

SENIOR HOOPSTERS DISPLAY CLASS IN BEATING ALUMNI

The Roseburg senior high school basketball team defeated a picked alumni team last night by a score of 43 to 34 in a very interesting game. The school team this year shows promise of being one of the best Roseburg has had for several years. In last night's game their plays worked with clock-like regularity, and the boys were very accurate in their passing and basket shooting, and were quick to take advantage of openings and breaks.

The first half of the contest was very fast, with the score at the end of that period standing 11 to 15 in favor of the high school. The school team shot the first basket in a play direct from the tip-off, and maintained a lead throughout the entire game. The alumni used two complete teams, alternating each quarter.

George Churchill, Maynard Bell, Don Ferguson, Elmer Robertson and Frank Long made up the first team, while Hugh Whipple, Guy Ferrin, Arma Fisher, Lynn Beckley and Wally Rapp composed the second team. Melvin Thurston also played on the alumni squad.

Jack Koenig, Garland Res, London Hoffman, Dan Estler and Billy Schmitt started for the high school and Collins, Burlaud, Wells, Johnson, Bayles, Fies and Maddox were used as substitutes.

Albert Sala acted as referee.

The game was a part of the alumni program which occupied the attention of the school yesterday afternoon. At 7:30 a assembly starting at 7:30 o'clock, football letters were awarded to twenty-one boys who participated in that sport.

Those receiving letters were: Seniors—Tom Bayles, Dick Maddox, Kenneth Haag, Kenneth Shrum and Wilbur Travis; juniors—Dan Estler, Leland and Raymond Brown, Worth Wells, Pete Koenig, Dick Green, James Judd, Elmer Dent and Billy Gawler; sophomores—Billy Schmitt, Louis Fost, Paul Babus, James Darby and Vernon Liles; managers—Gordon Applewhite, Robert Hellwell.

Trophies were also awarded to the classes winning the inter-class contests.

Tea was served during the late part of the afternoon by the girls of the high school for the alumni.

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Congress authorized general railroad consolidation on a basis and channels of commerce, the commission has repeatedly asked to be relieved of the burden of ordering it to prepare a plan, without result.

Action Only Advisory

Commissioner Eastman, in concurring opinion to the document today, declared that "The plan is very little more than a procedural step." He added that "There is nothing compulsory about it nor even any assurance that authority will be sought to carry out the consolidation which it proposes. The important time will come when we take action upon definite applications," to bring about rail consolidation.

In the actual alignment of railroads projected by the plan there was marked difference with some of the proposals made by important railroad interests which have sought to take advantage of the consolidation law.

Burlington Shift

In the west the commission proposed to take the Burlington system away from the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which now own it, and to erect by addition of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas to the Burlington a new and tentative railroad structure. The Burlington system projected will include a half interest in the Great Western and likewise a half interest in the Trinity and Brazos Valley and would run from the Canadian border to Mexico.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific would be placed in another consolidation, including most of their present affiliated and connecting lines. Around the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific the commission proposed another single system by the inclusion of the Duluth, Missabe and Northern, the Duluth and Iron Range, a half interest in the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific and trackage rights and partial interests in several short lines which would be associated with other merger systems as well.

The Union Pacific was left practically all of its present subsidiaries and was tentatively assigned

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a number of short lines. Similar treatment was accorded the Southern Pacific and among the assignments to that company of lines at present independent were the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity and Sabine.

The Missouri Pacific was definitely enlarged by the inclusion in it of the Western Pacific, which corporation is now seeking an entrance into San Francisco and was confirmed in the acquisition of the Denver and Rio Grande Western, in which it is now interested.

Objections Voiced

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The first congressional reaction to the plans of the interstate commerce commission on railroad consolidation came today in a declaration of opposition in details of the plan from two senators from the west.

Consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads as proposed in the plan would be a "great calamity" for the northwest, Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, asserted.

Presenting the commission's report for incorporation in the congressional record, Wheeler said that the two northwestern lines were compelling roads and he added he would vigorously oppose any attempt to link them into a single system.

Senator Pittman, democrat Nevada, also opposed the unification of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern saying it would afford no reduction in freight rates on farm products, minerals and logs, which he said make up the chief freight of the northwest.

night, by the coast-wise steamer Princess Mary and taken to Prince Rupert.

A survey of the vessel has been ordered before any effort is made to refloat her, although it was not believed by officials of the Union Steamship company of British Columbia, the owners, that she was seriously damaged.

Lighthouse Battered

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Dec. 21.—For thirty hours, Joseph Stodola, 49, assistant keeper of the Waukegan light house, was imprisoned by the sweeping gale.

Windows of the lighthouse and extinguished the heating plant; Stodola was forced to climb to the light room.

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of the murder and that unless we took quick action the convict in Pylson prison would be murdered.

The convict was paroled and Richardson is quoted as saying "The last I heard of him he was in Vera Cruz, Mexico."

The slaying occurred in January, 1922. After four years of investigation Keyes announced that the investigation was closed. F. Sands, Taylor's butler, generally was believed to have been connected with the slaying. He disappeared after the murder and never has been found. He still is wanted on suspicion of murder.

Solution Thought Near

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21.—District Attorney Byron Fite admitted today after reading reported statements of ex-Governor Friend W. Richardson from San Francisco that a secret investigation of the killing of William Desmond Taylor, noted motion picture director here in 1922, has been underway for eleven months. He expressed belief that the baffling murder was near solution.

Three of the most capable investigators on his staff, Fite said, have been combing Hollywood since February in search for clues which would disclose the identity of the slayer.

"We have reconstructed the killing," Fite said. "We have built a perfect case with only one possible connecting link to be filled. Since last February this office has been working on that murder. Due to the heavy load of urgent work handled, we have had to devote much of the time and effort to the case at night.

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The house today passed the senate bill to promote Commander Richard E. Byrd to the rank of rear admiral on the retired list in recognition of his Antarctic explorations. The measure now goes to the president.

The war department approved plans of the county court of Williamson county, Oregon, for a bridge across the Big Neotoma river at Woods, Ore., under the authority of the state law.

Hoyt E. Ray was reappointed United States attorney for Idaho today, and Frank M. Breshears was reappointed United States marshal for the district of Idaho.

DEATH AUTO OWNER IS ABSOLVED OF BLAME

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Houston Johnston, Portland salesman, was absolved of all blame in connection with the death of Miss Nina Severance, school teacher, he died as the result of a collision between Johnston's automobile and another driven by Walter E. Stewart, Tacoma, on the North Pacific highway.

STRIKE DUTY DEPUTIES ACQUITTED OF MURDER

BURNSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 21.—Eight deputy sheriffs on trial here for death of six men killed during a strike disorder at Marion, N. C., Oct. 2, were acquitted of second degree murder today.

PRETENDS TO AID WOMAN AND STEALS HER PURSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—A thief who displayed much concern for the welfare of Mrs. Bert Brooks of LaFayette, Ore., when she suffered a heart attack in a downtown department store, was being sought today by police.

The "Good Samaritan" concern was Mrs. Brooks' purse which contained \$29.

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Federal Soldiers' Home Needed

(Portland Oregonian)
Provision of a federal soldiers' home, open to veterans of all wars, on the north Pacific coast is due to the veterans of this region, and the state soldiers' home at Roseburg is an appropriate nucleus. When the government established homes for civil war veterans, it recognized an obligation which it has since extended to veterans of Indian wars and which applies equally to veterans of the World war.

As the country's defenders grow old or as their disabilities increase, many of them find the need of a comfortable home. Their families die or scatter or are unable to care for them and pensions may be too small to support them. The most considerate and at the same time most practical way to provide for them is to establish homes to which they may go at will, live in common and enjoy the pleasures of comradeship.

The only national soldiers' home on the Pacific coast is at Sawtelle, Cal., far removed from Oregon and Washington. The government should provide a home at Roseburg, adjacent to the state soldiers' home, where veterans may live within reasonable distance of their old homes and old neighbors, and which will be open to veterans of the Spanish and World wars as well as to those of former wars.

FLOWERS and Gardens

By CHARLES A. BRAND
Outdoor Christmas trees and illuminated gardens and yards have captured the imagination of the grown people as the twinkling lights of the indoor Christmas tree have enthralled the imagination of the children. We may not all believe in fairies but we all love fairyland and the lights of Christmas make fairyland wherever they are. The Roseburg Club and Professional Women's Club has offered a prize for the best illumination in Roseburg this year and we should all go and see them and wonder at them and feel the spell of them and be children again just for Christmas.

There will be more Christmas fairylands next year. It seems to work so. Portland's display this year will be its greatest. So it is all over the country. The story of one man's garden in the small Massachusetts town of Saugus is worth telling. The man is Mr. H. A. B. Peckham, a tax consultant with offices in Boston. I judge him to be one of those men who never quite grow up no matter how old they are. Eight years ago he began his Christmas illumination with ten strings of colored lights on the trees in his lawn. People flocked to see it. Each year since it has increased. The trip to Saugus has become an annual excursion into fairyland for thousands of people. There are four acres of ground around Mr. Peckham's home and last Wednesday night twenty-five thousand Christmas lights of all the colors of the rainbow flashed on all over the place.

There are seventy great living Christmas trees, a percola, an illuminated court of honor and a great bright star in the sky over it—all mysterious, beautiful, almost supernatural.

Last year the traffic congestion was so serious on all the roads to Saugus that this year the Boston and Maine railroad is running special evening trains to Mr. Peckham's gardens. As you read your paper tonight there are ten thousand people looking with wonder and delight at this Christmas fairyland. Let's not quite grow up and become too practical and stingy and dull. It is Christmas time.

Boston people are funny. I mean the rest of the country thinks they are funny. They think Boston children are all born with great, horn-rimmed spectacles on and that they learn to read Browning before they learn to use a handkerchief. They think of the adult Bostonian as a person with a very high brow and a sharp nose and a mind debauched with learning, one whose diet consists largely of

beans. As a matter of fact, Boston people are funny, but they are funny in another way. They are idealists and they delight in it. The milk of human kindness has not been sterilized by the rush for money. Here is an illustration of it that will probably make you smile. There are 7,500 work horses in Boston. Every year the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has a Christmas tree for horses in Postoffice Square. It is an old custom. And next Tuesday, the day before Christmas, the things that correspond to peanuts, popcorn and candy on the horse menu will be given to each horse that visits the tree. And there will be presents for all the drivers. There are to be doughnuts and coffee and other things to eat, and a valuable little book entitled "Care and Treatment of the Horse in Health and Disease," will be given to each driver. When the laugh about horses' neckties and bedroom slippers is over, isn't it worth while, this kindly Christmas thought for one of the noblest of our dumb animals?

One can't be sour at Christmas time, or critical or exclusive or pharisaical. Who cares whether a man belongs to any club or church or lodge? There is no social or religious "four hundred" when the Christmas spirit gets in its work. One of the finest poems of Edwin Markham whom Oregon claims as her own poet is just four lines long. It is worth memorizing, and fine to end this bed-time story with. You know all bed-time stories should end with some fine, happy thought that will stay in the child's mind and do it good while it sleeps. This is the poem:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But Love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in!"

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