

SOCIETIES

EXCELSIOR—The Excelsior Literary Society held their meeting in their usual place, Thursday evening. Quite a bit of business was transacted during the evening. Six more members were added to our roll. The question box was enjoyed by all. The subject for discussion was, Resolved: That, liquor is the worse enemy to the Indians. The speakers were: Benjamin Wilson, and Harry Queahpalma for the affirmative; Robert Cameron and George Washoe the negative. After due deliberation the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

ESTELLE REEL and ROOSEVELT had their regular meeting in room 6. The following program was rendered. Song, Maude McIntyre, Emma Cameron, and Sarah Brewer; Recitation, Luella Ryan; Pen picture, Mary Campbell; Song, Jennie Schutzhagan and Gussie Cameron; Recitation, Miss Bowman; Reading, Henry Darnell; Recitation, Emma Cayou; Song, Stella Fiester and Welsie Downie. Debate, Resolve: That a horse is of more benefit to people than a cow. Affirmative, Andrew Bittles; Negative, Luella Ryan. Robert Davis, Orson Bell, James Sloan, Peter Seltice, and John Peone, members of the Hiawatha Club, were visitors of the evening. They expressed themselves as much pleased when they saw the interest that the members of the younger societies displayed in their meeting. The Hiawathas are known as forceful debaters and a compliment from them was appreciated.

HIAWATHA—The Hiawatha Club held their regular meeting, and elected the following officers: President, Orson

Bell; Vice President, Thoms McCully; Secretary, James Sloan, Treasures Robert Davis; Sargeant at Arms, John Peone. The newly elected officers took their respective positions, by addressing the members with short, but very nice speeches. Although there being no program it took several minutes for the election. After a discussion of some matters of less importance, the members adjourned feeling highly elected over their new officers.

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Siletz Notes

After a week or two of fine spring weather we are again having rain.

The farmers have been plowing for spring crops.

The worst road in Lincoln County is the 9 miles of mud between Toledo and Siletz. At the same time it is the most travelled. Come and see us. (You should understand that the road is 9 miles long. No one knows just how deep it is.)

Bidding on deceased allotments lags somewhat but it is expected that the prospect of a coast railroad will accelerate sales. This is an ideal dairy and stock country. Several of the Indians are among the recent buyers of inherited land.

The observation of the writer is that Lincoln County raises the best strawberries and celery he has ever seen anywhere. The barn like appearance of our stall at the exposition should not deter you from giving the county fair consideration.

I have noticed too that our hens lay fresher eggs than some of those you send in from the valley.

Mr. Robert Depoe is temporarily employed as industrial teacher and Mrs. Hawkins as seamstress.

We have not had a case of measles in school for some weeks, but there are occasional cases on the reservation.

Mrs. Egbert is gaining slowly after being in bed 8 weeks. She considers however that the daughter is worth while.

Miss Anna Shannon, of Tiffin, Ohio, arrived Thursday to visit her sister Mrs. K. C. Egbert.

Thanks are due Chemawa for blanks printed to simplify the work of this agency office.

During the past year Hail Bros. have enlarged and repaired their store. Joseph Kosydar has repainted his hotel and renovated it throughout, the Methodist Church has been painted inside and out, the Catholic Church has been repainted and remodeled, John Kenita has made extensive repairs at his store, Joseph Kosydar has built a new meat market, many of the agency and school buildings have been painted and much fence and sidewalk built. A newcomer might say that our little village still needs fixing.

Supt. Egbert was in Portland one day last week.

We lost three of our dogs one morning a short time ago. We judge the Strychnine furnished last year was not adulterated, as is sometimes the case.

One of our best young men, William Butler, died recently at Vancouver, Wash., of typhoid fever. He was employed in a mill. He was one of the few Indian young men of this reservation.

Rev. Rinehart is the new minister at the Methodist Mission.