

**SALEM HIGH SCHOOL
WINS JOINT DEBATE**



Roseburg High School Debating Team—Reading From Left to Right, Ethel Shupe, Elmer Wilson and Hilith Moore.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)
Salem, Or., May 12.—The Salem High school debating team won from the Roseburg high school team last night by a decision of 2 to 1. The question was, "Resolved, That the ends of justice would be better served if the jury system were abolished, and the decision in all cases of litigation be rendered by the judge or judges." Salem defended the present system.

The large auditorium of the First Baptist church was well filled with an appreciative audience. Both teams

handled their sides of the subject well and the debate was very close.

The visiting team was tendered a banquet after the debate.

The judges were Professor W. H. McCall of Willamette university, Professor John S. Graham of the Salem public schools and Rev. W. H. Selleck of the First Methodist church in this city. Rev. F. W. Cliffe, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, was the presiding officer.

The Roseburg team was composed of Elmer Wilson, Ethel Shupe and Hilith Moore. Helen Phillips, Rex Turner and Edwin Haslam represented Salem.

**KETCHIKAN HAS
MANY GOOD MINES**

Niblack Shipping Heavy Tonnage to Tacoma Smelter Under Contract.

COPPERMOUNT SMELTER IS PREPARING TO BLOW IN

Other Properties Open New Year With Promise of Best Work Known.

"Ketchikan district of Alaska is preparing for one of the best years in mining ever seen there," says A. P. Lawson, a commercial traveler, who has just returned from the northern country. "Several prominent properties are shaping for heavy work this season."

"At the Niblack I am told that the management is preparing to ship 50,000 tons of copper ore this summer to the Tacoma smelter, having entered into a contract for this amount. The first shipment was to have been made last week, and will be anywhere from 5,000 to 10,000 tons. There is much ore on the dump at this property."

"At the Coppermount smelter all is bustle and animation. The management is preparing to open this plant immediately, and it may have blown in before this time. The capacity there is from 200 to 250 tons. A launch and barges are being put on the inlet waters to reach all the properties shipping ore, or where there is prospect of any being produced. This plant is intended to handle the output of the district, and it is expected that eager bidding will be witnessed for the product that has formerly been shipped away."

"I do not think that the Hedley will do much smelting this season. It has a capacity of 400 tons. The management is opening the Hedley mine, having put a strong force at work there, but

I doubt that the smelter will figure in the market this year, at least.

"The work on the marble quarries of Prince of Wales island is also attracting much attention. The American Coral Marble company of Portland has put a strong force at work at Dolomi and another point where there is an exposure of the marble deposit. The big quarry at the northern end of the island will probably be worked thoroughly this season, although I understand there is no crew of any size at present engaged on this property."

"It would be tedious to enumerate all the other working properties of Ketchikan. The Omar Mining company, also a Portland property, has put a large force at work on the old Khayyan mine, and will doubtless be an important producer this year. Many young mines are coming to the front. For instance, the Corbin, near Coppermount, has sent in 500 tons of ore to the Coppermount smelter, and is in condition to continue small shipments during the season. Ketchikan will be one of the great mining districts of the west some day. There are great ore bodies on the coast and islands there, just as you find in the James district. Realization on such great properties is slow, but the time will come when they will be fully appreciated and worked."

BADGER CASE PASSES TO SUCCEEDING JUDGE

In the suit of the Badger Mining and Milling company against the Stockton Gold and Copper Mining company, which was argued and submitted some time ago before Judge Bellinger, no decision has ever been rendered. This was the action in which the Badger management sought to establish title to a half interest in the Stockton claim, through the interests of a former owner who had not done any work or paid his share of representation for several years. The evidence was taken before a commissioner in chancery, and arguments were made to Judge Bellinger without the intervention of a jury.

With other cases submitted and which had not been decided, this suit will probably have to be heard again. It would be difficult for another judge to take up the threads of the unfinished proceeding and render judgment.

An early decision was expected, as the interests involved are heavy. The Badger company is said to have expended \$25,000 in development on the Stockton, from levels of the Badger workings. It was also believed by the Stockton owners that much of what was shipped from the 600 and 700 levels of the Badger last year was from beyond the Stockton sideline. In view of this fact, an injunction was expected, but in prospect of an early decision summary restraint was not invoked. As a decision cannot be expected now for an indefinite period, immediate developments may be of a different nature to what would otherwise have been the case.

CEMENT TESTS GAVE SATISFACTORY RESULTS

The cement tests conducted in this city the past week by Dr. W. Michaelis, Jr., of Chicago for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., are understood to have been satisfactory to the owners, and the natural conclusion follows that there will be heavy work on the Puget sound deposits. Dr. Michaelis was here as a cement expert and would not divulge the results of his work in any respect, as the information belonged to the owners of the deposits and his employers. At the time of his departure he seemed satisfied with results, but would not indicate anything further.

From Puget sound, where the deposits are located, it is received more definite information. It is learned that the deposits are near Bellingham, there being the necessary elements in close proximity to a rail line. It is further stated

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by Puget sound men that the tests prosecuted have been eminently satisfactory to all interests, and that work is to be taken up for installing a big plant, which will produce cement for not only the local market, but will become a heavy exporter. Details of this work will probably not be given out until everything is perfected, as the management of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. do not care to divulge the proceedings to the public.

There is a splendid cement market in the Pacific northwest and on the shores of the Pacific, in both the occident and orient the demand is stupendous. With a successful plant in operation anywhere in this region, the benefits to the country will be inestimable, through saving of money formerly paid for an import, and through the additional revenue to be had from employing a large force of men here, and possibly exporting in heavy quantities.

MICHAELIS WILL PUT HIS TABLE ON EXHIBIT

Among the concentrating machines that will be experimented with here by the United States geological survey, in separating gold and other values from black sands, will be the Michaelis flour gold device, which is being tried at Ogden, Utah. The inventor wrote the present week that he would have a machine here and that it would be given an exhaustive test. This plant is a combination of amalgamating plates and concentrating tables, quicksilver and water concentration being the principles employed for the two devices.

It is evident that there will be great interest in this work. Mining men from all parts of the west have been in communication with the geological survey officials and the local representatives. It is the universal desire to have the government enterprise fostered in every way possible, and as great a variety given the tests as western products will permit.

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