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JOINT DEBATE

A debate, "Resolved, That the United States should intervene in Mexico," was strongly argued pro and con last Wednesday evening by members of the Excelsior and Nonpareil societies. The debaters had studied the question thoroughly and aside from entering into the subject with splendid preparation, exhibited no little power of elocution.

The several societies marched into the auditorium in a body, enthusiastically giving their yells. The Excelsior members had a badge of their society pinned on their coats. A strong rivalry between the various organizations exists and in this debate the adherents of either side gave fine support. Mr. Hammond acted as chairman of the evening. Florence Thompson of the affirmative side of the question made the opening argument. She showed that she had investigated the subject and made a telling, convincing speech. Robert Service, negative, followed, making a very forceful argument. He showed he had given the subject a great deal of thought and impressed everybody favorably as a debater. Martha Sprague, affirmative, delivered a speech full of good points. Her delivery and poise were fine, she spoke strongly and enunciated well. She made an excellent impression. Earl Nuckolls, negative, took up his subject in a manner which showed his confidence in the merits of his contentions. He spoke with much deliberation and held his listeners throughout. Altogether the debate gave a splendid exhibition of good training and no little research.

The judges, Mr. Brace, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Smith, after a lengthy conference, gave a decision in favor of the negative side of the question, there being but two points difference. While the judges were in conference, Fred Cardin thrilled the audience with a violin solo, accompanied by Miss Gertrude Brewer on the piano. He was recalled the second time. Fred is the leader of the string quartet which is booked for a tour of Indiana, Ohio and Illinois this summer at the various Chautauquas. William Chuck interested the audience as usual with his mastery of the accordion and rendered a couple of numbers.

WEEKLY CHAPERONES

To chaperone girls walking, Sunday, February 25th, Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Woods. To visit societies: Mrs. Loos and Mr. Brown, Winona Society; Miss Skipton and Mr. Brace, Nonpareil Society; Miss Taylor and Mr. Woods, Reliance Society; Mrs. Smith and Mr. Mitchell, Excelsior Society.

PUPILS' ITEMS

The second band is making good progress.

Catherine Reed will soon be through her first year in nursing.

Mr. Mitchell has started his regular work, mowing the lawns about the campus.

Peter Hatch led the seventh grade class for the month of January. His average was ninety-two.

James Greeley, who is at Warm Spring, Oregon, writes he is hoping to come back soon.

The carpenter boys have built an arch frame for one of the boilers.

Mr. Brown has just completed three new Pullman towel-racks for the small boys' home.

Marie Shaishnikoff and Laura Squiqui led the Domestic Science class in a test last Monday.

The vocational girls in the sewing room are going to start on the large girls' work dresses at once.

A light wagon is to be constructed in the wagon shop. The wheels are now completed and ready for the axles.

The McBride Hall girls were very sorry to see Sarah Blodgett leave for her home in Montana on account of ill health.

Fred Jackson left for his home in Alaska on Tuesday. Fred was a very good student and we were sorry to see him leave.

Mr. Smith purchased a fifty-two pound weight for the boys to use in gymnastics. We will have some huskies after a while.

Fred Karluk and James Todd, who are vocational carpenters, are busy these days staining chairs and settees which have been made in the shop.

The Domestic Science dining-room was very beautifully decorated for St. Valentine's Day, especially the table. About ten guests were present for the dinner.

The Chemawa second basketball team has been playing the "varsity" team to a close score every evening. The second team has played three outside games and has won two.

The vocational second year domestic science class had a test on meats and gelatin Monday. The questions were given by Mr. Hammond. All the girls received an average above 90 per cent.