

DOUBLE MEDAL CONTEST

Miss Maege Thomason
Master Cecil Bolton
Prize Winners

The double medal contest given last evening at the Central church was well attended and the young people without exception did remarkably well. This department of the W. C. T. U. is under the management of Mrs. N. B. Bolton and she is certainly to be complimented in the success which has attended her efforts.

The medal winners last evening were Miss Maege Thomason and Cecil Bolton. However Mrs. Bolton gave each of the contestants a handsome souvenir. Those who have never attended one of these contests would be very much surprised at the interest taken also the beneficial results that cannot help but follow.

I Harris has reopened his meat market on North Fir street. See his ad.

American Fruit

The American orchards after supplying the 81,000,000 of our home people with fruits exported large quantities. The Crop Reporter for Sept., 1900, received this Wednesday a paper published monthly by authority of the Secretary of Agriculture contains the following:

"The export trade in fruits has increased enormously within recent years. From a value of \$4,856,517 in 1894-95 this trade increased to \$11,486,172 in 1899-1900, declined to \$8,415,103 in 1901-2, and again increased to \$20,348,399 in 1903-4.

American fruits are now known in markets of many of the principal countries of the world. The varieties most abundantly found on foreign markets are apples and prunes. In 1903-4 there was shipped from the United States to foreign countries \$8,237,894 worth of apples (including both fresh and dried) against \$5,860,436 worth in the previous year; and of prunes during the respective years \$3,410,497 and \$3,512,507 worth. In point of value apples constitute over one-third, and apples and prunes, combined over one-half of the fruit sent from the United States to foreign consumers.

During the 1903-4 we imported fruit chiefly tropical valued at \$18,964,930

Valuable Find

(Observer Special)
Seattle Sept. 21.—Three Alaska natives last week found ambergris valued at \$64,000. While fishing near Dixon entrance, the natives saw the ambergris floating in the water.

FINAL ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

The Japanese Attack from Three Points on Land, The Fleet Co-Operating.

(Observer Special)
London, Sept. 21.—During the scarcity of news at Mukden, attention is reverted to Port Arthur. According to the Post's Japanese correspondent, the two Russian forts, the Japanese are said to have occupied, in the vicinity of Phisshyng, are Nantsa and Chagdiatun, the object of the Japanese being to thrust a powerful wedge in the gap between the eastern and western fortifications through

which the railway passes to Port Arthur from the north. The Tien Tain correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says Japanese gun boats left Yinkow on a preliminary scout are making a final attack on Port Arthur. The Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent, cabling September 20 says: "General attack from three points on Port Arthur was resumed yesterday, the fleet co-operating."

Chinese Admission Made Easy

(Observer Special)
Portland, Ore., Sept. 22.—By the ruling of United States Commissioner McKee, the first statement of Chinese taken after arrest being illegally within the boundaries of the United States by the Chinese inspector or any inspectors can not be used by the government as evidence. The decision was made during the hearing of Chae Dong Sam held for deportation. Immediately after his arrest Doug Sam made a statement to the Chinese inspector which is prima facie evidence that the Chinaman was not legally entitled to remain in this county. When this statement was offered and the evidence not admitted Commissioner McKee assigned the reason

when the statements were taken there was no lawyer present to advise the Chinaman what to say.

The effect of this ruling will make admission easy to a large number of Chinese upon whose first statement the government based the application for deportation.

A Strange Wager

Sedalia, Mo Sept 22.—Charles E Bliss staked his life last night on a game of cards lost and paid the penalty a few minutes later by committing suicide. Bliss was the son of a Seventh Day Adventist preacher of Fern, Ind. Shortly before midnight he called upon "Ted" Moore, a notorious woman with whom he was infatuated and challenged her to a game of pitch. "For what shall we play?" the woman asked, "I will stake my life against yours," replied Bliss. The cards were dealt and the woman won. Bliss put on his hat and went to a near by drug store, where he purchased a bottle of carbolic acid and ended his life. He died before a physician could reach him refusing to take an antidote.

Mrs O S Zuber has purchased the R D Hamilton residence on Cedar St the consideration being \$1800.

THREE NIGHTS OF DRAMA Socialist Strike In Italy

At Steward's Opera House commencing Thursday evening Sept. 22, popular prices 10, 20, 30 cents. Mr. Steward has secured the well known Sutton dramatic company for an engagement of three nights with a change of play and specialties each evening. They will present "A Ruined Life" for the opening play Thursday evening Sept 22. The Payette press of recent date has to say of the company. "The Sutton company is giving very meritorious exhibitions of good acting in the repertoire presented this week. Miss Sutton is a clever and conscientious actress and her support is strong and laudable. The character work of Mr. Dantis is worthy of special mention, while George Kohler, Mr. Cobb, Wm. Le Compt, Chas. Malloy, Wm. Richards, Miss Irene Lawton and Fannie Keeler are all well fitted to present the plays of the repertoire." New specialties and new moving pictures between the acts.

Socialist Strike In Italy

(Observer Special)
Rome, Sept. 22.—To protest against a conflict between strikers and the police in which two strikers a Ferdinand and a Sicilian were killed the socialists have decided on a general strike throughout Italy. It began today at Milan and threatens to spread through the whole peninsula. The government has taken extraordinary measures to suppress the strike and has stopped all telegrams referring to it.

Canadian Strike Ends

Winnipeg, Sept. 21.—The strike of the Canadian Pacific boilermakers is at an end, the men returning to work today. The strikers are to receive an increase of 1 per cent and an hour a day. The company promised the boilermakers to investigate the amount of wages paid boilermakers on railroads in the states parallel to the Canadian Pacific and will grant a further increase if the American wages prove to be higher than those paid here.

Steamer Caught Fire

(Observer Special)
Folke, Pa., Sept. 22.—Fire broke out in the hold of the steamship Minnesota of the Great Northern line, while the vessel was loading coal for fuel at Lambert's point piers today. The flames were extinguished after a trifling loss. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

Montana Politics

Helen, Sept. 21.—The populist and labor party conventions are in session here today and have appointed committee to confer with the object of agreeing on a state ticket. The populists have also selected three presidential electors.

O W Williams Dead

Mr. O W Williams, whose serious illness was reported in yesterday's Observer, died at Eugene, Oregon, yesterday and was buried there today. Mr. Williams was an old resident of La Grande where he was in business for a number of years and where he is well known and respected for his uprightness and integrity of purpose. He leaves a wife and four children, Miss Mabel and Ray of Eugene, Sherwood of this city and Tom of Waverly, Washington. He also leaves a number of relatives in this city.

Harroun At Large

(Special to the Observer)
St Joseph Mo, Sept. 22.—W H Harroun a grain operator of St Joseph charged with forgery of bills of lading to the extent of a million dollars is evading arrest. A deputy sheriff of Kansas City arrived tonight with two warrants. The officers scoured the city but Harroun was notified from Kansas City and disappeared.

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