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LOCAL TALENT.

Last Tuesday evening a Chautauqua was given under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association at a local theater. All of the entertainment was by simon-pure local talent. The house was filled to capacity, with the "standing room only" sign out shortly after the doors opened. And the whole performance, from the initial number by the Alfalfa Song Birds, to the finale, was a success.

Now Vale is what is known to the blase city slicker as a small town, so that when one stops and figures that to produce a cast of seventy people, all of whom display the talent they did at the Chautauqua performance the other night, there must be considerable real ability along that line right here in our own home community.

This same result will be found in almost any branch of endeavor one can mention. We have, among our own neighbors, capable men and women who have the energy, talent, and skill that is equal and even surpasses that of many of those from the outside larger centers, who have made a name, perhaps, known to more throughout the country.

So let us get behind our hometown people, for they are our friends and if we patronize their enterprises, rather than belittle their efforts, we will soon have a larger and stronger community peopled with better and broader citizens.

THE TOURIST PARK.

Winter has given away to spring and the roads are opening up all over the country so that the tourist will soon begin to travel thru Vale again. At present the auto camp ground reserved for those who care to make their own lodging during their stay here, is more or less overgrown with weeds, the water is disconnected and in general its appearance cannot be calculated to leave the impression one would wish with those compelled to use it.

There has been talk of installing modern conveniences in the park, such as electric plates, housing facilities, etc., and then making an admission charge sufficient to cover their upkeep. Others have suggested merely cleaning up the park, connecting the water, and making no charge at all for its use, and

some advocate variations between the two.

As to which method should be adopted is a question for the City Council, after duly considering all of the proposed plans, taking in the matter of finance, advertising, trade, vagrancy, sanitation and the other problems arising from the operation of a municipal camp ground. But some plan should be adopted, and arrangements made to carry it into effect in the very near future, or Vale will not be ready to handle the tourist when he does arrive.

If Vale has no money to put in the most modern of parks, then such conveniences are, of course out of the question, and one must be satisfied with the simpler plan that of merely cleaning up the place and connecting the city water. This can be done by volunteer help if necessary, setting a day aside and inviting the citizens to gather there with necessary rakes, hoes, or mattocks, and in a few hours the thing will be completed and ready for the early arrivals.

If Vale has the necessary funds, and the Council thinks it advisable then plans should be immediately made for the installation of such improvements as are needed, a price determined for the admission charge, and some one put in to oversee its collection.

Whatever is to be done, should be determined soon, so that Vale will be ready for the tourist upon his arrival this year.

The High School play is "abounding in mirth-provoking situations with the leading role that of an innocent and inoffensive husband" to quote its press notice, but if it is true to life the innocent and inoffensive husband is provoked to very little mirth.

With the pouring of concrete in the city's well, we will soon be able to boast that we are living in a town where there is twenty-four water service.

Headline reads "Dog Goes Mad." Just think of the poor weather prophet trying to hold his job these last few weeks.

Anyone who saw the Parma-Vale baseball game at Parma will agree that baseball is not a winter sport.

This time of year so much know 'no joke.

Scissors and Paste

Ku Klux Fight Sinnott
Anti-Catholic feeling is behind the opposition to the re-election of Congressman N. J. Sinnott in the Second Congressional District, the Eastern district. As a congressman Sinnott has made good in a manner that is peculiarly satisfactory to his constituents, and besides that, he has attained a standing in Congress that has caused him to be discussed extensively as of cabinet caliber. The only criticism against Sinnott is that he is, or is supposed to be, a Catholic. So the Ku Klux Klan and all the old-time anti-Catholic organizers are busy. James H. Gwinn of Pendleton, a strong candidate because of his excellent reputation for energy and enterprise is the opposing candidate and has

this anti-Catholic backing. But there are too many people in Eastern Oregon who are indifferent as to a man's religion, believing it to be his own business, for the anti-Sinnott effort to attain any formidable proportions. In spite of his great popularity it is doubtful whether Gwinn can carry his own home town against Sinnott. George Harvey Graham of Baker, a realty operator, is as usual after the democratic nomination. His name is getting some good advertising as a result of his regular running for Congress, so much so that if Eastern Oregon should ever go democratic in a landslide Graham might get to be congressman for a term.—Oregon Voter.

BROGAN

EASTER PICNIC DINNER

MR. HANDSAKER, NEAR EAST RELIEF WORKER GIVES TALK

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith motored to Ironside to attend the funeral of Grandpa Lacey.

There was a picnic dinner at the Hall Easter Sunday. Mr. Handsaker gave a talk on conditions in the Near East.

Mr. Long of Corvallis delivered a talk on "How to Care for an Orchard" at the hall Tuesday.

H. R. Wellman met with the pig club Monday.

Miss Sylvia Graber visited friends in Payette Saturday.

A number of young folks enjoyed a hike up Willow Creek canyon Sunday.

Arthur Beam of Ironside was a Brogan visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Green of Portland was a Brogan business visitor last week.

Mr. Charles and Mr. Cox of Jamieson were business visitors here Saturday.

Ralph Harvey attended the funeral of Grandpa Lacey held at Ironside Tuesday.

Mrs. Asbury Pugh visited friends and relatives in Ontario last week.

Miss Mae Murphy was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axtle Reed Sunday.

A school meeting was held at the hall Saturday evening to explain to the public their purposes in wanting to bond the district.

The P.-T. A. met at the school house Friday, April 14. Mr. Kennedy led the discussion of the benefit of bonding the district.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Capps of Jamieson were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axtle Reed on Easter Sunday.

LIBRARY DANCE IS SUCCESS

Board Clears Good Sum for the Benefit of the Vale Library.

The Easter dance given by the Library Board at the Vale dance hall on Tuesday evening was some hop. Everybody and his wife was there, so that the Library Board cleared about \$70.00.

The hall looked very pretty with festoons of yellow and blue crepe paper and flowers as decorations. Throughout the evening the ladies served delicious refreshments of sherbet, cake and coffee.

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Ethel Long Newman/Writes of Life in Armenia, Where She Manages Great Orphanage.

Some vivid pictures of life in Russian Armenia, where gaunt famine stalks in the wake of devastating war, are given by Mrs. Samuel Newman, formerly Miss Ethel Long, graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, class of 1920, in letters to friends in Oregon.

Mrs. Newman and her husband, the latter a graduate of the Idaho Agricultural College, were married in Portland last spring, and soon after left for Armenia to join the staff of Near East Relief workers in charge of two large orphanages near Alexandropol, where an extensive agricultural reconstruction project is being inaugurated. The Soviet government, unable to cope with the appalling conditions following the warfare waged in that region almost continuously since 1914, last year turned over to the Near East Relief three mammoth military posts which had been converted into orphanages, together with 118,000 acres of land to be put under cultivation.

"It is a staggering task the Near East Relief has undertaken," writes Mrs. Newman, "but we are working hard and making progress in the face of overwhelming odds. Sam has 20,000 acres of farm lands under his supervision, and is tilling early and late getting his farm units started. I am busy every hour of the day with my work in the orphanage here, which shelters 2,000 children and gives employment to the mothers and fathers of many hundreds more. The farms, you know, are operated in connection with the orphanages. Besides receiving instruction in manual training and other useful things, the larger boys are taught modern scientific methods of farming. The orphan girls are taught to weave rugs and to sew and cook. We are also operating several industrial units where cloth is woven and garments made for the children.

"It was all very discouraging at first," Mrs. Newman continues, "but now we are taking heart and working harder than ever. Sam had an awful time getting his first unit started. However, after scouring the whole country he got together a few plows and harrows and things; also, a little later, the modern machinery contributed by friends of the Near East Relief began to arrive, and Sam had the good fortune to round up 32 good reliable mules. He has sixteen teams now at work, and expects to have a tractor in the field soon. * * * The poor peasants here had never done any real farming, and it was very hard for them at first, but their eagerness to learn and to help is very pathetic. The great deep furrows Sam plows with his good American equipment are a never-ending marvel to them. When Sam gets one unit started with men

trained to operate it, he begins another and the orphan boys take to the training with great zeal.

When the Newmans arrived at Alexandropol, the orphanage there sheltered only 400 boys and girls, and Mrs. Newman writes of these: "There were 1,000 in this lot last spring, but because of malnutrition and sickness, 600 of them died during the summer, so the Soviet officials had only 400 left to turn over to us. Enough have been brought down from the over-crowded orphanage at Alexandropol to make 2,000 here, and as you can imagine, I have my hands full, helping to mother them. It is wonderful to see how the wretched, dirty, starved little newcomers begin to blossom and grow as soon as they have been bathed, clothed and given a few rations of wholesome food."

Mrs. Newman says there are things the relief workers must think of as little as possible, and must turn away from when outside the orphanage gates. To attempt to add all the starving people, or even children, would be utterly futile, she says, and would exhaust the Near East resources without permanently helping any. The orphanages take in just as many as can be managed safely.

"We simply must ignore the rest," she writes. "Just outside our gates there are scores of starving children lying or sitting about listlessly, shivering in filthy rags, with their little bones fairly protruding through their skins. Many of them are sick and in pain, and they all beg piteously to be taken in every time they can catch the attention of any of the workers. Many times we have taken in 'just one more' until it cannot be done again, else there would not be food enough for the ones we already have. Another awful thing one may see any day, are the little quiet bundles of rags lying on the sunny side of a wall or a hillside, just able to stir feebly now and then, or to lift up pleading little wistful arms in supplication, if anyone notices. They will lie in the same spot for days sometimes, before they become quite still. Then the Soviet cart with its daily load of the dead, comes and picks up the little bundle. Just picture any one of the many mothers in this tragic land—half-starved and despairing, clad in rags and tatters, with her naked babe in her arms, the little thing trying feebly to draw nourishment from her dried-up breasts. I must not write of it, nor think of it. We must all keep strong for the work that is before us, and think only of the great good that we are doing. But I beg of you, never believe that there can be any exaggeration in the stories you hear of the sufferings and horrors here in this unhappy land.

Work at Cemetery.
The clean-up work which is being carried on by the Women's Club at the Vale cemetery is still under progress. On Thursday afternoon several ladies were busy at the cemetery and still more work will be done. Anyone who cares to spend a few hours working at the cemetery at some spare time may do so and their efforts will be much appreciated.

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