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PATRON-TEACHERS IS PRACTICAL BODY

Better Teeth and Better Health for Pupils Are Among Vital Subjects Discussed.

That the Patron-Teachers' Association is a practical organization, was thoroughly demonstrated on last Friday evening in the character of program presented at the regular monthly meeting, held in the auditorium of the High School. Matters of vital interest to the school and patrons alike are taken up and discussed in an intelligent and instructive manner, and this organization is the medium through which any question pertaining to the betterment of conditions surrounding the education of the children of the community can be brought up and rightly approached. For instance, there is the question at this time of proper playgrounds for the primary grades. The school will soon be in possession of additional land near the school building, and it is the purpose of the Patron-Teachers' Association to see that this is properly equipped as a playground for the little folks, where they will have room to romp during the hours of recreation and in a manner that will do them the greatest good. Just now these little folks have no proper place for play; they have to mix up with the larger pupils or do their romping on the hard concrete floor in the big play room in the basement of the school building, and many a little head has received hard knocks and small bodies have been bruised by the falls they get. These things are to be remedied through the efforts of the Association. Other improvements are looked forward to, and not the least in the line of permanent good things that the Association expects to accomplish, is the betterment of health conditions among the pupils, and a consequent better marking in their studies.

Along this line, a survey made under the direction of Supt. Bottmott, for the present school year and last year has revealed a condition that is surprising when the facts are known, and of the inefficiency at least 70 per cent of the children manifested in the studies can be attributed to various physical disorders, which, if taken early can be remedied and the child placed on the road to perfect health. At the meeting Friday evening this point was thoroughly well impressed upon all those in attendance. Prof. Bottmott stated that he is getting fairly good co-operation on the part of parents in the correction of these defects in the children, but there yet remains much to be done before the proper standard of efficiency is reached in this district.

The program Friday evening was opened by a violin solo by Bernice Githens, accompanied by Elizabeth Phelps, and a class drill by members of one of the primary grades. Mrs. Woodson, president, then introduced Dr. R. J. Vaughan, who addressed the Association on "The Relation of the Teeth to the Health of the Child." Dr. Vaughan, who is an enthusiast over the proper care of the teeth of children, fully explained the importance of proper care for the "baby teeth" that the permanent teeth might come under proper conditions to insure their permanency, as well as the future health of the child; for much ill health can be directly attributed to bad teeth. Dr. Vaughan urged the "tooth brush drill" in the school, and stated that this could be intelligently handled by the teachers and he was willing to give a portion of his time to instructing both teachers and pupils in the important work of caring for the teeth. This instruction would be of such a nature as to qualify the teacher to make a proper examination of diseased mouths and call attention to those needing proper attention.

Dr. Harold C. Bean gave an address on "The General Health of School Children," in which he stressed the importance of proper treatment for adenoids, diseased tonsils, etc., and urged the parents to co-operate with the faculty of the school in having these troubles promptly and carefully looked after.

A very interesting feature of the program was the report of Mrs. Carver, accredited delegate of the Association to the Oregon State Teachers Association, meeting in Portland during the holidays. The report touched on numerous points that Mrs. Carver gathered from leading speakers there, and these she brought forth in an impressive manner.

Mrs. Frank Turner sang a solo, after which the regular business session of the Association was held.

A few small bills were presented and ordered paid. The extremely bad condition existing in a portion of the side walk and the fence along the Morrow property leading to the school house just after crossing the bridge on Willow creek, was the cause of lively discussion, and it was decided to call the attention of Mr. Morrow to this as possible.

The executive committee made recommendation that the Association take up the matter of furnishing pro-

Odd Deed Found On Record in Missouri

The following interesting account of how an old Missouri couple left a will bequeathing their 120 acres of land in Randolph county to Jesus Christ, has been taken to us by J. H. Cox, which was handed to us by the Shelbina Torchlight, Mr. Cox's old home town paper:

Mexico, Mo., January 11.—Seventy years ago Jesus Christ was deeded a tract of land containing 120 acres in Randolph county, near Darksville, according to records contained in that county. The persons making the deed were Johnson Wright and his wife, Eliza Jane Wright, two pious old persons, who, believing it their duty to return to the Lord the material goods with which he had blessed them, the lawful heirs of the old people deeded the land over to the land after the death of the Wrights, holding it "in trust," and have never contested the deed.

Following is a copy of the deed as it appeared on the record books of Randolph county:

This indenture, made and entered into this 6th day of June, A. D. one thousand and eight hundred and fifty, between Johnson Wright and Eliza Jane, his wife, of the County of Randolph, State of Missouri, of the first part, and the government of the chief administrator, King of Righteousness, the Son, the fountain of life, to the General Assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and Jesus, mediator of the new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better things than that of Abel, because he died for us, being in the County of Randolph, and State of Missouri to-wit:

The following tract of land, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter; also of the north half of the southwest quarter of section 28, township 55, range 15, containing 120 acres of land, and its appurtenances thereunto, and everything wherein there is breath of life, the first party, their heirs and assigns, do warrant and defend the title of said land unto the second party, which is the sun of life, clean and free from all other claims by or through us or any other persons.

In testimony whereunto, we Johnson Wright and Eliza Jane, have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

(Seal) JOHNSON WRIGHT.
(Seal) ELIZA JANE WRIGHT.
Acknowledged before John J. Allen, Clerk, June 5, 1856.

There will probably not be any legal action taken to recover the land for the Wrights' descendants.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson had the pleasure of a visit at the home of J. C. Brown at Pasadena, California, while in the south in December. They found the Browns nicely situated in a splendid home, J. C. owning an orange grove of six acres, and his son Ed, being located on another five acre tract and both being right in the city. These people are enjoying life to the full in their California homes. Mr. Patterson states that while there the weather was uncomfortably warm and there was a strong desire to seek the shady side of the house.

C. W. McNamer, one of the proprietors of the Central Market of this city, has purchased a small farm near Iona, having just recently bought the Ambler place just outside the city limits and due west of town. The place contains 120 acres, and Mr. McNamer proposes to make some quite extensive improvements to the place and will put in a big field of alfalfa, a new pumping plant, etc., and expects when these things are done to have one of the best little places on the creek. The farm is well situated.

Rev. Wm. C. Worstell, pastor of the Lexington Christian church, was a Wednesday evening visitor in Heppner.

Mrs. J. F. McMullan and Miss Velma Brown of Lexington were shopping in Heppner on Wednesday afternoon.

per equipment of the play ground for the grades, and as a committee on the present and means for this work the following: Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. S. E. Norton, Mrs. T. J. Humphreys and Mrs. W. B. Barratt, to which was added as a committee on equipment, Miss Melba Griffiths and Miss Kathryn Freese, representing the faculty.

A decoration committee, to work with the social committee, was appointed as follows: Miss Neta Douglass, Mrs. R. M. Hart, Mrs. George Moore and Wm. Driscoll.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps, S. A. Pattison and Vawter Crawford were appointed as a publicity committee, with instructions to see to it that the Association receives an abundance of publicity, to which it is entitled.

The next meeting of the Association will be on the fourth Friday evening in February, and the program committee promises to have a good treat ready, full announcement of which will be made through the press in due season.

GROWING DAYS



ULSTER MEN WILL SPEAK FOR FREEDOM

Local Irishmen and Friends of the Irish Republic are Invited to Attend Meeting in the Portland Auditorium.

Lindsay Crawford, an Ulster man of 300 years of Protestant ancestry and Rev. Maurice Murphy, a Dublin Methodist minister, will speak in Portland on Sunday, February 1, at 8 o'clock p. m. in the public auditorium in behalf of Irish Freedom. These men are representing the Protestant Friends of Ireland in America and are ardent supporters of the "Irish Republic."

In extending an invitation to local Irishmen and friends of Ireland's cause, Dr. Andrew C. Smith of Portland, state chairman of the bond certificate drive in Oregon says, "The object of these men is to explain Ulster's side of the Irish question in an effort to offset British propagandists which is trying to spread confusion in the minds of the American people by injecting religious differences into it."

Mr. Crawford recently addressed the National House of Representatives Foreign Affairs committee on the Mason Bill providing for an appointment of American ministers and consuls in Ireland.

Greatest Legal Fight Looms on Prohibition.

Washington.—The greatest legal war against any law or any part of the constitution in the history of the country appears to be looming up in the many attacks being made or prepared against constitutional prohibition. Government attorneys estimate it will be two years before it will be known definitely whether constitutional prohibition stands upon a firm legal foundation, but they hold out little hope for any "tilting of the lid" during that time.

Spokane, Wash.—Phillip D. Armour, the Chicago packer was interviewed on his arrival in Spokane to attend the annual convention of the American National Livestock association. He expressed gratification at the manner in which the Inland Empire had come to the front as a live stock producing center, remarking that practically no northwest cattle now come to Chicago, Spokane being the clearing house for this district. Mr. Armour expressed the opinion that the Inland Empire was an ideal section for increased hog production and directed attention to the desirability of activity in this direction.

Half Million Voted To Combat Influenza.

Washington.—The senate today voted an appropriation of half a million for the use of the public health service in fighting the influenza. David Houston will be named Secretary of U. S. Treasury.

Washington.—David Houston, secretary of agriculture will be appointed secretary of the treasury by President Wilson. He will be succeeded by Edwin Meredith, of Iowa, editor of the "Successful Farmer." Meredith is enroute for Washington from Miami, Florida. It is understood the men will assume their new duties immediately.

W. B. Finley and son were in the city today from their farm home in the north end. Mr. Finley reports that his section has been receiving a lot of moisture. It rained all night over recently. Mr. Finley states that he does not believe wheat in his neighborhood has been injured from freezing.

Heppner Man Takes Out \$100,000 Life Policy

A life insurance policy for \$100,000 written by Richard Simis for William Padberg of Morrow county is the record amount so far this year. Mr. Simis is special agent for the Home-Wirth agency of the Western Union Life Insurance Company. Mr. Padberg is a wealthy wheat rancher of Morrow county and the premium on his policy will amount to several thousand dollars a year.—Pendleton Tribune.

World Champion's Ex-Wife Former Echo Resident

A news dispatch in a Portland paper from Echo, Umatilla county, states that Jack Dempsey's former wife, Maxine Dempsey, formerly lived in Echo. She later went to Salt Lake, where she met the fighter and they were married. She has expressed a strong desire to return to her home town, where she was born, and is planning to return to Echo, Idaho, where she was born and raised. She has a young son and is planning to return to her home town, where she was born and raised. She has a young son and is planning to return to her home town, where she was born and raised.

KNIGHTS WILL HOLD DIST. CONVENTION HERE

Heppner will be the mecca for members of Knights of Pythias of Morrow and Gilliam counties, when they gather here next Tuesday to attend the district convention.

At that time the largest class ever initiated in Doric Lodge No. 26, will be given the Knight Rank. Members of the order from Condon, Lone Rock, Arlington and other places will be here to attend the ceremonies. This will be the occasion of a visit from Grand Chancellor, Julien Hurley of Ontario and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Walter G. Gleason of Portland.

The present time finds the local lodge in a very flourishing condition, with many new members having been added recently.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Beebe returned on Monday evening and took up her work again on Tuesday morning, after being absent for three weeks.

The students are studying harder the second semester than they did the first. They have about concluded that having a failure or a condition attached to their name isn't much fun.

Several students of the high school are quarantined with the "flu." We hope their condition is not serious and that they will be back in school in a few days.

The Freshman pennant is third at last. This makes about the third or fourth pennant they have ordered but only the second one that has come. It looks as though they are rather hard to please.

N. S. Whetstone left on Wednesday for Hot Lake.

J. E. Gillespie was in the city today from his farm home.

The B. F. Sorenson family is under quarantine with the influenza.

Miss Katherine Trevette will entertain the Heppner public at the high school auditorium on Saturday evening, February 4. She appears here under the auspices of the Junior class of the high school.

People Have Learned To Talk In Last 17 Years

Heppner people have learned to talk in the last 17 years. That may seem like an odd and rather eratic statement to make, but it is a fact. That is, the majority of us have learned to talk over the telephone in the past 17 years, for in May, 1903, when the first Heppner phone directory was published, there were just 47 subscribers who had phones in their houses or place of business. Contrast that number with the 450 subscribers of today and you will readily see how people have taken to the telephone as a means of communication. Back there 17 years ago there were 17 subscribers on the lone exchange, today there are 125. Yes, verily we have learned to talk in the last 17 years. We are indebted to Manager R. E. Crego for a copy of the old directory. Miss Mabel Leizer, now Mrs. A. W. Bascom of Terril, Iowa, was local agent at that time and M. S. Maxwell had charge of the lone exchange.

Walter Rood Sells Flat Ranch to Alex Green

Walter Rood sold his Heppner Flat ranch, consisting of 960 acres of fine wheat land, to Alex Green this week. The deal was consummated on Tuesday. The price paid by Mr. Green was \$55,000. The deal was handled by Roy V. White.

The sale did not include any farm equipment or stock but does include about 500 acres in wheat.

Mr. Green is farming the Taylor Hill ranch just south of Ewing. This place was sold recently to Ewing P. Berry of Lexington, but Mr. Green does not give up possession until next fall. We understand that Mr. Rood will go into the stock business.

Ladies Guild Entertains.

The Ladies Guild held their social meeting on Thursday of last week. The hostesses were Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and Mrs. J. F. Vaughn. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. Hanson Hughes, Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor, Mrs. F. E. Parker, Mrs. Clyde Wells, Mrs. C. C. Gilliam, Mrs. Clyde Wells, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mrs. A. L. Ayers, Mrs. B. F. Butler, Mrs. R. E. Crego, Mrs. J. F. Lucas, Mrs. Phil Cohn, Mrs. Arthur McAtee, Mrs. Dean T. Goodman, Mrs. D. M. Ward, Mrs. George Thomson, Mrs. S. A. Pattison, Mrs. P. A. Anderson, Mrs. Harold Bean, Mrs. S. W. Spencer, Mrs. L. E. Biesbe, Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, Mrs. J. F. Vaughn, Miss Jenny Black and Miss Mary Farnsworth.

High honors fell to Mrs. Clyde Wells and Mrs. P. A. Anderson. Delicous refreshments were served.

DOUG HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Douglas Fairbanks will be seen at the Star theater, in a new Artcraft picture entitled "Headin' South" next Sunday. It is a thrilling tale of two borders—Mexican and Canadian—dealing with the capture of a notorious band of Mexicans by a deft and governmental warnings.

The scenario is by Chief Allan Dwan, presenting Fairbanks in a mysterious character who trails his man from Canada to Mexico and eventually turn him over to the authorities. There is an undercurrent of fascinating mystery that runs through the story, with a strong element of suspense that is maintained to the very last scene of the picture. According to author Allan Dwan the public seems to prefer characterizations rather than being overburdened with plot, and in "Headin' South" Fairbanks appears in his most interesting portrayal.

Fairbanks is an expert horseman, and his riding scenes at the head of two hundred cowboys are intended to thrill the most blasé patron of a theatre. The real Mexican border at Nogales was selected as the background for "Headin' South," disclosing views of conditions that will cause endless comment.

For these scenes a special train was chartered from Los Angeles to Nogales which included eight Pullmans and twelve freight cars, transporting over two hundred people and an equal number of horses, among which was "Smiles," the famous Fairbanks pony, who has a number of strenuous parts. "Ginger," the Alaskan malamute, who is Fairbanks' favorite dog, was taken on the trip and on several occasions was given up for lost when he was on a hunt for prairie dogs.

THANKS FOR BOOKS

The library board of the Civic Improvement Club takes this method of thanking Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shutt for their liberal gift of 45 volumes of good books to the Library the past week. Such gifts are very much appreciated by the Club and aids them greatly in the work of keeping the Library alive and growing.

D. E. Gilman returned Wednesday from a business visit of a week in Grant county.

NEW FAIR ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED

Farm Bureau and Heppner Citizens' Union in Move to Organize \$25,000 Stock Company.

A real county fair is what the members of the Morrow County Farm Bureau have had in mind for some time, and their ideas were brought out clearly last Saturday evening when a committee from their organization met in the office of County Agent Hunt with a committee from the Heppner Commercial Club.

A. Henriksen, Ceell stockman, was appointed chairman and S. A. Pattison, secretary of the Commercial Club was appointed to keep the records of this meeting.

A brief general discussion was entered into and a former committee reported regarding a suitable location for the fair, grounds that would make possible the holding of such a fair as the farmers, stockmen and business men of the county want. The committee reported that grounds such as they have been looking for can now be secured at a price not in excess of \$6,000. Information of a more definite nature will be given at the regular meeting of the Farm Bureau on Saturday, Feb. 4.

It is understood that the county court will agree to take stock in a new organization, turning in the property on lower Main street, the present Fair grounds, for their stock. This property has been valued at \$4,500.

It was voted unanimously last Saturday night to organize a stock company with a capital stock of \$25,000, and 50 per cent of the shares must be subscribed for in amounts of \$50. It is the idea to get the stock as widely distributed among the citizens of the county as possible, thereby making more people directly interested in the financial success of the fair.

A committee consisting of nine men was appointed to draft a definite plan for the organization to be submitted to the county court at its next regular meeting. The committee consists of L. A. Hunt, F. R. Brown, C. C. Paine, Matt T. Hughes, Jack Hynd, John Wightman, S. A. Pattison, M. D. Clark and A. Henriksen.

The bigger fair plan will call for more commodious buildings for the proper housing of livestock and the stock feature of the fair will be played up as has never been possible heretofore. Another feature in contemplation is the race track. It is believed the races will prove a drawing card for the fair which will bring people here from a wider radius than any county fair ever held there was able to attract.

University Professor Accepts Wisconsin Position.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.—Another leading professor of the University of Oregon has yielded to the lure of higher salary and better research conditions elsewhere. Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the department of history since 1900, and one of the most popular professors, will leave either at Easter or in June for the University of Wisconsin to become superintendent of the Wisconsin State Horticultural society, the position made famous by the late Reuben Goldthwait, the well-known historian of the American west.

In his new position Dr. Schafer will have time to work on his "History of American Agriculture," in which he treats of what he considers the economic basis of American civilization. He has also outlined a plan for a history of Wisconsin and for the organization of historical societies in all parts of the state.

Dr. Schafer is author of "The History of the Pacific Northwest," "The Pacific Slope and Alaska," "History of Land Grants in Aid of Education," and "The Acquisition of Oregon Territory." He was dean of the extension division of the Portland center of the University of Oregon.

O. W. R. & N. Auditor Resigns.

It was announced yesterday at the general offices of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company that Ralph Blaisdel, auditor for that company's lines under the railroad administration, has resigned to accept a position with the administration at Washington. It is understood that he will begin duties of treasurer and that he is to continue with the government after the termination of federal control in like capacity.

Mr. Blaisdel has been in Washington for several weeks. He came to the position of auditor of the system about 12 years ago and occupied a similar post with the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company. No appointment has yet been made of his successor.—Oregonian.

J. E. Cronan, former president of the Bank of Ione, was a business visitor in Heppner today.