

HERDMAN ASKS TEACHERS TO UNITE IN REORGANIZATION

President H. H. Herdman of the Oregon State Teachers' association, in his annual address, made a strong appeal to teachers of the state and through them, to the people whose duty it is to assist them in the work of broadening the general view of the vast importance of educational work advancement, to imbibe the progressive idea and proceed with all possible energy and sincerity to develop it.

"The past two decades," said the speaker, "have served to work great changes in our national life. Social, political, economical and educational status has undergone such changes as have in many instances been revolutionizing. Life has become more and more complex and our problems are accordingly more difficult of solution. But this complexity would not have wrought the changes had it not been accompanied by a gradually changing viewpoint on the part of the people. To my mind, that shifting viewpoint, more than any other element, is responsible for many of the difficulties that confront us as teachers and for much of the progress that our profession has lately made."

A Combination of Energies
In a comparison of Oregon with other commonwealths and in a statement of what we most need to instill interest in more progressive methods, the speaker said:
"In one respect, we of Oregon have lagged behind. Our state organization falls far short. It is not equal to its opportunities. It appears to be not even capable of perceiving its opportunities. Nowhere in the United States, perhaps, is there a richer field for educational endeavor. We have the workers. All we need is the instruments with which to do the work."

"Today will be presented to you a plan of reorganization of the two divisions of the state association. Underlying this plan is the central thought of service to our commonwealth. We want to attack the many educational problems in an intelligent, comprehensive manner that will insure permanent results. To do so we must cast aside the tools that served us well in our adolescence and take up others equal to the strain that our years and our size will exert."

Still in Short Skirts
"Looking back over our many experiences in this organization, especially those of the year just closing, I am struck by the similarity between this association and its present organization and a healthy, vigorous, well developed young woman who still wears her hair in braids down her back and is straining to the breaking point the seams of her short, one-piece, girlhood frock."

"It is high time that we—I use the term 'we' comprehensively—put our hair up and, despite present fashions and advance press notices of still greater brevity of skirt length, let our skirts down, at least to our waists."

Dearth of space forbids our publication of President Herdman's address in full, as also that of Dr. Balliet. Each is full of instruction to the educators of today and to the patrons of educational institutions everywhere.

'COMRADERIE' GIVES FORMAL DANCE PARTY

The comraderie, one of Medford's newest social organizations, will stage an informal dancing party Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. The armory will be engaged for the occasion, thus enabling the guests to enjoy all the privileges of the ladies' parlors and card room and the men's smoking rooms. The dance music will be supplied by a "pepful" orchestra which will include a banjo, assuring the proper tang to the one-steps, fox-trots and other live numbers.

This affair being in the form of a holiday hop the decorations will carry out the spirit of this glad season. Something novel in this line is promised by the decorating committee.

Owing to the fact that this is the first of the "Comraderie" affairs to which outsiders have been invited, no details will be overlooked in an endeavor to insure the complete enjoyment of every guest present. The invitation list comprises all alumni, high school and college students, and a few outsiders.

The list of patronesses will be as follows: Mrs. M. L. Alford, Mrs. H. T. Walker, Mrs. Roger S. Bennett, Mrs. A. J. Vance.

TROOPS MARCHING ALSATIAN CHILDREN OUT OF WAR ZONE TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN FRANCE



DEFINES RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS ON ROGUE RIVER

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—The rights of owners of property with respect to the setting of nets is set forth in an opinion given by Attorney General Brown. These questions were submitted to him by Master Fish Warden Kelly:
"Has the owner of property the only right to set nets on Rogue river where set nets can be placed so as not to touch the shores?
"Has a property owner the right to prohibit a man setting a stake at the water's edge to try a set net in a lawful location where the property owner doesn't wish to use the location himself?"

In answering the questions, the attorney general says it depends upon the portion of the river to which it applies.
The Upland Owner's Title
"If in a navigable portion, the title to the bed of the river belongs to the state and the title of the upland owner stops at mean high water mark unless he has acquired from the state the tide land lying between mean high and low water mark; while if in the portion above navigation, the title of the upland owner extends to the thread of the stream," says the attorney general in his opinion.

"Therefore, answering your first question, would say in navigable portions of the river the shore owner has no right to control the use of the bed of the stream, covered by water, opposite his land and beyond his property, but in the unnavigable portion he has, and the answer would be 'yes' or 'no,' depending on whether the stream is navigable or unnavigable at the point under consideration, and if the upland owner has purchased the tide land to low water mark, whether the point in question is within such mark."

Answer to Second Question
The attorney general then takes up the second question and says:
"If in the navigable portion of the river, the upland property owner having no title beyond mean high water mark, he has no right to prevent the driving of stakes at the water's edge anywhere below such high water mark, unless, of course, he has acquired the tide land abutting his property, which extends to mean low water mark. But even then, if the place where the stake is set is below mean low water mark, he has no right to control the use of the bed of the stream at that particular point or any other point below the boundary of his property, but otherwise if in the bed of the river where his ownership extends to the thread of the stream."

"This is, of course, subject to the right of the upland owner to wharf out from his property to the navigable waters in trust for all the people for the purpose of fishing, navigation and commerce."

WEDDING BELLS
George W. Lance and Ella Gaunyaw were united in marriage Tuesday, Dec. 28th at 2 p. m., by Rev. W. F. Shields of the Presbyterian church at the home of Ray Gaunyaw, 228 South Holly street. Mr. Lance is the son of a pioneer, and a native son of the Rogue River valley, and has a placer mine on Fooths creek, and other business interests in Medford and Gold Hill. Mrs. Lance is well known in this city having been for years an expert stenographer, and a teacher of stenography in the high school. With bright hopes for the future and with the good wishes of a host of friends these young people enter upon life together. Their future home will be in Gold Hill or Medford as business interests will make necessary.

News From Our Neighbors

WILLOW SPRINGS

Mr. White of Tolo transacted business in this district Wednesday. Grover Cook and B. E. McNasser were in Medford Monday.

Harold Gudmanson returned from Fish Lake to spend Christmas with his uncle, William Paeklam.

Louis Salade is visiting his parents during the holidays.

Mrs. A. T. Lewis of Central Point visited her brother, Roy Davidson, Saturday and Sunday.

There was a good attendance from Willow Springs at the basket ball game Saturday evening in Central Point.

H. M. Porter and wife were in Gold Hill visiting relatives and friends from Friday to Monday.

Frank Thompkins and wife spent Christmas with Harry Hull and wife of Grants Pass Saturday.

The telephone meeting of lines 14 and 18 will be held at the schoolhouse at 2 o'clock sharp Thursday, December 30.

Mrs. Harry Davison was house guest of Mrs. R. W. Elden Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heft and daughter, Evelyn, spent the week-end with Roy Nichols and wife.

R. F. Dean and family motored to Jacksonville, Medford and Central Point Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lewis and family of Kane's creek were Christmas dinner guests of John Sixty and wife.

Miss Helen Parker is home, visiting with her parents during the Christmas vacation. Miss Parker intends to attend the teachers' institute in Medford before returning to her school near Derby.

Miss Ethel Dean was the guest of Miss Huston Purcell Thursday.

At the Central Point union Christmas tree and program Friday evening the following young people participated in the program: Lucy and Ralph Elden, the Misses Ethel Dean, Huston Purcell and Francine McNasser.

Mrs. Frank McKee and family were guests of honor at a dinner given by Miss K. A. Piekard at home, Scenic Heights orchard, Saturday. Evergreen, laurel berries and a snow-laden chimney adorned the table as decorations.

The Willow Springs school children rendered a Christmas program which was out of the ordinary, as the pupils illustrated an old English Christmas celebration. The yule log was brought upon the stage to the hearth by snow-covered lads, then Father Christmas and his carol singers appeared, then followed a banquet, and King George, the Turkish knight, the dragon and the other guests were royally entertained by each member of the party. The two large Christmas trees were artistically decorated with miniature red bells, yards and yards of frosted strings and red and white stockings filled with delicious candies. Santa Claus appeared and presented each child in the room with fruit, candy and nuts. The building was very beautifully decorated with the Christmas wreaths, greens and poinsettias. Much credit is due Miss Hazel Taylor, Mrs. Harry Davison, R. W. Elden and the committee appointed by the Parent-Teachers' club for the preparation.

Mrs. W. K. Parker will entertain the Parent-Teachers' club at her home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Frank Thompkins will assist.

The Agate and Willow Springs Granges will celebrate publicly the installation of officers at Central hall January 8, at 1:30 sharp. At 12 o'clock bring your well-filled basket and have lunch with the grangers in the banquet hall.

Special prices on engraved cards, new and from old plates for a few days at the Medford Printing Co.

ANTIOCH ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foskett, relatives of Mrs. Morris Case started for Washington state Sunday, where they will make their home for the present.

Mr. Moore and son Arthur who live in the North Umpqua river valley, Douglas county, are visiting Mr. Moore's mother and brother for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Ben Perry made us a pleasant call Friday. He has taken a position with the Southern Pacific company at Dunsuir, California, and will start for that place Monday to take up his work. His family, who are living at Gold Hill, will join him there in a few weeks' time.

Percy Chapman has taken a position with H. Pelton and will commence his work the first of the year.

The dance at Mr. Moore's Saturday night was enjoyed by all that attended it. The music was local talent and furnished free and the supper was a good one made by the wives and mothers. If you want a good time give us a good ranch home dance for the neighbors at Christmas.

B. Walden, of Medford, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Del Morrison on the Huth ranch.

There will be a dance at the Cooper Hall, Moonville, New Year's night. The young people are invited to come and have a good time at this popular dance hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Moore of the Applegate country are visiting Mr. Moore's parents for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rummel and family of Medford were visitors at the Moore home for the Christmas holidays.

Jim Vincent started Sunday for the Gordon ranch on Rogue river for a band of his goats that his brother has had on the shares. His brother has gone to eastern Oregon to work on a ranch.

The gripe in this section has visited nearly all of the families and neighbors but we are glad to hear it's in a mild form.

STEAMER THESSALONIKI SENDS S. O. S. SIGNALS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A report has been received from Sandy Hook that the coast guard cutter Seneca has gone to the assistance of the Greek steamship Thessaloniki which is reported in distress.

A wireless message received from the Thessaloniki early yesterday stated that she was 300 miles off Sandy Hook and was in no danger. Apprehension had been felt for her safety up to that time as no word had been received from the vessel for four days.

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CHADWICK WELL TO BE DRILLED TO 2000 FEET DEPTH

In conjunction with the announcement of the news that orders have been received to sink the Chadwick well, now down 850 feet, to a depth of 2000, if necessary, in search for an artesian flow of water, that being the primary object of the enterprise, or oil, since conditions have already been reached indicating its presence, it may be said that peculiar discoveries in that edge of the valley, six miles southeast of Medford, suggest that it may be found an interesting field to explore.

Two or three years ago Mrs. A. B. Ferns, who owns a little place in that section known as Fernvale, had a well sunk 15 feet, from which for a time an abundance of water was obtained. Continued drought depleted the source of supply; and she had it sunk 20 feet deeper, making it 35 feet, on which level she found an ample supply of water. On sinking it the additional 20 feet, however, the workmen passed through a vein of what is known as "blossom coal," apparently the same vein encountered in the Chadwick well, two miles up the foothills, on the 400 foot level.

Just east of Mrs. Ferns' place Thomas E. Scantlin owns 112 acres on which he enjoyed an artesian flow of water from a well only 18 feet deep. Two years ago the flow suddenly ceased. It is believed that the flow may be recovered by sinking the well an additional nominal depth. The Scantlin place is between the Chadwick well and Mrs. Ferns' place.

A little further southeast of Fernvale and on the escarpment of Grizzly mountain an extensive deposit has been discovered which, it is believed, will prove to be an excellent fertilizer. It is said that an analysis will be made of the substance of the deposit to determine whether or not it possesses commercial value.

Old Grizzly may yet be found to be a veritable treasure-trove.

STATE COMPENSATION LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—The supreme court has affirmed the judgment of Circuit Judge Galloway in the case of George Evanoff against the state industrial accident commission and held the compensation act unconstitutional.

A STITCH IN TIME

Medford People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys.
No kidney ailment is unimportant. Don't overlook the slightest backache or urinary irregularity. Nature may be warning you of approaching dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Kidney disease is seldom fatal if treated in time, but neglect may pave the way. Don't neglect a lame or aching back another day. Don't ignore dizzy spells, irregular or discolored urine, headaches, weariness or depression. If you feel you need kidney help begin using the reliable, time-tried remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills. For 50 years, Doan's have been found effective. Endorsed by grateful people.

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