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HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE MAY 8.

**Klamath Falls, North Bend, St. Johns
and Springfield Are Still in
the Running.**

EUGENE, March 24.—Under the stewardship of R. W. Prescott, assistant instructor in public speaking at the University of Oregon, the final contest of the Oregon High School Debate League, at which the championship of the state is to be decided, will be held at Eugene, Thursday evening, May 8. This championship contest will be one of the features of the program of Junior Week End. All the gala days at the University have been placed in the Junior Week which is annually scheduled for the middle of May. Baseball games, an intercollegiate track meet with the University of Washington, and one in which the teams from all the high schools of the state participate are among the events of this spring.

Heretofore, the preliminary debates in the Oregon High School Debate League have lasted until late in May and prevented the holding of the final contest during Junior Week End. This year all but the semi-final debates have been held already. The last preliminaries will be held at North Bend and Springfield early in April. They will be between Klamath Falls of the Southern Oregon district, and North Bend of the Coos Bay district, and St. Johns and Springfield of the Columbia River and Willamette Valley districts, respectively. The winners of these contests will fight for the state championship in the final debate at the University. They have shown themselves to be the best of the thirty-five high school teams entered in the league.

The Oregon State High School Debate League was founded through the efforts of Professor DeCou, head of the department of mathematics at the University of Oregon, five years ago. The schools winning the state championship have been as follows: Hebanon in 1908, Grants Pass in 1909 and 1911, Pendleton in 1910 and Albany high school in 1912. A handsome cup is given to the state championship team.

NEWS WAS DELAYED.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 24.—The first dispatch direct from Omaha reached here at 5:10 this morning. It is said that hundreds were killed and injured in a cyclone which occurred at 5:40 p. m. Sunday.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., March 24.—A tornado covering a widespread area in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana did terrific damage late yesterday afternoon. Besides Omaha, which was the worst sufferer, fragmentary reports from Berlin, Ashland and Yucatan, Neb., Marshalltown, Ackley, Woodbine and Carroll, Iowa, Terra Haute, Ind., and Abilene, Kansas, brought news of a grave destruction.

In some instances the reports said that the towns were completely wrecked. Every message contains news of many injured and in several cases persons were reported killed. At Crain, Neb., several were killed. Several were also killed at Galesburg, Ill.

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**BANDON PLANS
PORT DISTRICT**

BANDON, March 25.—The Bandon Recorder says: "At last night's meeting of the Bandon Commercial club Mr. Poole made a report regarding the general feeling in Myrtle Point with regard to annexing Bandon and Coquille into the Port of the Coquille River. Mr. Poole appeared before the Port Commission at Myrtle Point. The Commission seemed to be of the opinion that as the lower river would control the major portion of the votes, the money raised from the port would be spent on the lower river and the upper river neglected. Mr. Poole stated to the commission that as the advantage Bandon possessed over Coos Bay was in the Coquille river and that the development of the river is to become a great seaport, it followed that the voters in Bandon would always be active in any measure for the improvement of the river, the higher up the river is improved the better for Bandon. The secretary talked with a large number of men in Myrtle Point and found with only one exception that the men who shaped public opinion in that district did not think a union in one port desirable or practical."

MAKE TRIP SAFELY.

Roseburg Party Navigating Umpqua Had No Accident.

The Roseburg Review says: "Success had attended the Schlegelmilch party, which is making a trip down the Umpqua in a houseboat, up till last Wednesday morning when they reached Millwood, a distance of about twenty-five miles by water route from this city. Nothing has been heard from them since, but it is presumed, in the absence of news, that the voyage has not been attended by any mishap. It was predicted that the voyagers would come to grief on the Winniford rapids near the lower Garden Valley, about eight miles below Roseburg, and in anticipation of something exciting a large crowd of people collected on the river bank in advance. But the rapids didn't worry the Schlegelmilchs at all. After brief advance inspection, they even disdained to let the women and children disembark and the party in its entirety swept over the rapids safely, the while waving their hands to the astonished watchers on the shore."

NORTH BEND NOTES.

A well known North Bend saloon-keeper is reported to have forgotten the new closing ordinance the other night and remained in his place after 12:30. The nightwatch reported him to some of the councilmen, who served notice on him that he must be more careful in the future or that he is likely to lose his license. If the nightwatch had been allowed to file charges before City Recorder Derbyshire, the offender's license would have been revoked.

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**PLAN TO CLOSE
MILL SLOUGH**

At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce today, a resolution was passed asking that the Port of Coos Bay, Chamber of Commerce, City of Marshfield and Oregon State Board of Health cooperate in an effort to have Congress pass an act permitting the filling of Mill Slough. The matter will be conducted through the city and will be hastened as much as possible.

For Brick Plant.

The committee also discussed a proposition from J. E. Walling of Portland to establish a brick yard here. He visited the Bay recently and secured samples of clay from Eastside, Isthmus Inlet, Coos River and other places. He sent down seven fine brick which he said were made from the samples of clay. He said that the brick were burned only 45 hours, instead of seven days as they have been. He wants to organize a \$25,000 stock company here to start the plant. He proposes to put in \$3000 and have citizens here subscribe the balance. The matter will be investigated.

**BAD MIXUP AT
A REHEARSAL**

It was at the band room and the Coos Bay Concert Band was about to begin its evening rehearsal. Director Fenton had given out the parts to the members, the trombone players had oiled their slides, the clarinet players and joined the different sections of their instruments together, the corner player and horn players sat with their instruments gripped in their hands and their eyes on their parts, and after a glance around the circle to see that everything was all right, the director slowly raised his baton.

Down came the baton. Crash! "Ye gods, what is this awful noise!" asked Fenton, as he wildly clawed his hair. Each musician looked at his neighbor, with questions in his eyes, and lips quivering with unspoken words.

Then the investigation commenced. A look at the music of the horn players showed that this section were entirely within its rights of stating "it ain't us." Trombones were able to show a clean bill, and the first and solo cornet players gave up their parts, after flipping the opening notes.

Moving along the circle to the clarinets, Doc Toye was the first to come under the eagle eye of the director. Doc had been playing pinochle and absent-mindedly had cut the "cards" with his music as the parts were passed to him, and the first piece that was turned up belonged to something entirely different.

To the saxophones next the leader moved. The first one passed out his music and received it back with the remark that it was all right. Then George Ayres handed over his part. The director looked at it. Then looked again. "I believe that if you would trade parts with the bass drummer, it would give us the effect we are looking for, as the bass drum part played upon a saxophone leaves much to be desired. And the motions made by the bass drummer to try and play the saxophone part, might lead in the dislocation of some of his limbs, as the gymnastics he went through in trying to get some of those notes would lead one to believe," remarked the director, as he moved on to the bass section.

Perry gave up his part for inspection, which satisfied the leader.

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Charley Ellerbeck then handed out his music. The director looked at it, and said, "Charley, just hit that first bar, will you, it looks as though there might be something wrong with that third note. Let's hear how it sounds."

Charley drew a deep breath and lifted his tuba. "All right," said the director. "Ump-mp-ph," came forth from the big bell, some of the worst noises ever heard, and some of which would make a long-eared burro so jealous he would remain silent for life.

Every eye in the room was turned toward Charley. He took his horn down and a puzzled expression began to creep over his face. He looked at the valves, the slides, and the water key. Took a long breath and blew into the mouth-piece. The puzzled expression became more intense.

Finally Doc Toye crossed over the room and took the horn from his nerveless hands and began to probe for the cause of trouble. (Doc's some prober, too.) Up and down he looked over the big tuba, tried the "set" of the keys, went over the slides, with professional mien and then looked into the bell. He moved over to the light and looked again. Then he inserted his arm down into the cavity and extracted a pair of gloves.

The case grew more puzzling than ever, until Charley spoke up: "Now, what do you think of that? I hunted all 'over the house for those gloves before going out on my run this morning, but couldn't find them. Had my horn standing in the corner of the room and must have thrown them in there when taking them off." This cleared up matters, and the director returned to his stand.

Raising the baton, the instruments came up to each face; and when it was lowered, there came

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forth a burst of melody so sweet and haunting that Manager Fred Wilson and Lew Keyzer, who were sitting in the rear of the room, began peacefully to smile, and smile as the strains of the sweet music that is to be rendered at the Night of Laughs began to steal softly through the room. The Busy Corner is selling the tickets. March 26 and March 27 are the dates.

CONFESS IT A SWINDLE.

PORTLAND, March 22.—Fabulous wealth in gold ingots, precious stones and buried treasure lying in the depth of the ocean is the reward promised to those who will invest money in a \$500,000 concern for the manufacture of the Sisson deep-sea bell by the Inter-Continental Salvage

company, two officers of which had appeared before United States Post-office Inspector Harry Durand and confessed that the thing was a swindle.

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