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TEACHERS MEETING AT PAIA

Maui Teachers Association a decided success.
Forty-five teachers present—Dowdle ad-
vocates increase of salaries.

JORGENSEN—AWANA WEDDING.

Two of Maui's popular young people united in marriage—
Attorney General renders opinion relative to pay of
Teachers.

MEETING OF THE MAUI TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Maui Teachers' association held its annual meeting at 10 A. M. Monday, December 4th, 1905, at Pieper's Hotel, Paia. President S. R. Dowdle was in the chair and Mrs. C. E. Copeland at the Secretary's table.

Some forty-five teachers were present, and responded to roll-call with appropriate quotations.

Mr. Dowdle read, as the opening number on the programme, a timely paper on the topic of present salaries. He criticised the attitude taken by many influential people regarding education in Hawaii. To restrict educational facilities is un-American, as well as detrimental to the best interests of the Territory. The salary question is vital. Teachers are expected to have professional training; to keep abreast of professional and current reading; to dress suitably and to occupy a respectable place in society. All this requires money, and money means salary. The teachers ought to stand together in a determined effort to have their salaries raised to a sufficient figure.

Inspector H. M. Wells followed with a most excellent paper on the teaching of Reading. The teaching of reading is closely related to the general teaching of language. The subject should be taught with a definite end in view. This view should have especial reference to the future life and citizenship of the pupil. An essential point in the teaching of reading is to inspire and encourage the pupil to read and to enjoy the world of literature about him. He laid great stress upon phonic drill and word review. The true method is alphabetic and not ideographic. The ear should be carefully trained to hear and recognize correct forms of speech. Encourage pupils to give their own interpretation of what they read. Avoid formality and cultivate thoughtfulness.

Mr. Wells' paper was followed by a discussion in which Messrs. Hardy, Crook, Copeland and Bazata took part.

Mrs. Sabey delivered an interesting paper on the topic:—"How to Induce Children to Study and to Speak Out." The leading thought of this paper was that the teacher should be the model of industry and expression. Mrs. Sabey's account of a day in which she imitated the manner of speech of some of her most troublesome pupils was fully appreciated by her audience.

Mr. McDonald's paper on manual training was read by Mr. Copeland. Miss Mary Fleming read a paper entitled "Heart Culture." This topic was treated as meaning kindness to animals.

Mr. Dickenson's paper on "Lauhala work in the Public Schools" aroused much interest. Manual

training in the schools dates from the visit of Col. Parker to the Islands. Lauhala work is educative, instructive and may be made profitable in a pecuniary sense. Mr. Dickenson explained the various processes involved in the gathering, preparation, braiding and weaving of the leaves.

An adjournment was taken at this point in the proceedings, in order to discuss an excellent luncheon provided by Landlord Pieper.

After luncheon Mr. Anjou presented a paper on "Discipline."

The last paper on the programme was read by Mr. Vincent, on the topic "Agriculture." Mr. Vincent gave some of his own experiences in teaching this subject, and maintained that intelligent interest in agriculture, and not technical knowledge, is the proper end to be attained by school work in this branch.

The general discussion, "How shall we get our salaries restored?" was opened by Miss Crook. We must awaken interest upon this subject among parents as well as in the Legislature. The schools, and through them the public, suffer from the ill effects of the decrease in salaries. Many of the poorer paid teachers are unable to live on their wages in any proper way. School-teaching is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of hard work—a work that most would not do at any price—and the teacher should receive a wage that would enable him to live in a respectable manner.

Mr. Aiken thought that the Mongolian question had entered into the consideration of this question, and had somewhat influenced the Legislature in their decision not to raise salaries at the last session. Besides, the average school-teacher's salary looks liberal to the average voter, and the salaries of some of the more highly paid teachers seem generous to many of our legislators. Of course, all this makes the question more difficult of satisfactory adjustment, but there is every reason to think that if the teachers and their friends go earnestly to work in the proper way the next legislature will listen to their request.

Mr. Crook read some figures that showed that the average wage of women teachers is far lower in Hawaii than in twelve or fifteen of the States, although the cost of living is much higher here.

Mr. Hardy was of the opinion that the objection regarding Mongolians had been ably refuted by Prof. Scott.

Messrs. Dickenson, Copeland and Hardy were appointed a committee to communicate with other teachers' organizations in the Territory, and to formulate a plan looking towards the restoration of salaries.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, H. M. Wells; Vice President, Moses Kauhimalu; Secretary Patrick Cockett.

Executive Committee: Mrs. McKay, Mr. Dowdle and Mr. Copeland.

The new Paia school house was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the time to be fixed by the executive committee.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Pieper for his hospitality, the Association adjourned.

JORGENSEN AWANA WEDDING.

At 2 p. m. last Saturday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Awana J. Jorgensen and Josephine Awana were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. William Ault officiating.

After spending a few days among their host of friends the newly married couple took their departure on the Kinau for Kohala.

Mr. Jorgensen is chief assistant to M. M. O'Shaughnessy on the engineering and construction of the famous Kohala Ditch and he occupied a similar position a short time ago during the entire survey and construction of the Koolau Ditch on this island. It was during this time that he met wood and won his present bride.

Mr. Jorgensen's engineering work is of the highest character. And he made many friends during his stay on Maui who wish him every prosperity and happiness. The bride is a well known Maui girl and a graduate of the Kamehameha School for girls and is a favorite among her large circle of friends on Maui and Honolulu.

OPINION ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Honolulu, Nov. 29th, 1905.

OPINION NO. 233.

What is meant by the words "actually begin service" in the Revised Rules and regulations of the department of Public Instruction?

Hon. W. H. Babbitt,
Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Judiciary Building, City.

Sir:—Your valued communication of the 17th inst. in which you request the opinion of this Department in the above entitled matter, has been duly considered, and I desire to report and advise as follows:

The regulation quoted in your communication clearly defines the relation between the teacher and the Department of Public Instruction. It is not only provided therein that a teacher's name shall not appear on the pay roll..... unless said teacher has actually begun service," but it further provides that no teacher shall receive "any compensation until he or she actually begins services."

The language employed is plain and I am of the opinion that irrespective of the date of appointment, the regulation prohibits the payment or receipt of compensation until the services actually begin. It makes no difference what intervenes to postpone actual services. The Superintendent of the Department, as well as the teachers thereof, are bound by its duly passed and promulgated rules and regulations, and even the Superintendent himself has no power to go outside of those rules. The rule fixes the time when compensation shall begin, and prohibits any other understanding but that of compensation when the service begins.

Hoping that the foregoing meets with your requirement, I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) E. C. Peters.

EIGHT-THOUSAND KILLED AT ODESSA

The police of Marsaw are threatening to go on strike and the merchants are fleeing.

SENATOR MITCHELL SERIOUSLY ILL.

Minister Morgan leaves Seoul—Revolution in interior of Russia increases—Runs on the banks continue.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8th—Senator John H. Mitchell died this afternoon.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8.—The revolution in the interior is increasing.

Runs on the banks and demands for foreign exchange are increasing.

\$50,000,000 have been withdrawn from the state banks. The outlook is dark.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—It is officially reported that 8,000 persons have been killed at Odessa during the recent troubles.

WARSAW, Dec. 7.—The police of the city threaten to strike. The merchants are fleeing from the city.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—Senator John H. Mitchell is seriously ill.

SEOUL, Dec. 8.—Minister Morgan has left the Country and the German and British envoys are also expected to leave soon.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—The city is quiet but the tension is extreme. The strike of telegraph and postal employes is complete. Premier de Witte believes the Czar could restore order by granting universal suffrage. He holds that ready-made constitutions are unsuccessful as are ready-made dictatorships.

The striking telegraph operators demand as a condition of resuming work the dismissal of the Minister of the interior.

Conditions in the interior of Russia are growing worse.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—There have been massacres of Jews in One Hundred and thirty localities of Russia.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 5.—Quantities of arms are being imported into Finland.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The cabinet has resigned. Campbell-Bannerman has been summoned to form a new one. It is forecasted that the new Liberal cabinet will include Morley, Asquith, Elgin and Gay. It is believed that Bannerman will secure the adherence of the nationalists. There is talk of an alliance with the Irish and Labor elements, the combined vote of which is 120.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5.—Judson Harmon, receiver of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and Pere Marquette railroads, states that the indebtedness of those lines will aggregate \$6,000,000.

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—The allied fleet has occupied Lemnos.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Fifty-ninth Congress convened today with the usual ceremony.

The House re-elected Cannon as Speaker. Soon after convening the Senate adjourned out of respect for the late Senator Pratt. The most notable feature of the day was the introduction of a bill by Congressman Hepburn amending the Panama Canal law so as to facilitate the sale of bonds, and appropriating \$16,500,000, to be immediately available for canal construction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—One hundred thousand Jews marched in a memorial procession here today, out of honor to the memory of the Jews massacred by the Russians.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt has appointed Franklin K. Lane a member of the Inter-State Commerce Commission vice Ex-Gov. Fifer of Illinois.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The Democrats of the House of Representatives have nominated John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, as their candidate for speaker of the House.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The Powers have rejected the Sultan's counter proposals and have decided to resume naval demonstrations on Monday to enforce their demands regarding the control of the finances of Macedonia.

PRINCETON, Dec. 2.—In the annual football match here today between eleven from the Annapolis Naval Academy and the West Point Military Academy the score was 6 to 6. President Roosevelt was present.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The coasting steamer Roanoke has arrived here. She became disabled off Eureka, Cal., last Wednesday and was reported then to be drifting northward in a helpless condition.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A general strike in Russia is probable. The reactionists are gaining control.

The Czar and De Witte are becoming powerless. Troops are coming upon the scene and bloodshed appears imminent. The naval battalion has been disarmed as untrustworthy.