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High School News

Happenings in and Around the School Centers

(By Alice Scott)

The Junior English, which is to have a certain amount of editorial work in this year getting a very practical application of it. Each day in class about five minutes is taken in which each student is to write a news item. These are then given to the editor for that week, who looks them over, corrects them and prepares them for the paper. Special reports get the interesting news events from other classes and the various organizations of the High School so that the column may in truth be high school news. The publication of a weekly column in the paper to let the general public know of what is going on in school, just what we are interested in and how we are progressing in various ways from day to day.

The students of the various English classes in the High Schools, have received the names and addresses of boys and girls in other countries, to whom they are going to write. These are names from South America, as well as from Europe and Asia. The students are hoping to obtain some thing of educational value from the letters they receive in return along with the enjoyment they get from reading them.

"Who has the diphtheria? Where are the pneumonia germs? I can't find this diphtheria! I can't even see what it looks like!"

Such were the questions asked and the exclamations heard in the laboratory last Tuesday. Of course the

students of Botany II class, who are now taking a course in Bacteriology, were not trying to "catch" the disease mentioned, but were only looking for the slides to place under the microscope, so that they might make sketches of the different germs.

The Junior class rings and pins were received Monday. The Juniors are proudly displaying them to the upper classmen and to their friends. They are very unusual for high school rings, for they have only as a background and the arrow head contains the letters "L. H. S. '23." Everyone is pleased with them.

Tuesday morning a fire alarm was sounded. Immediately the students were filing out of the building. From the time the alarm was given until every student was out of the building only 60 seconds had elapsed.

Wednesday evening at 5:30 at his home Reverend W. C. Ross conducted a Bible study class. All high school students wanting to take this course are invited to attend the class. After passing an examination, which is given by J. A. Churchill, any high school pupil is able to get one-half credit in school on the Old and New Testament each. It has not yet been decided whether the Old or New Testament will be studied.

Last week the English V class, under Miss Rohrer's instruction, were preparing the yearbook. The class were submitting newspapers containing news by associated press, local news, original editorials, advertisement section, comic and society news. Many of the newspapers were cleverly arranged and very original. The construction of the yearbook and use of language was carefully arranged. Many of the writers show adaptation to the work of journalism.

The debate teams are working hard

for the coming debates with Pendleton. Both the debates promise to be interesting. The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads." Those going to Pendleton are Floyd Smith and Lucille Craig, while Fonda Hank and Donald Rohan remain here. For practice three negative speakers of the high school will hold a debate in the high school auditorium at 7 o'clock tonight. After the regular debaters have their discussion, the subject will be thrown open to volunteer speakers, who will be limited to three minutes each in remarks. These debaters are good speakers and it will be well worth the time for anyone to attend.

The debates that are given are of much value to the school. The subject is chosen by the instructor and all members of the class are required to prepare a debate on the subject. Inter-class debates are then held for a few days. A half dozen of the best debaters are then chosen and they continue debating for a while, and then the instructor chooses the team to represent the school at other towns. In this way, everyone in the class gets a chance to debate, whether he is good or not. Much is learned by the debaters. All lines of research work give the pupils valuable information. It gives them a chance for some real deep thinking. A pupil might be able to prepare a good debate but not give one because of lack of ability in oration. So a debate is given a chance to use and improve his ability to talk before the public and as a result debating proves a valuable asset to a school.

At the beginning of last semester a new department was added to the high school curriculum, it being the dramatic class. At the beginning it was purely experimental and was intended to be only a half-year course. But it has been received with so much favor among the students, and proven so successful that it is being continued this semester.

The aim of the class is to give the students an opportunity to study and appreciate the rise of the drama, and its influence upon civilization. Plays are studied and produced, thus giving practical experience indirectly and choosing a play cast by the student members.

The modern play is also studied and the new art of the theater as well. The class is learning to enjoy and judge plays by their true worth, as they are taught to observe all the elements which are necessary in the development of the play-making, as well as to know good and poor stage effects. The students have learned the value of drama and its increasing importance as a factor in the present day.

An A. G. S. executive meeting was held Wednesday evening after school. The plan began last year of appointing "Big Sisters" for the Freshmen was carried out. There are 20 Freshmen girls who moved this morning so that number of upper students were chosen to be "Big Sisters." Special care was taken to choose people who would help the new girls to get acquainted. They planned to give a "matinee" dance after school for the entering girls to get acquainted. The plan was given last year, is prominent to the girls in the near future.

RADIO DOCTOR IS THE LATEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5. — Arrangements have been perfected with the Radio Corporation of America whereby the United States Bureau of Public Health Service will furnish free medical advice to ship at sea through coastal stations of the Radio Corporation at San Francisco, New York City, Cape May, N. J., Chatham, Mass., and Gloucester, Mass. The health bureau has announced.

It is planned to give medical advice to vessels not carrying a physician, although consultations might be requested in some instances by ship's doctors. Medical advice, the health bureau announces, will be sent to ships in language intelligible to a layman.

The United Fruit company had established a similar system of free medical advice in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico. A message from a ship's doctor to any of the company's radio stations in Central America, giving the details of a case of illness or accident on his vessel, will be answered by the company's physicians without charge.

"DH Medico," the sick call, will be given preference over all other radiograms, excepting S. O. S. calls, throughout the radio service of the United Fruit company and its subsidiaries, the company announced.

At the end of the student body assembly Thursday an A. G. S. meeting was held. The purpose of the A. G. S. was explained to the Freshmen girls. The "Big Sisters" were then introduced to their "Little Sisters."

At the assembly held Thursday morning, Charles Reynolds gave out the football letters to 15 boys. These boys are members of the La Grande high school football team for the year 1922 that won the Eastern Oregon championship. To each boy was given a white felt letter "L" about eight inches high, representing for La Grande. However, as Mr. Reynolds said, "Do not think that it was the piece of felt for which the football team worked, but what stood behind it—the school." Mr. Reynolds gave a talk stressing the point that we are all working toward an ideal. In life, if you can see in your imagination a picture of life as you would like to have it, that is the kind of home, friends and surrounding that you would like most, then you have that ideal. The next thing is to plan the steps toward getting it, for an ideal is nothing if you do not progress toward it. But planning is the constant part of success, and only the person who has the determination and will power to work out the plans can ever gain success. Just as with any game, as particularly football, as Mr. Reynolds thinks for though the instructor may plan an ideal team, it is only the members of it who can make it one. It was with this idea in mind that he presented the letters, that each person on the team had helped to do his share toward working out the ideal of all and bringing success to our school. He presented the following boys, their letters: Harold Gordon, Clifford Abston, Clifford Blockland, Tige Larson, D. Shantz, Glen Metcalf, Bernard Hummel, Eugene Metcalf, Chester Garity, Fred Hart, Robert Garity, Cecil Sherwood, Howard Kerr, Ray Lynch and Lester McTigue.

During the third and fourth periods Friday, nothing but the art of the domestic art United Richardson's Art Store. They are studying interior decorating and found the visit very interesting and helpful. Mr. Richardson showed them the masterpieces of all the great painters and explained the process by which they are copied. Pottery of the different countries were displayed and their shapes and decorations observed. The collection included some very beautiful and artistic designs. Some "after mats" from China attracted much admiration. They were in hand-painted designs and are used for purposes of worship by the Chinese. Everyone admired Mr. Richardson's collection very much and acknowledged him as a real "art man."

The music classes, under Miss Schalk, are studying the history of music. They study about the music from the ancient and medieval times through the modern ages. They also learn of the great musicians and their contribution to music.

The Senior play practice is being held every night. The cast is working hard to put on a good play. The "Mimic" staff held a meeting Thursday to find out how things are progressing. They hope to have the book ready for press soon and it promises to be an excellent edition. (The following was written by the Sophomore English Class.)

The physiography II class has been making a study of the ocean, that is waves, organic material, coastal plains, continental shelves and ocean life. Mr. Towler gave us a very interesting lecture showing us various plants and animals he had in his collection.

Have you ever seen the heart or tongue of a frog? Have you ever given such small creatures of the world a thought? I will then tell you that the heart of a frog has exactly the same shape as the human heart but considerably smaller. It is dainty, like a tiny heart of a valentine. The tongue, which is thick and fleshy has notches on the posterior portion. The frog's tongue is fastened by just opposite end from which we humans have our tongues fastened. The above was discovered by the science class from an experiment in the laboratory. This class is under the instruction of Mr. Towler.

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