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GOOD NEWS FOR OSWEGO.

No better news has come to Oswego in a long time than the announcement in this issue of The Record that the pipe plant of the Oregon Iron & Steel company is to resume operations within a very short time, and will run for some months. It is good news because it means that at least 60 men will be employed, all drawing good wages, most of which will be spent with the business houses of Oswego. The pipe foundry is the oldest industry in this town and although it has not been operated steadily for a long time, whenever it does run it is for some time and under conditions that mean better times for the locality. The company in the past has had to meet strong competition from the southern states, inasmuch as much of the material entering into the manufacture of pipe must come from the south. However, the company has this advantage that it can furnish material on a much quicker notice than the southern plants and this is quite often an inducement to buyers.

Oswego's baseball club expects to take front rank this season with any of the city teams, and plans on entering the Portland city league. Enthusiasm runs high among players and fans over the outlook for a classy amateur team and with improved grounds and facilities it is expected that the people of Oswego will have the opportunity to witness many good games this year. Inasmuch as many of the city teams are anxious to get away from their home towns each Sunday it is thought that the locals can play practically every Sunday on their own grounds, which means that hundreds of visitors would come to Oswego to spend an afternoon.

The breaking of the Oswego lake dam, property of the Oswego Lake Light and Power company, is likely to prove of material benefit and safety to the vicinity of its location as the company plans in the not distant future the construction of a concrete

dam to replace the present frame affair. The company has had more or less trouble in the years gone by with this dam, and realizes that only a permanent structure will obviate similar occurrences. With this in view it is now considering quite seriously the plan of building an entirely new dam.

Baseball Team to Have Game Soon

OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—Oswego is to have a baseball game next Sunday provided the weather is decent, but it will only be a practice game with all the candidates lined up on the two sides and given a thorough try out under the direction of Charles Austin, manager. At a meeting of the players and fans Monday night it was decided to select a blue colored suit for this season and it is expected that these will be on hand during the next week. Enthusiasm continues to run high and Manager Austin predicts that Oswego will have as good a team this year as any of the towns in the valley. It is proposed joining the Portland City league.

Spirited Contest On by Rebeccas

OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—The contest that is now on in the Rebeccah lodge is creating great interest among the ladies, and every effort is being put forth by the two "factions" to see which one wins out for there is a feast of good things ahead for the winning side. The Rebeccahs meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month, one side having a program at one meeting and the other at the other session. Last Friday night's program was one of much merit and quite lengthy, the numbers being as follows: Instrumental duet, Sisters Edna and Lillian Bickner; recitation, Sister Davidson; reading, Sister Mary Bickner; song by all; tableaux; recitation, Sister Lillian Bickner; tableaux; song, Brother McVey; recitation, Sister Dyer; piano solo, "Ashes of Love," Sister Edna Bickner; reading, Sister Dyer; piano duet, Sisters Edna and Lillian Bickner; drill by eight; reading, Sister Davidson; recitation, "Old Dolly Sullivan," Sister Miller; tableaux; nursery rhymes in costumes.

Oswego Lake Dam Goes Out—May Build New Dam

HIGH WATER IN TUALITIN RIVER CAUSES DAMAGE TO WATER POWER SERVICE.

OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—For the first time in some eight or nine years the dam of the Oswego Lake Light and Power company, at Oswego Lake, just west of town, was badly damaged Tuesday morning, when a portion of the east end went out, and which for a time looked as though it might cause serious damage to the county bridge and road just below it. The washout of the dam was caused by high water in the lake, augmented by an extremely heavy overflow from the Tualatin river, which is connected with the lake by a canal. The river is the highest, or rather was the first of the week, that it has been in the history of the oldest inhabitants of that section. When the Oswego dam went out Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock, several huge logs that had been forced down the lake, went through the break and lodged just at the northern end of the county bridge, thus protecting the structure from damage as well as the possibility of the county road being washed out. The breaking of the dam did not have any serious effect upon the power plant of the Oswego Lake Light and Power plant, several hundred feet beyond the dam, in which event the company would have placed in commission its auxiliary steam power plant at the foundry of the Oswego Iron and Steel company, just below Oswego proper, which plant was completed a short time ago for just such emergencies. The Oswego light plant furnishes light and power for all of the Dunthorpe residential district, and also the stations and farming community from Courtney to Oak Grove on the east side of the Willamette river. A. S. Pattullo, secretary and manager of the Oswego Lake Light and Power company, from Portland, was early on the scene after the dam broke, and spent some hours inspecting the damage as well as conditions at the water power plant and at the auxiliary station, giving orders to have everything in readiness at the latter plant for instant operation. But it developed that this plant would not be needed in this emergency. Mr. Pattullo told The Record man that the damage to the dam would amount to possibly \$500 or \$800, the exact amount being hard to determine. He said that his company would proceed immediately to repair the damage and also to strengthen the dam against any similar repetition. It is proposed extending the dam on the north for a distance of possibly another 25 feet so as to connect it up with the old cement pier that was formerly used. This will be done to obviate further washing away of a fill that was made some years ago. For some years past the Oswego Lake Light and Power company has had in contemplation the building of a concrete dam, either individually or else one in connection with the county bridge. Residents about here think the latter plan would be quite beneficial to both parties, and particularly to the county for the latter would then have a bridge that would last practically for ages. It is quite likely that the company and the county will hold a conference in the not distant future to go into this matter more thoroughly, but in the event this plan should fall through, there is a strong possibility that the light and power company will get busy and build a concrete dam.

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OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—The attendance contest that has been in progress in the Epworth league for several weeks past came to an end last Sunday evening with a large number of leaguers and their friends present, when it was announced that the Reds had won out with 1300 points, and the Blues were not a great distance behind. Later the Blues are to give a banquet with the Reds as the guests of honor. The pastor, Rev. J. Coleman, occupied the pulpit last Sunday morning, preaching to a good sized congregation, and in the evening Mr. Gillman, from Portland, addressed the gathering. Services as usual next Sunday, with the pastor preaching in the evening.

Epworth League Contest Closed

OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—While the Oswego school board is to open bids tomorrow night for the erection of the proposed new playsheds, it is not at all likely that these sheds will be finished and ready for use during the present school term, but rather that they will be in readiness for use with the beginning of the new term next fall. With spring-like weather approaching the pupils would be averse to spending their recreation hours inside any kind of a building or shed, preferring rather to get out in the open, enjoying the sunshine and the balmy breezes that give new energy and being to all life, whether animal, plant or whatnot. It is believed that there will be quite a number of bids filed for the contract, several local parties having expressed the intention of competing, and it is thought the district will be able to get a good substantial structure at a reasonable figure.

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School Children Make Good Report

OSWEGO, March 30.—(Special).—The past week was a very good one in the work of the Oswego schools according to the report of Principal Vose, despite the rainy weather that prevailed every day, the record for neither absent nor tardy being as follows:

First and Second grades—Mario Johnson, Charles McDonald, Izetta Haines, Johnnie Haines, Thelma Hendrickson, Ernest Baker, Sybil Rollins, Ivan Walk, Bernice Schaubel, Hadley Curtis, Retha Kiser, John Holing, Lela Wark, Arno Vose, Lucile Brown, Clarence Hendrick, Agnes Todd, Verlo Hays, Mary Haines, Willie Hendrickson, Oren Primm, Arnold Farmer, Willie Rizer, Earl Hughes. The roll of honor for these grades, which includes perfectness in attendance, punctuality and deportment, included the following: Earl Hughes, Ernest Baker, Arno Vose and Lela Wark.

Third and Fourth Grades—Dorothy Brumbaugh, Edith Bickner, Esther Kessler, Ivy Newmann, Ora Primm, Leola Todd, Julia Wilson, Grace Cooper, Arla Cox, Dagmar Westergard, Alice Zeller, Theresa Rodman, Irene Know, Orville Anderson, Lyle Baker, Earl Cox, Bernhard Johnson, Earl Schaubel, Frank Schaubel, Nephi Westergard, Eddie Hendrickson, Ralph Haines, Martin Johnson, Wallace Worthington, William Brumbaugh, Mason Worthington, Horace Cochran. Roll of honor—Irene Knox Arla Cox, Theresa Rodman, William Brumbaugh, Edith Bickner, Julia Todd, Ora Primm, Ivy Newmann, Orville Anderson.

Fifth and Sixth grades—Aileen Worthington, Meechle Neal, Cleo Taylor, Ione King, Lenaah Foote, Bonnie Jones, Mary Wilson, Della Davis, Edith Meyers, Goldie Neal, Alta Wirtz, Ernest Schaubel, Lloyd Haines, Clarence Taylor, Dustin Brumbaugh, Gordon Clinefelter, Harry Johnson, Levi Rizer, Harold Huffman, William Kroll, Harold Brumbaugh, Leo Kimball, Leroy Bowling, Neville Waldrep, Delmer Turnbull, Royce Waldrep, Roll of honor—Goldie Neal.

Seventh and Eighth grades—Glen Waldrop, Otto Erickson, Lloyd Davidson, Martha Smoke, Arline Preenovot, Florence Brumbaugh, Frances Cocker, Fred Melnyre, Willa Koehler, Charlie Haines, Herbert Duncan, Archie Waldrep, Clarence Waldrep, Martha Smoke, Lloyd Davidson and Otto Erickson.

This is test week in the Oswego schools and naturally the pupils are right up on their "p's" and "q's."

Children's Debate Heard by Parents

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Mrs. A. Rossiter, Mrs. John Bicker and Mrs. Clay were selected as the judges and after giving due consideration to all points involved decided that the debate ended in a tie, which seemed to give general satisfaction. Miss Mary Bickner is teacher of these grades and her object in arranging the debate was to aid the more backward children in public speaking as well as to give opportunity to the more apt to appear before the public, and she is highly gratified at the results achieved. Those children deserving of especial mention were Harold Huffman, Ione King, Della Davis, Royce Waldrep, Bonnie Jones.

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