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THE PRIZE ORATION

At The Oratorical Contest.

Won By McMinnville

Smith, of McMinnville College Eulogizes the Jew as a Citizen and Reformer.

At the state oratorical contest recently held in Eugene, Erastus A. Smith, of McMinnville College, delivered the following oration on "The Homeless Nation," which won the first prize:

The Jew is the most remarkable man of this world. His beginning is in the gray dawn of history; his ending is somewhere in the shadows of eternity. Of all mankind there is none whose history is full of extreme mutations, so replete with suffering and horror, and so abounding in extraordinary providences. The mightiest floods of human temptations have not overwhelmed him. The fiercest fires of fiendish cruelty, heated seven times by religious bigotry, have not consumed him; although for centuries his blood has marked crimson the pathway of time. In the extent and character of his influence upon humanity, no man approaches him. His history is the record of our civilization and progress in this world and of our faith and hope in that which is to come. From him we derived the pattern of all that is pure and true on earth or in heaven. As priest and faithgiver, he has been the grand usher to the councils of the Almighty and the guardian of God's mandates to the conscience of man.

No man has given so much to religion and civilization as the Jew. No race or dynasty has such a glorious record. Says Lord Macaulay of the Roman pontiffs: "There is no institution upon the face of the earth that can point to such a splendid lineage as the papacy, which reaches back to the twilight of fable; compared to it the proudest royal houses are but as yesterday." But before "the twilight of fable" began, the Jewish priesthood has passed its noonday radiance. Long before Home-sung of gods and war, or Romulus with murderous hand had killed his brother, the Jew was offering sacrifice to the true God in beauty and holiness; long before Caesar or pope ruled the world, Solomon was receiving its homage, and before our rude forefathers had established a tribal identity, Daniel was instructing the Chaldean philosophers.

We admire the heroism of the sturdy Greek and Roman, but reject with disgust their vile divinities. We affect to despise the Jew, but accept and adore the pure God of his conception, of whose existence the history of the Jew furnishes the strongest proof.

We are indebted to the Jewish founders for monotheism in its purest form. Whether they discovered the unity of God by philosophical research or by divine revelation, it makes them the most illustrious men of the ages. The purpose of the race was to give to the world a just code of laws and to teach the unity and fatherhood of God. This was understood in Jehovah's promise, "In thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed." While other races had a conception of God, the Jews alone handed down to posterity a knowledge of Jehovah free from corrupting myths. For this ideal they endured persecution from their very beginning.

The Jews have struggled for national existence against the Egyptian, Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans. They were almost exterminated by each of these powers yet have outlived them all. They have been oppressed and persecuted by Emperors and republicans, Sultans and popes, Moors and inquisitors. They have been proscribed alike by Protestant and Catholic, while the persecutors sang their psalms, revered their books, believed their prophets and persecuted in the name of their God.

The world owes a great debt to the Jew, for while it slept, locked in the embrace of idolatry, he worshipped the true God and created a sacred literature which he guarded with his life for the benefit of humanity. His Mosaic code was for ages the best and most comprehensive known to man. It commanded humane treatment of animals and justice to mankind. In it only four crimes were punishable by death, while but 60 years ago, in the English code, there 150 capital offenses. Trials were conducted by a court of 23 of the nation's most upright men. Landlordism was impossible, as land taken for debt reverted every 50 years to the original owner; and to exact usury from a fellow Jew was a state crime.

The Jew is a man of peace; his mission was one of peace. His founders, unlike those of the classic races, were not red-handed murderers, but their ways were ways of pleasantness and all their paths were peace. The wars of David, the poet King, were not wars of pillage and rapine, but of subjugation, while the glories of Solomon were achievements of peace.

Although a lover of peace, no man has fought so valiantly and so desperately for his institutions as the Jew. Israel's heroes far surpass those of Grecian story. The wars of the Maccabees and the last two sieges of Jerusalem, for desperation and valor, have no parallels in history; at last, when rights, liberty and home were lost, the Jew did not despond, but made the best of his circumstances. Nothing could conquer this man with his undying patriotism and his infinite trust in God. The Jew's hopefulness and his exclusiveness have preserved both him and his sacred institutions; and nations, while they distrust each other, could rely implicitly upon the business integrity of the despised Jew, and his bills of credit were gladly honored in market and palace.

If today the Jew is cunning or distrustful, swaggering or cringing, it is because our fathers have made him so, and the obligation rests upon us to remove every disability that ingratitude and bigotry have heaped upon him. We despise children who have cast off their parents, but for ages Christianity and Mohammedanism gave their parent, the Jew, nothing save six feet of friendly earth.

Although the Jews have for centuries been dispersed over the face of the earth, yet the peculiar customs, their distinctive features, and their scattered unity make them a wonder and an admiration. Though dead as a nation—as we speak of nations—yet they live. Their ideas and wealth fill the earth, help to move the wheels of progress, and to uplift humanity. In all ages they have broken the rigid bars of their environments and kept abreast of the times. Maimonides was the light of the dark ages; Spinoza was the sage of the 17th century; Disraeli, Gambetta and Castelar were the Euro-

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THE COUNTY NEWS.

Our Correspondents Are Punctual.

News From All Quarters.

The Journal Has the Best Correspondents Of Any Paper In Interior Oregon.

Howard Items.

Ernest Lanniger made a flying trip to Prineville the first of the week.

A. C. Knighten moved from Prineville to his ranch on Upper Ochoco last Tuesday.

Colonel Mulvahill went to Prineville the first of the week on business.

Laverne Hawkins the 8-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, died last Monday afternoon after an illness of only a few days. The deceased was buried the following day in the Mill Creek cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have the unanimous sympathy of all their friends and neighbors in their bereavement. Laverne was a bright child of a sunny disposition, and was beloved by all who knew her.

PROF. BILL BANKER.

Ashwood Gleanings.

From the Prospector.

C. D. Gay paid a business visit to Prineville last Saturday.

Reese Lewis paid a visit to his old stamping grounds at this place last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Berryman was in town Monday, and visited her husband at the Red Jacket mine.

J. T. Doak, of Prineville is in town. He is going to work for T. S. Hamilton.

Hon. J. N. Burgess, of Antelope paid the camp a short visit last Monday.

Wade H. Houston has been a visitor at the county seat of Crook several days during the past week.

Chas. L. Freer was down from the Morning Star camp yesterday, enroute to Antelope, the Company's headquarters.

George Poindexter was in from the Derham saw-mill yesterday, and left to-day for Blizzard Ridge.

John O'Kelly and family of Hay Creek visited the family of G. J. McCoy on Pine Creek, last Saturday.

E. C. Goodwin and Harry Finley, of Antelope, were visitors at the home of Mr. T. S. Hamilton, last Monday and Tuesday.

Jack Brogan, Dan McCartney and Patrick O'Reilly left last Saturday for The Dalles, where they went to attend the funeral of William Bannon.

William Short came in from the John Day River last Monday, and left to-day with his mother, Mrs. H. C. Grater, for their new home at the old Griffiths ranch.

The Gold King Mining Company resumed work on their shaft to-day, and will push their development work as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

Max Loeddemann was yesterday re-appointed by the United States District Court as a U. S. Commissioner for the district of Oregon. The appointment is for a term of four years.

An Extract of The New Game Law

That from and after the passage of this act the sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of the counties and constables of the various precincts and districts of the state of Oregon shall be and hereby are created ex-officio fire, game and fish wardens. Said sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, or wardens shall have power, without warrant, to search any boat, conveyance, vehicle, fish box, fish basket, game bag or game coat, or other receptacle for game or fish, when they have good reason to believe that any of the laws for the protection of forest and timber lands, game and food fish have been violated; and the said sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables or wardens shall at any time seize and take possession of any and all birds, animals or fish which have been caught, taken or killed at any time in a manner or for a purpose, or had in their possession or under control; have been shipped or about to be shipped, contrary to any of the laws of this state.

Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or warden, as informer or prosecutor, upon the arrest and prosecution of any offender to conviction under the provisions of this act, shall in addition to the fees to which he may be entitled under existing laws, be entitled to receive one third of the money collected in such action.

If Bliger Can't Win.

Eugene, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—All interest now seems to center in the political battle for the nomination for Representative in Congress. The county convention of the Republicans and the primaries of the Democrats, held today, had practically nothing to do with the struggle that is to occur on the 9th, and from that on until election day.

Hermann will undoubtedly receive the votes of the full delegation from Lane County in the convention here on the 9th. This has been conceded from the beginning and is nothing new on the political chessboard.

But the question of what to do if it shall be found that Hermann cannot win is one that is occupying the serious attention of some of that gentleman's friends. In their public utterances the leading politicians here profess great confidence that Hermann will win, and some say he will receive the nomination on the first ballot. Others, however, are more pessimistic and express a hope that their man will win, yet at the same time are casting about as to who shall be the possible second choice.

As far as Vawter's chances are concerned, it is not considered probable that he will get the votes of this delegation, even it should be demonstrated that Hermann could not win. In like manner and for similar reasons it is considered doubtful if they would go to Gatch. Therefore, of the prominent candidates, Kelly is generally considered more likely to fall in for second choice of the Lane delegation than either of the others.

It is not impossible or unreasonable to suppose that other names will be brought out than those heretofore mentioned. The name of Booth, Kuykendall and Harris, of this county, have all been heard, but none of them have consented to become candidates, and probably will not under any circumstances. It is also presumed that aspirants from other counties may be heard from on convention day.—Oregon Daily Journal.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

The trade of the United States with China shows a most remarkable growth. In 1900 this country exported to the Chinese Empire goods valued at \$11,600,000. The value of the exports for 1902 has just doubled being, in round numbers, \$22,000,000.

The President's determination to go to the bottom of the postoffice scandal and permit no guilty person to remain in the service may receive the condemnation of the politicians whose favorites are in danger, but it will command the respect of the vast majority of the voters.

Says an exchange: A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the hypocrite's mask. To a young girl, faith; to a married woman, hope; to an old maid, charity.

San Francisco is making preparations to get its water supply from Yosemite National Park, 140 miles distant, at a cost of \$40,000,000. A few years ago it was thought that the Croton system of New York city was a colossal enterprise. It embraces, however, an immense flume, but only 35 miles long, costing originally about \$25,000,000.

The President is earnestly advocating a general staff for the Navy similar to that recently authorized by Congress for the army. The benefit of such a staff is that it would relieve the Secretary of the Navy from many responsibilities which now devolve upon him and for which, coming, as he usually does, from civil life, he is seldom fitted.

The new immigration law is already producing an improvement in the class of immigrants coming to this country. While not as far reaching as if it had contained the educational clause, it makes it dangerous for steamship companies to bring over undesirable people with the liability of losing all profit by having to take a considerable percentage back and this operates to make the transportation companies more careful.

A pupil in a village school who had been requested to write an essay on the human body handed in the following: "The human body consists of the head, throat, abdomen and legs. The head contains the brains in case there are any. The throat contains the heart and lungs, also the liver and lights. The abdomen contains the bowels, of which there are five—a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y. The legs extend from the abdomen to the floor and have hinges at the top and middle to enable a fellow to sit when standing or stand when sitting."

The enormous increase in the business of the United States Land Department is one of the most significant evidences of the country's healthful growth. The cash receipts of the department for the present fiscal year ending on the 30th of March of next year promise to reach \$10,000,000, an increase of about 50 per cent over the preceding year. A solid basis for future prosperity lies in the reclaiming and development of the vast area of government lands.

When Miss Anna M. Lang was nominated for the receivership of The Dalles Land office, there were two other women holding similar offices in the United States. One was Miss Martha M. Brown, of Gunnison, Colo., and Mrs. Minnie Williams, at Lander, Wyo. Miss Brown's term expired several months ago, but she has not yet been superseded. Last week a man succeeded Mrs. Williams in the Gunnison office, leaving Miss Brown at the present moment the only woman land official in the United States. Both these offices were of minimum pay, however—\$1500 a year—while Miss Lang, who will assume official duties at The Dalles in a few days, will receive the maximum salary of \$3000.—Oregonian.

Sunday's Ball Game.

The ball game Sunday between the two local nines was a repetition of their previous game in results, as they were beaten by a score of 18 to 17. Prineville's regular nine seems to have run up against it as the new unnamed team have twice plucked a feather from their cap and sent them down to defeat. Not, however, without a struggle as good ball was played by all, excepting of course a few errors. The game Sunday was largely attended and the most conspicuous change over the previous Sunday's game was that of the "Rooters." They had abandoned the regular nine, and bound to pick the winner, they adjourned to the camp of the new team where they made the air blue with their lusty yells, which had the desired effect, and again did the old team go down to a defeat. However, the second defeat has only had the effect of making them more determined, and a good account is expected from them in the near future.

The same team will compete again next Sunday at the fair grounds. Every body turn out.

School Apportionment.

Dist. No. 1, M. R. Elliott, \$1972 40
" " 2, W. F. Stewart, 248 19
" " 3, Green Peard, 246 96
" " 4, Mrs. Lawson, 209 56
" " 5, W. J. Wright, 178 05
" " 6, J. D. Lafollette, 194 60
" " 7, M. D. Powell, 269 40
" " 8, Frank Payne, 143 54
" " 9, C. E. Person, 324 49
" " 10, O. G. Collier, 230 42
" " 11, Wm. Palmehn, 410 48
" " 12, D. F. Steffa, 254 44
" " 15, J. H. Oaks, 120 77
" " 18, D. A. McDowell, 263 14
" " 19, Jas. Wood, 478 84
" " 20, B. L. Ream, 232 00
" " 21, R. W. Breese, 179 64
" " 23, Ed. Merritt, 157 20
" " 24, C. A. Loelling, 208 01
" " 25, J. H. Kelly, 201 85
" " 26, A. W. Boyce, 304 19
" " 27, A. J. Noble, 43 84
" " 28, C. S. McCorkle, 15 30
" " 29, S. H. Barnes, 162 01
" " 32, R. M. Morris, 261 92
" " 33, T. N. Balfour, 91 16
" " 34, John Atkinson, 209 42
" " 35, Mrs. Adell Nye, 94 24
" " 36, J. G. Bolter, 149 98
" " 37, A. H. Grant, 296 55
" " 38, D. Mulholland, 112 32
" " 40, Lee Steers, 171 95
" " 41, A. B. Carey, 112 32
" " 43, Mrs. S. F. Sly, 108 64
" " 44, J. R. Bennett, 217 29
" " 45, Geo. W. Null, 222 98
" " 46, J. H. Demaris, 187 12
" " 47, Mrs. McCord, 127 28
William Boegli,
County Superintendent.

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