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DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Ontario Wins in Contest for Conklin Cup, Friday.

It is nearly seven years since Prof. Conklin purchased a cup and offered it as a prize for the best declamation given by a pupil from any of the schools of the county.

For the first time during the seven years the judges decided that the pupil from the Ontario school was entitled to the cup, so the young folks are excusable for being jubilant, after having had it rubbed into them for six years. The judges were Mr. Hoadley of the Welser schools, J. P. Buller, of the Emmet schools and Miss Helen L. Case, teacher of elocution at the College of Idaho and they were unanimous in their decision.

The first speaker was Ruby Morehead, Nysen, whose selection was "Here comes the Bride," and it was seen that a high standard was to be set.

Viola Husted, for Ontario, recited "Bill Perkin's Toboggan Slide." She was perfectly composed, not in any way nervous, and sustained her work throughout. The selection seemed especially adapted to her.

Maurine Jones of Vale, recited "The Heart of old Hickory," a very difficult selection. The speaker seemed nervous and could not sustain the character work.

While the judges were deliberating Miss Grace Sage recited "In The Usual Way." Four young ladies from Vale gave a moonlight song and dance and Ruth Luckey captured the house with her rendering of "How we hunted a mouse."

The theatre building was not large enough to accommodate the crowd, some 600 were admitted and then the doors were closed, several hundred more wishing to gain admission. With a large hall the attendance would have been near one thousand, and shows the necessity of a large auditorium being erected here.

Ex-Teacher Leads Charge on School.

Clatskanie, Or.—Charging the Quincy schoolhouse at the head of alleged socialist sympathizers, Mrs. Flora I. Foreman, deposed by the new school board for her teachings, smashed in the doors, reassumed her position and for a short time routed her successor, Mrs. J. Clarke. The constable finally arrested her on a charge of inciting a riot and took her from the schoolhouse.

The trouble followed the action of the board after a recall election had ousted friends of the ex-teacher.

Farm Adviser Appointed by County Court.

Prof. French, of the Corvallis Agricultural College was here this week introducing W. R. Shinn, who has been appointed County Adviser, by the county court.

Mr. Shinn comes from Okanogan county, Wash., and is familiar with all branches of farming in irrigation sections and will prove a great boon to the farming communities of this county.

He visited one place this week and found where the advice of a veterinary would have saved a valuable cow, some hogs and pigs and he believes that if the advice he gave is followed there is still a chance for them.

Mr. Shinn will make his headquarters in one of the rooms of the Ontario Commercial Club and when he is not there, messages may be left for him.

He is here to help all the farming people of the county and while he may find problems that he cannot solve, he is in touch with persons who can and will, so take your troubles to him.

He finds that most of the fruit men are busy getting their orchards in shape, spraying and cutting out and burning what is affected with the blight. Farmers who contemplate planting corn and potatoes are getting the best seed possible and there will be many acres planted.

Farmer's County Institute. Boulevard Grange Hall.

A course of illustrated lectures extending through two days and evenings will be held at the Boulevard Grange hall next Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 and 9, when Prof. Fitz and Prof. Larson, agricultural experts, and Mrs. Larson, an authority on domestic science all members of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty, will deliver addresses on their various subjects. The coming lectures will positively be illustrated, a gas machine having been secured for the purpose.

It is impossible to announce the complete program at the present time but the course will include such subjects as "Corn for Forage," "Grain Feeding," "Dairy Cattle," "Draining Irrigated Lands," "Feeding and Handling Hogs," "Domestic Science," and cooking demonstrations. The cooking demonstration and lectures for the ladies will be held in the grange kitchen while the other lectures are in progress.

Worthy Master Conklin, through whose efforts this program was possible felt some hesitancy about asking such noted speakers to come here at a time when the residents of this community are so busy, fearing that it would be impossible to secure audiences of sufficient size to make it worth while, but all who have been approached on the subject express themselves as believing that it will more than pay them to leave their work to listen to such an array of talent. As this seemed to be about the only time in the near future when they could be secured it was decided to have them next week.

All of the lectures will be free to the grangers and their friends and everyone is cordially invited to attend as many as possible.

APPEAL TO REPUBLICAN PARTY

As chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Harney county I desire to appeal to the sense of the Republicans of Malheur county in the matter of joint Representatives from this district. In all neighborly reciprocity, Harney county is entitled to the Representative at this time. Malheur has had the Representative in 1905; it has had the district attorney since 1904, and it has had the circuit judge. Harney county has had no district office in all this time. Is it any more than fair that we should be recognized now?

If we were presenting a new, untried man, there might be some excuse for putting up an opposing candidate, but in Mr. Frank Davey we are putting forth a man with more legislative experience, as observer and participant, than any other man in Oregon; a man who was twice elected to the legislature in the second largest county in the state numerically, each time by the biggest majority of any man on the ticket, and after the second election was chosen Speaker of the House, in which capacity he made a remarkably good record.

Mr. Davey was a pioneer in emancipating the people's rights and has been consistent ever since. Even when he was a member of the Legislature from Marion county in 1903 and 1907, he was a staunch friend of Eastern Oregon, as Hon. Ed H. Test, democrat, who served with him from Malheur in 1903, and Hon. G. L. King of Ontario, who served with him in 1907, can testify; and since Mr. Davey came here in May, 1907, his energies have been devoted to building up this section of the state and fighting its battles.

Can any new man possibly do as much good for this district as Mr. Davey can? I ask the support of Malheur county Republicans for him on his own merits as a Harney county choice.

J. C. REELCOME, JR., Chairman County Central Com.

7 BANDITS HOLD UP ELMA, WASH., BANK

Set Fire to School Gymnasium to Divert Attention From Their Operations.

Elma, Wash.—Setting fire to the school gymnasium at Elma, Wash., to divert attention from their operations, seven bandits at 8 o'clock Saturday, held up the bank at Elma, and, taking \$3500 in currency, escaped into the woods. The bank of Elma remains open Saturday nights from 7 to 8 o'clock.

HERBERT H. ASQUITH



Herbert H. Asquith, English premier, who faces a difficult situation as a result of his determination to pass the Irish Home Rule bill.

The attack was just before closing time and the only ones in the bank were Cashier Earl France, his bookkeeper, A. H. Fleming, and three depositors, Walter Myer, Ed Bosley and George Avery, and Ben Young.

Four of the highwheels entered the bank, covered the occupants, forcing Cashier France into the vault, where he was held prisoner. Three of the gang on the outside hurriedly forced two passersby into the bank, where they were "covered." One of the men on the inside made the haul during the dramatic "covering" of the citizens, taking only the money in the vault, leaving \$2000 on the counter untouched.

The holdup was completed within five minutes. On account of resistance made by Cashier France, who attempted to reach his revolver on the case counter, one of the robbers fired twice at him, but neither shot took effect.

Alleged Desperado is Held.

Centralia, Wash.—A Mexican giving his name as William Watson and believed to be one of the men who held up the bank of Elma Saturday night, attempted to shoot Dauph Emerick, a member of the local police force, as that officer was trying to arrest him in the railroad yards here. When searched at the police station Watson was found to have a .45-caliber Colt automatic pistol, a .31-caliber revolver, three knives and some loose cartridges.

SAY HE ATE THE CHECK.

Accused Man is Nevertheless Bound Over to Grand Jury.

Portland, Ore.—Although he ate the documentary evidence against him while on the witness stand in full view of court attaches and spectators, according to officials, Samuel Matheson, a Seattle contractor, was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Stevenson on a charge of passing a bad check for \$25.

Matheson, while testifying in his own behalf, asked to be allowed to examine the check, retaining it while being questioned. He was noticed holding his handkerchief to his mouth, and court attaches said his jaws were busily working.

Later, when the prosecution called for the check, the prisoner declared he did not have it. A search failed to reveal the slip.

PAST IS FORGOTTEN BY EXILED QUEEN

Natalie of Servia Presents Country With Mementos.

Berlin.—Ex-Queen Natalie of Servia has decided to forgive and forget her tragic history in the country where her unhappy married life was passed and where her son, King Alexander, and his spouse were assassinated. She has turned over 27,000 acres to the Belgrade university, a valuable collection of arms made by King Milan and King



NATALIE, EX-QUEEN OF SERVIA.

Alexander to the National museum and the libraries of her husband and her son to the Academy of Science at the Servian capital.

Natalie became the wife of King Milan of Servia in 1875 at the age of sixteen. Her son, the ill-fated Alexander, was born a year later, but by that time she and her husband were sorely on speaking terms owing to his absolute life. They separated in 1886 and Natalie went to Wiesbaden with her son. Two years later Milan succeeded in getting possession of Alexander and insisted the metropolitan to grant him a divorce. This divorce was later declared illegal.

Milan abdicated in 1889 in favor of Prince Alexander. Queen Natalie, who thereupon returned to Servia, was forced to go into exile in 1891, but in 1894 both she and her husband returned in triumph to Belgrade and they were apparently reconciled. Their triumph, however, was short lived. The hand of Russia was seen in Servian politics under the sway of Alexander, who drove his father into exile, and Queen Natalie again left the country, never to return. The tragic death of Alexander and Queen Draga followed in 1902 and Peter Karageorgievitch was called to the throne, the Obrenovitch dynasty being extinct. Milan had died in Vienna in 1901.

Child's Prayer Answered.

Saginaw, Mich.—"Dear Lord, tell mamma we are in the trunk, and tell her to come quick." Mary Hart, eight years old, made this prayer when she and her brother, Leon, aged six years, found themselves trapped in a trunk into which they had climbed. Their mother, Mrs. Michael Hart, felt impelled to look in the trunk in an unused upstairs bedroom. Both children were unconscious, but were revived.

PIG'S EYE AIDS BABE TO SEE

Infant, Blind Since Three Weeks Old, Distinguishes Objects.

Baltimore.—Sight has been given to the left eye of Davis Kane, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kane, of Gettysburg, Pa., through the grafting of the cornea of a pig's eye to the child's eyeball, according to a statement of physicians at a hospital.

Tests, they assert, have brought out this fact without a doubt. When the bandage was removed, it was said that the child followed the course of a lighted candle which was moved in front of him. Another test that brings out the fact more clearly is that the child now winks his eyelid if a finger or a small object is waved close to the eye.

The disease from which he has been a sufferer since he was three weeks old is known as staphyoma of the cornea.

Loggers' Association Opposed to Tolls.

Portland, Or.—The Pacific Coast Loggers' association went on record here in favor of free Panama canal tolls for American vessels in the eastwise trade.

SELECTS GRAVE AND DIES.

Pennsylvanian Had Premonition That End Was Near.

Grove City, Pa.—M. E. Vogan of Erie, a former resident of this place, dropped dead a few minutes after he had selected the site for his grave.

While Vogan lived here several years ago his daughter died. Since then he had visited her grave from time to time. One evening he took Jack Ewing, the sexton with him and, pointing out a spot beside his daughter's grave, said, "Ewing, I have a premonition that I'm going to die, and I want you to bury me right there."

Vogan then left the cemetery, walked 500 yards and fell dead from heart disease. He was buried beside his daughter.

MOLASSES STICKS A SHIP.

Too Cold to Run, Vessel Can't Unload and Loses Charter.

Boston.—The proverbial slowness of cold molasses has been demonstrated again. As a result the tramp steamer Ixia has lost a charter. She is a tanker equipped to discharge a full cargo in two days and arrived here two weeks ago with 500,000 gallons of molasses. The cold wave thickened the molasses. Pipes were clogged, pumps made of little use, and the Ixia's crew worked two weeks instead of two days to discharge the freight.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club, 91c; bluestem, \$1.00; red Russian, 90c.

Hay—Timothy, \$17; alfalfa, \$14.

Butter—Creamery, 28c.

Eggs—Ranch, 19c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; club, 88c; red Russian 87c.

Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.

Eggs—21c.

Butter—Creamery, 29c.

ALFALFA GROWN ON DRY LAND

The starting of alfalfa on dry land is some problem, generally, and it is only when a favorable season is on that the farmer succeeds in getting a good stand.

In Montana they have made a success of it, where the rainfall is less than here and this is the system. The seed is planted in hills 18 inches apart and it is cultivated like corn. The following season the plants are taken up and each root is set out separately in a hill. The long roots stretch down into the ground and in a short time it is growing and is capable of getting plenty of moisture to carry it along.

The system is going to be tried by several of the Dead Ox Flat ranchers. R. A. Griffith is the man to introduce the system here and A. S. Worth estimates there will be at least two hundred acres planted this season.

It requires but little seed to the acre.

Several of the ranchers in that section got good stands last year, by planting in the usual way.

Speaking Contest, Under Auspices of W. C. T. U.

With the "Standing room only" sign hung out long before the time set for the entertainment to begin, the speaking contest held at the Boulevard Grange hall last Tuesday evening proved one of the successes of the season. The first prize, a beautiful Demorest medal, was won by Miss Grace Sage. The members of the W. C. T. U., under whose auspices the entertainment was given, expressed themselves as being more than pleased with the treatment accorded their efforts, while over 250 grangers and their friends enthusiastically praised the program presented.

While there were a large number of musical selections rendered the principal number was the declamatory contest, which proved most interesting, aside from the enthusiasm which a contest always arouses. So uniformly excellent were the contestants that it appeared impossible to pick the winner, but the judges finally selected Miss Sage as the best, a judgement which appeared to meet the popular approval.

RAILROAD CREW ACTIVE

Oregon Short Line Men Refuse to Give Information

Lewiston, Idaho, March 28.—Civil engineers in the employ of the Oregon Short Line Railroad were in this city for several days during the past week from the Upper Snake River and have gone to Homestead, the lower terminus of the line constructed from Huntington down the Snake river towards Lewiston.

The men were reticent but it was learned they were members of the party who were reported in the Grand Ronde section several months ago. A. U. Worster and a party of mining engineers recently arrived in this city from Salmon City and declare the Chicago and Northwestern and Hill system jointly will build and use the new road to be built down the Big Salmon River as an extension of the Gilmore and Pittsburg railroad from Salmon City to Lewiston. Mr. Worster said:

"The Pacific and Idaho Northern will be extended north from New Meadows down the Little Salmon River to the junction of the Big and Little Salmon Rivers at Rigains, a distance of 42 miles. Among the higher railroad officials the belief is held that the Northwestern will be extended from near Lander, Wyo., to a point at or near Idaho Falls, perhaps at Richey, Idaho, from where it will be extended to and connect with the Gilmore and Pittsburg, go down the Big Salmon River to Lewiston, where it will be connected with the Hill road, over which Northwestern trains will be operated to Pacific Coast points. This, it is understood, would give the Northwestern the shortest transcontinental line from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, by about 300 miles."

M. E. Church Services.

The Rev. Sam W. Small, The famous Southern Evangelist, Editor, and lecturer, called the Prince of the Platitudes, will lecture in the M. E. church on Tuesday night, April 7. This will be a treat to the people of Ontario. Come early to secure comfortable seats. The lecture will begin at 8 p. m., all seats free.

On Thursday the 9, The Rev. Thomas Corwin Hill, of Denver, Colorado, will lecture in the M. E. church. Dr. Hill was the Superintendent of the Utah Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about 30 years. His subject will be Education.

Dr. T. C. Hill has been termed the cyclone of Utah. He is a Preacher, Soldier and Patriot. He marched with shamans to the sea. This is a rare treat for the people of Ontario. Come and hear him.

Sunday April 5, being Palm Sunday the services at the M. E. Church will be appropriate to the day both morning and evening.

Thomas Johns, Pastor.

RUN DOWN COUNTERFEITERS

Spurious \$5 and \$10 Gold Pieces Circulated in Many Cities.

Portland, Or.—United States secret service officers detailed to run down a gang of counterfeiters who have placed a large number of bogus \$5 and \$10 goldpieces in circulation in the Pacific northwest have arrested W. C. Vaughn, alleged to be the leader of the gang, in Portland; Harry S. Stone in Spokane and Charles Dutcher in Seattle.

The headquarters and mint of the gang are alleged to have been in a little cottage on Dearborn street, Seattle. The counterfeit coin is well made, but a trifle thick. Stone and Vaughn are alleged to have passed the coins in Bellingham, Anacortes, Everett, Tacoma, Auburn, Olympia, Portland and Seattle. More than 100 of the coins have recently been rejected by banks.