## OLD-FASHIONED DEBATING BEES ARE COMING INTO THEIR OWN AGAIN THROUGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Pupils of Rural Districts Compete With Those From Larger Cities, Where Libraries Are Available, and Win Often-Originality and Sportsmanship Are Developed by Contests.



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NIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, 1 Dec. 2 .- (Special.) -The good old days when the schoolmaster called a meeting of the entire neighborhood for the purpose of debating some popular subject, as, for instance Resolved. That the horse is more use ful than the cow," are returning, especially to the State of Oregon, since the organization of the High School Debate League in 1907 by Professor E. E. Decou, of the university.

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The league is now entering upon its
10th year and one which promises to
be the most successful of all. With a
membership of 71 high schools in the
10 districts, as compared with the four
districts when first organized, between
140 and 150 matches will be held in deciding the state championship.

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The purpose of the league was to accustom the high school students to speaking before the public and to acquaint them with subjects of economical and political value. It was a pian to train the students for citizenship by discussing such subjects that were coming before the public, and to give net only to the student a broader view but aid the parents in their search for knowledge of the country. Students have a chance to use their own originality in the preparation of their ality in the preparation of their speeches. This was hoped to increase the efficiency of the English and public speaking.

Interest Constantly Growing.

The realization of the benefits of the league in the short time it has been organized can be seen by the prominence of high school pupils in college and university activities, who received their training before entering.

President P. L. Campbell, an exofficio member of the advisory board, in a recent statement to the league said: "The steady growth of interest in the work of the Debate League in Oregon is most encouraging. Already Oregon is most encouraging. Already the university is feeling the strong stimulus in debate, which is brought to it by students who have had their training and practice in the High

"They enter the university keen in interest and eager for an opportunity to win honors in intercollegiate contests. Their preliminary training has placed them at a very great advan-

The question decided upon for the league to debate this year is, "Re-solved, That Oregon should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of the Standard Bill' of the American Association for Labor Legislation." In a bulletin prepared by the extension department of the university is a list of references, showing where material may be obtained regarding the subject.

Books May Be Borrowed.

Schools in some remote places with out libraries or access to one of a nearby city may begrow books from the state and such information sent out by the league. Miss Cornellia Marvin, state librarian at Salem, has prepared a library for each one of the schools enrolled giving both sides of the question. The team is allowed to get all the material possible, but is not allowed to say on a compatitive team.

When the league was first organized the government was left practically to the spresident and the secretary. The first president was E. F. Marlott, superintendent of schools at Saiem, and Professor E. E. Decou, the founder of the league, was secretary and treasurer, and R. L. Kirk, superintendent of schools at Springfield, is president; Earl Kilpatrick, of the university extension department, is secretary; President P. L. Campbell, Superintendent J. A. Churchill, of Salem, and Miss Cornellia Marvin, state librarian at Salem, compose the advisory board. The league, when organized, had only four districts, the Eastern Oregon district, the Willamette Valley, the Southern Oregon and the Coos Country. They were grouped geographically so that the various schools could meet to the best advantage, Since the founding of the league the state has been divided into 10 districts with a director over each district. Each high school district is to debate in triangle style with each other school in that district until the district champion team is chosen. By a system of elimination the ten champion teams of the districts.

chosen. By a system of elimination the ten champion teams of the districts compete until two teams remain. These feams are to be brought to the university on May 11, during the annual Junior Week-end festivities and the state championship decided.

Sportsmanship Is Developed. This system of placing the various teams from the several sections of the country against each other gives an opportunity for the students to show their true sportsmanship, whether los-

District Director



G. A. Ruring, Vale, Southeastern Oregon

ing or winning. The best students of | each school have an opportunity to meet outside pupils and compare their knowledge and ability to reason with

each other. Many times it has not been the team from the large town or city who has won the cup, but it has been the stu-dents who have been handicapped for

dents who have been handicapped for material and who have been forced to show their own ingenuity from what little they can get. One of the greatest incentives toward higher education is said to be training to debate in public schools and thus to develop the desire to go higher in college forensics.

Last year the Swiss military question was discussed, but owing to the immense increase in membership of the league the benefits will be far more reaching. It is estimated that an average of 150 persons will hear each debate, thus making a total of 21,000 hearing the same subject discussed all over the state. It gives the public something to think about and in the judging of the debates 420 judges will be compelled to make up their minds one way or the other.

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determined from the years past, are to stimulate interest in debate, to offer the several high schools of the state the opportunity to measure their strength in competition centests and to determine each year the high school debate championship.

Grants Pass Wins Twice. In 1911 the Grants Pass High School won the state championship and, hav-ing won it before in 1909, was permitted to retain the regents' loving cup, presented by the board of regents of the university as individuals. The schools winning this cup once were: 1907-08, Lebanon; 1908-09, Grants Pass;

the material possible, but is not allowed to spy on a competitive team during the debate.

When the league was first organized the government was left practically to school before it can be retained permanently. The schools that have won the cup to date are: 1911-12, Albany; 1912-13, North Bend; 1918-14, Pendleton; 1914-15, Salem, and 1915-16, by Crook County at Princville. The districts and their directors are

1909-10, Pendleton, and 1910-11, Grants

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Plans Are Made to Work Pioneer Oregon Trails.

Movement Started by Daughters of American Revolution to Trace Immigrant Roads Wins Support of Other Organizations in Two Valley Counties.

Valley Counties.

A LBANY, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—The old immigrant trails throughout the state of Oregon likely will be marked with appropriate monuments within the next few years, as a result of a meeting here was primarily for the consideration or marking these trails only in Linn and Benton counties, the presence and coperation of representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College and a member of the consideration of representatives of the Oregon Agricultural College and a member of the damping on the state, was in effect the inauguration of a state-wide movement in the state, was in effect the inauguration of a state-wide movement in the state, was in effect the inauguration of a state-wide movement for this purpose.

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resenting an investigation lasting many months, were presented on the route of the pioneer highways through the two counties. Further investigation will be made and the chapter will develop plans for securing and placing proper and appropriate monuments,

narking historic points on the old It is possible that, following a suggestion of Professor Horner, the school children of the two counties will be asked to take part in the work of securing the monuments, both as a matter of accomplishing their placing and for the purpose of stimulating patriotism and love of our own state and its history in the minds of the children of today.

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The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Albany Public Library, and Mrs. Emma Page Tracy, regent of Linn Chapter, presided. Mrs. Tracy made an introductory address, explaining the purpose of the chapter in taking up this work to establish these monuments to pay deserved honor to the Oregon pioneers.

Professor J. B. Horner, professor of history of the Oregon Agricultural College, and an authority on Oregon history and geography, discussed generally the merit of the movement and explained how Oregon was ignored in the histories of this country, particularly those used in the schools. He portrayed how only the bravest and the best undertook or survived the long trip across the plains in pioneer days and hence how these pioneers had almost formed a new race in this state.

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By story and statistics he portrayed graphically the greatness of Oregon in area, resources, history, people and achievement, and urged that more attention be paid to the erection of monuments and memorials to commemorate Oregon history. He especially urged the carrying out of this work before all the pioneers are gone and it will be too late to gather the necessary data.

Tells of Beginning of Work.

Professor Horner explained that he had been requested about a year ago by the members of Linn Chapter to undertake the work of tracing the old roads and highways through Linn and Benton counties. He said he had found the task a big one and had secured assistance. He had delegated the Linn County work to C. H. Stewart, postmaster of Albany, and president of the Linn County Historical Society, and the Benton County work to J. H. Wilson, an attorney of Corvallis and a member of one of that county's oldest and most preminent pioneer families.

After a solo by Mrs. W. H. Davis, of this city, Mr. Stewart was introduced and presented a thorough paper on this county's first immigrant roads, Woven in with the facts on pioneer families. Mr. Wilson then presented his paper on the Benton County roads, siving many historical facts about the county as well. Each speaker illustrated his paper with a map setting forth the location of the earliest pioneer roads.

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George H. Himes, of Portland, curator of the Oregon Historical Society, was the last speaker. He praised the movement of the Daughters of the Revolution in locating the old trails and discussed the need of this work generally throughout Oregon generally throughout Oregon

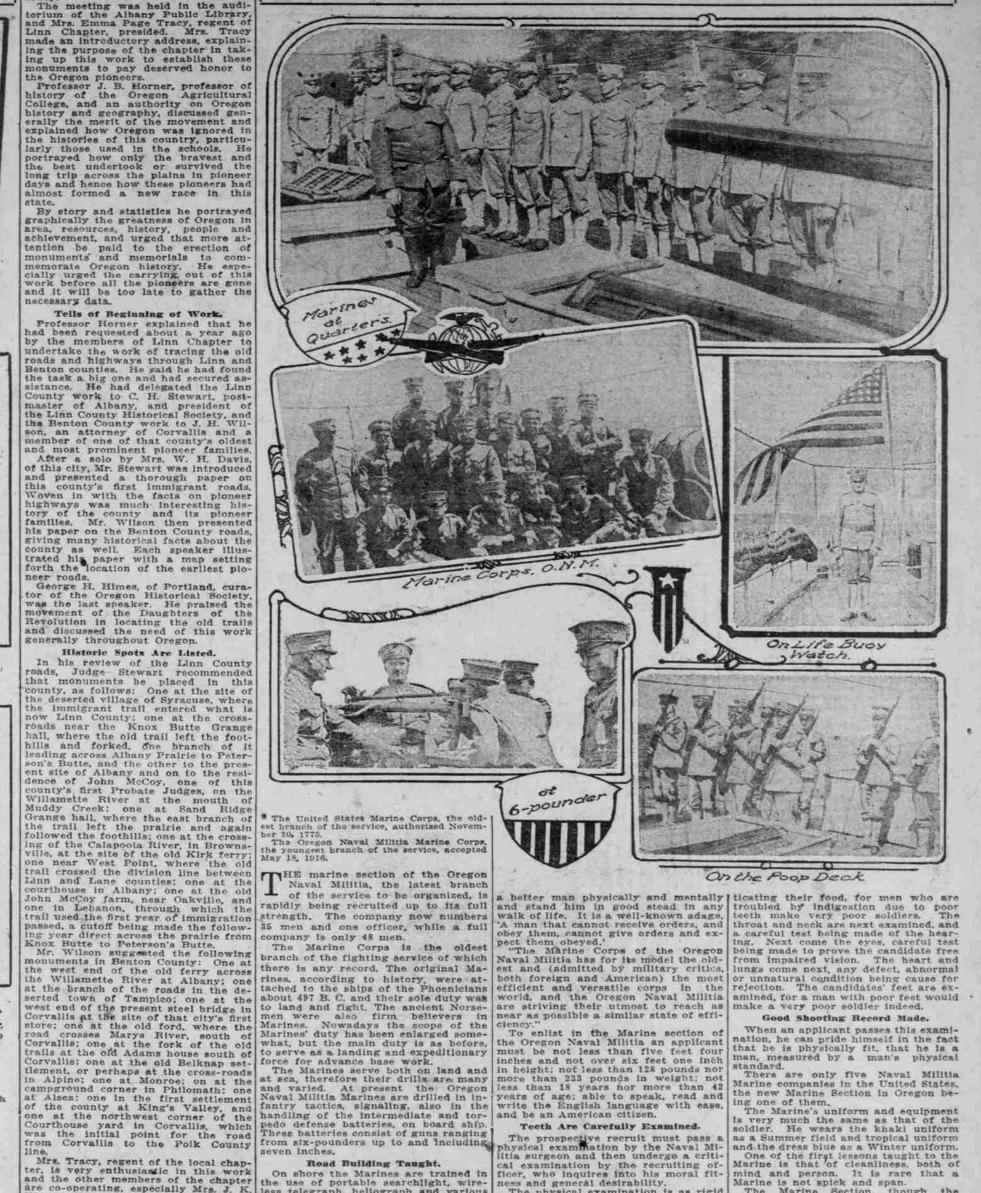
SCHOOL EXHIBIT IS GOOD ordnance. Felida Children Show Vegetables and Other Products.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 2 .- (Spe-RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A school industrial exhibit was recently made by the students of the Felida school which demonstrated the progress the school children are making in the various departments. The exhibits included poultry, vegetables, canned fruits and meats, pickles, fancy work, stenciling, painting and drawing. The Felida Parent-Teacher Association early last Spring offered prizes for the different exhibits. The students will hold a similar exhibit next Fall. There was a large attendance at the school fair.

and University Club Dances.

## OREGON MARINE CORPS, YOUNGEST IN SERVICE, PREPARES FOR VALUABLE WORK IN TIME OF WAR

Practical Training in Road Building, Operation of Searchlights, Wireless Telegraph, Planting of Mines and Erection of Bridges Is Given.



from Corvallis to the role line.

Mrs. Tracy, regent of the local chapter, is very enthusiastic in this work and the other members of the chapter are co-operating, especially Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, who was instrumental in securing Professor Horner's interest. Mrs. Willard L. Marks is the representative of the local chapter on the old trails committee of the state organization of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Seven inches.

Road Building Taught.

On shore the Marines are trained in the use of portable searchlight, wireless telegraph, heliograph and various other methods of signaling; range finding; the erection, operation, and maintainence of telephone and felegraph lines; the planting of land and submarine mines; the handling of roads; the handling of heavy weights and various of bridges; the building of roads; the handling of heavy weights and various other methods of signaling; range finding; the erection and demolition of submarine mines; the handling of roads; the handling of heavy weights and various other methods of signaling; range finding; the erection and demolition of submarine mines; the planting of land and the properties of the state organization of Daughters of the American properties. handling of heavy weights and various methods of slinging and transporting

> The Marine section of the Oregon The Marine section of the Oregon Naval Militia offers a very wide and interesting scope of training to the young men of Portland, including week-ly drills or week-end trips, either in camp or aboard the ship, in addition to the annual cruise where all the work of the year is put to practical use.
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> Twenty-three members of the Marine

the bridge, another as signal man, and a third on the life-buoy watch. This was part of the routine of the entire trip. At other times they went through the regular gun drills with small arms, also loading and pointing the large guns.

"Aria" (Pirkhert), Miss Barker; "Aria," the hard labor and gave reasons. Justice Darling said that it was expedient for the convict to have a profession in which he could do no harm. If the prisoner's hands became hard and he could not play the violin, he might the large guns.

When Sitka was reached the United State battleship Oregon with the Cali-

cal examination by the recruiting of-ficer, who inquires into his moral fit-ness and general desirability.

The physical examination is as rigid for the Marine Corps of the Oregon Naval Militia as it is for the regular United States Marines.

One of the first lessons taught to the Marine is that of cleanliness, both of mind and person. It is rare that a Marine is not spick and span.

The Marine Section, though the youngest branch of the service, repre-

sented the Oregon Naval Militia at the annual state rifle shoot at Clackamas The surgeon first examines the applicant's teeth and satisfies himself Sergeant C. A. Meyers, tied for that they are capable of properly maslast September, where one of its team, Sergeant C. A. Meyers, tied for the



musical ability. Her work showed the stamp placed upon it by her eminent

teacher. Wager Swayne, who during the present war is residing in New York. The programme was: "Sonata, York. The programme was: "Sonata, C Sharp Minor" (Beethoven), Miss Barker; "Sonata in A" (Handel), Miss Bliss; "Prelude" (Chopin), "Reverie" (Schull), "Aufschwung" (Schumann), "Aria" (Pirkhert), Miss Barker; "Aria."

arms for the defense of his country, he would be prepared to step into a higher position and perform more efficient the McMinnville College boys' glee and crediable service than would be the case had he not had the advantage of previous training.

"If, happliy, during his lifetime there should be no war, he would at least have the satisfaction of having performed his share of the military duty, which every man, as a citizen, owes to his country.

"His military training will make him"

An excellent concert took place at the beer is to me a little sour."—London Eclo.

"You can have that property for a song."

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"Yes, I do. I'll take your notes."—Louisville Courter-Journal.

The audience was delighted with the deep bass voice of Axel Osterholm, late of Sweden. He was repeatedly recalled.

"His military training will make him"

The comedians of the occasion proved

to be Richard Gray, Robert V. Russell to be Richard Gray, Robert V. Russell and M. Bader. Their wit and humor were refreshing. The programme closed with "An Evening With 'the College Grind." Theodore M. Kratt, manager of the glee club, took the leading part in this sketch. His portrayal of "The College Grind" was good. The boys were admirably trained by Mrs. C. C. Potter, director of the music department at McMinnville College.

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Now we know exactly what Justice Darling really thinks of violin players, says the London Globe. One of that tuneful craft appealed against doing hard labor for felony because it might spoil his hands. The court remitted the hard labor and gave reasons. Jus-tice Darling said that it was expedi-ABERDEEN TO BE GAY small arms, also loading and pointing the large guns.

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John Deegan, tenor, will repeat his solo, "My Task," at the First Christian Church at today's service, and the minister has chosen the words of the song as the text for his sermon. This

Two sturdy Germans happened to be

Two sturdy Germans happened to be seated at the same table in a famous Munich concert hall. In front of each rested a large glass, the amber contents of which were decorated with white and sparkling from.

One number of the Wagner programme had just been given and the conductor was preparing for the next. "Neighbor," asked one of the gentlemen with Bavarian friendliness, "neighbor, are you enjoying the concert?"

"Well," the other answered, "I wish not to be critical, but the beer is to me a little sour."—London Echo.