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Excelsiors

The Excelsior's meeting last week was devoted to choosing the speakers for the series of three debates against the Nonpareils, which is to be held next month. Last year, as freshly recalled, the Excelsiors won the first two of the series of these debates and cancelled the third one because of the consideration that two out of three would be the winner. This year the prospect of success is somewhat clouded since the Nonpareils have good material for the coming debates and perhaps they are confident of winning back the honors of victory. That is the way, Nonpareils, work hard so the Excelsiors will work, too, so as to make it a little interesting with you anyway.

Ramona.

The members of the Ramona Society held their regular meeting last Friday evening, Jan. 15, 1909. The room was called to order by President Johnson, and roll was called, a few members being absent. Old and new business was brought before the house. We then proceeded with the following program: Opening Address, Ella McNully; Current Events, Annie Johnson; Song, Louise Moss; Reading, Nellie Boswell; Riddles, Dora Goodman; Pen picture, Emily Moss; Song, Millie Freeland and Viola Brown; Closing Address, Jennie Luke. We then played a game which was called consequence, and it caused much merriment among the players when the papers were read. After the game the meeting adjourned.

CUTTING TABLE CLIPPINGS.

According to prediction the manufacture of garments under the order of an

organized system has proven very satisfactory in every way. The apprentices have obtained a clear understanding of what is wanted and how to obtain results quickly and with fair success.

On Thursday, Jan. 21st, 1909, the detail of apprentices in the Tailor Shop visited the state legislature in order to take notes on the organization of a law-making body; also note their impressions of the law-makers in session. We hope that each boy was benefitted by this experience and hope that at some time in the future he will be able to represent his people's interest in a like manner by being a member of the legislature.

TAILOR SHOP.

CURIOUS FACTS.

Some 2500 families own about half of the land of the United Kingdom.

There are 256 railway stations within a six-mile radius of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

A professional bird-catcher is employed in Berlin, who keeps scientific and educational institutions supplied with birds, birds' nests and eggs and he is the only man in the empire permitted to do so.

In March, 1847, there was such an enormous accumulation of the ice at the lower end of Lake Erie that the Niagara river ran nearly dry, and people were able to walk part of the way across the falls dryshod.

In parts of Australia where the average yearly rainfall is not more than ten inches a square mile of land will support only eight or nine sheep. In the Argentine Republic, South America, the same area, with thirty-four inches of rain, supports 2560 sheep.