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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

EDUCATORS ACT FOR NEW NORMAL

Will Ask Legislature To Appropriate For Additional Teacher School Facilities

Miss Cornelia J. Spencer of the Kennedy school, Portland will be president of the Oregon State Teachers association in 1925. J. S. Landers, president of the Oregon Normal will be vice president and Geo. W. Hug, superintendent of Salem schools, will be a new member of the board to succeed Mr. Landers.

Miss Spencer has been vice president the past year. Retiring president is A. C. Strange, city superintendent at Astoria.

In addition to the six resolutions adopted yesterday, the representative group in the afternoon approved a resolution favoring action by the state legislature to provide for at least one new normal school in the state and appropriations to establish branch normal schools as the need may arise. This will involve a request to the legislature for an appropriation of between \$200,000 and \$275,000 for the proposed school. No recommendation as to location of the proposed new school or branches was made in the resolution.

Oregon at one time had four normal schools, located at Monmouth, Drain, Weston and Ashland. The school at Drain was discontinued in an economy campaign at a session of the legislature fifteen years ago. Ashland and Weston continued to exist on paper and the state still owns property in both places. But they were allowed to perish when the state legislature refused to appropriate funds for them.

It is possible that the resolution of the State Teachers' association and subsequent bills that may be introduced into the legislature may renew the vigorous political fight that

Some Compensations

Of course no cold spell could come without some compensations. There must have been some physical discomfort caused to next summer's supply of bugs, wherever they hibernate. Possibly there may be a few less of them. And how the birds welcomed the Oregon mist when it arrived. The cold and snow had made them postpone a number of meals and they grew quite friendly when the weather warmed up so they could pick up crumbs around the kitchen door. A cold weather visitor was what is locally known as the Alaska robin. Its handsome plumage was admired wherever it appeared with local robins, sparrows and other birds looking for something to eat.

formerly raged around the four state normal schools.

The teachers believe, however, that the state is in a more favorable mood to expand its normal school system now and also that the branch normal system proposed may be put on at a comparatively trifling cost by operating such schools in connection with already established high schools in ten or twelve suitable locations over the state.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas festivities of the Burkhead family took place this year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Crofoot Christmas Eve. Every one enjoyed the Christmas tree and the lunch which followed. Christmas day again found the family together for Christmas dinner.

Those present were: Mrs. L. R. Burkhead, R. P. Burkhead, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Harvey, William and Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Leneve, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Crofoot, Lorraine and Georgia Crofoot.

The household of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beattie has been linked up to the radio world, a set having been installed during the past week. It was presented to Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Beattie's mother by relatives.

WOULD HAVE STATE DEVELOP ITS POWER

Governor Thinks Power Can Be Produced at One Half Present Cost to Public

Realizing that under the trend of modern government where so many activities are conducted by the people at large through the instrumentality of the state, Governor Pierce, in his message to the legislature will it is said, recommend a few innovations to relieve the cost of government from real estate, where it is now centered. It is reported that one proposal of the governor will be to establish a water and power system for the Willamette valley under state control.

He has had reports from competent engineers to the effect that such a state plant can be operated to supply water and power at one half the charge now being made by private corporations.

He will urge the selection of a commission headed by the state engineer to determine the cost of erecting a state plant on Clear Lake, Lane county, to transmit electric energy and water to all Willamette valley towns. Under the proposal transmission lines would also be extended to the boundaries of the city of Portland but no effort would be made by the state to establish a distribution system there.

COROLINE ANDERSON

Mrs. Coroline Anderson of Portland died at her home there on December 29. She was the mother of Mrs. Edith Force, wife of Milton Force, formerly of Monmouth. Mrs. Anderson is also survived by her husband, a daughter Esther and three sons, Charles, A. P. and Harold Anderson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Portland.

PIONEER WOMAN'S LONG LIFE ENDED

Mrs. Sarah Helmick, Giver Of State Park, Dies At Her Home in Albany

After having attained the age of 101 years, Mrs. Sarah Helmick fell before the encroachments of advanced age, dying at her former home in Albany last week. Her 101st anniversary was celebrated last July. She retained her keen mentality until the last and in recent years delighted to have friends call and with them she would review the experiences of earlier days. Hers was a well rounded life and she will long live in the memory of many friends.

Mrs. Helmick was born July 4th, 1823 in Harrison county, Indiana, and her maiden name was Sarah Steeprow. In April, 1845 she was married to Henry Helmick, the ceremony taking place in a small town near Burlington, Iowa.

On the day following their marriage they started by ox team for the west over the Oregon trail. After six months travel they reached the Willamette valley. Crossing the Willamette near Oregon City they lost most of their household goods in the river. Mr. Ebberts, one of the pioneer characters of Oregon gave them shelter and a job as carpenter to Mr. Helmick. In the fall of 1845 they moved to Salem where Mr. Helmick worked on the construction of the first grist mill built in that town.

In the fall of 1864 the family moved to Polk county and took up a donation land claim where the West side highway crosses the Lickiamute river. It was a section from this farm that was donated by Mrs. Helmick for a state park and which was dedicated last September.

Mr. Helmick died in 1877 and the next year the widow rented the farm and built a home in Albany where she has since lived.

She lost her eyesight several years ago.

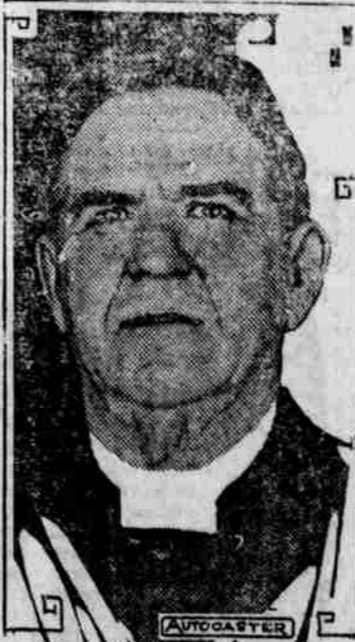
The end came peacefully.

Mrs. Helmick has two living children, Mrs. J. M. Tedrow of Corvallis and James Helmick of Albany. She has six grandchildren: Clarence Tedrow of Monmouth, Mrs. Frances Hill of Albany, Mrs. Sarah Smith of Monmouth, Mrs. Nelly Bush of Monmouth, Albert Tedrow of Portland, Mrs. Mary Wiest of Klamath Falls. Eight great grandchildren are among the survivors.

MARY JANE STOUT

Mrs. Mary Jane Stout, a former resident of Monmouth, died at her home in Portland, Sunday, December 28, aged 72 years. She is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Edith Parker, Mrs. H. P. M. Birkenbein, and Miss Jean E. Dow, of Portland, Mrs. H. J. Vetter of San Francisco and Mrs. F. E. Handy of Ketchikan, Alaska; and two brothers: William H. and S. S. McFadden of Portland. Funeral services were held Tuesday. When in Monmouth Mrs. Stout lived on Warren street, south of H. K. Sickafosse residence.

Church President



Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Congregational Church of Brooklyn, was made president of the U. S. Federal Council of Churches at the Atlanta conference.

Popular Wood Car

When the cold snap came it opened up such prospects for the wood dealers that some of them were afraid their supply would run short and acted on the principle that all is fair with wood dealers in a cold snap. Before the mills were forced to close Pollan Brothers had a car of planer wood sent out from Valsetz, the last car out. When the car arrived in Independence, the Pollans took one load and returned to find that two other wood dealers had helped themselves to the car. It was a "mistake" that the Pollans found it hard to explain to their patrons.

Labor's Head



Wm. Green, of Ohio Mine Workers, is now president of the American Federation of Labor to succeed the late Samuel Gompers. Green's election, at a special called session of the Executive Committee, deposed Acting Pres. James Duncan First Vice-President.

OREGON MIST, A LOCAL FAVORITE

Ten Days of Arctic Climate Become Memory With the South Wind Back on Job

The south wind and rain that came last Saturday, bringing to an end our ten days of cold weather, was given a cordial welcome by all. Probably the coldest day of all was Christmas day, at both ends of which the mercury descended to the vicinity of zero. The recollections of old timers when the Willamette was crossed on the ice was repeated during these ten days of Arctic chill. An automobile was driven on the ice near Portland and photographed, and surface ice around a river boat at Salem was sufficient to sink it when the break came.

Along Main street in Monmouth the frost heaved the joints of the cement walks. Both barber shops had their water supply frozen at the entrance to the buildings, a radiator in the bank building froze and cracked, the water meter in the butcher shop froze, flooding the market floor.

DAVID STEWART MARTIN

David Stewart Martin, aged 42 years, died in Independence December 23, 1924, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Martin was born at Dundee, Yamhill county, August 20, 1882. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Martin, early Oregon pioneers. He was married in 1904 to Miss Lillian Alexander. He has been a resident of Polk county for the past six years, and the greater portion of this time he has been employed as a foreman on the hop ranch of Walker & Walker of Independence.

Besides his widow he is survived by two brothers, James of Salem and Charles of Tillamook.

Funeral services were held at the Keeney Chapel in Independence, Friday, December 26 at 1 p. m. with Rev. C. A. Netherly, pastor of the Baptist church officiating, and interment was made in the Hayesville cemetery, four miles north of Salem.

SOPHIE BRASLAW HERE JANUARY 13

Young Contralto Considered Among The Leaders As A Concert Singer

Sophie Braslau who is coming here January 13, must be regarded as one of fortune's favorites. She has reached a foremost position among the singers of this country and counted as one of the finest artists on the stage. She has succeeded in opera and in concert and has "arrived" at an age when most singers are still in the midst of their studies. The possessor of a beautiful voice, a contralto of rarest quality, she has worked with such zeal and intelligence that it is under as complete control, is as willing and docile a servant as the voice of a lyric soprano. A serious student in her art, untiring in her efforts to advance, she has mastered the singing of songs and their interpretation as few singers have at the end of a long career. Then too, Miss Braslau is fortunate in her personality. To put it mildly, she is "good to look at." A face of glowing, Oriental beauty, a stage presence of charm and dignity, she seems to radiate wholesomeness, sanity, right thinking and right doing. And for the women, Miss Braslau has special attraction in her clothes. Few singers have such artistic taste in the gowns they wear and if clothes do not necessarily make the man they have considerable influence in making "atmosphere" for an artist. Miss Braslau who is the next number on the Normal school lyceum course ranks with Zimbalist as an attraction. Her appearance constitutes an attraction of high merit, one that the average citizen can not afford to miss.

Treval Powers and Miss Trista Wenger of Salem are spending their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Powers.

Give \$55,000,000



James B. Duke, Power and Tobacco magnate of North Carolina, and George Eastman, Kodak king of New York, unbeknown to each other, on the same day announced gifts of their millions to charity and educational institutions. Mr. Duke gave \$40,000,000 and Mr. Eastman \$15,000,000. The latter, however, had formerly given away some \$38,000,000.

CARTOON REVIEW OF 1924

By SATTERFIELD

