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STAR THEATRE

A story of Cow-boys and Wildwest

Prices 15c-30c

Have You Read the Story of

'THE VIRGINIAN'

Also 1 Reel Bray Picto and 1 Reel Comedy

SATURDAY

—Starring—
Dustin Farnum

Big May Day Dance after show

DECLAMATORY CONTEST FRI. EVENING, APRIL 8

A declamatory contest will be held in the High School Auditorium, Friday evening, April 30 at 8 o'clock, which will determine the student who is to represent Stayton High School at the Marion County Declamatory Contest which is to be held in Salem, May 7th.

The students participating in the contest here Friday evening are: Fern and Frances Freeman, Chris Neitling, Albert Lulay, Duane Crabtree, and Osmund Rice. They will give humorous, dramatic and descriptive readings.

Musical numbers by Miss Mickey and Marguerite Schultebein will add variety to the program.

The winner of the local contest will go to Salem, May 7th where he will meet the contestants from the various high schools of the county, including Salem High. Suitable awards will be given those taking 1st, 2d, and 3rd places.

It is a great honor to "place" in one of these contests, and all Stayton people should take an interest in this type of school activity. All students and friends of the school are urged to give the contest their enthusiastic support. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged.

In the seed catalogues a cucumber looks like a watermelon.

Riggs to be a Winner

If the direct primary law is going to avail the people anything, it must give them a fair representation in affairs of government. It was put on the statutes to allow the average citizen a chance in the selection of officers.

It was naturally expected the professional jobholders and chronic office-seekers who are with us always would continue to be candidates, but it was assumed a man who does not devote all of his time to politics, but can only boast of being an average taxpayer and citizen would have a chance for recognition.

Among the candidates for Representative on the Republican ticket, will be Zadoc J. Riggs, a substantial business man of Salem, who has conducted the Capital Drug Store for several years, who is a member of the various civic organizations, a man who has made a success of his own business and has no wares to sell the state nor political axe to grind. The selection of such men as Mr. Riggs, guarantees Marion county a representation second to none in the state.

—Voter.

BUY 'EM A TICKET

Ye editor accompanied Stockwell Cornelius by auto to Stayton last Sunday afternoon. Talk about roads—they are very bad. The town was in a very quiet dress, but we did admire the handsome new garage recently erected. As a Staytonite remarked, "we are in the same position you are in Turner, all we need is to get rid of the unprogressive citizens, then we could perhaps, build up the town and take on new life.—Turner Tribune.

The average citizen's idea of the way to run a paper is: "Print the news, no matter what it is, when it is on the other fellow."

MOUNT ANGEL BANKER IS FOR ECONOMICAL PROGRESS

In announcing his candidacy for the legislature on the Republican ticket at the primary election May 21st, J. J. Keber, banker at Mt. Angel, appeals to the voters of Oregon as individuals, who, as such, are well qualified to judge the issues of the day, and who can and will vote as their judgement shall direct. Mr. Keber is a Republican and believes in the principles of the party with whom he is associated; and above everything he is an American and believes in the principals of his country. He is not a member of or affiliated with any particular faction or part of the Republican party; nor is he pledged to support any of the candidates for office at the coming primary election.

His slogan is: "No hobby to ride, efficient administration and conservative legislation."

In speaking of his candidacy Mr. Keber said: "I pledge to the people of Marion county that in conducting my campaign, I will not support any particular candidate for office in preference to the other candidate for the same office; that I will not promise political patronage to anyone; that if nominated and elected I shall enter the office with neither promise nor pledge to redeem, except those which I give to the people themselves; reserving the right to serve in

that capacity with whatever unprejudiced independence the best interests of the people of Oregon and the development and welfare of the State shall demand. If the voters decide that they do not desire that I be their candidate, I will give my undivided support to the Republican candidates of their choice.

"I shall, as far as possible, make a personal campaign, with the object to establish and maintain a close relationship with the people of Marion county, so that I may the better know their needs and requirements, and be able to be entirely comprehensive of such.

"I am firmly convinced that the progress, prosperity and development of Oregon demands that all lines of business, with due consideration for this absolute necessity of practicing most rigid economy, be maintained to the full standard.

If nominated and elected I shall consistently endeavor to give Oregon an impartial, clean, economical and business-like administration which will have as its ideal, the greatest possible advancement of the moral, social and economic progress and prosperity of the people and through an ever increasing development of its resources keep Oregon at the top in the vast fabric of our national life.

GYMNASIUM DEBT WIPED OUT BY HARD WORKING STUDENTS

Student Body of Stayton High School Deserving of Much Praise for Carrying on this Undertaking and Paying off Debt

The benefit play of the Stayton High School entitled "The Hoodoo," given at Stayton and Mill City marked the close of the undertaking of the student body of 1917 in the building and financing of a gymnasium that Stayton and the entire community can be proud to claim as their own.

In November of the year 1916, a parent-teachers meeting was held at the High School Auditorium composed of the most enthusiastic school supporters as always are found in Stayton and community and the subject of building a gymnasium was brought up and discussed. And it was the consensus of opinion among those present that such a building was needed, so with the encouragement of those present, the High School Student Body started out to build a gym. And it is no wonder that success crowned their efforts, for with their undaunted spirit and enthusiasm of both now and then, they all worked with one heart and aim, and the result of their efforts, combined with the bountiful support of the citizens of the community, is now manifest to the world in the magnificent structure that adorns the northeast corner of the school grounds.

The Student Body immediately set to work under the able leadership of Professor Gaunt in taking up a popular subscription around Stayton and vicinity and the erection of the gymnasium at once began. Through the generous contributions of the citizens of the community \$600 or over was raised and added new encouragement to the enthusiastic committees that promoted the work. The present value of the gym is based at about \$3,000.00. The balance of the amount, approximately \$900.00, was pledged by the Student Body.

On March 30th of the following year a large gathering collected in the new gymnasium, then completed, to partake in the formal dedication of same. That evening, following the dedication, a basket social was held in the building and through the

influential auctioneering of George Keach, realized a net proceeds of \$130.00 to apply on the pledges. Every undertaking marked more enthusiasm both in community and school.

During the following two years, 1918 and 1919, under the able direction of Professors Ford and Grover, the pledges were brought down from \$750.00 to \$350.00. The work of diminishing this debt being undertaken by the High School Students in giving plays, cutting wood and other work too numerous to mention.

The year 1920 marked the closing epoch of these pledges with Professor Ford again giving the Student Body his valuable support and the community still backing and supporting the school as they did in the previous years, was able to entirely pay off these pledges and declare the Associated Student Body free of debt.

The School Board favored the Students by equipping the interior with showers, lockers and other material needed in making it one of the best gymnasiums and basket ball floors in the state.

But the enthusiasm of the Student Body has not died out with the paying off of this debt. Their next aim is give the gym a fresh coat of paint and either sooner or later equip it with an excellent heating plant.

Plans are also under way that in the near future a rally will be given in the community, celebrating this great event by a formal affair similar to the dedication. Committees are at work arranging same. Announcement of this rally will appear in next week's issue of the Mail.

The Student Body of the Stayton High School wished to thank each and everyone of the patrons and supporters of the school through the columns of the Mail for their unlimited support in crowning the building of the gym with success, making Stayton High School one of the best institutions of learning in the Willamette Valley.

After Henry Ford has told everything he knows and aired all his views, that newspaper of his won't seem so funny. He'll feel like an old bachelor who has been given a baby to hold by somebody who never returned.

Mr. Root is for a weaker beer and a stronger league of nations. We fancy, then, that the Root Beer idea will not be so popular as the Root league idea.

Unless one hundred per cent American, don't let 'em land.

New Supt. at Mill

Miss Emma Streff and Mr. James F. Ashe were married at Oregon City on Wednesday, April 21st at the Catholic Church. Rev. Father Hillebrand pronouncing the words that made them man and wife.

The ceremony was private and was witnessed by Mrs. Ray Payne a sister and Miss Elenore Beam niece of the groom.

After a few days spent in Portland and other points of interest, Mr. and Mrs. Ashe returned to Stayton where they are comfortably located in the Mutchler residence on Water street.

They have been receiving congratulations from their many friends.

Mr. Ashe has been promoted to the position of Superintendent of the Santiam Woolen Mills here, taking the place of Mr. Fell, who will go to Portland.

FOR SALE—Goats, 20 nannies and 25 spring kids. F. X. Hottinger, Scio R.F.D. A-22-29

When you see what a vast lot of trouble the world happens to be in at the present time you'll have to admit that bone-heady is pretty well set in humanity. If the dramas of Eden had to be re-enacted, in the light of human experience for 6000 years, the devil would probably not take the trouble to disguise himself as a serpent and if apples were scarce he would probably put it over with a carrot.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

There will be a one reel film at the Star Theatre, Saturday night showing the habits of the Pocket Gopher, his burrowing tactics and the latest methods of poisoning and exterminating them by our experimenting stations in Oregon. This run in connection with the other show "The Virginian." Prices 15-30c

WOULD THESE PLANKS FURNISH MATERIAL FOR A "BRIDGE OF SIGHS?"

We are opposed to linking ourselves by new treaties with the quarrels of Europe—Democratic platform of 1800.

All efforts of Abolitionists or others made to influence congress to interfere with questions of slavery are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences and ought not to be countenanced by any friends of our political institutions—Democratic platform of 1840.

This convention does explicitly declare as the sense of the American people that after four years of failure to restore the Union by the experiment of war, during which, under the pretense of military necessity of a war, the constitution itself, has been disregarded in every part and public liberty and private right alike trodden down. Justice, humanity and the public welfare demand that immediate efforts be made for a cessation of hostilities—Democratic platform of 1864.

It is imperatively demanded that no president be a candidate for reelection—Democratic platform of 1872.

We are opposed to centralization and that dangerous spirit of en-

croachment which tends to consolidate the powers of all departments in one and thus create a real despotism. No sumptuary laws.—Democratic platform of 1880.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1—Democratic platform of 1896.

We demand that the people of the Philippine Islands be given their liberty at once.—Democratic platform of 1900.

We are opposed to government by injunction.—Democratic platform of 1896.

We favor single presidential term and we pledge the nominee of this convention to carry out his platform promise.—Democratic platform of 1912.

Democratic principles are unchangeable.—Democratic platform of 1860.

We commend to the American people the splendid diplomatic victories of our great president, who has preserved the vital interest of our government and its citizens and kept us out of war.—Democratic platform of 1916.

Would these planks furnish material for a "Bridge of Sighs?"

KENNETH THOMAS JOINS THE BENEDICTS

Kenneth Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas, of Stayton and Miss Ethel Braden daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Braden, of West Stayton, were married at Vancouver, Wash., on Wednesday, April 21st.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Greenburg, Mrs. Sadie Smallman and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas.

After a few days spent in Portland visiting relatives the new couple returned to Stayton, where they will make their home.

The groom is employed in the Santiam Woolen Mills here.

Kenneth has been swapping good smokes for congratulations among his many friends here.

STEELHAMMER'S POPULARITY IS GROWING FAST

Salem, Oregon
April 26, 1920

To the Editor Stayton Mail:
In talking with some friends about candidates for county officers, we all agree that for county assessor, Oscar Steelhammer is a man well qualified for the job, as he has had a number of years experience in the office work. We all think that he is a man well qualified and in every way the right man for the work. Mr. Steelhammer has never held a public office, although he has had six years of experience in the assessor's office and is familiar with every detail. We feel that, with Mr. Steelhammer on the job, the work of the assessor's office will be well cared for. We all feel that when a man has had 2 terms of 4 years each, 8 years in all, it is time to give another a chance. Those of us who have been personally acquainted with Mr. Steelhammer for a number of years, feel that he is the right man for assessor. We find throughout the county a strong sentiment in his favor.
A Subscriber.

William Farnum
IN
ZANE GREY'S
"THE LAST OF THE DUANES"
SUN. MON. TUES.
AT THE **'OREGON'** THEATRE SALEM
25c Where you hear good music 25c