

LIBRARIANS OF
NORTHWEST
MEET THIS WEEK

Eighth Annual Meeting of Northwest Library Association to Convene Thursday Here.

The eighth annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library association will be held in Portland this week, beginning Thursday and lasting for three days. Present will be librarians prominent in their profession from all parts of the country.

The address of welcome at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, September 2, will be given by Dr. John B. Wise, a trustee of the Library association of Portland. The response will be by John Ridington, librarian at the University of British Columbia. Ethel R. Sawyer of Portland will give the secretary's report and Elena A. Clancy of Tacoma will read the financial report.

Nine three minute reports will follow covering every branch of library work from books and members to salaries and publicity.

LIBRARY PROGRESS TO BE TOLD

Library progress in the Pacific Northwest during the year will be related in three minute reports by persons from the various territories. The speakers are: Helen G. Stewart of Victoria, B. C.; Belle Sweet of Moscow, Idaho; Lucia Haley of Missoula, Mont.; and Josina Sprague of Salt Lake City.

Talks aimed to give librarians much information are planned for the afternoon program. Speakers are Anne M. Mulheron of Portland, Nellie M. Fisher of Portland, Mrs. Viola Price of Albany, Ethel R. Sawyer of Portland, Mabel Alexander of Portland and Mrs. Alice W. Jones of Portland.

A conference on school libraries, led by Mildred Pope, supervisor of school libraries in Seattle, will close the afternoon program. J. A. Churchill of Salem, superintendent of public instruction in Oregon, will lecture. Miss Nell A. Unger, librarian at Lincoln high school, Seattle, and Constance R. S. Ewing, assistant school librarian in Portland, will speak. Discussions following these addresses will be led by Flora M. Case of Salem and Annabel Porter of Tacoma.

During the Thursday night program Zulema Korfmann, editor of the Portland Librarian, will give a book review symposium, after which Dr. Richard F. Scholes of the University of Washington, will speak.

Addresses on the program for the morning of the second day will be given by Milton J. Ferguson of Sacramento, librarian at the California State library; Sarah V. Lewis of Seattle, superintendent of circulation; Gertrude Andrus of Seattle, manager of a boys' and girls' book shop; Cornelia Marvin of Salem, librarian at the Oregon State library; and John B. Kaiser of Tacoma, regional director for the Northwest Library associations.

LUNCHEON AT CLUB

The association will take lunch at the University club.

Friday afternoon will be spent in a survey of the Portland library system. Visiting delegates will be taken by automobile to the branch libraries.

Country libraries will receive a prominent part on Friday evening's program. Addresses will be given by A. Nichols of La Grande, Clara Van Sant of Medford and Ellen P. Howe of Seaside. Conferences of officers and trustees will follow the lectures.

Saturday morning will be devoted to business and election and installation of new officers. The convention will close with the highway trip. Advance registration is required from all who desire to visit the branch libraries or take the highway trip.

Acrobatic Stunts in
Pullmans May Be
Avoided by Device

Contortionists and acrobats will no longer be the only ones to get the full measure of enjoyment out of a long railroad trip if a patent which makes it possible for the occupants of both upper and lower berths of a Pullman car to stand erect to dress are adopted by the Pullman company.

Such an arrangement has been invented by W. A. Robbins, attorney for the Q. W. R. & N., and so worthy did the device appear to railway employees that Robbins has been persuaded to patent it and present it to the Pullman company for approval.

For several years Robbins has been working on this device, being inspired to a special effort probably because he couldn't even straighten out his mind on legal questions while cramped in a berth trying to put a shoe on with one hand and fasten a collar with the other.

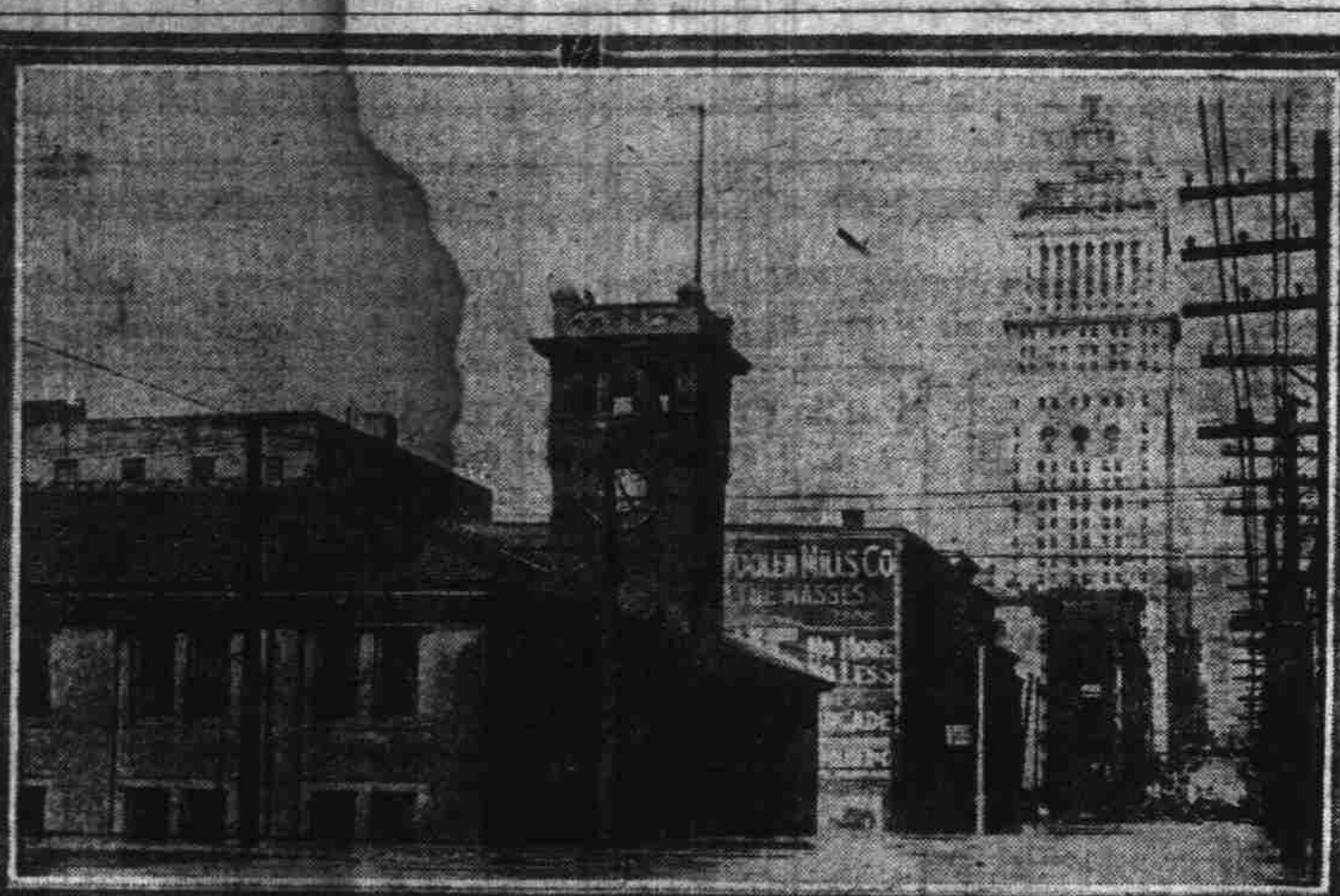
Milton College to
Open September 13

Milton, Aug. 28.—Columbia college will open September 13 with the following staff of teachers: Principal and business manager, the Rev. H. S. Shingle; dean, Professor W. C. Howard; matron of the dormitory, Miss Mary Stinson of Jasper, Mo.; English and history, Miss Beale Lee, University of Wisconsin; mathematics and commercial work, Mrs. W. C. Howard; languages, Miss Alice Cunningham, Jamieson College, N. D.; expression, Miss Margaret Dilla, Leeland Power School of Boston; voice culture, Miss Bernadine Adair, University of Idaho and New England Conservatory of Music, Boston; piano, Miss Norma Lucia Olsen, New England Conservatory of Music, assisted by Miss Evelyn Ellingfanger, American Institute of Music, Evanston, Ill.; and Miss Ruth Shangle, Columbia college; violin, Mrs. Gwen Howells; orchestra, Professor N. E. Heric, Walla Walla; domestic science, Mrs. O. K. Sevr.

Base Balls and Rain
Drops Are All Alike

Baltimore, Aug. 28.—(U. N. S.)—An umbrella as a protection from batted balls was used by one of the women who appeared before Judge Williams in juvenile court to protest against the playing of baseball by boys and men on the lot donated by an improvement association as a playground for children. Several women testified they were struck by baseballs when passing the lot. It was one of them who carried an umbrella to ward off batted balls as she would to protect herself from the rain.

WEATHER BUREAU FORECASTS GREAT FLOODS



Above—Ohio river front, Cincinnati, April 1, 1913. Second—Flood at Findlay, Ohio, 1912. Third—Mississippi river flood at Davenport, Iowa, May 10, 1920. Below—Flood scene on lower Mississippi, near Benoit, Miss.

AMERICAN LEGION
TRYING TO SOLVE
WAR PROBLEMSMissing Men Aided to Find Old
Homes by Organization of Soldier
Welfare and Aid.

The saddest phase of the war, and even the knowledge of the "going west" of a loved one, is the lingering doubt of those who know not whether a relative has passed to join the great army in a better world or is somewhere enduring the living death suffered by a person with shattered mind.

On August 22 The Journal printed a list of names of heroes who have passed into the land of missing men and concerning whom saddened relatives are seeking information through the American Legion Weekly.

This week the American Legion Weekly announces the following additional unsolved mysteries of the war, in the hope that a reader of The Journal may be able to supply the inquiring relatives with the information they desire.

Walter W. Craig, second lieutenant, U. S. Army, 30th Infantry, missing and possibly captured in Box de Fay, October 4, 1918. Does Clark Miller, 44 Oriental street, Newark, N. J., who inquires for mother.

George H. Kilgore, private, U. S. Army, 127th Infantry, reported wounded, France, August 4, 1918. Reported killed, October 5, 1918. Mother wants address. Address Mrs. J. F. Kilgore, 1111 N. D.

Harold Meadows, private, U. S. Army, 324th Infantry, killed in action, November 4, 1918. Mother wants address. Address Mrs. J. F. Kilgore, 1111 N. D.

George L. White, corporal, U. S. Army, 15th Infantry, reported missing in action, Arizona, September 25. Mother wants address. Address Mrs. J. F. Kilgore, 1111 N. D.

to his son's fate. Address Mrs. F. M. White, 1817 1/2 street, Coffeyville, Kan.

Alfred Whittle, sergeant, company D, 356th Infantry, reported September 26, 1918, near Troy, in France. "Presumed" dead. Address with knowledge of fate of this soldier write his mother Mrs. J. E. Whittle, 1264 East Fourth street, Des Moines, Ia.

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EASTERN SHRINERS
TAKE OFF HATS TO
'JOLLY' PORTLANDPolice Department Specially
Mentioned in Message of
Thanks Sent by Mirza Temple.

"People of Portland are patient, long-suffering and wonderful. Give our love to them, and if you can do anything to raise their salary, for Allah's sake, step to it."

This is the concluding statement of a resolution which was recently unanimously adopted by Shriners of Mirza Temple, Pittsburgh, Kan., and forwarded to Sydney E. Vincent, publicity manager of the Chamber of Commerce. The resolution says that every noble who visited Portland during the recent Imperial council highly appreciated the hospitality of the Rose City. The resolution further says that:

"The civility and nobility of Mirza Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in regular meeting assembled, extends thanks to the temples and citizens generally in Portland and surrounding towns for the best time we ever had in our lives."

"It is impossible for us to do as much for you as you have done for us, but if you ever come our way, please permit school children to win prizes, such as Shetland ponies, sheep and pure bred pigs, offered by the provincial government to the best brother hunters. Elmer Oliver, a Colgate schoolboy, was declared king of the rooster hunters for having destroyed 11,171 of the rodents."

To Give Free Tours

Sydney, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—(By Mail)—Government officials are planning to offer free tours over Australia to delegates attending the World Press Congress here next spring.

WEATHER BUREAU
FORECASTS FLOODS,
WARNING NATION

Edward Wells, Local Meteorologist, Tells of Work of U. S. Bureau in Informing Nation.

(This is the fifth of a series of articles on the making of weather forecasts and observations, written exclusively for The Sunday Journal by Edward L. Wells, meteorologist, United States weather bureau, Portland.)

By Edward L. Wells

Meteorologist, United States Weather Bureau, Portland, Ore.

Very closely related to weather forecasting is the work of forecasting river stages on navigable streams and issuing warnings of floods. River records are kept for various purposes by a number of government establishments, including the engineer corps, the reclamation service, and the water resources branch of the United States geological survey, but the weather bureau is charged with the duty of issuing river forecasts and flood warnings. However, valuable assistance in the erection and maintenance of river gauges is rendered by the other agencies mentioned.

Up to 1873 river records were confined to a few made by the United States engineers and by cities. In that year the work was undertaken by the weather bureau, which was then a part of the signal corps, under the war department. HISTORY IS REPEATED.

In 1874 a circular was issued showing the range between high and low water marks on Western rivers. In 1877 plans were made to extend the river service to the rivers of Oregon and California, and March 18, 1879, the first river reading was made at Portland.

There are now on the various rivers in the United States 541 stations at which daily river readings are made during all or part of the year, and 84 stations making occasional readings. These stations report to 63 district centers, from which forecasts and warnings are issued.

The Portland district embraces the entire Columbia river system, in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the stations numbering 22.

The river gauges are of various kinds, depending on the character of the river bank and the particular local conditions. Wherever it is possible to install and maintain a vertical staff gauge this type is preferred. Usually such a gauge consists of a plank about two inches thick and 12 inches wide, painted white, with graduations one tenth of a foot apart chiseled in and painted black. The plank is attached to a bridge pier, piling, dolphin, or other suitable structure. The Portland gauge is attached to the draw-bridge of the Morrison street bridge. Where there is no structure to which a vertical gauge can be attached it is sometimes necessary to install a sloping gauge, embedded in the river bank. Such gauges are usually an iron rail embedded in concrete. In other places a chain or metal tape is lowered from a bridge till an attached weight just touches the water, and the length of the chain or tape is noted.

GAUGES ARE USED

At some of the more important stations self-recording gauges are in use. At Portland, in addition to the staff gauge on the draw rest, there is an automatic gauge located at municipal dock No. 2, and connected by electric wires with a recording apparatus in the weather bureau office at the Custom House.

All weather bureau river records are entered in feet and tenths. When a gauge is installed the zero of the gauge is placed at the level of the lowest water known. If lower stages are recorded later the zero point is not changed, but when readings below zero are recorded they are preceded by a minus sign.

The zero of the Portland gauge is six tenths of a foot above mean sea level. For each river gauge there is established a flood stage, which is the stage at which damage begins. The flood stage at Portland is 15 feet. This stage floods some of the lower docks but does no other damage in the city. A stage of a little above 25 feet will flood front streets in places, but fortunately this seldom occurs.

MAY OCCUR IN TWO WAYS

High water at Portland may occur in two ways. The winter freshets are caused by heavy rain in the watershed of the Willamette river. These freshets occur suddenly and are often of short duration. They usually carry a swift

STATE W. C. T. U. TO MEET

Plans Laid for Portland Convention
at White Temple, Sept.
29-October 1.

Portland will entertain the state W. C. T. U. convention, which will be held at the White Temple September 29, 30 and October 1.

A banquet in honor of Mary Harris, of Atlanta, Ga., will be served at the White Temple by the Multnomah county W. C. T. U. at 6 p. m., September 29. Mrs. Harris will speak at the White Temple on the same evening.

The Washington state convention, which will be in session at Vancouver, Wash., at that time, will be the guests of Oregon October 1.

Arrangements are being made for the reception and entertainment of the delegates from Oregon and the visitors from Washington by the following committee: Mrs. G. S. Buland and Mrs. Mary D. Russell and Mrs. Lee Davenport.

Mrs. Hattie Wilson is chairman of the entertainment committee. Mrs. Frances Swope of reception, Mrs. E. S. Collins of decoration, Mrs. Lulu Horning of banquet, Mrs. Ada Jolly of banners and badges.

One of the interesting features of the convention will be the reading of the prize essays and the presentation of the state W. C. T. U. prizes by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

current, bring down considerable debris, and may cause some difficulty in handling logs. The melting of snow seldom adds greatly to the height of a Willamette freshet.

The summer freshets are caused by melting snow in the mountains in the upper portions of the watersheds of the Columbia and Snake rivers and their larger tributaries, in Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and British Columbia. In these the rise and fall are gradual, and depend largely on the temperature. The water backs into the Portland harbor from the Columbia, and little or no current is observed in the harbor. Rain seldom plays an important part in the summer freshets.

The river forecasts and flood warnings are used in connection with the movement of boats, barges, and rafts, the moving of stock from lowlands, fishing operations, drainage projects, protecting of commodities at docks, and many other activities.

The next article will take up the subject of agricultural meteorology.

Veteran of Indian
Wars Dies Here at
Home, Age 71 Years

Thomas Wesley Johnson died at his residence at 231 East Eleventh street north, August 10, at the age of 71 years. Johnson was born in Adair county, Iowa, June 16, 1859, and has lived in Portland 15 years and in Oregon 59 years. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1861 by ox team. The family settled in the Willamette valley and later removed to Southern Oregon, where Johnson lived 44 years. He fought in the Modoc and other Indian wars in Klamath county. He was married in 1885 to Miss Hattie Hoyt of Grants Pass. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and camp of Modoc and filled at different times all chairs of the order. He is survived by his widow, two children, Lloyd L. and Lucille Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m., Monday, August 11, at the residence.

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PORTLAND RANKS
HIGH IN FIGHT ON
SOCIAL DISEASES

Oregon Metropolis Leads 444 Cities of U. S., According to Government Health Survey.

Portland ranks first among 444 cities of the United States in applied effort for eliminating social diseases, according to a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of public health, covering the results of a survey of civic legislation and methods of control aimed at stamping out this evil. Out of a possible 1000 points Portland scored 795 with Salt Lake City second at 760 and Reno, Nev., at the bottom of the list with only 6 points.

The survey, made by officers of the United States public health service, covered medical, legal, educational and general cooperative measures in force February 1, 1920, for combating social diseases in the largest 444 cities in the country. Information was obtained from answers to more than 300 questions regarding local conditions.

Detroit leads in cities of 500,000 population or more, with 884 points. Portland leads in cities of from 100,000 to 500,000; Oklahoma City, with 704 points, stands first among towns with a population of 50,000 to 100,000; Lincoln, Neb., with a score of 720, holds first place among cities of from 25,000 to 50,000 population; and Glens Falls, N. Y., leads cities of 25,000 and under with a score of 604 points.

Portland's score of 795 points is highest among the cities of the United States. The only other city surveyed in Oregon is Salem, with a score of 421 points. Tacoma, Wash., ranks highest among cities of that state with 738 points. Spokane received 713 points and Seattle 510 points.

The educational and legislative campaign carried on during the past three years in Oregon is credited by Mayor Baker with giving Portland the high standing recorded in the government report. Municipal ordinances in force here and methods of governing social diseases have been accepted as models by other cities.

Judge Says Loving
Is O. K., If It's Nice

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 28.—(U. N. S.)—The young people of Huntington are singing the praises of Judge L. D. Newman. Says the judge: "People can love each other as much as they want in Rittier park or on the boulevards, and no officer has the right to prevent an automobile from stopping along the boulevard if it is clear of traffic and the occupants are disorderly." The policemen no longer take notice of the speeders and an open season for lovers is on.

Aliens Swamp Ellis Island

New York, Aug. 28.—(U. N. S.)—With 4904 immigrant aliens on the boards of Ellis island for examination and several big steamships carrying ships coming into port, bringing at least 2000 more to be landed as soon as inspections can be made, there is a rush of incoming aliens as in days before the war.

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