

WOMEN PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART AT CONFERENCE

EUGENE, May 17.—Three separate banquets given tonight respectively to women visitors, editors, and guests in general, closed the biggest and final day of the fifth Oregon annual commonwealth conference which opened with a single session, branched out at noon into three separate conferences, together once more in the latter part of the afternoon for out-door pageantry and classic drama under the trees of the campus, and closed this evening with three large banquets besides numerous more individual efforts to show hospitality to the university's guests.

The women of Oregon played a major part in the program of this afternoon. Representatives of clubs and working women from all over the state went into session at noon in which more than a score of leaders from Portland and other cities made five-minute addresses. Planned by the university authorities as a discussion of "What Women Can Do for the State," the women themselves took cognizance of the existing educational problem to such an extent that the topic really became "What the Women Must Do to Strengthen the University." "I cannot refrain at this opportune time from saying what I consider the greatest help that the women of the state can do," said Mrs. Vincent Cook of Portland, "namely the strengthening of civic pride in the university of Oregon."

Engineers Also Meet.
While the women were busy in Villard hall, the Oregon Society of Engineers, who came to Eugene on a special train just before noon, held a meeting in the men's gymnasium. Here the water power resources of the state, and the possibility of cooperation between the state and nation in their development was the subject of a discussion led by Fred H. Henshaw, district engineer of the United States geological survey, and a paper on the state's power resources by State Engineer John H. Lewis. Mr. Lewis predicted a great steel industry for Oregon, when its water power resources are developed. He predicted that electric rails could be made of imported Chinese iron near Portland for \$17 a ton, where the market price is \$40 a ton. W. K. Newell led a discussion of other phases of the power problem.

The third of the simultaneous meetings was in the rooms of the department of journalism, where the editors of the state were guests of the Willamette valley branch of the State Press Association. B. Frank Irvine, chief editorial writer for the Oregon Journal, led a discussion of editorial problems. He was followed by D. C. Sanderson, editor of the Freewater Times, who told of a remarkable career on a small country paper, and by E. J. Finerman, of Eugene, who discussed the journalism of the medium sized city.

Educational Problems.
The morning session was given up to educational problems. The readjustment of the American educational system to meet the industrial, civic and social needs of the twentieth century was discussed by President W. T. Foster of Reed college, and Eugene Brookings, president of the Oregon Citizens' Educational League. The rural school problem was treated by J. C. Maerman, United States department of education. Professor Elwood P. Cubberly of Stanford University, director of the Portland school survey, and by J. H. Francis, superintendent of the Los Angeles schools, were among the other experts who spoke.

Scenes from "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Peer Gynt, given with pageantry out-of-doors under the campus trees by students and folk dancers occupied the latter part of the afternoon, followed by a banquet to the visiting women at the Hotel Osborn, given by several ladies of Eugene, by another banquet, also at the hotel, to the visiting editors by the student chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalism fraternity, to which the most successful student newspapermen and correspondents are elected, and a banquet to the visitors in general at the commercial club.

NORTHWEST GRAIN AT LOWEST EBB

PORTLAND, May 17.—Not more than 500,000 bushels of wheat remain unsold in farmers hands in the territory tributary to Portland. This for all practical purposes will clean up the Pacific northwestern stocks. Never before in the history of trade has the supply been reduced to such small proportions at this time of the year it is said. Recent heavy buying by speculators reduced the stocks on hand.

CRESTE SCIALLENTANO WHO KILLED TWO POLICEMEN



Gang war has begun again in New York, and this time and for the first time in many years one of the gunmen has killed a policeman. Creste Sciallentano, a miserable little Sicilian, a consumptive, and an opium fiend, shot an enemy, John Rizzo, who threatened to kill him, and in getting away from the scene killed two policemen. Now he is sought in every part of the United States. It is one of those cases in which policemen of every city will take special interest, so there is a probability that the murderer will be found.

These gangsters have so little courage that they seldom go on a gunning expedition till they are filled up with opium. By the time they have smoked six pills they have become so desperate that they will kill policemen or any one else when it is necessary for their safety. Sober, they cringe when a policeman comes in sight.

AVERAGE NET RETURN FOR 76,906 BOXES OF APPLES 87 CENTS

The Producers Fruit company have just compiled their figures on apples shipped during the past season and find that they have returned, net f. o. b. shipping point for 72,107 boxes of Newtowns, exported, all grades and sizes, including refunds, about 86 cents per box and 4765 boxes of Newtowns sold in New York about \$1.01 per box or approximately 87 cents per box on 76,902 boxes of Newtowns.

Detailed figures of the returns show that as high as \$1.46 was paid f. o. b. Medford for Rogue river Newtowns. This price was returned from Glasgow.

Late pears show that as high as \$1.66 was returned for Comice and \$1.21 for Nellis.

CULL APPLES NOT SHIPPED BY GROWERS

The Producers Fruit company denies responsibility for marketing the cull apples at Macdoel, which the Mail Tribune recently commented upon. Though admitting that the apples were shipped under Producers Fruit company labels, Manager McKenny denies responsibility for packing or shipment and produces the following letter from S. K. Adams as proof of his assertions:

"Yours of 3d inst. at hand and contents noted and will say that the apples in question of which I am mailing you a sample this date, are labeled with Producers Fruit Co. Spitz label, which of course you have, 'stamped' grown by W. F. Stucker. The sale was marked up by L. B. Minard, they were shipped to Chas. Messie & Son, of Macdoel about March 20 to 25th."

GRIM WAR FRONT IS WAY TO PEACE

CHICAGO, May 17.—In an address tonight Sir Arthur Lawler, a peace delegate said general disarmament must be preceded by the elimination of the world's system for all causes for war.

"The political situation in Europe is such today that we in Great Britain whose environment is far different from yours, may do more to preserve peace in the world by strengthening our forces than by any other means so that England may be so strong in the councils of nations that her mandate for peace shall not be disregarded."

Catcher Ray Schalk continues to do great work behind the log for the Chicago White Sox.

MUSIC and DRAMA of the WEEK



The culminating event of the musical season for this year was the second annual concert of the Medford Choral society given Tuesday evening, May 13, at the Presbyterian church, under the baton of Mr. Gerard Tallandier of the Medford Conservatory of Music and Languages. The society, which is not in connection with the conservatory, was assisted by the conservatory orchestra of 13 pieces, Dr. Marion of the Medford Orchestral club playing for the evening in courtesy to Mr. Tallandier.

The program, which was miscellaneous, showed very good taste and judgment, both in selections and arrangement, one of this type, while popular, being more difficult to arrange properly than the average program would imagine. Two oratorio numbers were given, also a complete cantata, the well-known chorus from Tannhauser and three selections from the "Rose Maiden," one of which was a repetition of the melodious "Wedding Chorus" given at the December concert. Mr. Tallandier has the appreciation of the real music lover in introducing excerpts from the oratorio, which may be likened to the symphony orchestra in one sense, in that they appeal to the ear and imagination only, with no thought among the performers of "technical fireworks," individual display or jealousy. Mr. Edward Dickinson in an excellent article on "Oratorio Performances," says: "In an oratorio performance there is no glamor of light and color. There are no panoplied warriors or agonizing lovers. The oratorio composer writes in the interest of the chorus even more than in that of the soloist. The chorus competes with no rival for popular applause, the pestilent 'star system' has no existence. The lyric, the epic and dramatic unite for evocation of an emotion which is kept within healthful and elevating channels. The opera can never enter into the life of the mass of art-loving people as the oratorio does, the spirit that emanates from the oratorio uniting more sympathetically with the moods and experiences of the common life." Remarks which are certainly praiseworthy in the highest sense of this form of musical endeavor.

The Hallelujah chorus of Handel's "Messiah" is universally accorded to be one of the finest ever written. The tenor soloist of the evening, Mr. W. H. Stewart, a new acquaintance to musical circles, has a voice of pleasing quality which was shown to good advantage in "The Sleep of Even," from the "Rose Maiden."

The Choral society at present includes: Mrs. B. Banker, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Blahety, Miss Estella Clark, Miss Lila Clark, Mrs. Anna Coffin, Miss Inez Coffin, Miss Iva Coffin, Mrs. L. G. Gardner, Miss A. Gardner, Miss Esther Harrison, Miss Anna Hansen, Miss Isenberger, Miss Helen Kelly, Mrs. R. J. Lockwood, Miss Louisa Lounsbury, Miss C. Moars, Miss M. Moars, Miss Rose Nealson, Miss Hazel Norling, Miss Anna Parucker, Miss Helen Parucker, Miss Lucile Rades, Mrs. M. Searle, Mrs. Semon, Miss Anna Sheerin, Miss Grace Sherman, Miss Fern Stone, Mrs. P. Tallandier, Miss Cara T. Tey, Mrs. Jonas Wold, Mr. Fletcher Fish, Mr. Carl Glasgow, Mr. Carl Hansen, Mr. Herman Harrison, Mr. A. W. Hildebrand, Mr. W. W. Howard, Mr. D. T. Lawton, Mr. Leon Lawton, Mr. R. J. Lockwood, Mr. A. S. Mack, Mr. Emil Peck, Mr. Herman Parucker, Mr. M. A. Rader, Mr. Painter, Mr. W. H. Stewart.

The program:
Part 1.—Triumphal march from Oratorio "Naaman" (Sir Michael Costa), soprano solo, Miss Helen Parucker and chorus; "The Wreck of the Hesperus" (Thos. Anderson), cantata for solo and chorus, Miss Inez Coffin soprano, Miss Iva Coffin soprano, Mr. Fletcher Fish tenor, Mr. Herman Parucker bass; Hallelujah chorus from the oratorio "The Messiah" (Handel). Intermission.

Part 2.—Selections from the "Rose Maiden" (Fred Cowen): 1. "The Sleep of Even," tenor solo, Mr. W. H. Stewart; 2. "Wedding Chorus," 3. "Where Gloomy Pine Trees Rustle," baritone solo, Dr. W. W. Howard, "Hail Bright Abode," chorus from Tannhauser, act 2, scene 4 (Wagner).

HOME ECONOMICS

A "Home Economics Bibliography for High Schools," in which is made a classification of the texts and references of use for high school instruction in home economics, and including an outline for a high school course in home economics, as recommended by the college department of the name, is a recent publication of the Washington State college. The bulletin is offered for the assistance of teachers and pupils, and to help unify and organize this class of instruction in Washington. So far as is known locally, it is the first publication of its kind to appear in the United States. Its authors are Miss Josephine T. Berry, professor of nutrition, and head of the department of home economics; Miss Agnes

Houston Craig, professor of textiles, and Miss Louise McDowell, assistant professor of foods and cookery.

The home economics department of the Greater Medford club held its meeting Wednesday afternoon at 7:30. Some very interesting papers on economic purchasing, pure food law, adulteration of food, and housewife's league were read. Those assisting Mrs. A. A. Bird, new chairman of the department, to carry out the program were Mrs. Noddy, Mrs. Steamstrup and Mrs. Schiefelbin. All the ladies of Medford are cordially invited to attend these meetings, the next one to be May 28.

The household economics section of the Greater Medford club has been very fortunate in securing Dr. Bertha Stewart of the University of Oregon to lecture for them at their next meeting May 25th.

Dr. Stewart's subject will be the chemistry of food, and she will come prepared to make a very thorough demonstration. It is hoped that every woman who has any interest in the food value of the articles she serves her family will come to this meeting—and where lives the woman in these days of high prices who is not interested in the food value of the things that make up her daily menu? The household economics department is planning a very exhaustive study of the high cost of living for its next year's program.

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