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SPLENDID LECTURE IS HEARD BY TEACHERS

PROF. SHELDON OF UNIVERSITY DISCUSSES PROGRESS OF MENTAL TRAINING.

Attention Must Be Turned From Expansion to Concentration in Order to Promote Greater Efficiency in School System—Must Prepare to Meet Strong Competition.

The past 25 years of mental training in the United States has been a period of expansion; the next 25 years will be a period of concentration. Upon this thought Prof. H. D. Sheldon of the university extension department based his address before the teachers of Bandon at an afternoon's institute held at the High school assembly hall Tuesday.

Progress of School Work

Reviewing the progress of education incident to the growth of the country within the past decade, Prof. Sheldon took up individually the principal subjects taught in the schools and commented on their progress or retardation. The new methods introduced in reading, both oral and silent, have made training in that study much more rapid; the new method in spelling has brought results more quickly and with less effort and persuasion; Nature study was barely thought of a few years ago, while today it is becoming one of the most interesting and important subjects; geography and arithmetic were perhaps taught as well 25 years ago as today, while grammar has been somewhat slower. Twenty years ago more time and attention was given grammar but much effort was wasted. The study has been made easier, but it lacks in efficiency compared with other studies.

Work Made More Pleasant

The spirit of teaching has been greatly improved according to Prof. Sheldon. This is due to a great extent to the fact of child study of a few years ago, which today has developed into a better understanding of pupils. It has brought about the tendency of fitting the work to the child, instead of fitting the child to the work, consequently making work easier and more pleasant for the children. The introduction of systematic play, and the realization that play is as important as work has also been a great factor in that direction. Here Prof. Sheldon commented on Bandon's fine play grounds, which, he declared, are better than those enjoyed by the public schools in Eugene. Society, athletics and musical features in the High schools have attracted more pupils to that department, have rounded out the practical courses more fully and have made the school work a pleasure rather than a drudgery as it was previously considered by the young people.

The Work Ahead

The greatest work before the educational instructors for the coming 25 years is the reorganization of the entire school system in view of more concentrated and efficient results. In this respect the United States must make decided advancement in order to compete with the systems of the foreign nations. "It is hard to tell what great nations will be our rival for the intellectual supremacy of the world in the near future," said the speaker. "It may be Germany, Russia, England, Japan or one of the other great countries. It is our duty to prepare." The first thing is to arouse the people to the necessity of education and the insufficiency of salaries paid to educators. This must be done by those engaged in the profession. The people today are spending only about 75 per cent of what they should spend on education. Just a little more appropriation often doubles the efficiency of work that might be accomplished. Another feature that must be overcome is the slavish adherence to text books. The instructors must know their subjects sufficiently well to be able to teach them without the text book, and the pupil must be held responsible for definite results.

County Unit Plan Discussed

The proposed county unit plan, which will probably be voted on at the next general election in the state, was discussed. The plan is to have each county elect a board of five members to co-operate with the county superintendent for the purpose of appointing all rural teachers, outside of the city districts. It was ar-

VOTE FOR THE BONDS

Are YOU interested in the welfare of the local schools? And do you wish to see the district on a sound financial basis? And do you favor seeing the local banks given a chance to finance the local district to the extent of the proposed bond issue with outside money, thus permitting the use of local money invested in school warrants in local enterprises?

THEN GO TO THE SCHOOL ELECTION MARCH 30TH and CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR THE \$14,200 BOND ISSUE.

IT WILL NOT RAISE TAXES. You are already paying 6 per cent interest on the warrants the issue of bonds would retire. But on the other hand, if YOU DON'T VOTE THOSE BONDS YOU WILL HAVE TO EITHER RAISE THE SCHOOL TAX LEVY NEXT YEAR SEVERAL MILLS OR VOTE THE BONDS THEN. The bond market is good now—probably much better than it will be when industries begin calling for capital. Take advantage of that market NOW!

The warrants proposed to be retired are \$12,202 interest bearing time warrants, some of which are past due and \$1,998 to complete and furnish the second story of the East-side school building. Notwithstanding the fact that many large families have moved away, the schools are taxed for room and the upper story of the East-side building must be finished.

The election will be held by ballot at the City Hall, Tuesday, March 30th, from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. Three judges and one clerk will be elected at the time the meeting is called to order.

MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The fact that Prof. H. D. Sheldon of the university, had been secured to address the Parents and Teachers' meeting at the High school assembly room Tuesday night, drew one of the largest gatherings of those interested in school work, that has been seen for some time.

The concert solos by Mayor Topping, selections by the Ladies' Glee club, and Miss Hughes were also well received and heartily applauded.

Prof. Sheldon spoke on the subject of "Education and the Child; and the English Novel." He reviewed a number of the classics especially depicting child life and thoughts, showed how the emotions of young people between the ages of 13 and 18 were much different than those of later life, and plead for an expression of more sympathy and understanding in dealing with growing young boys and girls. Speaking of the parent and teachers meeting, Mr. Sheldon said: "It gives me pleasure to be in Bandon at a time when it is possible to attend one of your Parents-Teachers' meetings. The parent and teachers' meeting movement is one of the greatest innovations that has ever been started. It is doing more toward better co-operation between parents and the instructors of their children than any other movement that has been started in Oregon."

He stated that family relationship and other local questions have had too much influence in the election of teachers, consequently the majority of schools have new teachers every year or two, and the best results are not obtained.

Visitors and Program

Others from the outside in attendance at the institute were Superintendent R. E. Baker of Coquille and F. A. Golden, county supervisor.

The lecture of Prof. Sheldon was followed by a round table discussion of various school questions relating to the class room.

Entertainment numbers on the afternoon's program were a vocal solo by Mrs. H. L. Hopkins and a piano duet by Misses Hattie Bock and Elizabeth Hufford.

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◆ WILL MAKE CHANGES ◆

◆ At the executive session of the council last evening, it was decided after a lengthy discussion upon a number of changes that will be made at the next regular meeting, which will cut city expenses about \$80 or \$90 per month.

◆ The council is preparing for 1916 and the big drought. ◆◆◆◆◆

Hulk of Wrecked Schooner Appears



Like a ghost of the distant past the hulk of the schooner Eureka, wrecked off Bandon bar, at 7:30 a. m., November 30, 1899, now appears on Bandon beach just west of the residence of Capt. O. Wren of the Lighthouse station. It was washed up during the storms of the past winter. The accompanying photo (taken by L. I. Wheeler) shows the trunk of a mighty Oregon fir which was thrown across the derelict by the surf.

The Eureka on her fatal trip was bound from San Francisco for Bandon and owing to a strong southeast gale and a freshet in the river she was forced to lay off the bar for 60 days, during which time the crew ran short of provisions. An attempt was made to enter the harbor and the craft was wrecked, the crew of six and cargo of merchandise being saved. The schooner was 93 feet in length with a 29 foot beam. She was owned by Geo. W. Humie & Co. of San Francisco.

Another Steamboat License Suspended

Captain Dunham of Telegraph Held Responsible for Recent Accident, Damaging Chalm.

The license of Job Dunham, the new captain on the Telegraph, has been suspended for 60 days, on account of negligence in allowing Walter Panter at the wheel. The hearing which was conducted by steamboat inspectors of Portland, at Coquille yesterday, was the result of the recent collision between the Chalm and Telegraph, which occurred near Cedar Point several weeks ago and which almost resulted fatally for the Chalm. The latter boat was completely exonerated. Mr. Panter, whose license had previously been suspended for 20 months, was not held accountable for the accident, all the responsibility falling upon Captain Dunham. Atty. G. T. Treadgold represented the Chalm owners and Judge Sperry of Coquille appeared for the Telegraph.

SPRING ATHLETICS IN SIGHT

Base ball and track work are now attracting the attention of the local High school boys. An interscholastic base ball league is contemplated in the county but nothing definite has been decided upon. The owner of the grounds at Coquille has decided that potatoes would be more profitable than base ball this year, consequently the school of that city lacks a diamond. It is planned to hold the annual county track meet about the first of May. In the basket ball league Bandon finally had to content herself with third place. The protested Myrtle Point game was decided at a meeting at Coquille Saturday, before Prof. Quigley could get there and press his case. It was given to Myrtle Point, which knocks Bandon out of second place.

Many Attend Funeral

Fully 75 Bandon people, including the Masonic lodge of this city, went to Coquille Sunday on the excursion steamer Dispatch to attend the funeral of Alf. Johnson, Sr., whose body was brought to Bandon from California on the last Elizabeth. Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church at Coquille by Rev. Cleve of Roseburg and burial services were conducted by L. A. Lilljehyst of the Masonic lodge. The Knights Templar were in attendance in uniform. It is estimated that about 700 people attended the funeral.

Water Pressure Low

In order to clean the large city reservoir the water has been diverted into the smaller one and the pressure in some parts of town is very low. The work will be completed in a few days and the situation relieved.

Buys Five Acres

Fred Christensen, steward on the Speedwell, this week purchased a five acre tract about 2 1-2 miles south of Bandon, off the county road from C. H. Chandler. The price paid was \$100 an acre. The land is said to be partially cleared.

Large Drag Scraper For Whiskey Run

Beach Dredging Company to Install Implement for Use with Donkey Engine—Co. Man Here.

The Beach Dredging company, operating on Whiskey Run creek, of which C. C. Howell is superintendent, is awaiting the arrival of a large drag scraper to be used in handling the dirt. A donkey engine will be used to pull the scraper, which has a capacity of 1 1-4 yards of dirt. The new equipment will afford facilities to handle from 500 to 600 yards of dirt per day. While with the old method from 100 to 150 yards was all that could be handled. The hydraulic system with which the company recently experimented was found to be impracticable in the particular soil that exists there, consequently that method has been abandoned.

Mr. Cochran, a member of the firm was here from South Dakota a short time ago and inspected the diggings. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the results obtained so far and with future prospects. He especially complimented Mr. Howell for his success under the severe difficulties as are met with. Mr. Cochran is an experienced miner, having spent many summers at that business in Alaska.

SUE ON OLD BILLS

The following of local interest appeared in the Coos Bay Times of a recent issue:

Liquor and cigar bills amounting to a small fortune have been filed against Joe Coach and Arthur Coach for collection through the justice court. These are bills that are alleged to have been accumulated by the Coach brothers while they were in the saloon business in Bandon.

W. Hoelscher and Company in one complaint ask \$70.08 of Arthur Coach and attach the shares of the Coach Timber company through Mrs. Leo. J. Carey, sister of Arthur Coach who was appointed his guardian some time ago when it was shown in the county court that he was spending his money too freely.

Another bill is filed by the same company against Joe Coach, this one for \$75.43.

The H. L. Judell company, a tobacco firm, state that there is due them from Joe and Arthur Coach for cigars, \$70 and in a separate bill the same company asks \$30 of Joe Coach, all of these requests being in the form of suits against the Coach Timber company.

For auto repairs George Goodrum submitted a statement for \$45.20, against Joe Coach.

The Bandon High school debating team—Jack Kronenberg, Fern De-Long and George Stoltz—leave today chaperoned by Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg and Supt. Hopkins for Eugene, where they will contest with the team from Medford for the championship of southern Oregon.

Clarence Edwards, who has been visiting at the home of his parents here the past winter, left on the Elizabeth for California.

George Chatburn And Mary Donaldson Win

Will Represent Bandon in Oratorical and Declamatory Contests at North Bend in April.

George Chatburn and Mary Donaldson, respectively, won the oratorical and declamatory contests at the High school last evening, and will represent Bandon in the county contests at North Bend in April. The judges were Miss Henry, F. J. Feeeny and C. R. Wade.

There were seventeen aspirants to these two honors this year, seven boys and ten girls. They were: Oratory—George Chatburn, Richard Crain, Chester Teagarden, Harold Johnson, Harry Brownson, Rayner Gelsendorfer, Eugene Soffeld; declamatory—June Hess, Jessie Bell, Belle Chatburn, Mary Donaldson, Mildred Langley. Forest Matheny, Ella Hamlin, Alice Gallier, Maude Toates, Flora Philpott.

The elimination contests were held Tuesday at which three boys and three girls were selected to contend for final honors. The selections were made by disinterested judges as follows: George Chatburn, Richard Crain, Chester Teagarden, Mary Donaldson, Jessie Bell, Forest Matheny.

In last evening's performance it was not an easy matter for the contestants proved themselves exceptionally able. Several musical members added to the entertainment of the evening, as did that "killing" farce "Pyramus and Thisbe, a burlesque on Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," which was presented by the boys of the Senior class.

Elizabeth Passengers

The following passengers were registered on the Elizabeth's sailing last Monday, on her southward trip: P. Hanrahan, Mrs. P. Hanrahan, Miss Viola Beyerle, Miss Clara McIntosh, Mrs. W. Pomeroy, Miss Pomeroy, Clarence Edwards, J. J. Hume, J. W. Morgan, Charlie Walters, Rudolf Scholtz, Ander Hankanen, Chas. Costegan, W. Costegan. The Elizabeth leaves San Francisco for Bandon on Saturday March 27th.

Big Crowds at Exposition

According to the Times Hugh Mc-Lain of Marshfield has received a letter from J. A. Ward, manager of the Coos County exhibit, stating that the crowds visiting the San Francisco exposition are averaging from 55,000 to 75,000 per day, and asking that additional advertising literature be forthcoming. The Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce has awarded a contract to a Portland firm for 300,000 small advertising pamphlets to be used at the exposition. The amount of the contract is \$813.70.

Averill to Move

The Averill Dry Goods company expects to move into the fine new Johnson building the latter part of this week and will open for business there about next Monday.

Bankrupt Stock on Sale

R. A. Coppel of Marshfield is in the city today making arrangements to put the bankrupt stock of the Bandon Dry Goods company on sale.

The Piper Must Be Paid

A rumor current on the street, today, is to the effect Atty. C. F. Knight of Marshfield was in the city this week on business connected with the collection of a \$1,000 salary claim of Detective Mitchell's against J. W. Coach for services rendered. The rumor has no knowledge of the claim being paid.

Mrs. W. Pomeroy and Miss Pomeroy were passengers on the Elizabeth for the south where they intend to "take in" the wonders of the exposition. They are residents of the country to the south of Bandon.

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◆ WILL BRING DREDGE HERE ◆

◆ Supt. R. E. Miller of the Puga at Sound Bridge & Dredge Co., who was in Bandon the forepart of the week, stated that notwithstanding the reloading of the Port case, the dredge would be brought here about April 15. ◆ The first work will be done on the lower river on the entrance shoals.

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CLUB CO-OPERATES WITH TWO MILERS

DELEGATION FROM THAT SECTION PRESENTS ROAD PROPOSITION.

Commercial Club Committee to Join Two Mile Delegation in Asking County Court to Release Available Money for Improvement of Road—Beach Walk Work Requires \$150.

With a representative delegation of Two Mile farmers present Tuesday evening the Commercial Club took up the proposition of having immediate work done on the upper Two Mile road. W. E. Best of the Estabrook company explained the situation and he was followed by Chas. Richerts and Carl Swelgin who added details as to the change in location of a portion of the route and the work that has already been done.

Work Absolutely Necessary

According to these men some 50,000 ties are already cut, waiting to be hauled out; the Richerts saw mill with a capacity of 15,000 feet of lumber a day is ready to start work and the Young shingle mill has a large stock ready for shipment. All are dependent upon the improvement of the road. The county has \$2,000 available for this particular road and residents of that section want the money spent now. They also ask that the work be left to the supervision of G. A. Henry, their local man, and the residents will offer a great deal of additional work free in order to make the money cover the work necessary. Material for plank for the road will be furnished by Mr. Richerts at \$5 per thousand, less than cost of production. Some 23 homesteaders will also be directly benefited, the new route giving them an outlet by wagon where heretofore had only a trail.

The petition for a change in the route has been signed and the election is to be held in a few days, after which it is said there will be no legal restrictions to prevent the county from releasing the money.

Club Pledges Support

The Commercial club greeted the visitors with enthusiasm and support was pledged with appointment of a committee of W. E. Best, J. T. Sullivan and W. C. Sellmer to co-operate with a committee of Two Mile residents for the purpose of calling on the County court and presenting the matter. A vigorous effort will be made to secure immediate action.

The committees will also ask the county court to drag the road from Bandon to the Curry county line before it becomes too dry, and to order some eight gates removed on the upper Two Mile road, at present obstructing the highway.

Public Benefit for Walk

The beach walk committee reported that it would require \$150 to rebuild that promenade along the present route on a permanent basis. Permission has been secured to spike it onto the piling of the government tramway which would make it absolutely safe and lasting. A committee headed by F. J. Chaburn was instructed to ask the city council for assistance, and another committee of Dr. L. P. Sorensen, W. E. Best and E. H. Boyle was given the duty of getting up a minstrel show as a benefit to raise money towards the walk.

Numerous questions were discussed at the meeting which will probably come up later among them was a mineral display for the city.

AUTO SEASON OPENS

The first auto this season to make the trip from Langlois to Bandon over the famous "mudholes" of the south of town road, was the little Ford driven by Dr. Lee Pemberton of Langlois. Mr. Pemberton made the trip in less than half a day without a single mishap.

Monday Clint. Malehorn and Harold Manwaring of Langlois made an even more remarkable trip—from Langlois to Gold Beach over the Humbug mountain. They also used a Ford car.

A. H. Craven who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess at this place for several weeks, left yesterday for her home at Monmouth, Oregon. Mrs. Craven was formerly a Bandon girl. She is a graduate of the Monmouth Normal.