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GREAT SUCCESS

School Exercises Proved a Performance of Merit.

Without doubt the entertainment provided by Prof. W. C. Alderson, principal of this city's schools, was a most notable one, and one that will cause last Monday evening to be long remembered by many of the citizens of this city. It was a performance of no set program, but there was no hitch on the program and no hesitation upon the part of the star actors to come to the front.

Each speaker was instructed to tell some story of humor or pathos, but the men were forbidden to sing under penalty of the law. Among the clergy there was some disposition to start up some music, but the police prevented such a performance—the musical portion of the program being delegated to the real musicians. The speakers drew numbers for the order of their story telling, and the even dozen speakers each had a "tale to tell whose very words would harrow up thy soul."

Among the speakers were to be found Judge Seaton, Tom Richardson, Jefferson Myers, Rev. Warren, Rev. McVicker, Rev. Young, Senator Beach, Prof. Curtis, Editor Levison of the Oregonian, Mrs. Geo. M. Hall, W. L. Thorndyke and others.

The tales told were varied, and were of great variety, yet all seemed to please the large audience. There was music by the pianola, and by a Mr. Story of Portland, who presented one of his own creations as a solo. The pianola was accompanied by a violinist of no mean ability.

Little Bernie Carver gave a pretty singing exhibition, accompanied by Miss Amy Rowland as pianist. He was recalled and favored with an encore. The lad is a singer of rare ability, and has no hesitancy in his appearance before the public.

At the close of the exercises the invited guests were escorted to the grill room of the New St. Johns Hotel, where was prepared an eight-course repast gotten up in the highest style of culinary art by the accomplished chef of that house. To this banquet all had ample justice till long after the midnight hour had been announced. There was some aftermath speaking and much pleasure was derived from the entire affair. Too many words of praise cannot be given the genial proprietor of this hostelry for the bounteous repast served, and the brief notice upon which the banquet was served well indicates the possibilities of the chef.

The affair was a charming one throughout, and reflects great credit upon the school board, Principal Alderson, and all who helped the entertainment through to its successful termination.

GOSPEL TRUTH

About Some People Who Think They Are Hiding.

The following tribute to the memory of those that pass to the beyond through their fool acts is being passed around:

"Take a walk through any of the cemeteries and you will believe with us that fools are slowly but surely passing away. With silent tread you pass the last resting place of the individual who blew into an empty gun. The modest tombstone of the girl who lighted the fire with kerosene. And the grass covered mound that covers the mortal remains of the boy who took the mule by the tail is near by. The tall monument is for the man who jumped off the cars to save ten rods of a walk. Side by side lie the remains of the intellectual idiot who rode nine miles in ten minutes and the ethereal creature who always kept her corset laced to the last hole.

The modest headstone marked "Our Mother!" shows the sleeping place of the dear old creature who was worked to death by a bossy daughter who knew it all. Here reposes the young doctor who took a dose of his own medicine. Just beyond is mamma's darling who was stuffed to death with candies and salads. Over yonder in the northwest corner where the gentle breezes sigh over the weeping willow lies the fellow who told his mother-in-law she lied. Near by his grave reposes the mouldering dust of the man who declared he could do the 15 puzzle. Further on lies the boy who went in swimming too early in the season, and the lady who kept strychnine and baking powder side by side in the cupboard. And that unmarked, weed-grown grave in the dark, damp, dismal corner by itself, is the dreary resting place of the dearest of them all—the man who let his neighbors do the advertising."

SUICIDE

Former St. Johns Man Hangs Himself at Silverton.

C. M. McKinnie, formerly a resident of St. Johns, and who moved his family to Silverton last spring, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn at the latter place Tuesday morning last about seven o'clock.

Mr. McKinnie arose Wednesday morning in his usual good health and went to the barn to milk the cows. Not answering the call to breakfast a search was made, and he was found hanging to a rope fastened to a rafter only a few feet from the hay.

No reason is assigned for the act. His domestic relations were happy and his financial affairs in excellent shape. With his wife he had arranged to leave for his old home in Kansas, leaving his children here to dispose of the property.

With his family Mr. McKinnie came to Oregon about a year and a half ago, settling in St. Johns. He was the proprietor of the California restaurant on Jersey street until last spring, when he sold out and went to Silverton, where he purchased a bakery. This he sold a short time prior to his death.

No inquest was held by the coroner. The remains were shipped east Wednesday, and were accompanied by Mrs. McKinnie.

THE ELDER

Left the Dry Dock Last Tuesday Morning

The steamer Geo. W. Elder was taken off the dry dock Tuesday morning. The thoroughness with which the repairs were made may be inferred from the fact that there was not as much as a drop of a leak in any part of the huge boat.

J. H. Peterson, owner of the Elder, gives great credit to the Steel Shipbuilding plant for the manner in which the repairs were made. The work has brought the highest priced mechanics to St. Johns and been the means of disbursing thousands of dollars at this point. The dock charges on the vessel pending repairs were \$119 per day, and the steamer has been in the dock over three months.

The thoroughness of the work done and the excellent satisfaction given by the local institution is a source of pleasure to every citizen of St. Johns.

ABOUT OCT. FIRST

Steam Shovels Will Begin Work on the Big Cut.

If everything goes according to the plans mapped out, work on the big cut across the peninsula will begin somewhere between Oct. 1 and 7. At present every energy is working to start the work in a couple of weeks.

Three steam shovels will be employed at each end of the immense cut. Once started the work will be continued until everything is in readiness for the running of trains. The cut will be 200 feet wide and about a mile long. At the deepest point the cut will be 90 feet.

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