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### Our Grade School Something To Be Proud Of.

During the past year our grade school, has been criticized to some extent. It is not our aim to hit back, but to show that the school deserves much praise for the work it has done. We have here a grade school of four rooms, about one hundred pupils. The reader will understand just how we are handicapped when our school goes into competition with the larger schools of this county which include such schools as Woodburn, Sylverton, Salem, etc., etc.

Our school entered the County Declamatory Contest, a contest which every grade school in this county bent every effort to win in. Peggy Sadler, a young girl under eleven years of age, in the sixth grade, captured this distinction. Do you realize what this means? Young Peggy went into this contest, trained in our school, and defeated the best talent this county can boast of. Does this happen by accident? Or is it because this school has superior instructors. The graduating class consists of ten, each one of the ten passed with very high grades. All the rooms passed. Almost all students passed with very high percentages. Is this all chance—or have these results been accomplished by and because of superior methods of instruction used in our school? The athletic side has also been highly developed. Our baseball nine got right in and through hard work and much practice made themselves fit to enter the county contest. Can you imagine our nine, picked from a small school, going after the county championship, and finally bringing back the silver cup? Well, that is just what they did. We must say, right here, that if each one of us would take the interest in our school that young Kenneth Bents takes in the Aurora school baseball team, it would help wonderfully.

Has the Declamatory Contest and the championship Baseball Contest both ever been won by any one school in this county before? We say not. It is simply amazing that these honors should be captured by our school. Had a larger school, one in which the patrons showed more interest won out, the result would have been broadcasted and a claim for the winning school made for the enviable title of the best grade school in Marion county. We are more modest, but we say there was no accident in this result. It was brought about because of superior methods of teaching, by careful, qualified teachers, and by true cooperation by and between the school board, teachers and patrons of this school district.

The school grounds are entirely too small. The Board has endeavored from time to time to acquire more land to add to the grounds without success. We have had erected a high wire fence to protect the abutting property from being damaged by the pupils in their sports, the best we could do under the

### Notice to Water Users.

As the season advances fire hazards increase and the useless waste of water keeps the supply in the tank so low at times as to endanger property in case of fire.

In the last two weeks more water has been used than in any like period last season even though the city furnished water for the construction of Pudding river bridge.

It is quite evident that some users are not complying with the rules for irrigation which are from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Don't waste water. Don't start your sprinkler until 6 p. m. and stop promptly at 9.

Don't start your sprinkler if you are going away and don't know whether you will be home by 9 o'clock or not.

Unless conditions improve so that a fair supply can be maintained in the tank at all times, all irrigation must be discontinued.

Geo. W. Fry, Water Superintendent.

circumstances. We should use every effort to secure at least two acres of land more to add to the play grounds.

The water supply has for years been a source of irritation. We have, as all previous Boards, been considering what is best to do. We had the well cleaned out, also had the water analyzed and found pure and fit for drinking purposes. We would advise bringing the city water to our school. This will cost some \$500. The Board must have the sanction of the patrons before making this expenditure. This matter will be brought up at our next annual school meeting for your discussion and your determination.

We, the School Board, have had the best interests of the school at heart at all times. We believe we have one of the best schools in this or any other county. We have been economical but not close. We recognize the trend of the times, and do not believe in wasting money, either in the salary of teachers or otherwise. We have conducted this school this year at a saving of about one half the millage of the previous year.

There is no line of endeavor, either public or private, but what is open to unjust criticism. What is done, should be done and what is left undone (whether by school boards, by ministers or by laymen) is often the subject of unjust and undeserved attacks. All our actions are judged by results. We are willing that our endeavors, thankless as they sometimes are, may at least be estimated by the results we have attained.

Respectfully submitted by THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of School District No. 23 of Marion and 303 of Clackamas county, Oregon.

Mr. Fred Giesy and family of Olympia, Wash., one of the old family settlers of Aurora, stopped off for a short visit in the city Sunday and Monday, while en route to the cherry city.

### Burglars Attempt Big Haul at Hubbard and Shoot Section Hand.

About 3 o'clock, yesterday, Wednesday, morning, an attempt was made to rob the Beck store in Hubbard. Two large trucks and three ordinary cars were lined up in places suitable for the purpose. Frank E. Mallory, section hand of the Aurora-Hubbard section, heard them and fired a shot or two in the air. The thieves immediately returned with a fusillade from shot guns. Mr. Mallory was wounded in the face, breast and abdomen, but as the shot were small he was not seriously injured. No force was used in effecting an entry to the store, the vandals being supplied with keys. Some \$2000 worth of fine silk goods, under clothing, groceries, eggs, and miscellaneous articles had been nicely packed in boxes and piled in the alley back of the store ready for loading. On the firing, however, the thieves fled getting only what they had already on their trucks, estimated to have been about \$100 in value, which was later found dumped beside the highway at the north end of town.

### Personal Notes of Interest Gathered Here and There

Carl Pardy went to Portland Sunday.

George Yergen and Wm. Wurster were business visitors in Portland last week.

Billy G. Hendricks and family of Portland, were in Aurora Sunday calling on friends.

Mr. Al Miller of Portland, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Havens of Hood River, was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Yergen one day last week.

H. L. Colvin and family of Portland, spent the week end at the Colvin ranch near town.

Clifford F. Noakes, secretary of the Ray-Melny cannery at Hillboro, was a business visitor in Aurora Monday.

W. H. Ehlen and wife and Evadina Hurst came down from Eugene on Thursday.

Mrs. Henrietta Will returned to her home after a weeks visit with her daughter in Eugene.

J. W. Sadler and family motored to Pacific City last Sunday and report the weather as uncomfortably cold on the beach.

W. H. Monroe and family and A. A. Crisell and family spent the latter part of last week at Colvins camp grounds on Pudding river.

Mr. and Mrs. Freda Pardy of Portland, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pardy Sr.

Parts for all cars, trucks, and tractors. W. E. Burns—Dan Burns (Not Brothers—the same Man) High St., at Ferry, Salem 46tf

Mrs. George Kraus and John Kraus drove up to Salem Tuesday to visit Mrs. Kraus' sister, Mrs. R. J. Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Epperly of Hubbard, visited Mrs. Epperly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pardy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Atkins made a brief call on Mrs. Atkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stoner, Decoration day while en route to Scott's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirth of Portland, called on Mrs. Kirth's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus, Decoration day.

The home of Glenn Yergen was entered by burglars during the family's absence attending the graduating exercises of the Butteville school. Some two hundred dollars worth of money and valuables were taken. The thieves even took the children's banks.

Those picnicing at Colvin's on Sunday were A. A. Crisell and family, W. H. Monroe and family of Portland, and George Yergen and family, Fred Yergen and family, M. N. Crisell and family, Ray Yergen and family, John Kister, Rose Ehlen and Mrs. Minar.

Mr. Stradley of Grass Vale, Ore., was a guest of C. J. Hoffman of Mark's Prairie, all last week. Mr. Stradley is looking the country over with a view to purchasing a home place here and expects to take up his residence some where in the valley.

Fire of unknown origin started in the railroad trestle over the Molalla river this side of Canby at about 11:00 o'clock Monday night. The new chemical engine of the Canby fire department responded and soon had the blaze under control. Several trains were held up for a little time but the damage was soon repaired.

Miss Metta Walker visited her sister, Mrs. Ben Stoner, last Friday, May 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lettenmaier spent the week end with Mrs. S. H. Stoner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yergen and Miss Noma Yergen were Ladd Hill visitors on Monday.

P. O. Ottaway, W. B. Miller and Henry G. Kreis drove to Tillamook Friday returning Sunday.

Mrs. Henrietta Will visited her daughter and son, Mrs. Will Ehlen and Ben Will last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Becke of Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becke of Aurora, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkman visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kraus on Decoration day.

Mayor John Giesy, of Salem, and Mrs. R. J. Hendricks were guests of Mrs. George Kraus Friday.

You enjoyed the Carnival Dance given by the W. O. W. last year. Come and enjoy more the one to be given June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benner and T. Benner of Sellwood, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Dibble last Monday.

Mrs. W. L. White, who underwent a serious operation at the Tillamook hospital, is reported recovering very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hughes came over from Beaver Creek to attend a party for Mrs. L. G. Giesy.

Alyce and Deloris Roger of Portland, spent a few days with their grandmother, Mrs. Jane Graham.

Mrs. Janet Pendergast Leigh, of Salem, Miss Maude Sims and Mr. J. Wolcott of Portland, were Memorial day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nagl.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Webert, Mrs. Margaret Stauffer, Mrs. Catherine Zimmerman, and Al Zimmerman motored to Albany Sunday, visiting Mr. J. C. Zimmerman.

W. H. Ehlen and wife, W. H. Monroe and family, A. A. Crisell and family, Mrs. C. D. F. Wilson and Oscar Wilson spent Decoration day at the George Yergen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehlen of Eugene, and Miss Evadina Hurst drove down to Aurora Friday for a brief stay, returning the same day.

Wong Sam, a chinaman residing on the Henry Becke place, was arrested Monday by federal officers for peddling opium. It is understood that the officers captured a complete smoking outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Raspussen entertained the following guests at dinner on Friday of last week: Mr. and Mrs. Gladney and family, Howard Brown and family, Albert Brown and family, John Brown and family and Fred Sohn and family.

We wish to take this means of thanking Miss Ailene Snyder for the very efficient help she gave in preparing pupils of the schools to enter and win the declamatory contest for Aurora. Through an error in the class program last week Miss Snyder's name was confused with that of Powers.

It is community help of this kind that will make the Aurora school bigger and better. When the whole community boosts, things can't help but happen.

R. H. SOUTHWICK

### Business Man Takes Bride

Mr. Ed Stoner, well-known business man and member of the firm of Stoner Bros., of this city, and Miss Gladys Keil, also well known in this valley, were united in marriage Tuesday at Portland. The young people left immediately for the beach where they will spend a short time, after which they will be at home to their friends at Mr. Stoner's residence on Upper Pacific Highway.

### Aurora Woman's Club.

The Aurora Woman's Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Fred Yergen, with Mrs. Yergen and Mrs. John Kraus as hostesses. It being the annual business meeting there was no program. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. William Wurster; Vice-President, Mrs. John Kraus; Secretary Mrs. Geo. E. Knapp; Treasurer, Miss Noma Yergen. Delicious refreshments and a social time were enjoyed, after which the club adjourned. The annual picnic will be held at Bruns park, Wednesday, June 13th.

### Another Auto Accident at Highway Crossing at Hubbard

An east bound automobile collided with one going north on Pacific highway at the Highway garage in Hubbard Tuesday. The eastbound car locked wheels with the other knocking it into the ditch and tearing off two of the wheels, while the east bound car was upset and lost one wheel. Both cars were running slowly. Two of the occupants were somewhat hurt but we have been unable to learn to what extent. The third man was uninjured.

Mrs. R. E. Keefover and daughter Hubbard and Mrs. C. Thompson and daughter of Hubbard and Mrs. C. Vining and daughter of North Bend, started this morning on an auto trip to Southern Oregon, where they will enjoy a ten or fifteen days outing.

Mr. Edward A. Green has arrived from California where he has been teaching during the past school year, for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Frances Green and sister Mrs. E. G. Robinson.

Rev. Schoeler was at Chinook, Wash., a week ago, and, together with the Keys, Skilbred and Hammer from Eugene, organized another Lutheran Brotherhood. He reports a number of splendid meetings.

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### Chairman of School Board Entertains Teachers and Pupils

Mr. Arthur W. Kraus, chairman of Aurora school board, entertained the teachers and the members of the graduating class and Mr. Paul Siebert at luncheon at Thompson's Cafe Thursday evening after the closing exercises of the school. All the teachers and all the members of the graduating class were present and a very enjoyable time was had.

### Aurora Man Gets Large Order for Wood.

During the past week Frank Gloss received an additional order for \$4000 worth of wood. He is now employing 18 men and six teams, the wages averaging about \$70.00 per day. With the coming week Mr. Gloss will ship a car of wood a day. The Portland schools are getting a large part of the wood at present.

### Luther League Meeting

The Luther League was entertained Wednesday evening, May 28th, by Margaret and Christina Bueck. A goodly company attended. New officers were elected and many things planned for the future. About twenty young people intend to go to Eugene June 14 and 15, to take in the State convention of the Lutheran Brotherhood of America. The latest reports have it that some four hundred thousand Lutheran men in the United States belong to that organization already.

### Meridian Items.

Mr. Gibson and daughter Mary, formerly of this place but now from Woodburn, were calling on friends here this week.

Fred Yohann has exchanged his Guernsey bull for one of the same breed. Mr. Yohann has also traded for another good horse and he will be in the field for his share of grain cutting this summer.

Quite a lot of hay is being cut this fine weather.

Frank Keffer is working for J. F. Campan this summer.

Mr. Matsura is quite busy harvesting his strawberry crop. He has all of his place in truck now, and in another year or two he will be a very busy man.

Miss Lottie Netter, who taught our last term of school, will give an entertainment and social at Needy hall Saturday night. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the club winners, to pay their way through the O. A. C. summer course.

Rev. G. Hafner, minister of the First German Reform church, paid a friendly visit to some of the residents last week.

Those who received eighth grade diplomas in the last term of school, were Herman Plantz, Herbert Yohann and Walter Trost.



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