

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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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, 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 useful 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. DeCau, of the university.

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 14 and 150 matches will be held in deciding the state championship.

The purpose of the league was to acquaint the high school students to speaking before a group of their fellow students, and to acquaint them with subjects of economical and political value. It was a plan to train the students for citizenship by discussing such subjects in a group coming before the public, and to give not only to the student a broader view of the world, but also to give them knowledge of the country and its people. 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 college.

President P. L. Campbell, an ex-officio member of the advisory board, in a recent statement to the league stated that the steady growth of interest in the work of the Debate League in Oregon is most encouraging. Already university students are being stimulated in debate which brought to it by students who have had their training and practice in the high schools.

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

Books May Be Borrowed. School in some remote places without libraries or access to one, a nearby city may borrow books from the state and such information sent out by the league. Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian at Salem, has prepared a library for each one of the schools enrolled giving both sides of the question. The loan is allowed to get all 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 the president and the secretary. The first president was E. F. Marlott, superintendent of schools at Salem, and Professor E. E. DeCau, 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 A. Churchill, of Salem, and Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian at Salem.

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 compete until two teams remain. These teams are to be brought to the university on May 11 during the annual Junior Week-end festivities and the state championship decided.

marking historic points on the old trails.

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.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Albany Public Library, Professor J. B. Horner, professor of history at Oregon Agricultural College, and an authority on Oregon history and geography, discussed generally the history of the movement to mark the monuments to pay deserved honor to the Oregon pioneers.

Historic Spots Are Listed. In his review of the Linn County roads, Judge Stewart recommends that monuments be placed in this county, as follows: One at the site of the deserted village of Syracuse, where the trail crossed the river in Brownsville, at the site of the old Kirk ferry; one near West Point, where the old trail crossed the division line between Linn and Lane counties; one at the old John McCoy farm, near Oakville, and one at the old McCoy bridge, near Knox Butte to Peterson's Butte.

Mr. Wilson suggested the following monuments in Benton County: One at the site of the old settlement at Corvallis; one at the fork of the trail at the old Adams house south of Corvallis; one at the old Belknap settlement, near Corvallis; one at the old settlement at Aiken; one in the first settlement of the county at "Hing's" bridge, near Corvallis; one at the northwest corner of the Courthouse yard in Corvallis, which was the site of the old bridge from Corvallis to the Polk County line.

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

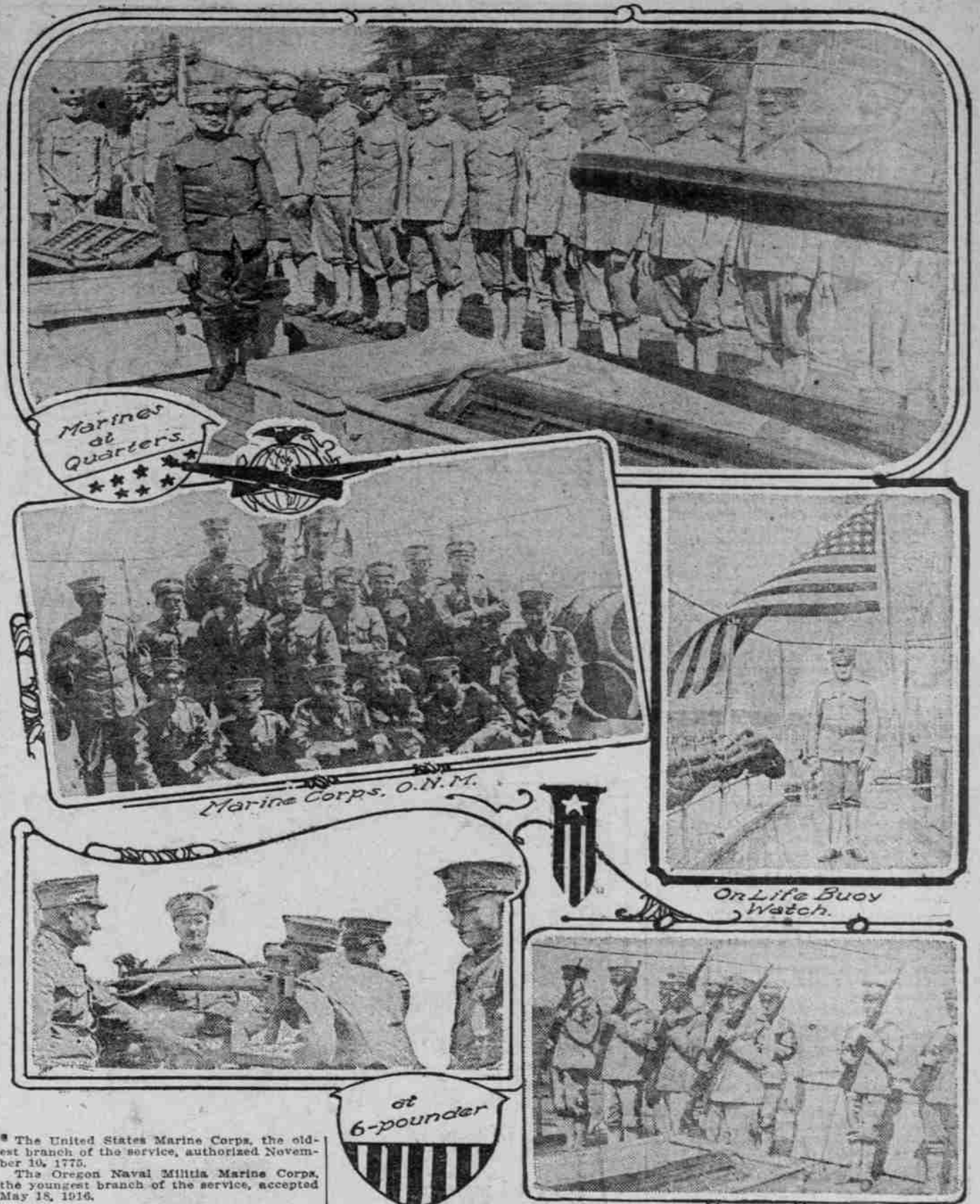
RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special).—A school industrial exhibit recently made by the students of the Felida school which demonstrated the results of their training in making the exhibits in the various departments.

ABERDEEN TO BE GAY Plans Being Made for Company G and University Club Dances.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 2.—(Special).—Elaborate plans are being made by Company G, National Guard, of this city, for a big party to be given on New Year's night. Governor Lister is among the out-of-town guests invited for the occasion.

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.



The United States Marine Corps, the oldest branch of the service, authorized November 10, 1775. The Oregon Naval Militia Marine Corps, the youngest branch of the service, accepted March 1, 1916.

THE marine section of the Oregon Naval Militia, the latest branch of the service to be organized, is rapidly being recruited up to its full strength. The company now numbers 35 men and one officer, while a full company is only 45 men.

A better man physically and mentally and stand him in good stead in any walk of life. It is a well-known adage, "A man that cannot receive orders, and obey them, cannot give orders and expect them obeyed."

Road Building Taught. On shore the Marines are trained in the use of portable searchlights and various other methods of signaling; range finding; the erecting, operation, and maintenance of telephone and telegraph lines; the planting of land and submarine mines; the handling of torpedoes; the erection and demolition of bridges; the building of roads; the handling of heavy weights and various methods of signaling and transporting.

Teeth Are Carefully Examined. The prospective recruit must pass a physical examination by the regular militia surgeon and then undergo a critical examination by the recruiting officer, who inquires into his moral fitness and general desirability.

PLANS ARE MADE TO WORK PIONEER OREGON TRAILS

ALBANY, 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 held in this city November 17.

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(Continued From Page 10.) musical ability. Her work showed the stamp placed upon it by her eminent teacher, Wagner Swaine, who during the present year is residing in New York.

At Trinity Episcopal Church tonight, this programme of selections from Italian composers will be played on the pipe organ by Lucien E. Becker. "Offertory E Minor" (Morandi), "Ave Maria, op. 104" (Boschi), "Grand March" from "Aida" (Verdi), "Sextet" from "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti), "Overture" to "William Tell" (Rossini).

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 foam. On the number of the Wagner programme had just been given and the conductor was preparing for the next "Neighbor," asked one of the gentlemen with a 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.

When an applicant passes this examination, he can pride himself in the fact that he is physically fit, that he is a man, measured by a man's physical standard.

There are only five Naval Militia Marine companies in the United States, the new Marine Section in Oregon being one of them.

John Deagan, tenor, will repeat his solo, "My Task," given in First Christian Church at today's service, and the minister has chosen the words of the song as the text for his sermon. This makes the third time Mr. Deagan has been asked to sing "My Task" since he became a member of this choir this season.

Mrs. Marguerite Moore Bourne has been appointed solo soprano in the choir of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. She has an admirable voice and a pleasant personality, and was formerly solo soprano at Mount Taber Methodist Episcopal Church.