

## ORATOR SMITH WON.

BEAT DOWN ALL OPPONENTS IN THE ORATORICAL CONTEST AT EUGENE.

Is no Longer a Young Thing—  
O. A. C. Man Got Fourth Place  
—A Twelve Hours' Wait  
for Train and a Strike  
Afterward—Other  
News.

A man 30 to 40 years of age, and seven years a preacher of the Gospel won the first prize in the state oratorical contest at Eugene. It is no fault to be advanced in years, but still its funny for an old fellow like that, to go up against lads and lasses of 19 to 20 in an oratorical contest. They say that the miss who took second place in the same contest has filed application for the award of the old gentleman's prize on the ground that the figuring was wrongly done, and that a recount correctly made, would give first place to her, and second to him. She ought to withdraw the contest on account of the respect due to gray hairs. Any man who was with Noah in the Ark, so to speak, ought not to be disturbed in the lawful possession of any prize that has fallen to him. There is something grand in the contemplation of one who helped to build the pyramids and who was for some time a mummy himself, and the venerable Mr. Smith ought to be let alone in the enjoyment of his prize. Anybody who hasn't any more appreciation of a grand old ruin or an antique relic than to seek to rob Smith of his honors ought to be kicked out of the oratorical association, provided she be not a pretty young maiden, as is the case with the young woman who thinks she ought to have Smith's place.

The accounts are that Friday night's contest was a howling success. Ninety people went up there from O. A. C. and the hoarseness they brought back with them proves the quality of the howling. Their orator, who was Guy E. Moore, and whose subject was "Oliver Cromwell, the Man of Action," took fourth place in the assignments that the judges made. The latter were, on composition President David Starr Jordan of Stanford, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of Berkeley, and President Penrose of Whitman college. Third place was taken by the State University orator, and first by Erastus Smith, of McMinnville. Albany college took seventh place and Willamette University brought up the rear. Next year's meeting of the association occurs at Newberg, and is to happen on the last Friday in January, or two weeks earlier than has been the custom. No age limit was added to the by-laws at the business meeting, and the contest is still open to people of mature years and oratorical turn of mind. If, by any new discovery of science it becomes possible in the near future to resuscitate the dead, Patrick Henry is to be brought forward and scheduled to represent O. A. C. next time.

In the afternoon at Eugene the O. A. C. and the University basketball team locked horns for a second time, and it was with difficulty that the college men won out. In a former game they defeated the University men in a score of 32 to 2, but in Friday's game, play ended with a score of 24 for O. A. C. and 22 for the University. The game was played in a room less than half the size of the Armory in which the college men practice, which placed them at a great disadvantage. The personnel of the college team was Pilkington, center; Rinehart and Steiwer, guards, and Moores and Stokes, forwards.

It was after 7 p. m. on Saturday when the Corvallis contingent reached home. Their last hours in Eugene were mostly marred by a desire for something to eat and a fear to go down town after it, because the train might leave them. They were due to leave Eugene for home at 3 a. m., but the train that was to bring them tore into the rear end of a freight train a few miles south of the city, and failed to appear on schedule time. The Corvallis push, however, boarded the coaches at 3 a. m. and began to wait. Daylight came but no train had yet appeared. The travelers dozed in their seats and nursed an inexpressible desire for food. Not many of them went down town for breakfast because the railroad men said the train might be expected any time. Little by little the morning wore away and then it got to be noon, and still the train didn't come. It was three o'clock in the afternoon of a very, very long day when at last the bell rang and the train steamed out.

At Albany, more trouble overtook them. Things like that never come singly. The C. and E. passenger had long ago departed. A special train could be had for forty dollars, but some of the travellers said their tickets ought to take them with it extra money. They didn't care for the fifty cents, they said, but they didn't like the principle involved. A life-sized strike broke out, and for a time the dilemma was a bigger thing than that caused by the delayed train. Several made speeches in which the railroad men were denounced as grinding monopolists and incubuses, while other orators, in effulgence of eloquence knocked the oratorical contest of the night before silly as they defended the railroad. At last, hunger, loss of sleep and weariness prevailed over oratory, and eighty people marched into the waiting coaches, paid their fifty cents each and rode home on a special. The others, to the number of three carriage loads, came home by private conveyance.

The thoughtfulness of one young student has been the subject of comment. He suspected that the young ladies of the party might, by the long delay and added expense, be in financial straits, and he went among them kindly offering to supply from his own well filled purse, such as might be in need of assistance.

The Eugene Guard, commenting on the contest, says:

"The orators as a group of speakers were below the average. There was indeed, a painful lack of brilliance and natural delivery. Studied movement, anticipated and oftentimes awkward gestures, unskilled use of the voice and poor platform presence would fit the majority of the orators. The papers were quite well written. The winner, Smith, deserved first place in composition but in the judgment of the audience he was behind U. O., O. A. C. and Newberg in delivery."

At King's Valley.

There was a double wedding at the Paddy home Saturday evening. The happy couples were Bruce Miller and Miss Dolla Alcorn and Taylor Miller and Miss Della Paddy. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lauer of the Evangelical church.

Saturday evening Dr. Luther gave an entertainment at the school house with his phonograph.

Art Miller is doing a little log hauling for the Hoskin's Mill Co.

L. G. Price, jr., is also to run a logging camp this summer. He is going to log on his land just below the King's Valley store.

Dick Rodgers and wife moved to the Simpson Camp Saturday. Dick is to make a hand in the woods and his wife is to do the cooking for the camp.

Homer Lilly took ten head of beef from the Valley. Thursday he paid 3 1/2 and 4 cents.

There has been considerable complaint of bad colds or the gripe in the Valley lately.

Lafayette, Or., March 14.—Tom Hodson, of La Fayette, has been converted from the sock-leg and tincan method of hiding money, and now patronizes a fire and burglar proof bank vault. It is said he had been laying by a portion of his wages for some time, intending to use the money for the purpose of moving to California. He had saved \$420 in gold, and for extra safe keeping he took up a board from the floor of his house, dug a little hole in the ground and planted his savings. Some time ago Tom made the discovery that his money was missing. He and a few intimate friends pursued a still hunt for a clew to the mystery, and meeting with no success, the loser was bordering on nervous prostration. The loss became known, and one day last week a friend said he would like to dig for the treasure. He did so, and soon found that a mercenary 20th century gopher had dug up under the money, which had dropped down into the gopher hole, whence it was all recovered. It is needless to say that Mr. Gopher won't do any more such rich mining under Tom Hodson's house.

Sumpter, Or., March 14.—Jesse Simmons, a miner, whose home is at Mayville, Or., suffered a severe accident while at work at the Psyche mine, in the Greenhorn district. He was using a crowbar to pry out a rock, when another rock fell from above, striking the crowbar in such a manner as to cause a stone to fly up, striking Simmons in the eye and bursting the eyeball. He was brought here and the eye removed from the socket. Mr. Simmons's parents reside at Portland, where he will be taken as soon as he is able to travel.

For Sale.

Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs. Wanted to buy or take on shares, a band of goats.

L. L. Brooks.

## MONEY EVERYWHERE.

FINDING GOLD, DIAMONDS AND GREENBACKS IN THE HOUSE OF

A Dead Captain—Mysterious Negro Doctor Believed to Have Poisoned Many People—Earthquake at Seattle—Other News.

New Haven, March 7.—A veritable mine of money has been discovered about the house of the late Capt. James H. Woodhouse, a retired esquire, at No. 27 Park street. Since his death a week ago his daughter and only heir, who is the wife of Dr. Frank H. Wheeler, a prominent local physician, has been busy searching, and it is said has already discovered \$30,000 in bills, as well as gold and diamonds the value of which has not yet been estimated.

Money and gold have been found in the most out-of-the-way places. The captain died on Monday. His daughter gave him devoted attention during his illness but was never able to persuade him to disclose the whereabouts of the riches it was known he possessed. The house was closely guarded as soon as the body of its owner had been taken away. The police were notified in order that thieves might not loot the place.

Then Mrs. Wheeler and her husband began the search. In chairs and cushions in nearly every room they found bills sewed up, and gold that looked as if it had been there for years came rattling out of chinks in the walls.

A withered old plant was taken from its pot because it was unsightly. As the earth was knocked away from the roots sparking stones fell out, and a thorough search disclosed many valuable diamonds.

It was necessary to move things with the greatest care, as the place seemed to be reeking with wealth. Mrs. Wheeler nearly burned a bundle of bills which she threw into the fire with a bundle of rags. She snatched them from the flames in the nick of time.

So carelessly had money been hidden in the attic and cellar that rats had gnawed away parts of the bundles of greenbacks. They had found the money poor feeding evidently as none of the bills were in such condition that they cannot be easily redeemed.

Dr. Wheeler and his wife refused to discuss their discoveries. It is said to be the intention of Mrs. Wheeler to search the outbuildings, and the yard leading down to the river will be ploughed up.

Dr. Wheeler has been appointed administrator of the estate in the absence of any will. Until it comes into court for accounting no one will know how much money the captain had hidden. Many residents of Fair Haven declare the Wheelers themselves will never know.

Tucson, Feb. 12.—News from Douglas states that great excitement prevails over the fabulous gold strike reported in the Torres mountains, forty miles from the terminus of the Nachoahai Railroad. More than a score of expeditions have left Douglas since Monday for the scene of the strike. Samples of ore brought to Douglas today assayed from 2,000 to 3,000 ounces of gold.

Almost the entire district in which the find was made is open to location. Edward Sturges, who made the strike, said to day that he had cleaned up \$100,000 worth of gold ore in seven weeks' work.

Philadelphia, March 14.—The police for several days have been investigating the career of George Hossey, the negro "herb doctor" who was yesterday committed to prison with Mrs. Catherine Danze on the charge of causing the death of the woman's husband 18 months ago by poison. Mrs. Danze is said to be only one of a host of women whose object in consulting the "doctor" was not legitimate. The authorities say that they expect to trace a number of deaths to Hossey's potions. One official said today:

"We are only beginning to uncover this case. It may prove one of the greatest criminal events in the history of the department."

Hossey is the arch-conspirator in many crimes, the authorities say. They have learned that for many months past his headquarters have been patronized by many women both married and single, whose names are now in the possession of the District Attorney. When the negro was arrested, detectives searched his house and confiscated a wagon load of bottle drugs, instruments and other paraphernalia—

much of which will figure in the case.

The District Attorney and the police state that more arrests may be expected soon. The memorandum found in Hossey's house, it is believed, will show many cases of murder. The District Attorney said:

"The case is far from complete at present. More arrests will follow."

Physicians in all sections of the city have reported cases to the District Attorney that will probably lead to the opening of many graves and to the holding of as many inquests by the Coroner. In each of these cases the patient first appeared with a minor complaint, which grew worse, and which, just before death, manifested what are now recalled as the usual symptoms of arsenical poisoning.

Seven of these practitioners were closeted with District Attorney Schorer for several hours, during which time they went over their mortality cases and frankly stated their suspicions. In each of these cases a thorough investigation was ordered, and the local managers of all life insurance companies were asked for information concerning the policies paid upon the risks in the cases.

The records of the Bureau of Health show that Hossey issued death certificates over his own signature as "George Hossey, M. D." and the authorities are doing their utmost to discover how and from whom he obtained the blank forms.

Seattle, March 13.—Seattle caught two slight shocks from the seismic movement that went through Western Washington this evening. The tremor appears to have been noted by but few people. These agree that the two shocks came very close together between 6:35 and 6:40. No one reports noting a movement of more than very faint perceptibility.

The disturbance appears to have extended from the Gray's Harbor country in a generally eastward direction to the Cascades.

Olympia, Wash., March 13.—An unusually perceptible earthquake was felt in this city at 6:25 this evening. Buildings were shaken so that occupants ran into the streets in alarm. The seismic waves seem to travel from northeast to southwest and the principal shock was preceded by a tremor of a few seconds and followed by another slight tremor, the entire disturbance lasting nine seconds. A slight rumbling was also heard.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 13.—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were experienced here about 6:25 o'clock tonight. In some localities houses were shaken and the inmates ran out badly frightened. Some persons reported that clocks were stopped and dishes on the table rattled. A similar shock was experienced in this city ten years ago.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 13.—Although every condition was so propitious as to occasion comment on the probability of an earthquake at sundown tonight, this portion of Puget Sound experienced no perceptible shocks. As night fell, low black clouds met the view in every direction, and the atmosphere became still and threatening.

Oswego, N. Y., March 7.—After being married and divorced from each other, Frances Daniels and Joseph Goodway were married for the second time at midnight.

Miss Daniels is a daughter of Captain Daniels of New Haven and Goodway lives in Fulton. Years ago, when Frances was in short dresses, she attended school in this city. She met Joseph Goodway, also very young, and they were married. They lived together several years and had two children. Then they separated and six years ago a divorce was granted to the wife, who returned to her parents and took the children with her.

While visiting in Oswego she met her former husband and he asked her to go to the theater with him. Between the acts they talked over old times and decided to get married again. Although it was midnight, they hunted up a minister.

Danger of Colds and Grip.

The greatest danger from colds and gripes is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure a cold or an attack of the grip in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Allen and Woodward.

Reduction in Water Rates.

We are proposing to reduce the rates on water, and to arrange with all consumers so that all may be treated the same. To do this we must insist on all bills being paid in advance or by the 10th of the month as our rules and regulations call for, and as all other cities require. We have no desire to have any trouble with any consumer, but to treat all alike. Our rules must be enforced. If anything should happen that the water is not used after being paid for, the money will be refunded.

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When purchasing your ticket for Helena, Spokane, Butte, Livingston, and diverging point for the famous Yellowstone National Park; Fargo, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Washington, New York, Boston, or any other point east, insist on the ticket agent routing you via Portland and the Northern Pacific, and you always have the pleasure of traveling on the "crack train of the Northwest" and the only one lighted through by electricity.

The Northern Pacific have another overland daily between Portland and the beautiful twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, as well as still another overland between Portland and Spokane, Helena, Butte, Denver, Col., Lincoln, Neb., Omaha, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, St. Louis and for Chicago and all points east and southeast.

If there is any information you would like to have with reference to rates, routes, maps, etc. in connection with your trip East, Mr. A. D. Charlton, the Assistant General Passenger Agent of this company at 255 Morrison street corner of Third, Portland, Or., will be pleased to write you fully and give any information desired.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County.

James H. Chellis, Plaintiff, vs. E. E. Longbottom, D. D. Longbottom, J. J. Longbottom, A. Roy, Sadie Roy, Amanda M. Longbottom, John Longbottom, Halle Longbottom, Defendants.

To E. E. Longbottom, J. J. Longbottom, A. Roy, Sadie Roy, Amanda M. Longbottom, John Longbottom, Halle Longbottom, Six of the defendants above named.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear in the above Court at the Court room thereof, in the City of Corvallis, Benton County, State of Oregon, on or before Wednesday the 28th day of March, 1903, to answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint on file in said Court in this suit and if you fail to so appear and answer for want thereof the Plaintiff will take a decree of said Court for the relief prayed for in said Complaint to-wit: That the Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described premises to-wit:

Beginning at the S E Corner of the N E Quarter of Section 2 being the S W Corner of Robert R. Grier's homestead claim; and running thence W 80 rods; thence N 87 1/2 rods; thence E 80 rods; thence S 87 1/2 rods to the place of beginning; also a narrow strip land being a part of the N E Quarter of Section 2, bounded as follows: On the E by the S E Quarter of the N E Quarter of said Section 2 and on the S by the land of William A. State and on the W by the land of said State and on the north by the land of C. C. Chandler and being a part of said Lot 3, heretofore sold to C. C. Chandler by F. M. Selby and except one-half acre of the above described, given for a cemetery and described as follows:

Commencing at the S E Corner, of the N E Quarter of said Section 2, running thence N 22 rods; thence W 3 rods and 16 links; thence S 2 rods; thence E 3 rods and 16 links to the place of beginning containing half an acre, also except the following:

Beginning at a point where the E line of the James Edwards Don L. C. Not. No. 7570 C1 No. 47 running thence East 61 degrees South 1 chain and 64 links thence S 56 degrees West 2 chains to the River; thence following said river to where it intersects said E line of said James Edwards land claims thence to the place of beginning containing one-fourth acre more or less all being in Section 2 T 14 S R 5 W Mer in Benton County, State of Oregon, and decreeing that you have no right, claim or interest of any kind in the same and abiding by the order of Hon. Virgil E. Watters, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County made on the 10th day of February, 1903. To be published for six consecutive weeks and the date of the first publication thereof to be February 11, 1903.

W. S. and J. N. McFADDEN,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the estate of John Burnett, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County, and on Monday, April 6th, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room in the Court House in Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, is the time and place fixed by the Court for hearing objections, if any, to said final account and settlement thereof.

Lartha Burnett,  
Executor.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Kuman Vanderpool, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at the office of the undersigned at the office of Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1903.

Administrator of the estate of Kuman Vanderpool, deceased.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that I, Ernest Elliott, administrator of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased, have filed my final account as such administrator with the clerk of the County Court of Benton County, State of Oregon, and the said Court has fixed Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House at Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account, and for settlement thereof.

Dated, March 6, 1903.  
ERNEST ELLIOTT,  
Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Elda J. Elliott, deceased.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the Estate of William Allen, deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that I, Mary C. Allen, administratrix of the estate of William Allen, deceased, have filed my final account as such administratrix with the Clerk of the County Court of Benton County, State of Oregon, and the said Court has fixed Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said final account and for settlement thereof.

Dated this March 7, 1903.  
Mary C. Allen,  
Administratrix of the estate of William Allen, deceased.

Notice for Publication.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.  
United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, July 12th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

Adelbert D. Perkins, of Toledo, County of Benton, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6069 for the purchase of the N 1/4 of Section No. 2, in Township No. 12 N Range No. 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or other purposes than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before Victor F. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1903.  
He names as witnesses:  
John W. Hyde, of Philomath, Oregon.  
Frank M. Spencer,  
William Braselton of Toledo, Oregon,  
Charles Kruger.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of April, 1903.  
CHAS. B. MOORES,  
Register.