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IN THE MEMORY OF THE OLDER GENERATION, the old fashioned spelling bee holds almost a sacred place.

Spelling is becoming a lost art among many of the students. High school students graduate without knowing the simplest words.

But spelling does not require the highest class of intellect. Anyone who can write can learn to spell.

To teach the pupils of Clackamas how to spell, to do it in an effective and pleasant way, and at the same time quicken the social life of the community, the plan of scheduled spelling bees has been worked out by local school authorities.

The good done the great majority of the pupils will be from the time the training for the subdivision bee begins and the time that bee is held.

Superintendent Calavan reports already that the announcement of the bees has quickened interest in the schools.

The want-to-study spirit which the spelling bee system will instill in the schools is an entirely different spirit than the have-to-spell feeling which is inspired by dire threats of punishment from the teacher.

Important but secondary to the direct good to the student is the value of the spelling bee as a social gathering.

Superintendent Calavan sees more in this plan than merely a Clackamas spelling team.

AGAIN THE ENTERPRISE urges country organizations to study the proposed good roads bonding question carefully before hastily adopting resolutions in condemnation of the plan.

Clackamas County needs good roads. This is an uncontroverted statement. We have tried for many years a system that is admittedly as full of holes as the roads that have been built under it.

Farmers and small property holders should bear in mind that the big corporation of Clackamas County would have to pay their share of this bond issue for a permanent system of highways.

FEW WEEKS AGO came the announcement that S. Benson had given to the state Gordon falls and now Guy W. Talbot bequeaths to Oregon the beautiful Latourelle falls.

These two men have shown a public spirit in the matter which is highly commendable. On the route of the Columbia highway and within a short distance of the largest city in the state, these two gifts will stand as two of the most useful possible to give to the people of the northwestern states.

Such an act preserves for future generations at least a part of the scenic beauties of the state. As time goes on, the domination of man over nature will increase and there will be a decrease in the beauties of the out-of-doors.

Although the people of Oregon and the northwest appreciate the gifts of these two men, a hundred or two hundred years from now that appreciation will be still greater.

At the present time, these two falls bear meaningless names. Neither of the falls has any special historical connection.

Why not name them after their donors? Why not make these two masterpieces of nature, everlasting monuments to the public spiritedness of two Oregon men.

IN AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, the Massachusetts Literary Club, has expressed its views of the present American magazine, as follows.

This is the opinion, or rather the condemnation, of the great American magazine by one of the leading literary organizations of the eastern states.

But there is one side of this question which the literary club failed to take up. It places the blame on the magazine. It forgets that the periodical is but the reflection of the desire of the public.

The same argument applies to the magazine. If the people of this country were firm in the demand for clean reading, they would get it as quickly as the magazines could be written and put on the presses.

But all American magazines are not catering to "sordid sensationalism, indecent suggestion, and perverted taste."

Editors on the publications which are most read are employed to feel the public pulse and then prescribe, to find out what the public wants and then get it.

IT IS WITH INTEREST that the people of Clackamas County will read that the Canby Irrigator has begun a "new era in the advance of a newspaper—the use of a typesetting machine."

over \$200,000 to invest in roads year by year. If we cannot or do not build any roads with this amount, would it not be the height of folly to invest \$500,000?

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE HACKETT OPPOSES BONDS OREGON CITY, March 9.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—I have been reading your articles for good roads and I must in all candor say that I'm thoroughly disgusted.

THE NATIONAL Grange has warned the people not to bond themselves for any purpose. Many of the subordinates have followed suit and I'm sure Mr. Farmer will do his duty on election day and you'll hear from him in no uncertain sound.

REAL ESTATE Real estate transfers filed with the county recorder Thursday are as follows: C. C. Crawford et ux to Anna Ahalt, O. W. Barnett et ux, lots 18, 19, and 20, block 8, Oak Grove Park, \$10.

at any and all times. Bond yourselves and you mortgage your home, and God knows, with taxes at 4 per cent that is not about bonds enough? E. C. HACKETT.



Candidate on the Republican ticket for re-election as Representative in the Legislature.

TONGMEN GATHER IN PORTLAND FOR WAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—Before Saturday night the threatened Chinese tong war is expected to break either in Portland or The Dalles.

PROPOSE REFUNDING COASTWISE TOLLS SEATTLE, Wash., March 11.—That President Wilson use his powerful influence to secure the enactment of a law refunding to the coastwise shippers of the United States, the tolls exacted of them through the Panama canal, is the prayer embodied in a memorial to the president wired last night by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

MISSIONARY KILLED AS BRIGANDS SACK CITY

PEKIN, March 11.—Brigands sacked and burned today the city of Lao Ho, now, killed Dr. Froyland, a Norwegian missionary and wounded several other foreigners, including the Rev. M. Sama, another Norwegian.

\$20,000,000 CUT IN JAPAN NAVAL PLAN

TOKIO, March 11.—The administration was today vigorously resisting the efforts in the upper house of parliament to cut the current naval appropriation by \$20,000,000, as the budget committee recommended Monday.

F. X. MATTHIEU'S DAUGHTER IS DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11.—Mrs. Rosa C. Bergvein of Butteville, a daughter of the late F. X. Matthieu, of Champege fame, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. J. Taylor, 469 1/2 street, this city.

CLACKAMAS ABSTRACT & TRUST COMPANY

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF OREGON CITY AT OREGON CITY, IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 4TH, 1914

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, showing financial figures for the Bank of Oregon City.

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No Substitutes RETURN to the grocer all substitutes sent you for Royal Baking Powder. There is no substitute for ROYAL. Royal is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder, and healthful. Powders offered as substitutes are made from alum.

A BOOK OF INTEREST more absorbing than the most thrilling work of fiction is a bank book. Its tale is never too long, nor its pages too many and the long row of figures so dry in other books is intensely interesting in this book.

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