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**WEST SIDE SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.**—A novel and interesting literary and musical entertainment was given Friday evening by the pupils of the West Oregon City school, under direction of the principal, Prof. T. J. Gary. The house was crowded and the performers were frequently applauded, and the proceeds netted \$21 for the organ fund. It was the first time that the pupils had ever appeared on the stage, but they acquitted themselves like veterans. First on the program was a drama, "Our Country's Wealth," presented by Ruth Shipley as "Goddess of Liberty," assisted by Clara Miller, Ida Jordan, Vrena Farmer and Lilly Schmidl representatives of different sections of the United States. The great feature of the evening was a drama representing the early period of the country's history, which was enlivened between scenes with lively recitations and musical numbers. Those participating in the historical drama were Frank Shipley, David McMillan, Ora McAllister, Willard Hawley, Clarence Miller, Charlie Smith, Pearl Mosier, Fred Haines, Effie Kiser, Mabel Haines, Katie Jones, Will Silver, Lexie Smith, Clyde Smith, Jessie Humphreys, Mayme Kiser, Lizzie Shipley, Anna Batdorf, Maggie Goodfellow, Clara Miller, Willie Jordau and Howard Strickler. Among the excellent musical numbers were violin solos, by Miss Henrietta De Bauw, of Oswego; duet, by the Misses Younger; and a song by the little girls and boys from Miss Norma Fox's room. "See'n Things at Night," was the title of a recitation by Walter Taylor; "American Flag," by Lilly Schmidl; "Little Golden Hair," by Mabel Haines. A very good club swinging exercise was given by Clarence Miller, Will Silver and Lexie Smith. A funny farce—a reading and pantomime from Will Carleton's "Three Lovers," ended the program, and the actors were Louis Fallensbee, Bessie Grant, Effie Kiser, Henry Cramer, Clark Jones, Bud Chambers and James Ward. Prof. T. J. Gary is principal of the West Oregon City school, and Misses Olive Luelling and Norma Fox are assistants.

**BOUND FOR ALASKA.**—At least two-thirds of the population of Clackamas county have a hankering desire to go to Alaska. Many are giving up good positions with the intention of bettering their condition in the icy gold fields of the north, and others are mortgaging their property and disposing of their business to get the means to try their luck in the new eldorado. The following were among the passengers from Oregon City on the steamer Oregon last Sunday: Carl Huth, Frank Sherris, C. A. Muir, R. C. Scroggins, O. Krohn, Geve, Sexton, J. M. Heckart, P. A. Fairclough and Otis Shelly. Mr. Fairclough recently returned from the Yukon, where he located claims, and is now on his second trip. He took along two horses to be used in packing supplies. Mr. Scroggins purchased Jack Strickler's dog for the consideration of \$30. As the dog works well in harness, he expects to make good use of him in hauling provisions over the icy glaciers. Mr. Fairclough took along enough provisions to last him until he makes a rich strike. Among those who will take passage on the Elder next Tuesday are: H. S. Cox, H. G. Allen, Harry Eaton, George Tucker, David Henderson, L. H. Doolittle, I. L. Huffman, W. E. Maple and Thos. Lindsay of the Bismarck saloon, who was formerly a Canadian police officer and detective. George Reddaway went to Portland last Sunday with the intention of taking the Oregon for Alaska, but as they refused to sell any more second-class tickets, he returned home. The fact that the steamers have raised rates, does not in the least deter people from being anxious to brave the perils of a trip to the interior of Alaska.

**FOLLOWING READ'S EXAMPLE.**—A bold attempt was made to rob the Citizen's Bank in East Portland Thursday, in broad daylight. This is the second attempt that has been made to rob a bank in this building. About four years ago, when the Citizen's bank was on the opposite side of the street, the First National Bank, done business in the quarters now occupied by the Citizen's bank. Rev. J. C. Read came down from Oregon City and at about 12 o'clock undertook to hold up the clerk, Ed. Holgate. He entered with a mask on his face, and told the cashier he had something in his hand that would blow them both into kingdom come, and demanded the cash at the point of an antiquated pistol. D. C. Southworth, cashier of the Citizen's bank, looking across the street, saw that something was wrong in the other bank, and seizing a shotgun, ran over and covered the preacher and soon had him fast. The preacher's disguise was torn from his face and his identity exposed. Read was finally pronounced insane and sent to the asylum. After his discharge, he was again found insane and sentenced to the asylum from Oregon City for sweating gold coins.

**NEW POSTMASTER.**—George F. Horton has been nominated by the president to be postmaster at Oregon City, in spite of the letters written by Bain and others. Nothing, however, can be said against the other candidates for the place. They were honorable men and had high standing in the community. The Oregonian thus comments on Mr. Horton's appointment: "George F. Horton served two terms as county clerk of Clackamas county, voluntarily retiring from the office a year ago last July. Before his first nomination for county clerk, in 1892, he took no prominent part in politics. Two years ago declined the nomination for representative in the legislature. He is unequivocally a sound money republican. It is known that nomination was agreed upon by the Oregon delegation some time ago, but it is understood the appointment was hung up by a telegram from J. H. Mitchell, whose lieutenants in Clackamas county were much opposed to Mr. Horton. Before his election to the office of county clerk, Mr. Horton was a farmer at Needy. The Oregon City postoffice pays the postmaster at salary of \$1000 a year, with allowance for clerk hire, rent and fund, bringing the total expenditures for the office up to about \$2100."

**THE POULTRY SHOW.**—As usual, Oregon City and Clackamas county carried away notable honors at the poultry show, which closed in Portland last Saturday, although the exhibit from this section was limited. William Dixon, of Ely, was awarded the second prize on a pen of Plymouth rocks, second tie on pullet and third tie on cockerel. He was also awarded the \$25 silver trophy for the 10 best birds of the American class. During the show County Clerk Elmer Dixon sold a pair of leghorns, that had drawn prizes at former annual exhibitions, and one of the conditions of the sale was that he was to furnish the score cards with the fowls. The purchaser was delighted to find that, after comparison, that this same pair of birds scored higher than anything on exhibition this year. A number of Eastern fowls were on exhibition, but they fell below the standard along side of the Oregon birds. Clackamas county people, too, were prominent in the organization of the poultry association. In 1894 County Clerk Dixon was the first president of the association, and Chris. Keeler, of Mark's Prairie, was the first treasurer. The growth of the association has been remarkable, as there are now over 100 active members, including prominent citizens of Portland, and other portions of the state.

**THE PRIZE FIGHT OFF.**—All the arrangements had been perfected for a prize fight ala Corbett to take place in the loft of the livery barn on upper Seventh street Saturday night. The principals, seconds, referees and auditors had all gathered on the ground, with the usual supply of towels, restoratives, etc., but Chief of Police Burns appeared on the scene and read the statutes to the would-be light weight belligerents. The heroes of the prize ring were to have been Harry Mason, of Portland, and George Anstend, of this city. During the day Chief Burns had received a telephone message from Portland, inquiring about Mason. Mason was taken to the telephone office, where it was ascertained that a woman in Portland wanted to know of his whereabouts, and he was permitted to depart in peace.

**JOINT INSTALLATION.**—There was a joint installation of the newly elected officers of Willamette Falls Lodge, Woodmen of the World, No. 148, and Falls Grove Woodmen Circle, No. 32, at Willamette hall Tuesday evening. Past consul commander installed the Woodmen officers as follows: H. S. Strange, consul commander; E. H. Cooper, adviser; E. J. Maple, banker; J. K. Morris, clerk; A. R. Doolittle, escort; L. Stout, manager; Claude M. Bacon, watchman; J. Shadle, sentry. The Circle officers were installed as follows, by state organizer, Mrs. Kate Young of Portland: Mrs. May Taylor, worthy guardian; Mrs. R. E. Scripture, adviser; Mrs. Hattie Dover, magician; S. F. Scripture, banker; Mrs. Walker, clerk; attendant, Mrs. J. K. Morris; inside sentinel, I. D. Taylor; outside sentinel, J. K. Morris; board of managers, Mrs. B. S. Bellomy, Mrs. F. T. Barlow and Mrs. Millie Shadle. After the installation ceremonies, a splendid supper was served by the ladies of the Circle.

**A BIRTHDAY PARTY.**—Miss Mau's Butler was given a surprise party at the residence of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Butler, last Friday evening in honor of her 16th birthday. The evening was spent very pleasantly with games and in a social way, and refreshments were served. Among those at the party were: Misses Echo Samson, Edith Cheney, Vesta Broughton, Ethel Albright, Maude Warner, Veda Williams, Alda Broughton and Maude Butler; Messrs. Harry Draper, Willie Marshall, Carleton Harding, Willie Morse, Harry Barrett, Chester Roake and Frank Meresse.

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**IMPERSONATING A TOBOGGAN.**—Al Hodgson, in a letter written from Deep Lake, Alaska, under date of January 9th, to E. C. Hamilton, tells how they made time by sliding down the Chilcoot pass. According to his story, all a man needs to do in Alaska to secure rapid transit on a down grade, is to transform his muscular and bony anatomy into a toboggan. All he has to do is to sit down, raise his feet in the air, and scoot. It beats sliding down the banisters or cellar stairway all hollow. Of course, a good stout pair of pants are a necessity. Hodgson and party discovered this when packing their provisions from the Stone House to the summit. This half-mile stretch is very steep, and it took an hour to carry their freight to the summit, but they made their return trip in four or five minutes. This party were caught in three blizzards, and at one place they took shelter in a big tent on the bank of a lake. There were over 40 men in the tent, and they paid a dollar each for a plate of beans, bread and coffee and standing room. The other members of the Hodgson party are Frank Yach, F. Wright and Mr. Reeves. They left Oregon City December 5th, and intended to engage in boat building at the lakes.

## MULINO.

The entertainment given by the Mulino Literary Society on January 22d was a decided success, both socially and financially. The receipts were \$7.85, which were donated to the sidewalk fund.

Peter Sager has commenced building his new house near Mr. Bowman's residence.

Adkins Bros. have been running logs through Howard's mill race this week.

It has been snowing a little here today, the first snow of the season.

Mr. Ferry has moved to town lately, or rather, has moved his house nearer town. He says he has lived in the country long enough.

We understand Mr. C. T. Howard is a candidate for county commissioner for the next election.

Bruce Darnell will get to eastern Oregon soon.

Prof. Horner lectured at the Grange hall on Sunday last. Subject: "Bible Characters." The subject was ably handled and by request he will lecture again on Friday evening, January 28th. All are cordially invited. Subject: "Fraternal Protection."

A physiologist lectured at the Grange hall Monday evening and will give three more lectures this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Several of the leading citizens of this place have been struck by a Chinook, judging from their appearance. Older residents, however, think a clean shave and an east wind don't work well.

The Klondike fever has struck several in this section. Grandpa Neukirshner and several others will sail for the north soon.

Our new storekeeper says his business is improving. He now has a lady assistant.

January 25th. TWEEDLE.

## Gold Bug Science.

**HISTORY.**—Silver became so cheap before 1873 that all leading counties had to protect themselves against it by going on a gold basis, i. e. Silver was cheap.

**FINANCIAL LAW.**—No double standard is possible, as do two monies have the same value and cannot circulate at the same time. The cheaper money always drives the dearer money out of circulation, i. e. The money driven out of circulation is dear money.

**MORE HISTORY.**—We were practically on a gold basis from 1834 to 1873, as only about 8 million dollars of silver were coined during that period and that chiefly for export, i. e. Silver was dear and it was driven out.

**CONCLUSION.**—The gold bugs prove silver to have been both cheap and dear at the same time. ARGUS.

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