

HIGH SCHOOLS IN OREGON PLANNING NEW ZONE SYSTEM

A meeting of the State Athletic association will be held in Portland Friday at the Lincoln high school and the cities that govern the association will receive a complete revision according to the Oregonian of Dec. 26th.

It is expected that a zoning plan will be formulated whereby the teams in each zone or district will be enabled to play a post-season game with the champions of the other districts and whereby the state championship in football will be decided each year.

The rule which now prohibits post-season games has caused a good deal of controversy this year as several teams in the state have remained undefeated during the season.

The Oregonian is quoted as follows:

"Because of this the championship of Oregon this year is something that can not be determined. In the southern section Medford with an undefeated record has laid claim to being the best of the high school teams outside of Portland.

"Corvallis, with a far more impressive record than Medford's and the undisputed champion of the Willamette valley, has not made any claim to the state championship, but is undoubtedly in line for it. La Grande, Elgin and Astoria in eastern Oregon, though each had a defeat to mar its record, had exceptionally strong grid machines.

"Portland high schools do not affiliate with the state association, but no local school has even had the temerity to say that it could beat any one of the outsiders mentioned here.

"Corvallis' far more impressive record" consists of 276 points to opponents' 7, against Medford's 253 points to opponents' 36. Medford scored 75 more points during the season against high school opponents than Corvallis did and yet is rated as inferior by the Oregonian sports writer.

The writer in the same article alleges that Medford "fell down on the guarantee." Medford guaranteed \$4000. Had it not been for Portland's obstructive tactics which allowed Corvallis to get in 24 hours ahead of Medford with the wire guaranteeing \$4000, the game would have been played here. Portland "fell down on the guarantee" and furthermore would not play the game even when Ralph Burdwell, a local sport fan, agreed to underwrite the game for \$2500 and to take the gate receipts.

TOURIST BUREAUS ARE ENDORSED

Judicious weather and the post-holiday relaxation served to dampen last night's Greater club banquet to some extent. Representatives Carlin and Cowgill were present and heard E. L. Walker address the club in behalf of the tourist bureau appropriations which it is desired to complete. At the close of the discussion of the matter the club went on record as favoring continuance of the advertising and information as distributed through the tourist bureau.

Final nominations for club officials were made and annual election will be held at the next meeting.

DELIGHTFUL DANCING PARTY ALFORD HOME

A delightful dancing party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Alford and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Alford on West Tenth street last night. The hostesses were Ledy Doherty, Bernice Alford, Constance Vance, Pauline Johnson, Arlene Norman and Doris Kaulle.

Among those present were: the Misses Gladys Hardley, Marion and Dorothea Hill, Winifred Clancy, Hazel Cole, Dorothy and Marie Myers, Josephine Lindley, Virginia New, Constance Vance, Lella Doherty, Bernice Hardley, Josephine Koppes, Arlene Norman, Pauline Johnson, Bernice Kaulle, and Mrs. Herbert Alford, and Messrs. Russell Sherwood, Lee Watson, Elbert Coleman, Sherman Welch, Philip Young, Justin Smith, David Wilson, Irvine Terrell, F. Riley Davis, Wilbur Goddard, Clark Rawlings, Ulen Hillis, Francis Prescott, Ned French Ben Trevi-bridge, Darrell Minkler and Herbert Alford.

Music was furnished by an excellent three-piece orchestra and Christmas decorations adorned the ballroom. Each guest received a small Christmas stocking containing a favor.

Labor War on Capital.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The workers' party of America adopted a platform for 1923 at the second session of its convention which avowed that its purpose was to unite American labor into a mass movement against capital.

5TH PROHIBITION OFFICER IS SLAIN IN OHIO COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A frenzied and vicious warfare on "speakeasies," "hip pocket vendors," "private parties" and the "higher ups" in Jefferson county's alleged liquor business, will be launched at once. Prohibition officers announced today as the result of the slaying last night of Charles "Shelley" Hinn, leader of a band of eight first agents.

Co-operating with city police and county officials, the enforcement of forces believe the drive will result in wholesale arrests. However, officials admitted they were baffled by the murder of Hinn, whose body, with three bullet wounds, was found in a dark alley with his empty pocketbook lying three feet away and his revolver missing.

Hinn, the fifth county prohibition officer to meet death at the hands of unknown gunmen.

FREE PUBLIC BAND CONCERT FRIDAY

As its contribution to the holiday festivities, Fifth District Temple of the Dramatic Order Knights of Klonoan, has arranged to give a free public band concert by its celebrated E. O. K. band of 36 pieces, at 7 p. m., Friday, December 29, in the Oriental Ballroom of the Biltmore.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and hear this concert. The band has been considerably augmented in numbers and it now ranks among the best in the state. Preparations are already under way to send the band to the National E. O. K. convention in Portland next August, where it will enter the band contest which will be a feature of the convention.

A popular program has been arranged by Bandmaster Waite for the Friday evening concert, as follows:

Silver Trumpets Processional March
Tivoli
Popular, Smilin'—Coburn and Rose
Humoresque—Dorval
Popular, Don't Bring Me Posies—Rose
Descriptive Fantasia, Vision of
Salome—Lampe

Immediately following the band concert, the hall will be cleared for the big Dokey ceremonial which will be celebrated on the third anniversary of the Medford Temple, which now numbers over 600 members among the various Pythian lodges in southern Oregon and northern California.

Come out to the free concert and bring the children. Ample seating arrangements will be provided for the capacity of the large hall.

INSTALL OFFICERS D'MOLAY THURSDAY

Installation of the new officers of the Medford chapter, Order of De Molay, will be held tomorrow night. Mayor C. E. Gates will be the installing officer and following the ceremony a dance will be held.

All Masons and parents of members of the De Molay are invited to attend the ceremony and the dance. The Imperial Title will furnish the music for the dance which will be held in the Masonic hall.

The Medford chapter of the De Molay is the only chapter in the state outside of Portland and has grown to a membership of 194 in one year. Officers of the local chapter have been invited to attend a Masonic banquet at Grants Pass Friday night to talk to Masons and their sons on the benefits of the order and a class of twenty or more members is expected to be initiated soon from Grants Pass.

The Medford chapter already includes members from practically every town in the valley including a number from Ashland.

WOMEN WORKERS WILL MEET JANUARY 11TH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—More than 100 national organizations of women have been invited to send delegates to a women's industrial conference here January 11 to 13. The women's department of the American Federation of Labor announced. The speakers will include women employment managers and women workers, manufacturers and factory inspectors, public health experts, industrial sanitarians, economists and government administrators.

Miss Anderson is director of the bureau.

REFUSES TURK DEMAND

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not a partner will not be recognized. M. Litvinoff emphasizes the importance of demand to Russia's lumber industry, for which the port is the gateway to the world markets.

Memel, located on the Baltic sea, was internationalized by the treaty of Versailles. The territory formerly belonged to Germany.

PORTER NEFF TO ERECT BUILDING NORTH CENTRAL

The first new business building to go up in Medford during the coming year will be a large concrete structure on the large vacant lot on the northeast corner of North Central avenue and East Ninth street, which will be a welcome boon to the business district.

The builder of this structure will be Porter J. Neff, the well-known attorney, who recently purchased the lot as an investment from Alex. Carle Carman, and who will erect the structure for Gates and Lybrand, to be occupied on a long-time lease by the Economy Geocenter.

The lot property purchased by Mr. Neff is 100 by 125 feet, and it is understood the purchase price was between \$7500 and \$8000. Messrs. Gates and Lybrand, whose lease in their present location in the Medford building expires next November, were recently themselves contemplating purchasing the lot on which to build, but Mr. Neff beat them to it.

However, when they learned of this they soon began negotiations with Mr. Neff to erect a suitable structure for long-term lease by the Economy Geocenter, which has proved successful.

The new structure will be of concrete and ornamental trimmings, 100x100 feet in dimensions, and the work of erecting it will be begun in February. Mr. Neff is yet undecided as to whether to have two stories to the building, the upper floor to be constructed for fine family apartments, or to have it a single story. His architect is at present preparing to submit several plans.

The cost of the building, for this reason is not yet known, but it will probably be well up into the thousands.

MOTOR CARS COST FARMER BIG SUM FROM OATS CROP

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—American farmers are losing approximately \$30,000,000 a year through the use of automobiles, motor trucks and tractors which have largely supplanted the use of horses in the culture according to Robert McDougall, president of the Chicago Board of Trade in analyzing the effect of motorized hauling on the horse and grain market. Mr. McDougall believes, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way, pointing out that the prices on good draft horses are advancing.

"In 1910, there were 1,500,000 horses in the United States," said Mr. McDougall, "while in 1920 there was a little more than half that number. Most city horses are fed upon oats and hay. Oats prices recently averaged 45 cents below wheat prices, whereas before we began using gasoline they averaged 62 cents below wheat. This is a loss of three cents per bushel, which based upon an average crop of one billion bushels nets the farmer a tidy loss.

"There is no doubt the big power tractor has reached the saturation point. In many farming sections high powered tractors were bought by small size farmers. It was a disastrous venture for many. In the cities, many businesses turned their backs upon the horse for short hauls with frequent stops. Today the farmer is seedling a yard of oats and the horse is coming into his own for short hauls.

"The horse will never come back to his old place in the city, but he is going to be sure of an important place in moving several varieties of commodities."

OLDEST TELEGRAPHER DEPRIVED OF A JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The state railroad commission has authorized the Post Telegraph company to discontinue its office at Valinda, Cal., and incidentally allowed J. C. Ward, credited with being the oldest telegrapher in the United States in point of service, to retire as manager of the office.

Ward has been in the office for 49 years. He claims the distinction of having been the telegrapher at General Grant's headquarters during the Civil war, and of having taught Thomas A. Edison the Morse code.

WHITE HORSE AND RED HEADED GIRL EXTINGUISHED

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Some Seattle fishermen have discovered that the white horse and the red headed girl are almost extinct. For the equine fact the vagrant statistician credits the automobile and for the human phenomenon he blames the fashion of bobbed hair.

The girl who must get a trim and a week shave every Saturday has no time for henna, he explains.

URGES WOMEN TO EXERT POLITICAL RIGHTS HEREAFTER

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec.—Mrs. May Van Wye, wife of a professor and herself a former school teacher, was elected by republicans at Hamilton county to be one of the women who will represent this county in the Ohio legislature for the next two years. Mrs. Van Wye was elected to the house of representatives by 76,609 votes.

Born and educated in Brooklyn, Mrs. Van Wye came here about 10 years ago and engaged in school work. She was a member of the National Council of Defense, during the war, being in direct charge of the social work of that organization, and also served as chairman of the Patriotic League. She is now connected with the Y. W. C. A. in an official capacity and is also a member of several clubs of Cincinnati.

It is Mrs. Van Wye's first venture in politics. During her campaign she spoke on legislation for women. She also stressed the importance of the women exercising their newly acquired rights.

The woman representative says that her main hobby is traveling, but that she is also fond of gardening and out-

door life. Interest in the home is the most important, she adds.

Mrs. Van Wye is the wife of Benjamin C. Van Wye, professor of public speaking at the University of Cincinnati.

KAISER CAN'T COLLECT INTEREST ON BONDS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—(By Associated Press.) The demand of the lower Belgian courts that former Emperor William has to right to collect interest on Belgian bonds has been sustained by the court of appeals in a decision handed down today. The court ordered a Brussels exchange broker to refund to the bank involved several million francs paid on coupons which the bank later learned belong to the emperor.

The ownership came to light when the British government protested against the payment. The Dutch bank figuring in this case, said to be one of several through which the former emperor sent coupons to be cashed at that time of their origin might be lost was exonerated as an innocent party.

YPRASANT, Mich., Dec. 26.—High university officials as well as gridiron stars of this and other years gathered today to pay last honors to Bernard Eick, star football player of the University of Michigan, whose death resulted Saturday from an automobile accident.

DISCUSS NEW MOTOR LAWS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Revised motor vehicle legislation will be discussed at a meeting of representatives of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is expected to attend.

and Idaho here tonight. The results of this meeting will be reported to the legislatures of the three states when they convene next month. Secretary of State Sam Rorer and T. A. Raftery, head of the traffic officers of the state will represent Oregon; L. D. McAdams, director of education and Fred J. Dibble, director of revenues, will represent Washington; and Secretary of State H. D. Johns of Idaho is expected to attend.

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