out from the state superintendent's office.

Captain White Soon to Leave. Next Tuesday Captain George A. White expects to start back to Calexico to continue in command of troop A, Oregon cavalry, until its return home and muster out of the federal service. He will appear tomorrow before committees of the legislature relative to support of the Oregon Naval Militia.

Three million dollars has been spent to bring the power of a waterfall 90 miles to Bombay for electric light and power purposes.

"Moonshine" Case Ends in Acquittal

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Newtown D. Spradling, government gauger, today was acquitted of complicity in the "moonshine" whiskey conspiracy.

Guy Hartman, confessed illicit distiller, who was arrested after serving as a scout with the punitive expedition in Mexico, will be taken to Jacksonville, Fla., as a government witness against Thomas C. McCoy, who is charged with revenue frauds in that state. Efforts are being made to bring McCoy here for trial, as his case is a ramification of the "moonshine" conspiracy.

Snow at Pendleton; May Be Sleighing

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 20.—Snow that began last evening has continued falling in this city almost constantly since, but it is fine, and not more than two inches deep. The ground beneath is frozen hard.

8,000,000 Acres Eliminated

Washington, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—More than 8,000,000 acres of land was eliminated from the National forests, and more than 100 individual tracts within the forests were made available for homestead entry in the last fiscal year, as a result of land classification work, according to the annual report of Henry S. Graves, chief of the forest service.

Prune Orchard Profitable

Chicago, Jan. 20.—(P. N. S.)—That there is money in the raising of prunes is evidenced by the fact that Beresford brothers have realized \$10,500 in one season from 120 trees, 12 acres of ground on their ranch on the Sacramento river, west of Chico.

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OPPOSITION DEVELOPS IN HOOD COUNTY TO ALIEN LAND LAW BILL

Contention Is That Japanese Are Working Land That White Men Would Ignore

Hood River, Or., Jan. 20.—Senator Wilbur, of Hood River county, who has introduced in the senate an alien land law bill aimed at the Japanese land owners of the state, prohibiting them from holding lands in fee, has stirred up the business men of the city and the farmers in active opposition to the measure.

There are only 27 Japanese in Hood River county, and their total holdings amount to only 640 acres, one half of which is cleared. According to statistics, Hood River county has more Japanese inhabitants than any other county in the state outside of Multnomah.

At the present time there are approximately 300 Japanese in this county, and the larger per cent are leasees, caring for lands of non-resident owners, and in most instances lands that white men would not lease and make productive.

It is stated that if the holdings leased by the Japanese in this county were turned over to white labor, in a majority of instances the premises would be abandoned, as the white men could not make a living thereon.

The Japanese are principally engaged in the growing of strawberries, and most of their holdings are in the mountainous section near Dee and the upper valley, where they have cleared their own lands.

There is no commercial or industrial organization of Hood River supporting the Wilbur bill.

BAKER BURNING WOOD BECAUSE COAL SUPPLY IS BELOW ITS NORMAL

Fuel Has Apparently Been Sidetracked, but No Real Suffering Is Probable.

Baker, Or., Jan. 20.—Though the coal supply of Baker was not replenished by receipts today, the experiment of using partly dried slabwood in furnaces and heating plants is proving successful, and there will be no real suffering from a coal shortage. That shipments destined for Baker have been diverted at points east seems probable, as the railroad can get no trace of cars shipped from Rock Springs and Kemmerer 10 days ago, and known to have passed Pocatello January 16. Dealers have some briquets left, and more on the way, and confidently expect more coal Sunday or Monday.

Moderating weather has aided the situation.

Pioneer Woman Dies

Baker, Or., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Lydia Weisner, 75, resident of Baker county since 1871, died today at Rock Creek, near here. She leaves seven children.

Whitman Sophs Give Class Play

Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 20.—"The Road to Yesterday," the annual Sophomore class play at Whitman and the dramatic organization of Hood River, was given Thursday evening at the Keylor Grand theatre.

The following students were in the cast: Miss Frances Penrose and Werner Baumister of Walla Walla; Miss Gertrude Upton, Miss Virginia Riblet, Robert Hurd and Ralph Potter of Spokane; Miss Claudia Lewis of Wenatchee; Miss Geraldine d'Albain of Ellensburg; Miss Miriam Smith of Prescott, Wash.; Emery Hoover of Walsburg, Wash.; Sanford Selgrist of Lapwai, Idaho; Herbert Armstrong of Lebanon, Or.; Leo Etakorn of Monitor, Wash., and Harold Blomquist of Shelley, Idaho.

Injuries to Workers Cost \$2,000,000

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—(P. N. S.)—Industrial accidents in California during the year 1916 cost \$2,002,706.54, according to statistics compiled by the state industrial accident commission.

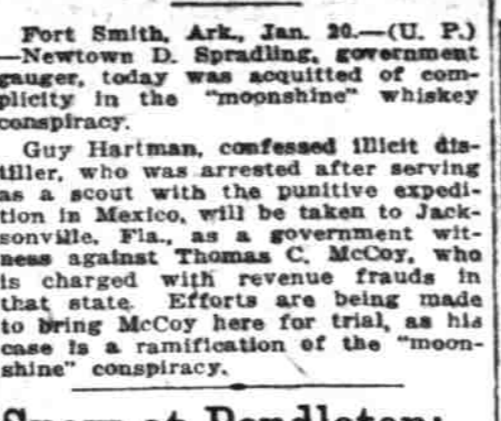
All told there were 67,533 injuries, costing in compensation \$1,156,202.48 for medical attendance. The total cost is divided as follows: 533 deaths, \$23,288.36; 1264 permanent injuries, \$1,512,188.32.

The wage loss caused by the injuries amounted to approximately \$18,250,000, and the time lost was equivalent to 2350 years.

War Office Asked For Militia Horses

Captain George A. White, in behalf of the National Guard of Oregon requested by telegraph yesterday of the war department, that there be supplied to troop A, Oregon cavalry, 25 horses, and the same number for battery, Field Artillery. The federal government will supply care takers, feed and veterinary attention for the animals, if the latter are allowed, and they will be kept in Clarkamas in stables constructed by the state.

SHAFT HONORS PIONEERS



At the right—The new William H. Gray monument, a white marble shaft about 10 feet high, erected at Wallaitpu in the memory of notable pioneers. The Whitman monument is at the crest of a small hill about 200 feet to the left of the place shown here.

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 20.—With the completion a short time ago of the monument erected for William H. Gray beside that of Dr. Marcus Whitman, Wallaitpu, the scene of the Whitman massacre, early Christian missions and famous Indian battles, has become one of the historic shrines of the northwest.

Through the efforts of President S. E. L. Penrose of Whitman college, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Gray, two of Old Oregon's most notable pioneers, were removed last fall from Astoria to Wallaitpu, seven miles west of Walla Walla, where they were interred beside the bodies of Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman. Appropriate services were held at that time, in which members of the Gray family and prominent historians and educators of the northwest took part. But time had not allowed for the erection of the proposed monument over the Gray burial place and that this work was completed.

The new shaft marking the Gray grave is of white stone and simple in design, as may be seen from the accompanying illustration. It is set at the head of the graves, and beside the grave of the Whitman family and other victims of the massacre. The Whitman monument, a marble shaft about 25 feet high, erected in 1886 by popular subscription, stands at the summit of a small hill about 200 feet to the left of the place shown in the picture.

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Youth Despairs of New Woman Justice



Palo Alto, Cal., Jan. 20.—"Good night," exclaimed James Cannon, 19 years old, in despair when he was informed that a woman justice of the peace would weigh the evidence against him in a burglary charge.

Cannon, who was accused of breaking into stores, made inquiries immediately following his arrest as to whether the justice of the peace was inclined to be lenient.

"The justice is a woman," explained an attaché of the police station. The prisoner then made the remark that indicated he had lost all hope of regaining his liberty.

Cannon's case was the first one tried by Mrs. Charles, recently named to preside over the court, and he was sent to the juvenile court.

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