

### EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION OPENS ASHLAND, FRIDAY

ASHLAND, Ore., May 16.—Over 200 delegates and visitors are expected to be present here this week to attend the ninth annual convention of the Klamath District Epworth League which will be held in the Ashland Methodist church on May 18, 19, and 20. The district represents Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath and Lake counties. Everett O. Smith of Ashland and Vivian Isham of Grants Pass, John Laden of Klamath Falls, Lawrence Payne of Roseburg and Nolo Lindley of Medford are vice-presidents. Mrs. M. L. Wire of Grants Pass, is junior league superintendent, Lawrence Hercher of Dillard, treasurer, Gertrude Barber of Ashland secretary. Dan B. Brummitt of Chicago, editor of the Epworth Herald, will be present and have a prominent part on the program.

The slogan of the gathering will be "The Always-at-it Epworthian," and the convention song is entitled "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Social features will not be overlooked. On Friday evening there will be a banquet, with Rev. M. C. Reed as toastmaster, and addresses of welcome by John Riggs, president of the Ashland chapter and Mayor Lamkin of this city. The response will be by Hubert Wilkins of Grants Pass. Fraternal greetings will also be extended by representatives of the Christian Endeavor and Baptist Young People's organizations. On Saturday afternoon there will be a hike up Ashland canyon, followed by an egg-fry and bonfire. Following the banquet on Friday evening President Smith of Ashland will talk on "The Northwest Alliance," while Editor Brummitt will closing "The Big Drive," as an initial effort, closing the evening program with an address on "The League as a Laboratory of Youth."

The following is the program as generally outlined. The song services will be directed by Howard Ewer, with special music by the various chapters:

- Friday.**
- Devotional service, Esther Gilkey, Grants Pass.
- How to Lead the Devotional Meeting Right, Dan Brummitt.
- Series of five-minute talks.
- The Glad Hand, Catherine Miller, Grants Pass.
- Financing the Chapter Work, Lawrence Hercher, Dillard.
- Publicity in the League, May Wells, Wilbur.
- The Business Meeting, J. Withrow, Talent.
- The Necessity of the Epworth Herald, Esther Pankey, Central Point.
- The Twenty-four Hour Day League, C. A. Meeker, Medford.
- Christian Stewardship, John Yaden, Klamath Falls.
- The Epworthian's Morning Watch, Anna Caldwell, Roseburg.
- Practical Plans for Social Service, Jesse Hathaway, Ashland.
- The Necessity of the Junior League, Mrs. M. T. Wire, Grants Pass; Jennie Tooker, Ashland.

- Saturday.**
- Sunrise prayer meeting, led by Mary Tinker, Medford.
- Devotional service, Hubert Wilkins, Grants Pass.
- Roll call of chapters, chapter presidents to respond.
- District secretary's report.
- Round Table, conducted by H. S. Palmerlee, Ashland.
- The Theme, "The Always-at-it Epworthian."
- Epworth League Methods and Question Box, Dan Brummitt.
- Business meeting.
- Devotional service, Ida Wharton, Gold Hill.
- Why Attend the Institute, Bernice Jurgens, Roseburg; Curtia Darby, Medford.
- Debate, "Resolved, That the Fourth Department is More Important Than the First Department." Affirmative, Nolo Lindley and assistant from Medford; negative, Vivian Isham and assistant from Grants Pass.
- A Working Program for Recreation, Dan Brummitt.

- Sunday.**
- Regular Sunday school.
- Convention sermon, Dr. T. W. Lane, Portland.
- The Epworth League and the Pastor, Alvie Palmer, Medford; W. J. Douglas, Ashland.
- Communion service, Rev. H. J. Van Fossen and visiting pastors.
- Devotional meeting, Jesse Chauncey, Central Point. Regular topic.
- Installation of officers, Rev. H. J. Van Fossen, district superintendent.
- Sermon by Dr. T. W. Lane, Portland.
- League benediction.

HOBOKEN, May 16.—Liberty loan bonds to the amount of \$100,000 will be bought by the city of Hoboken, the first municipality, as far as is known here, to take such a step.

### GERMANY FAILS IN INTRIGUES TO DISRUPT RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, May 16.—On the eve of the departure of the American commission to Russia the state department has received advice from Petrograd that the German government is not meeting with success in her effort through intrigue and propaganda to break down the Russian provisional government and bring Russia to a separate peace or lessen her military effectiveness.

Hope is felt here, however, that the provisional government not only will stand firmly by its understanding with other allies that there shall be no separate peace, but will continue to prosecute with vigor its plans for setting up permanent democratic government and rehabilitate the country. The provisional authorities have been told that they can count upon the aid of the United States.

It was authoritatively stated today that the American mission to Russia contemplates no interference in the internal affairs of the new-born republic. There are just two objects to be served, to convey to the Russian people the high sense of gratification with which the government and people of the United States have witnessed the sudden transformation of an ancient despotism into a republic and like the commissions from London and Paris and the one soon to come from Petrograd to render any helpful service possible. The American government will offer to co-operate in every line of endeavor in the reconstruction of Russia.

Two months must elapse before the commissioners can reach Petrograd. In that time it is hoped that work of establishing a permanent government will be well under way.

### RITTER TRANSFERRED TO HAGUE MINISTRY

BERNE, via Paris, May 16.—Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister at Washington, has been appointed minister at The Hague. This appointment has been necessary, owing to the difficulties experienced by the Swiss legation in London in carrying out its work in Holland, to which it is also accredited, owing to the lack of communication between the two countries. The Swiss government, therefore, decided to create a separate legation at The Hague.

### BOARD OF TRADE STOPS GAMBLING IN WHEAT FUTURES

CHICAGO, May 16.—The Chicago board of trade opened today upon a condition unprecedented in its history as a result of the action prohibiting all trading in wheat futures taken at a joint conference for uniform action by representatives of all grain exchanges in the United States in session here yesterday.

The ruling limits the buying of wheat, but leaves selling unrestricted. Leading grain operators said today it would not pull prices down to those of normal times, but that all inflation in prices resulting from speculation and "food famine hysteria," will be eliminated.

Trading in all wheat futures "until further notice," except to close existing contracts, is prevented. The warning was given that the exchanges are ready to take similar steps with regard to July and September oats and corn should the necessity arise, trading in May options in corn and oats being under the ban with wheat. Representatives of the exchanges indorsed unanimously the fixing of maximum prices for wheat and agreed to declare all weekly wheat indemnities in May corn and oats void and to prohibit the transfer of trades on the same day they are made.

### SIX KILLED IN PIER EXPLOSION

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. May 16.—Six men were killed and several others severely wounded in an explosion this forenoon at the end of the Fort Brady pier. Most of the victims were laborers. It is believed dynamite stored under the dock exploded.

One of the men killed was George Cook, a member of the United States coast guard cutter Miekinae. The Miekinae was some distance from her moorings when the explosion took place. This fact probably saved her from destruction.

Army officers, attempting to compile a death list said it was probable that one or more persons were blown to pieces. Other bodies may have been blown into St. Mary's river. No trace has been found of several persons who were on the dock just before the explosion.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT TRI-STATE GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

The following is the report of the secretary of the Tri-State Good Roads association, which opened its sessions at Medford Wednesday:

To the Officers and Members: Since the date of the Pan-American Good Roads Congress held at San Francisco and Oakland, California, on September 13 to 17, 1915, in which the convention of the Tri-State Good Roads association was merged and became a body of the congress, no special work, any more than to maintain the association was done, until the Oregon legislature met in session January, 1917, when the question of road improvement was first advocated.

On adjournment of the legislature



GEORGE E. BOOS, Secretary of the Tri-State Good Roads Association.

active work was again begun. A board of directors meeting was held and the following officers were elected: J. A. Westerlund, Medford, Ore., president; C. C. Chapman, Portland, Ore., vice-president; J. Edgar Allen, Petaluma, Calif., director and treasurer; George E. Boos, Medford, Ore., executive secretary; W. C. Loeber, Central Point, Ore., director and chairman of the advisory board; A. Warren Gould, director of Washington; C. Y. Tengwald, Medford, Ore., assistant secretary.

The board of directors out of the state authorized the directors of Oregon to proceed with the campaign for the six million dollar bond election, and the holding of the fourth annual convention of the Tri-State Good Roads association.

Work Accomplished. Road meetings held at Eugene,

Medford, North Bend, Roseburg, Ashland, Portland and Seattle were visited by the Medford and Central Point directors and by making addresses and intermingling with the citizens of the neighboring counties did much in exploiting the \$6,000,000 bond issue, in showing the advantages derived from the highways already constructed in Jackson county.

About six thousand letters and circulars besides many pamphlets were broadcast in the western district of the state advocating the reason why the bond issue should be carried, and inviting its members and the general public to participate and attend the Tri-State Roads convention for the purpose of devising the best ways and means for the remaining fifteen days for a whirlwind campaign of impressing upon the voters why the bond issue should be carried.

We feel that much good has resulted in the campaign so far made, but feel that the remaining fifteen days from now until June 4, the date of the election, everybody should put his shoulder to the wheel and help boost.

Work Outlined. School house meetings should be held in every precinct and we believe that if the voters fully understand the issue there will be no failure in carrying the bond election by a large majority.

Many of you have had letters and literature sent to you and much publicity was given in the press so I need not go into further details any more than to state that the officers and members of the association will stay in the fight until the day of election.

At the headquarters of the association much literature on road construction and copies of the road act will be distributed to those who care to post themselves.

We are pleased to report that so far our receipts with the accounts yet to be collected have almost balanced our expenses, less compensation for those who stood the hant of the work to whom the usual resolution of thanks is in order.

Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts—Receipts from membership, \$478.33; receipts from other sources, \$300.00; total \$778.23.

Expenditures—Printing and stationery, \$236.70; traveling expenses, \$156.00; multigraphing, letters, circulars, \$60.00; stenography, \$49.00; postage, \$136.00; miscellaneous, rent of hall, etc., \$114.60; unpaid accounts, \$46.80; total, \$1799.10.

Deficit balance, \$20.87. Respectfully submitted, GEORGE E. BOOS, Secretary.

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