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INTRODUCTORY

The Board of Directors for the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, desiring that the moral life and institutions of the Pacific Northwest should be represented in the Exposition, and that the various conferences held during the period of the Exposition might conduce to the social betterment of this region, has appointed a Committee upon Congresses and Conferences. This Committee is constituted as follows: Dr. J. R. Wilson, principal of Portland Academy, Chairman; Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Secretary; Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; Wm. L. Brewster, W. W. Cotton, Richard W. Montague, members of the Portland bar; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Ph. D., Congregation Beth Israel.

The Committee in co-operation with the President and Directors of the Exposition is working upon three general lines.

I.

To co-ordinate so far as practicable with our local organizations and needs all national or other large conferences pertaining to social welfare that may be held in Portland during the period named.

II.

To devise special conferences more expressly representative of, or of special benefit to, the Pacific Northwest region. The Conferences under this head will be held consecutively, or nearly so, in August and September.

III.

To arrange for Sunday afternoon services, undenominational in character, to be held in the Auditorium on the Exposition grounds during the period of the Fair.

PROGRAMME

The Committee deems it advisable to set forth in a general way at this time its programme, although the programme is as yet necessarily tentative and therefore liable to changes of date and detail.

I.—National and Other Large Conferences

The following national and other large conferences will be held in Portland, and as much as possible will be done to make these conferences of practical value to our region:

1. The National Conference of Charities and Corrections will hold its annual meeting July 17th to 22nd. Arrangements are being made whereby a statement of our own local needs will be presented and responded to by experts. The Conference sermon, always a notable event, will be delivered at one of the Sunday afternoon services at the Exposition.

2. The American Library Association will meet July 3rd to 7th. Arrangements are being made in the same way for a consideration of our local needs.

3. The American Medical Society will meet in Portland July 11th to 14th. The Committee is planning to have some public and popular presentation made by distinguished members of this society of the important problems of public health.

4. The Oregon State Bar Association. It is being arranged that the papers presented at this meeting of the State Bar Association shall bear upon practical problems of public interest.

5. The joint meeting of the Pacific Coast branch of the American Historical Society and the Oregon State Historical Society.

6. The Oregon Academy of Sciences.

II.—Special Congresses and Conferences

1. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.—At this Conference, to be held under the general direction of the Committee acting conjointly with a committee of the Pacific Northwest educators, large numbers of teachers from the entire Pacific Northwest will be present. The Committee of Educators is composed as follows: P. L. Campbell, President of the State University; W. M. Ferrin, President of Pacific University; Frank Rigler, D. A. Grout, C. L. Starr, J. C. Zinzer, J. H. Copeland, E. E. Bragg, and the State Superintendents of Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. From the general committee of educators has been chosen an executive committee composed of J. H. Ackerman, Chairman, of Oregon; R. B. Bryan of Washington; Miss Mae E. Scott of Idaho; the State Superintendent of Montana; President W. M. Ferrin and Principals D. A. Grout and J. C. Zinzer. The Educational Conference will be held August 28th to September 2nd, and twelve departments will be represented at the various sessions of this conference. Some distinguished educator in his own field will address and lead the discussion in each one of these departmental meetings. In addition to the department meetings, general meetings of a more popular sort will be held. The following are the departments to be represented in the arrangement of the programme:

1. Elementary Schools, including Kindergarten Schools.

2. High Schools and other Secondary Schools.

3. Normal Schools and the Education and training of Teachers.

4. Colleges and Universities.

5. Technical Education, including Industrial Education and Higher Commercial Education.

6. Rural School Problems.

7. Manual Training.

8. Ethical Training.

9. Art in Education.

10. Rights of Teachers.

11. The Pacific Coast and Education in Trans-Pacific Countries.

12. General Educational Problems.

2. CONFERENCE ON CIVICS.—This Conference will be held August 14th to 22nd. On the first three days problems of general public interest will be presented and discussed. On the second three days will be held meetings representative of the incorporated cities of the Pacific Northwest, at which will be treated more particularly the actual and specific problems of municipal government. Every city and considerable town in the Lewis and Clark territory will be invited to send delegates to these meetings for the purpose of organizing a league of cities or an association of municipal officers such as has been found of the greatest use in promoting good city government in other parts of the Country. All details as to the form and character of the league or association will be left to the members. The subjects of discussion will, of course, be provisionally arranged for beforehand. The foremost leaders in the work of bettering city conditions, both physical and political, are expected

to be present to guide and take part in the discussions.

The programme follows:

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1. "How to Fight Corruption in Cities."

2. "Social Betterment Work in Cities." (Herein of suppression of vice and dealing with liquor traffic.)

3. "Municipal Improvements." a. Practical (streets, sewers, water and light supply, garbage disposal, plants, etc.); b. Esthetic (parks, public buildings, outdoor art and civic ornamentation generally).

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Formation and Work of League of Northwest Cities. (Three days.)

1. "Organization and Plans."

2. "Municipal Home Rule."

3. "Municipal Control of Corporations."

4. "Municipal Ownership."

5. "Municipal Taxation."

6. "Municipal Accounting, Municipal Administrative Law," and other technical subjects may be taken up at the pleasure of the delegates and the visitors.

The meeting of the League of Cities is to be concluded with a banquet with the usual after-dinner speeches.

3. CONFERENCE ON THE RELATIONS OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.—This conference will be held in August. The general design of the Committee is to have various phases of the industrial question presented in such manner and by such

speakers as may conduce to industrial peace and justice. The purposes of the Committee comport so far as possible with the general purposes of the National Civic Federation.

4. CONFERENCE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, in connection with Pacific Coast Indian Institute.

III.—Religious Services

On Sundays the gates of the Exposition will be closed until twelve o'clock, noon. During the afternoon the gates will be open. The "Trail" (corresponding to the "Midway" or "Pike") will be closed during the entire day. The machinery will not be in operation. Special attention will be given to music, the educational features of the Exposition and religious exercises. Preachers of national reputation are being secured. One of the great Oratorios will be rendered on one Sunday of each month.