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Music

With a personnel which bids fair to include all of Salem's male singing talent the permanent organization of an Apollo club has been perfected. That the success of the organization is assured seems reasonable in view of the quality and capabilities of its

membership and the enthusiasm shown in the speedy inauguration of regular rehearsals.

Unique in the club's plan of organization is the provision for an honorary president, who, while not necessarily a singer or musician, will be chosen largely with a view toward his identification with civic affairs, prominence in philanthropy and general sponsorship for the club's activities. It has not yet been announced whom the club has elected to this office.

F. G. Deckabach, prominently identified with musical activities in Salem for a number of years, has been chosen vice president and, in that capacity, will be active in the business affairs of the club and will preside at its business meetings. Walter T. Jenks will serve as secretary and treasurer.

Of particular significance to all of its future efforts at artistic harmony, the directorship of the club has been conferred upon John W. Todd, whose personal voice ability and past experience in men's choral work will undoubtedly mean more to the real success of the organization than the individual qualifications of its members. Mr. Todd has been affiliated with several prominent northwestern choirs and men's choruses and was, for several years, director of the Orpheus chorus of Tacoma.

Miss Bernice Clark, pipe organist at the First Congregational church and well known for her splendid ability at the piano, has been secured as the club's accompanist.

It is not likely that the singers, under the chosen title of their club, will be available for ordinary public gatherings, it being the sense of the members that no public appearance should be attempted until a high degree of proficiency has been attained. Undoubtedly the first definite object toward which the efforts of the club will be directed will be an initial concert, to be given in the late summer or early fall.

Rehearsals are being held every Wednesday night in the vocal studio of Dan Langenburg in the Hubbard building. The membership, as at present constituted, is as follows:

First tenors: Frank Hughes, John W. Todd, Frank DeWitt, J. D. Humphreys.

Second Tenors: W. T. Jenks, Robert S. Gill, H. W. Bross, H. N. Aldrich.

First Basses: Ralph Jones, Albert Gille, Dan Langenburg, Paul Irvin.

Second Basses: F. G. Deckabach, Claude H. Stevenson, George C. L. Snyder.

A studio musicale, by pupils of Frank E. Churchill, was given in his studio in the I. O. O. F. temple, March 5, to friends and relatives of those participating in the program.

The pupils acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, each number showing very careful preparation. The program was as follows:

Wild Roses Carl W. Kern
Helene Greeg

Sounds from Hoame Bert Velma Emmett

The Frost King Schiefelbein Frances Durr

Lady Slipper Road Ruby Drager

On Guard March Langlois Thelma Flake

Singing and Swinging Crammond Leolyn Barnett

Orfe Grande Polka Gottschalk Edith Young

Serenade Emil Tittl Fern Winchell

Vocal Solo Selected Alice Roth

Summer Frances Morrison Lois Neptune

Little Patriot March Krogmann Margaret Smith

Convent Echoes Crammond Thelma Birdwell

Mid Blooming Flowers Crammond Cecille Liston

Shadow Dance Smith Edna McElhane

La Cinquantaine Gabriel-Marie Alice Roth

Nocturne Stoutenburgh Fay Woiz

Fond Recollections Crammond Wilma Doremus

Silvery Thistles Ketterer Luella Barnett

YOUNG TEACHER UNDER CHARGES

But She Offers Sensational Testimony Against Her Superintendent

Testimony of a sensational character was offered by Miss Beulah Russell, teacher of the Fir school, on Fairview road, Multnomah county, in a hearing before State Superintendent Churchill Saturday on complaint of County Superintendent Alderson, who demands that the teacher's life certificate be revoked. Miss Russell's home is at 475 Main street, Portland.

Miss Russell declared that she had asked Alderson to help her procure a place in the Portland schools, and that in the course of the conversation the superintendent suggested that she make an appointment with a certain member of the school board and that he suggested hush-hush between her and the director. She said the superintendent offered her his telephone to make a date with the board member.

Neglect of Duty Charged. "He said the member of the board would give a girl a chance if she appealed to him," said Miss Russell, "and that he thought I would make an impression upon him."

Charges on which is based Superintendent Alderson's complaint are gross neglect of duty and that obscene and immoral pictures were on the walls and indecent writing on the doors of the school which Miss Russell failed to remove at the superintendent's request.

Miss Russell refused to mention the name of the director to whom



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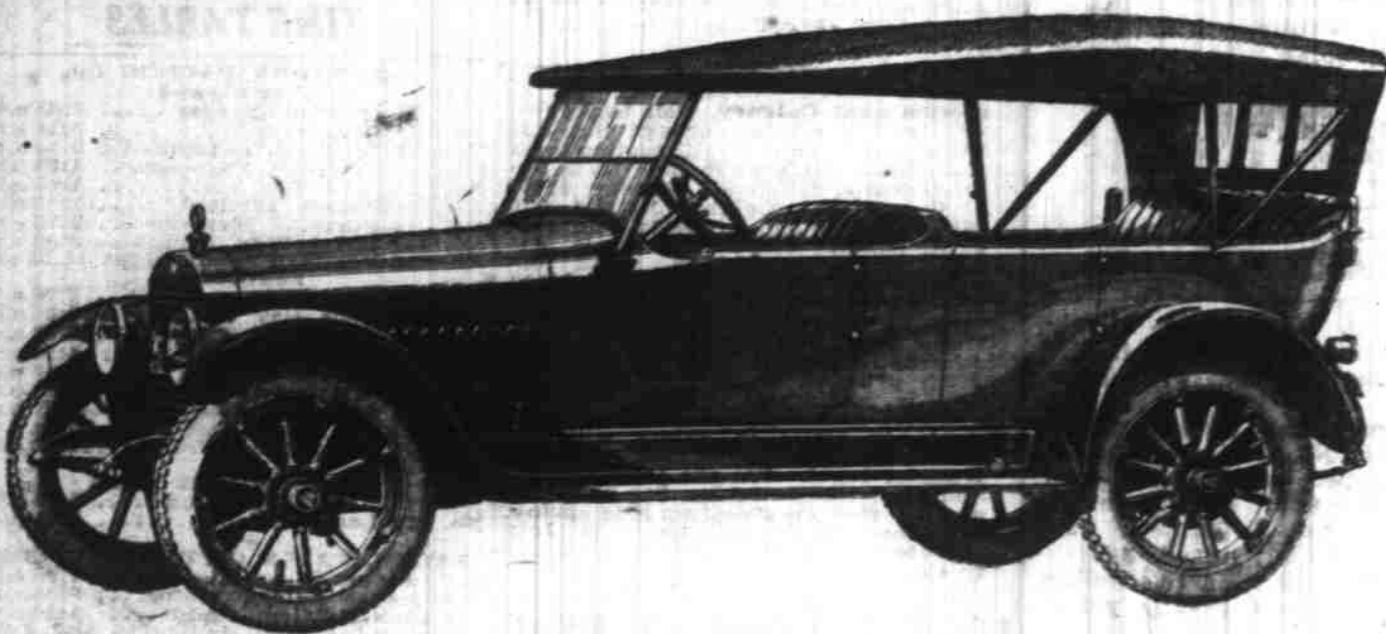
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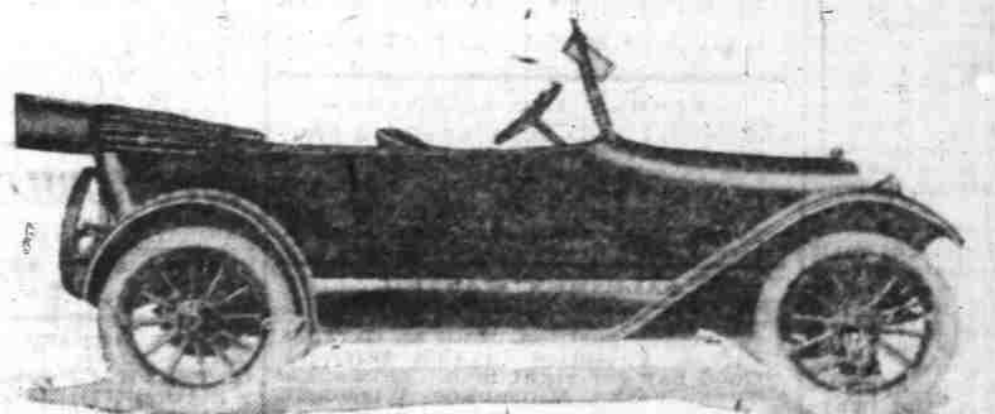
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With the railroads in the hands of the government, what is to become of the old-fashioned farmers who used to make a living out of the railroads, prosecuting damage suits for the alleged loss of stock killed on the right of way.—Exchange.

Consolidation Commission Will Meet Here March 25

The committee on consolidations, appointed by Governor Withycombe as a result of action of the last legislature, has called a meeting in Salem for Monday, March 25. It is rumored that considerable of an upheaval is expected in the meeting, but whether the session is to be public has not been made known. The duty of the commission is to report to the next legislature a plan for consolidation of state offices and commissions.

she says she was referred by Alderson. Replying to questions of Deputy District Attorney Pierce, who represented Alderson, she said she had made no complaint against Alderson because she wished to avoid notoriety.

Writing Not Removed. Superintendent Alderson said at the hearing that when Miss Russell asked him to help her procure a position in Portland he told her he had no influence that would help her, and advised her to see the directors, mentioning the name of O. M. Plummer, and suggested that she use his telephone to call Mr. Plummer and ask for an appointment.

Alderson claims he called the attention of Miss Russell and also the attention of the school directors to the objectionable pictures and writing on the walls of the school, but that when he visited the school about a month later they had not been erased. She told the super-

tendent, according to his testimony, that she had tried to erase them, but could not.

Mr. Churchill has the case under advisement.

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