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DECLAMATION FRIDA EVENING

Eight Contestants Will Take Part.

A GOOD PROGRAM OFFERED

The Winner Gets Gold Medal—Silver Medal for Second Place.

The tryouts for the inter-society declamation contest were held Thursday and Saturday evening December 1 and 3.

Thirty-one students from both societies entered and the task of choosing four to represent each society was, by no means, an easy one.

This contest showed a marked improvement over the one of last year, not only in point of numbers but in quality of work done, and the Crook County High School is proud of every student who tried, whether he won a place or not.

The decision of the judges was as follows: Alpha contestants—Blanche Wilson, Roy Lowther, Corrine Coffin and Warren Yancey; first alternate, Maud Potter; second alternate, Wilda Nye.

Ochoconian contestants—Leola Estes, Robert Lister, Merle Ireland and Van Brink; first alternate, Nora Livingston, second, Harold Cooke.

The final battle between the two societies takes place in the Club Hall, Friday evening, December 9. The winner in this contest receives a gold medal, and may represent the Crook County High School at an inter-scholastic contest. The winner of second place is awarded a silver medal and the winning society receives a trophy.

Besides the declamations, several musical numbers are being prepared. The following is the program:

- Vocal Solo.....Mr. E. L. Ashby.
- "The Guide in Genoa".....Warren Yancey. (Alpha.)
- "The Swan Song".....Leola Estes (Ochoconian.)
- "Naughty Nell".....Blanche Wilson A Vocal Solo.....Miss Lorene Winnak.
- "Aunt Polly's George Washington".....Merle Ireland O
- "The Sioux Chief's Daughter".....Corrine Coffin A
- Vocal Solo.....Prof. E. L. Coe.
- "The Ghost".....Robert Lister, O
- "The Scene in the Arena".....Roy Lowther A
- "The Busiest Day in Romkin Center".....Van Brink O
- Instrumental Duet.....Misses Evelyn Millora and Mamie Bailey.
- Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. C. W. Elkins and Mrs. Belknap will act as judges.

Horse Lost.

Lost some two weeks ago, gray paining saddle horse, weighing about 1000 lbs., 15 1/2 hands high and hobbled when getting away. Anyone hearing of or finding horse, please take care of him and receive reward by notifying Aune Brothers, Bend, Oregon, at once. 12-8

"CITIZENS' CALL" CAUSES TROUBLE

Criminal Libel Suit on Its Hands.

ITS PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Held Under \$250 Each to Appear Before the Grand Jury.

J. A. Hoffman, G. T. Morehead, L. D. Wiest, R. V. Constable, Ben Gotter, E. A. Hunt and Earl Benton, committee on publication of the Citizens' Good Government League and editors of the Citizens' Call, are made defendants in a sensational action for criminal libel begun in the justice court at Prineville on Monday. The defendants were served with warrants and are now nominally under arrest.

The casus belli is a statement alleged to have been printed in the Citizens' Call in its issue of November 29, which statement, the complaint avers, constitutes criminal libel under the Oregon statutes. The alleged libelous matter is directed against Sheriff Frank Elkins and William

Combs, and reads as follows:

"After an effective demonstration by the Law and Order people, comprised of Prineville's best citizens, indictments were returned against the two leading politicians. One was Sheriff Elkins, who, it seems, when occasion demands it, makes it his business to vote at both Madras and Prineville. The other was Bill Combs, who can, when occasion requires, acquire a legal residence within sixty days. Yet, shielded by the protecting arm of Brother John, he manages always to keep out of trouble."

The paper containing the article is dated November 29 on the first page and October 29, which is the true date, on page 2. At that time the Call was not a newspaper, being merely campaign literature. Since then, however, Hoffman, the man in charge, has applied for its admission to the mails as second-class matter, it thereby becoming a real newspaper. The Call has no property of its own, the mechanical work being done at the office of the Oregon Hub, at Redmond.

The defendants are widely scattered. L. D. Wiest lives at Bend, Hoffman, Gotter, Hunt and Benton live at or near Redmond, R. V. Constable is a Prineville resident, while G. T. Morehead, who is a minister of the Gospel,

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MASS MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Strong Sentiment for Civic Improvement.

BONDING THE CITY FAVORED

The Matter of Selecting a City Ticket Was Voted Down.

Suppose that in a spirit of good will you should donate several days of your good time and some of your hard-earned coin of the realm, suppose that you had talked to an appreciative public and called a meeting of the people of your town for the purpose of uniting all warring factions, a general lovefeast in fact, and suppose you had gone to the best print shop in the county and bought with your own coin, handbills advertising such meeting, and after posting said bills on your own telephone poles, the unsympathetic city marshal should arrest you and the city recorder should impose a fine of \$15 for posting said bills, wouldn't it make you feel that this was a cold, unresponsive world?

All this and more is what happened to L. Dooner of the Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph company Monday.

The purposes of the meeting, as set forth by the petition circulated by Mr. Dooner, were manifold. First mentioned was a talk concerning the regulation of the liquor traffic, and following were matters of civic improvement, the nomination of a ticket of business men for the coming city election and the "burying of the little hatchet" of the warring liquor and prohibition elements.

Mr. Dooner's posters, despite the grief they had caused their author during the afternoon in the recorder's court, had done good work, and no less than 150 voters were present when the meeting was called.

W. F. King was selected chairman and R. L. Jordan, secretary, of the meeting. In his opening remarks Mr. King sounded the keynote of the meeting when he said that the time had arrived for an era of progress and building on the part of the city, and that he would favor the matter of bonding the city for all municipal improvements that could be well undertaken at this time.

M. E. Brink made the next address. He said that the radical elements which had dominated city politics in the past, first the "wets" and then the "drys," were incompetent to do the work of municipal improvement that we should have done, and that the council should be made up of business men, men who could judiciously expend the money that should be expended in the various public improvements that should be undertaken.

Among improvements advocated by Mr. Brink was the matter of grading all streets and establishing curbs. He said that from actual experience this work could be done and assessed against the property owners, at a cost of not to exceed \$8 per 80 foot lot. Other improvements of great importance, which were advocated by Mr. Brink, were the building of a city hall and arranging for quarters for the city officers and the fire department, the installation of a sewerage system and other work of beautifying and cleansing the town. He said that every street and sidewalk in the city should be put on grade. Mr. Brink said further that if the voice of the business men of the town was unanimous in matters of this kind, the council would feel more like taking action and expending money.

Mayor Stewart said that he favored bonding the city for making all improvements of the kind mentioned that money could be

Councilmen Shipp, Noble and Rosenberg all favored bonding and making the improvements enumerated. Dr. Rosenberg especially favored the sewerage idea, and urged that it was of immediate and great importance.

Mr. Bowman, Mr. Quinn and others made short talks on the matter of beautifying the city. The matter of health was given some attention by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Fox. All agreed that a sewerage system was essential to public health.

A motion was made by Mr. Brink and seconded by M. R. Elliott, to pass a resolution and forward a copy of the same to the council, asking that all streets be graded as soon as possible. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. L. Shattuck gave some valuable information regarding the cost of a sewerage system, and Mr. Winnek gave other valuable suggestions.

A. H. Young read a telegram from his associates, stating that necessary funds were forthcoming and that the work of grading for a railroad from Prineville to some point on the main line would be begun early in 1911.

The matter of selecting a ticket for the coming election was next mentioned and a dead silence followed. Apparently everyone was waiting for someone else to do something. Presently Mr. Doonar made a motion that a ticket be selected from those present to carry out the sentiments that had been voiced during the evening, and here is where he received the other barrel. The motion was lost by a good hearty vote.

Prineville is yet without a ticket. The city election will be held on Monday, December 19.

STOCKRAISING IS GOOD BUSINESS

But Could Be Much Improved.

HOGRAISING VERY PROFITABLE

No Better Country Can Be Found for this Business than Crook County.

The Portland Union Stockyards which have been open for business a little over a year, has issued its first annual report. This is the first tangible report of its present and past business and future possibilities of Oregon as a stock producing country, and although there has been much said in this regard, there are more hard facts and interesting things in this little twenty page booklet than have ever before reached print regarding this greatest of all industries in Oregon, and especially central and eastern Oregon.

The report of the stockyards covers the period beginning October 1, 1909, and closing September 30, 1910; and shows a total of 5568 cars of livestock received, beside the boat shipments, and the stock driven into the yards, the quantity in both cases being considerable.

There are six railroads which contribute cars of stock to the Portland yards, and of these the O R & N which hauls from the great northeastern corner of the state in which Crook county is now classed, lead all other roads, showing a total of 63 per cent of the cars that arrived in the yards, pouring fourth a total of almost 70 per cent of all cattle received from all sources.

Of the other classes of stock this line hauled in 70 per cent of all calves, 75 per cent of all hogs, 80 per cent of all horses and mules, that were received in the yards throughout the year.

Of these numbers of course Crook county supplied its share, regardless of the fact that great quantities of beef have been consumed within its

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CITY COUNCIL HOLD SESSION

10-Mill City Tax This Year.

CITY FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Judges and Clerks of Election Appointed—Bills Allowed, Etc.

Thursday night the council was called in regular session at the city hall. Present were Mayor Stewart, Councilmen Lippman, Yancey, Noble, Rosenberg, Lafollette and Shipp, and Recorder Broese, Marshal Kelso, and Nightwatchman Yancey.

Prineville property will pay a 10-mill city tax next year. Many civic improvements are already under way that will require funds, and numerous others are planned for 1911.

H. D. Still and J. W. Stewart were present, representing residents of the extreme eastern part of the city, and presented a petition, asking for the building of a sidewalk on the north side of Third street at the eastern end of that street, the extension to be two or more block long. The petition was granted and sidewalk ordered built within thirty days.

Chairman Lippman of the license committee recommended that a license ordinance be passed regulating the liquor traffic. A model license from the office of the Greater Oregon Home Rule association was read and commented upon, and Councilman Lippman took the model with instructions to draw a license for the city of Prineville and present at the next meeting of the council.

A petition to place and maintain suitable light on the bridge in the western part of the city was presented with a suitable number of signers, and it was ordered that a 32 candle power lamp be placed at this point as soon as possible.

It was ordered by the council that the street grader be repaired and put in condition to do street grading work.

A report of the condition of the street from the bridge west leading from the city was made by Councilman Lafollette, chairman of the committee on streets and public improvements. After some debate this street was ordered graded and graveled in a thorough and satisfactory manner. The work was left to the supervision of Councilman Noble. The bridge at this point was ordered re-floored, which will be done as soon as lumber can be had for the purpose. The work of graveled and repairing this street will commence Monday morning.

The matter of judges and clerks of election was next considered. M. D. Powell, Earl McLaughlin and John Henderson were chosen to act as judge of election, and H. A. Foster and A. R. Bowman were selected for clerks of election. It was decided by the council that the election should be held under the Australian ballot.

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LOOK HERE

Business this fall has far exceeded our expectations and already we find many of our lines badly broken. We are placing these broken lots on our counters at about One Half regular price. A partial list is given below at prices that will clean them out quickly.

Children's sweater jackets.....50c	Men's hats.....75c upwards	Ladies' trimmed hats, \$2 and upwards
Boy's V neck sweaters.....75c	Men's wool shirts.....95c upwards	Ladies' fascinators and hoods, 45c and up
Boy's sweater jackets.....\$1.10	Men's sweaters.....\$1.00 and upwards	Silk petticoats.....\$4.85 and up
Boy's long heavy rain coats.....75c	Ladies' black sateen petticoats.....95c up	Ladies' shoes sizes 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2, \$1.00 and upwards.
Boy's short pants.....40c and upwards	Ladies' corsets, sizes 24 to 28, 40c and up	Misses shoes, sizes 12 to 1, 75c and up.
Boy's long pants.....\$1.25	Ladies' extra heavy fleeced underwear.....57 1/2c.	Three pound wool batts each.....\$2.05
Boy's short pant suits \$1.00 and upwards	Ladies' ribbed fleeced underwear 47 1/2c	Heavy outings.....10c and upwards
Boy's long pant suits \$3.25 and upwards	Ladies' outside vests, extra heavy 45c	Plaid dress suitings.....12 1/2c and upwards
Boy's overcoats.....\$3.50 and upwards	Ladies' fleeced cotton hose.....13c	Bath towels.....15c and upwards
Men's wool pants.....\$1.50 and upwards	Ladies' extra heavy fleeced hose.....25c	Comforts.....\$1.00 and upwards
Men's cotton mixed pants.....from 90c up	Ladies' heavy worsted hose.....25c	Lace curtains.....50c and upwards
Men's odd piece underwear 40c upwards		

Besides these are innumerable items in our hardware and grocery departments. Every item on which you will be able to make a saving.

Heating Stoves as mentioned in our advertisement last week, a special lot at jobbers prices, freight added.

Now is the time to select your holiday goods. Do So Now and Avoid the Rush.

The C. W. Elkins Company.

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BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
The only baking powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
No Alum, No Lime Phosphate