

# PROGRAM IS OUT FOR STATE MEET OF PEDAGOGUES

The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association is to be held in Portland, beginning December 29, will be attended by teachers from all over the state, according to E. F. Carleton of Eugene, chairman of the information committee.

Miss Cordelia J. Spencer of Portland, president of the association; Dean E. D. Resaler, of the Oregon Agricultural college, secretary, and the chairman of the various departments, have prepared a program of unusual interest, says Mr. Carleton.

The representative council, which transacts all of the association business, will hold its session Tuesday, December 29. On the following morning a general assembly of the teachers will be called in the Lincoln high school auditorium. The program will include singing under the direction of W. H. Boyer of the Portland schools; taxation by Rev. Oswald Taylor, dramatization of familiar songs by boys from Eliot school under the direction of Miss Mabel Hurley, class room teacher, and addresses by Miss Mabel V. Wilson of Seattle, Dr. Elliott Cumberley of Stanford and Mrs. J. F. Hill of Portland, vice-president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning departmental meetings will be held with various chairmen in charge.

On Thursday afternoon, December 31, the general assembly will hear an address by Fred W. Steiwer of Pendleton, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator and representing the American Legion, and an address by Dr. Cumberley. The report of the resolutions committee will be presented by C. B. Lamb, Tillamook county school superintendent. Music will be furnished by third grade pupils of Hosford school under the direction of Miss Grace McCracken, class room teacher.

S. L. Mabey, aged 45, is the oldest of the active jockeys on the American turf. He has been riding for 27 years. Robert Haviland, the youngest jockey, is only 16 years old.

## My Line o' Talk

Everett Earle Stanard

### WINTER SNOWS

All the dim trails are covered quite There is not a path or a way— No sign of a track in this world of white.

No help from the skies of gray: But over the open world and the sea The wind keeps pace through the hours.

To level the drifts and shake from the trees A wealth of snow-jeweled flowers.

And fast as a track or a trench is made, Or the fairy print of a bird, The leveling wind in the sun or the shade

Speaks over his magic word. The new snow covers the hieroglyphs, And night comes down with a bound,

To polish and glaze the featherly drifts, And bind the world in a sward.

Where are the little winding trails That led to the dells in the wood Lost in the deeps where the snow prevails

In a voiceless solitude. A man must seek out a strange, new way,

If he goes to the river's brink; And ice packs swirled by the current gray Grind and topple and clink.

But far on the hills if a man could go Over glaze of the untracked white, He would see the furs in garments of snow,

And silver lace light— O I little fear what the winter holds

When the wild storm—demon play: The scrolls of beauty that God unrolls

Are a solace that over-pays.

### Tall Yarns

Of Jackson Wheeler, prominent Lin county pioneer, it is told that he and a party of hunters once shot an elk, and were surprised to find that although the creature was virtually "killed" it did not fall.

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over. Investigation showed that when mortally wounded the animal had simply fallen against a tree which held it upright. This is on a par with Bridger's story to the effect that he had once tried to shoot an elk through a mountain of crystal.

**Historic Adventure**  
J. C. Hunter, 36 year old pioneer residing at Ashland, was born, raised and brought up on the site of the present Kansas City, Missouri, and as a boy he often saw the frontiersmen and fur-traders whose names figure most in history. He remembers particularly Jim Bridger, Kit Carson and Pierre Choteau.

**Trading Post**  
Kansas City, during Mr. Hunter's boyhood, was a mere trading post and landing place for the river boats. However, the fur company maintained a warehouse there, and the traders and trappers and officials were frequent visitors at the place. In fact, Mr. Hunter's father was often in the employ of the company, and he boarded and kept the company's representatives at his house when they were at this place.

"The fact is," says Mr. Hunter, "I was named in honor of Joseph Clymer, president of the fur company."

**Bridger**  
According to Mr. Hunter's reminiscences, Jim Bridger was a tall, bony, though wiry sort of a man, open countenance, square-cut features, and face well bronzed from the long continued effect of sun and wind. He was the greatest of the mountain men, and unless it was Carson there was no guide in greater demand by soldiers, pioneers, traders and adventurers.

Probably Carson ranged over a somewhat greater area, take it on the whole, for Bridger seldom if ever ventured into the great Northwest. But his knowledge in regard to the Big Horn country, Green River valley, Salt Lake basin, Yellowstone, upper Missouri and the prairies as far as the Snake river district was intimate and reliable. As a story teller, he has a basis in fact for an imposing array of

years' and aside from old Joe Meek, no one could hold a candle to him.

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equipped for his expedition boasted some forty men, one hundred and twelve horses, forty dogs and twenty-one cars. They spent one winter at Fort Laramie, one at a fort which they built in the Powder river country, and another along the Missouri at various places, finally arriving in St. Louis in 1817.

**NEVERS TO JOIN PROFESSIONALS**  
San Francisco, Dec. 14.—(A.P.)—Another nationally known football star, in the person of Ernie Nevers of Stanford university, has left the amateur field to join the ranks of professionals, says the San Francisco Examiner today. The newspaper says the captain and fullback of the 1925 Cardinal football team has signed a contract to captain an all-star Jacksonville, Fla., aggregation and will receive a consideration in excess of \$50,000.

The contract was closed by telegraph last night with a group of Jacksonville capitalists, who have arranged a schedule that will bring together Nevers, who is the unanimous choice for all-Pacific coast fullback, and "Red" Grange of the Chicago Bears.

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