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R. H. S. TEAM WIN FIRST GAME

Roseburg High School Team
Shows Good Start Toward
State Goal.

SCORE IS 64 TO 4

Game Is Fast, But Almost
Entirely Defensive on Part
of Visitors, Who Fail
to Score but Twice.

(By Glenn Radabaugh)

In a real, fast, one-sided game of basketball Saturday night the Roseburg high school team defeated the Myrtle Creek team by a score of 64 to 4. From the time the first whistle sounded until the end of the game the contest was clearly a defensive one for the visitors and the locals came across with the real basketball fight and organization.

In a speedy preliminary the Roseburg girls defeated the girls from Myrtle Creek high school by a score of 18 to 9. Both teams showed basketball ability and speed. Miss Ring, who has been coaching the local girls, deserves much credit for the work done in so short a time in training a team such as the girls proved themselves to be against the fighting little quintet from the south.

During the intermission between the preliminary and the main event five members of the "R" club, an organization of the lettermen in the high school, were given their initiation, amusing the crowd with a number of popular songs.

When Dr. Finlay, who refereed the boys' game, blew the whistle for the start, both teams were warmed up and ready to go. Roseburg scored the first point, running the score up to 10 to 0 by the end of the quarter. During the first few minutes of play the ball was always within a short distance of Roseburg's basket.

Within less than a minute's time from the whistle for the second quarter to open two more points had been added to the Roseburg figures. From that time on until near the end of the quarter the local boys ran from center to basket and back again until the score stood 28 to 0, when Coach Larson sent in three of his second string men. The half closed before any further points could be added.

Both teams came back strong in the second half, with Roseburg's second team men still on the line-up. It was toward the first of the half that Myrtle Creek scored her first point. Roseburg's seconds were pulled and the first string again took the visitors to the mat, playing a consistently offensive game throughout. From 32 to 2 the score climbed steadily to 47 to 2 at the end of the quarter.

There was little change in the playing in the last quarter, the visitors being clearly outclassed both in speed and in team work. Two more points went to Myrtle Creek however, toward the middle of the quarter. From that time on it was merely a matter of time which would decide the final score. And when the last whistle did blow the score stood at 64 to 4.

Besides their speed this year the local fellows are showing some team work, which was lacking in some instances last year. They are hanging together and completing plays almost invariably. The five man defensive system which was used Saturday evening proved impervious for the Myrtle Creek fellows. With a little practice now the R. H. S. team will be ready for their regular schedule of games, which they hope will lead them to the conference to decide state championship.

Myrtle Creek's main tactic seemed to be long shots, but not one score was made by that method. Shooting time after time from near the center their shots went high and wide. The two scores which they did get were made a close quarters under the basket.

The men used Saturday on the local lineup look like a very plausible regular string. Bill Burr captains the team this year and is proving himself a star player. He warmed up to his close, little one-handed shots in the Myrtle Creek game and was high point man. Rusty Irwin played center position in fine shape. He is out-jumping his opponents easily and moves down the floor with a good deal more speed than he did last year. Phil Singleton is also "doing his stuff." He played a cool, careful game and showed himself to be breaking away from many of his faults of last year. Guy Perrin playing guard in the same "infallible Perrin" of last year. Not one ball slipped past him and he handled his man easily. Ray Jost played the other guard position. Jost is playing his first year of real basketball and is showing some exceptional speed. His "south-paw" puts a lot of surprises in the way of his opponents and he can cover the length of the floor in "nothing flat." Lynn Beckley, Cyril Nichols, Louis Miles and Bernard Young were all substituted at different points in the game, and came across with good, consistent playing.

Altogether, the indications of this first game are pointing toward a fine season, and the crowd which turned out shows that there is no doubt of the usual support from the fans.

BIBLE USED AS AN ORACLE

Persons "Seeking a Sign" Open Scriptures at Random and Find Message Upon Which Thumb Rests.

A common practice with those who "seek for a sign" is to open the Bible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb rests as they part the leaves.

In pagan times this divination was accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil or some other great author. Virgil was a particular favorite, and the practice of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the book now generally used.

During the Middle ages Virgil became so enveloped in a mist of tradition and superstition that he was attributed to by the uneducated as "Virgil the Wizard"; and the popular estimation of the chief value of the "Aeneid" was as an oracle.

As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the "Aeneid" for purposes of divination, as is evidenced by the well known story of how that monarch learned his fate by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation; and it is easy to understand the psychology which induced people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard," and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle.

The beginning of the idea dates back to the first introduction of letters, when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way to convey from one person to another not merely ideas but whole speeches word for word.

The feeling is displayed today by remote tribes of savages when they see for the first time the use of the printed or written word in communication.—London Tit-Bits.

MANX CAT WITHOUT TAIL

Animal Is Native to the Isle of Man—Jumps Forward Like a Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to the Isle of Man, a British island in the Irish sea, is noted because of its absence of a tail, and a formation of body that distinguishes it from cats of other breeds. The origin of the Manx cat is attributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spanish armada that were wrecked there. It is said that these cats were most probably previously brought from Japan or other parts of eastern Asia.

In the true Manx cat the forelegs are short and the rump arises as abruptly as possible, making the hind legs longer than the forelegs, so that the cat seems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a rabbit cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

All of the cats of the islands in the East, the Malay peninsula, Japan, China and lands contiguous, and even those of Siam, seem to have curious formations of the tail, whether cut short, forked, kinked or otherwise. But these cats are smaller than the Manx cat and there are differences in the call or language and ways and character.—Detroit News.

London Lawyers Hard Hit.

"The worst legal year on record," is given as the London lawyers' opinion of the last twelve months and more barristers than ever are said to be looking for a livelihood elsewhere than in the courts. General hard times lead the potential plaintiffs and defendants to settle their differences without the assistance of wigs and gowns, or, if they cannot settle it, they let the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinion that money flies as naturally to a lawyer's pockets as steel filings do to a magnet, the "flowing fees" of the bar at all times direct themselves chiefly to certain larger and more notable pools.

The emoluments of the great majority of barristers would render no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big pools must still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running dry, indeed.—Manchester Guardian.

Hard Times.

Montagu Collet Norman, governor of the Bank of England, was talking at a dinner in Washington, about hard times.

"I heard a story the other day," he said, "about a slum landlord who was going around one morning collecting his rents. At a certain house a boy handed him half a crown.

"Half a crown?" said the landlord reproachfully. "Here you are, over five quid in arrears, and you only give me half a crown?"

An Age of Specialists.

"It is an age of specialists," remarked Mr. Tenpott from his back porch. "Of concentration, so to speak. Even the vegetable kingdom seems to be aware of this tendency of the times."

His neighbors sent him an inquiring glance which he accepted as a signal to continue.

"At least my peach tree seems to be lavishing all its resources upon one peach."

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U. S. Weather Bureau Sends Out Warning to Certain Regions When Earthquakes Occur.

While seismological or earthquake records cannot be used directly in predicting quakes, they have other practical uses. When the records are collected and studied they throw a great deal of light on the nature of earthquakes generally, and it is conceivable that at some future time this information may lead to successful methods of prediction.

In one way, however, which is illustrated in the practice of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, conducted by the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, seismological records are of immediate practical utility. Severe earthquakes within oceanic areas frequently are attended by so-called tidal waves. There may be an interval of many hours between the occurrence of the quake and the arrival of the destructive oceanic wave at any given place. When a violent earthquake appearing to have occurred in the Pacific ocean is registered at the Hawaiian observatory, the officials send out warnings by cable or otherwise to the regions likely to be affected by the accompanying tidal waves, so that the people may not be caught unprepared. This service is said to have resulted in a great saving of life and property.

EVIL EFFECTS OF HASHISH

Acts on Nervous System in Various Ways, Which Differ According to the Individual.

The Arabs call a man who indulges in the drug hashish a "hashash," the plural of which is "hashashheen." A band of Moslem fanatics who flourished in the Eleventh and Twelfth centuries and devoted themselves to murdering secretly the enemies of the prophet used to fortify themselves with hashish for their desperate deeds. They came to be known as "hashashheen"—hence the English word "assassin."

Hashish acts on the nervous system in various ways, which differ according to the individual and the strength of the dose. A small dose produces gaiety, a larger one hallucinations, delirium and sometimes coma. An average dose induces a dreamy state, when the indulger becomes the sport of rapidly shifting ideas. The habitual "hashash" can rarely collect his thoughts, his memory goes and he is prone to curious errors of perception.

Herodotus records that the Scythians burned the seeds of hemp during the purification ceremonies that took place after a death and that they became intoxicated by the fumes.—Detroit News.

LODGE DIRECTORY

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B. P. O. Elks, Roseburg Lodge No. 326 Hold regular communications at the Elks' Temple on each Thursday of every month. All members requested to attend regularly, and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. FRANK CLEMENS, E. R. J. G. DAY, Jr., Secretary.

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DUCK LIMIT CHECKS PLANNED

Scarcity of ducks in Oregon this fall has led to take consideration of the discussion of a duck limit and the control of pump guns.

It has been estimated that the poorest duck season in years but the limit was continued mild weather delayed the start of the birds, dried up the water and prevented the birds from coming over for the usual period.

In Washington county, where the duck shooting place for western Oregon, was entirely devoid of water up to the present week. There has been virtually no duck shooting in the upper Willamette valley where shooting is unusually good after October 1. In eastern Oregon Malheur and Warner lakes have been at a new low level. Probably one-half of the lakes on Sauvie Island and along the lower Columbia river were dry until the first week in December.

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