

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY

At the commonwealth conference this morning at the University of Oregon, two subjects, "The Improvement of the Condition of Country Life in Oregon," and "Publicity for Public Affairs," were dealt with. Under the former, the matter of road improvement, schools and free transportation for pupils were discussed. The parcels post was urged by W. K. Newell, state horticulturalist.

Under the latter, the two ways of securing publicity was wanted; one is education, the other is to express government business in terms of private business. W. J. Eggleston, of California, discussed the methods of suppression of the modern press service.

President Campbell opened the conference at 10 a. m. The first speaker was Hon. Austin T. Buxton, master of state Grange, who spoke on "The Improvement of the Condition of Country Life in Oregon." He said in part: "The fact that some farmers are making large success is proof that there is opportunity here for all. Conservation in methods is cause of small success on the part of many farmers. The gospel of new methods needs to be preached. The business methods of farming deserve more attention. Farmers should encourage their sons to select farming as a profession and prepare for it as for any other profession by thorough study of scientific methods."

Good Roads are Needed
"Good roads are one of the first needs of our farming communities. The social and business interests of country life depend on easy means of transportation. When these conveniences are provided one great cause of leaving country life for the city will be removed. "Yet more important is the home. The farm affords the best means of developing healthy life. This life centers in the home. We should not content ourselves with improving financial conditions of farmers without interesting ourselves in the means of culture and aspiration to noble manhood and womanhood and worthy citizenship."

School privileges should be improved by paying more for teachers who will be more effective and permanent in their special work, and by unifying scattered schools so as to make them sufficient for modern needs.

"The interests of the whole state require that country children be given the same school privileges as their city cousins by means of central graded schools and free transportation for pupils with courses of study in domestic science and other practical work."

Discussion was opened by Mr. C. E. Whistler, of Medford, chairman of the "State Country Life Commission."

Whistler Speaks
He spoke of the action of Ex-President Roosevelt in securing an appropriation of \$25,000 for investigation of conditions of country life and the thorough report on this subject by the seven men who served on this investigation, pointing out the danger seen by Mr. Roosevelt, of producers leaving the country to become consumers in the city. He declared that the great hindrance to betterment of country life is the practice of making money the chief end and the standard of success. That this is due to ignorance of what is required for the good of all; that education will remove all difficulties.

He made a powerful plea for "big heartedness" which will make taxation a matter of no account in comparison to the betterment of citizens through good roads and education and all other kinds of civil and social betterment.

Mr. W. K. Newell, of Gaston, Oregon, president of the state board of horticulture, recommended raising a million dollars by direct state taxation for roads. He stated that \$250,000,000 were spent by citizens of the state last year for automobiles.

Wants Parcels Post
He urged extension of parcels post in rural communities and showed that the recent deficit in the postoffice department is due to bad management and not to insufficient rates being paid for carrying mail.

Alderman on High Schools
Professor Alderman pointed out that lack of high school privileges in country places is one great cause of families leaving the country for the city. He mentioned Pleasant Hill as an example of conducting a high school with less expense than that of sending the pupils elsewhere. He said the greatest need of country schools is more complete supervision. Professor Young of the University said the University would encourage a survey of the country conditions to secure the facts.

Montague Talks Publicity
"Organization and Agencies for Securing Publicity in the Public Affairs of Oregon" was the subject of the address by Hon. Richard W. Montague of Portland. He said in part:

"The horse is led to water. The only thing needed is to make him drink. Reports of public business are published literally by the cord for distribution. But how much do we know? The problem is one of attention to public affairs. "There are two ways to reach this end. The first is education. There are now forty colleges in the United States which have courses in municipal administration. A parallel method is such conferences as this."

The Second Method
"The second method is to express government business in terms of private business. Requesting an increase of taxes instead of a decrease

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It will not be a rare thing anywhere when people realize that they are getting their money's worth. Government matters should be presented to laborers and physicians and students and people of other pursuits in its application to opportunity for work and public health and scholarly research.

The State Bureau as Medium
"A state bureau should be the center of information for all who wish to secure it. Bureaus of municipal research have been of great service in securing economy and efficiency and public health in New York City and other places. Let everything be known and there will be no lack of response on the part of citizens."

Mr. Frank W. Northrup of Eugene said: "Government officials cannot be more honest than the people who elect them. When people see that it is just as wrong to steal public money as to steal our neighbor's money, there will be a reformation."

Criticizes the Press
Mr. Wm. G. Eggleston of Oakland, California, spoke of the evil of suppression of matters of public interest by papers owned by corporations. He said that the sources of information are controlled and restricted even by the Associated Press, which is chiefly in the hands of men prominent in public service corporations.

Mr. Eggleston spoke from large experience as correspondent and editor and publisher of several newspapers. This afternoon's session dealt with the conservation of resources, which include irrigation, water power and forestry. The program was largely changed because some wished to leave on the afternoon train. The address of John T. Whistler, consulting engineer, on "Features of a Commonwealth Policy for the Development and Conservation of Water Resources" was first. Under this topic he brought out various features of the water question from quality to quantity.

The first point was that there has been a great negligence in securing knowledge on this question, not only in the whole state but in the whole nation. This is of vital importance, not only in the preventing of disease but the saving of thousands of millions of dollars. It seems that five years ago the national government offered the state any sum up to \$25,000 if Oregon would cover the same amount. Oregon received \$25,000 for education on water conditions because of the legislature's "economy." A few figures could be cited to show the value of such knowledge in the prevention of sickness. It has been proven that typhoid to an extent of 87 per cent can be avoided and other diseases due to impure water to a greater or less degree. There were 100,000 deaths from typhoid last year in this country, and estimated 1000 of these were in Oregon. It is generally accepted by physicians that for every death in a year from typhoid fever there are two years of sickness. The cost of this has been conservatively placed at no less than five million dollars in the state of Oregon, while others place it at twice this.

This is only actual cash loss to the state, and does not include business loss or suffering. If 87 per cent of this could be prevented for a cost of less than five million dollars annually, would it be a business investment to the state to do it? England and Europe have done this. In America there are 30 fatalities from typhoid in 100,000; in England there are 11; in Berlin but 5. England has had a campaign against impure water since 1850, and has worked under much worse conditions. It seems narrowness of a state's policy to be so penny-wise.

Knowledge for Engineering
Before an irrigation project can be undertaken the engineer must know the exact capacity the extreme and minimum flow of the stream. If he cannot ascertain this he must make expensive allowances or the project will be given up. Millions of dollars have been wasted and millions of acres are undeveloped because of a lack of knowledge of the streams. This can only be obtained by careful observations and records of every stream for a period of 10 or 25 years. This can be done yearly at a small expense, but it means everything to capital that is willing to invest itself in a safe place to the good of the country. Much money is now being spent for topography which can be done any time in a short time if necessary. But these records are made slowly and should be done now.

Water Monopoly
Mr. Whistler also took up the question of control of water rights. He believes that a liberal contract should be given corporation interests because they do a great deal more toward development than harm.

Last Night's Session
The topic last night was "The Problem of the Moral Advancement of Pupils in the Public Schools," in addition to intellectual and physical training. Ministers, educators, and laymen participated in the discussion and various methods of reform were brought up. The principal addresses were delivered by Dr. Luther B. Dyott, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church, of Portland, and Hon. Stephen L. Newell, of Pendleton. All of the discourses were good and brought out much light on the subject.

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HERMANN'S FATE IN HANDS OF THE TRIAL JURORS

Portland, Feb. 12.—The Hermann case was given to the trial jury at 11:05 o'clock. They had not reached an agreement at 2:10 o'clock. Owing to the fact they did not get lunch they are believed to be hard at work trying to agree.

Portland, Or., Feb. 12.—Judge Charles E. Wolverton, in the United States district court today delivered his instructions to the jury in the case of Former Congressman Binger Hermann, who for five weeks has been under trial in this city on a charge of conspiring to defraud the federal government of part of the public domain. Judge Wolverton in his instructions, which contained 20,000 words, went exhaustively into every phase of the evidence.

The greater part of the instructions were of the perfunctory order, but the salient features were in brief that it is sufficient to show that a mutual understanding has been arrived at to complete a conspiracy. He added that so long as the conspiracy continued and the parties engaged in their unlawful scheme, they must be deemed as still confederating together, and if any overt act is shown to have been committed within three years of the date of indictment, that overt act is sufficient to support the indictment. He instructed that they cannot convict, unless they are satisfied that an overt act has been committed within those three years. But, if the jury finds that a conspiracy was entered into between two or more of the defendants, including the defendant on trial, more than three years prior to finding the indictment and that the parties to the conspiracy continued their co-operation to any time within the three years before indictment and did any overt act within that time, the parties will then be deemed subject to prosecution.

Judge Wolverton said that intent, while an important ingredient of a conspiracy, could seldom be directly proven. Therefore direct evidence was not required, but a motive might be established through circumstantial evidence, provided that the circumstances were inconsistent with any other reasonable hypothesis. Regarding profit, the court instructed that it was not necessary to prove that Hermann received either direct or indirect benefit to make the conspiracy complete.

St. Valentine Affairs.
One of the oldest institutions of society, the St. Valentine's Kettledrum, will be held at Sherry's this afternoon. The proceeds will be devoted to the Samaritan home for the aged, which this winter is greatly in need of funds. The kettledrum has been held annually for 40 years and it appeals particularly to children, for whose amusement there will be Mother Goose melodies, the singers wearing appropriate costumes, and cinematograph pictures of trained dogs. There will also be dancing and tables at which will be sold flowers, fancy goods and confectionery.

New York social improvers will interest themselves this afternoon in the sad fate of the poor mountaineers of the South, who are probably growing in contentment and don't know how miserable they ought to be. Miss Glou, founder of the Southern Educational Industrial Association, will speak, as will Miss Pettit, of the Hindman school in Kentucky. The association has a New York branch headed by Mrs. Algernon S. Sullivan, and was founded for the purpose of educating and civilizing the "po white trash" of Dixie.

A Society Event
"Captain Jinks" will be presented in the Waldorf ballroom next Tuesday with a cast consisting of this season's society debutantes, the proceeds of the performance to go to settlement work. The star role of Mrs. Trenton will be taken by Miss Beatrice Flag, debutante daughter of Mrs. John Turner Atterbury. Miss Mabel Hinton is to play Mrs. Greenborough. Miss Elizabeth Gardner is to be Mrs. Jinks, Miss Anna Street.

Don't prune your rose bushes just yet. said Mr. Holman, "and if you do any pruning, be very careful to cover the bushes for protection against and possible chances in the weather, and do not attempt to plant any but bushes that have been rooted and growing in the open field. With the loss of hard frosts, one could be taking chances, for a sudden cold spell or heavy frost would greatly damage if planted a number of bushes already, but they have been shipped to me from other parts of the country, and I have covered and protected them very carefully. If the fine weather continues, as it bids fair to do, there would be no harm done, but it is best to wait for a couple of weeks before either planting or pruning, particularly pruning. It has been a very peculiar winter, and we must not take too many chances on this fine spring weather, although many old-timers say the indications are all for fine, balmy weather henceforth."

GENERAL NEAL DOW'S BIRTHDAY MAY 20
March 20 is General Neal Dow's birthday. For years it has been observed as "Prohibition Rally Day, Now Mother National Day, from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union headquarters sends out the decree that this year it be observed as "Tag Day" also.

It is thought that no more fitting monument can be erected to this great man than the author of the present Maine liquor law, than to carry forward the work for which he spent the greatest efforts of his life. Write to Portland headquarters for all the necessary literature.

As the 20th this year falls on Sunday, it is generally expected that Saturday will be "Tag Day" and the Sunday schools will also do their part on the 20th. Keep the date open and send for the literature immediately.

JOSEPHINE HULL,
Press Superintendent.

Brownsville Times: Messrs. G. O. York, J. S. Maglady and S. S. Spencer, of Eugene, were in Brownsville Wednesday and Wednesday night, assisting Linn chapter No. 15, R. A. M., in conferring some special degree work upon a class of candidates. J. M. Howe, also from Eugene, was present and assisted in the work. The affair ended in a splendid banquet.

UTHERLAND'S FACT

SNOW AND SLEET STORMS AND RAGING BLIZZARD OVER MANY EASTERN STATES

New York, Feb. 12.—Raging blizzards, drifting snow, rain and sleet are scourging the Eastern and Southeastern States today.

Pittsburgers are floundering through snow 17 inches deep, while the railroads and trolley systems of that section of Pennsylvania are badly blocked.

From all sections of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio come reports of suspended traffic and snow-blocked highways. Snow in that section is still falling.

There were four inches of snow in Philadelphia during the night, which turned to rain today, making uncomfortable conditions.

There is four inches of snow in New York city. Shipping has had a hard time and two fishing boats are ashore at Sandy Hook.

Tennessee is covered with a mantle of snow, 10 inches deep at Nashville, and still falling.

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF WEEK FROM GOTHAM

Guard Special Service.
New York, Feb. 12.—Count Szechenyi, the Hungarian nobleman who married a portion of the Vanderbilt, has been visiting New York and took passage homeward today. The Countess Gladys and her baby girl, it is understood, will remain here several weeks. The count was accompanied by his friend, Count von Schoenborn, who returns with him.

The little Countess Szechenyi is a rosy-cheeked and healthy infant, and is as happy as a fiddle. Her mother says "She is the goodest baby that ever was," which assertion goes to prove Mr. Kipling's statement that "The colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under the skin."

Mayor Gaynor's attention has been called to the matter, and in the near future a prominent manager of legitimate plays will make a test case by giving a dramatic production in one of his theaters on a Sunday night. If an arrest follows his performance and the case is decided unfavorably to the manager, he will invoke the law to force vaudeville managers to live up strictly to the letter and spirit of the statute under which such prohibition is enforced.

There is hardly a "sacred concert" given at the vaudeville houses which does not transgress the law in various ways. About the only manner in which the performances are kept within the prescribed limits is in regard to the regulation that the curtain shall not be raised and lowered or the scenery shifted.

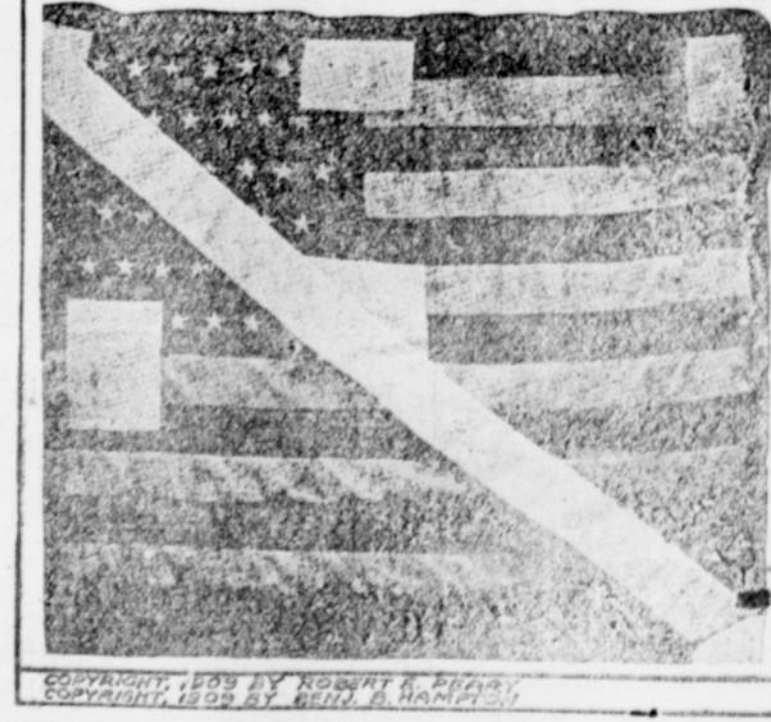
Every once in a while there is a crusade against illegal Sunday vaudeville, but it is spasmodic and half-hearted, generally resulting in nothing but good advertising for the managers. Promise of reform is made and an officer is stationed at the theatre to see that the law is not violated.

But the officer's name quickly finds its way on the pay roll and the old conditions return in short order.

This time, however, the matter will be carried to a finish. If proceeds of the performance to go to settlement work. The star role of Mrs. Trenton will be taken by Miss Beatrice Flag, debutante daughter of Mrs. John Turner Atterbury. Miss Mabel Hinton is to play Mrs. Greenborough. Miss Elizabeth Gardner is to be Mrs. Jinks, Miss Anna Street.

THE LEGITIMATE MANAGERS AT LAST
The legitimate managers at last will play Miss Merriam, and Miss Eastman is to Mrs. Stonington.

THIS IS THE AMERICAN FLAG NAILED BY PEARY TO THE POLE.



This photograph, from the February issue of Hampton's Magazine, shows the actual silk flag "nailed to the north pole" by Commander Peary on April 6, 1909. The flag was made for Commander Peary twelve years ago by his wife. The broad end extending originally from the upper left-hand corner to the lower right-hand corner of the flag was cut out by Commander Peary and the three most northerly bodies of land in the

NEWELL AND COLE ADDRESS FRUIT GROWERS

A meeting of Lane county fruit growers was held at the courthouse this afternoon. The attendance was good, the big circuit room being full of fruit growers and others interested in that business.

The speakers of the occasion were W. K. Newell, president of the state board of horticulture, and Professor Charles A. Cole, chief pomologist at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri and a practical apple grower and orchard specialist. His address was full of instructions and points for better growing of fruit in this section of the state.

Mr. Newell's address was also full of interest and both were greatly appreciated.

It was announced at the meeting that the state horticultural board will meet in Eugene on March 4.

SEVERAL HUNDRED TREES ORDERED BY E. EUGENE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

They Will Be Set Out the Full Length of Agate Avenue—The Sewer Question

The East Eugene Improvement club at meeting last night, ordered nearly a thousand American elm trees to be set out on both sides of Agate avenue from one end of the thoroughfare to the other. They will be planted some time during the spring. It was also ordered that new trees be secured to replace those that have died on the street.

Sewer System
The matter of a sewer system for that part of the city was again taken up. City Engineer Waggoner reported that he had made preliminary plans for the system and they will be placed before the city council at its meeting Monday night. The plans call for a main sewer extending east and west along the south side of the Southern Pacific railroad with laterals running north and south in every alley. The sewer, according to the plans, will empty into the river in the vicinity of the old tannery.

Concrete Tile Factory
A gentleman was present offering to erect a factory for making concrete sewer tile and building blocks if a site is given him for the building. He does not ask for a bonus, as he says he has plenty of money with which to erect the building and secure his machinery. The matter will be considered by the club and action taken soon.

ALBANY MEN PLAN SYSTEM OF ELECTRIC ROADS

Albany, Ore., Feb. 16.—Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday at Salem and today before the county clerk for the Albany & Interurban Railway Company, which will be an electric line, operating between this city and Sweet Home by way of Lebanon, Sweet Home, Brownsville and Holley.

Prominent business men of this city are at the head of the new enterprise, the incorporators being P. A. Young, C. E. Sox and J. M. Hawkins.

The capital stock of the company is \$25,000, and the main office will be in this city. The capital stock will be divided into 250 shares of \$100 each. The organization of the company will take place in the near future, when officers and directors will be elected.

Plans are being made to start active construction work just as soon as practicable. The new road will be an important factor in the development of the country, providing as it will quick means of transportation between Albany and the various outlying districts in this city.

The building of the road is assured by those projecting it, and it should prove a remunerative investment to the stockholders.

FRANCE DISCOVERS NEW SOUTH LAND

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WEALTHY MAN IS MURDERED FOR REVENGE

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Revenge is believed to have been the motive of the murder of Charles Wiltshire, a wealthy glove manufacturer, found dead last night in his factory with thirty-seven bullet wounds in his body. About a month ago Wiltshire caused the arrest of two Italians for having sold him stolen property. One was sentenced to a term in the house of correction and the other was dismissed. It is the belief of the police that the free man planned the murder of Wiltshire for revenge.

The police have arrested three men in connection with the murder. They are Lorenzo Bartel, Frank Ebbols and Chris Ebbols. The latter claims to have been out of the city at the time of the murder.

SPRINGFIELD

FIFTEEN CARLOADS OF RAILROAD STEEL

Fifteen carloads of 80-pound steel part of which is already at Natron, is on the way for delivery for the Natron extension. Three carloads went up the first part of the week and more came in today. The rails are fifteen pounds to the foot heavier than any rail on the present main line where the 75-pound to the foot steel was laid a year or two ago.

The work on the 32 miles above Natron is progressing very rapidly, even under difficulty. Contractor Nye has finished his first grade, a piece of about 3 miles a short distance this side of Jasper, and moved his camp up the river. The big steam shovels are rapidly building the track bed grades for the other contractors. The rails will be laid as soon as the contractors finish.

GASOLINE CAR SERVICE WOULD BE FEASIBLE

The Southern Pacific engineers at Natron think that the gasoline car proposition would be very feasible and want it to run up there for their accommodation. They say that they will ask for it. It was at their request that the "Dixon Special" was run.

PORTLAND MAN LOST IN WRECK

Portland, Feb. 12.—Leon Derenda, who, with his team mate, Green, lost his life in the wreck of the General Chaney, was a native of Portland. His mother and brothers still live here. Derenda's name off the stage was Leon Danzger. He graduated from Portland High school in 1892. The team was considered the best club winners in the United States, and as such was awarded gold medals at the Chicago exposition.

GRAND JURY BEGINS WORK ON SWOPE MYSTERY

Kansas City, Feb. 12.—A new chapter in the Swope mystery began today, when the grand jury began what promises to be a most thorough investigation of the now complicated case. Every detail of the death of Colonel Fred Swope, of Jax, Missouri, a cousin of the dead millionaire, and of Christian Swope, the nephew, as well as the illness of nine members of the Swope household, who were stricken with typhoid fever, will be gone into.

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