

\$5,000 TO BE AWARDED

Governor Names Judges to Select Best Stories on Oregon Appearing in Publications—Close of Commercial Club's Contest.

Governor Chamberlain has announced the names of the committee of three who will judge the articles written concerning Oregon in the various newspapers and periodicals of the country in competition for the Portland Commercial club's prizes aggregating \$5,000.

Those who are to act as judges are: James Tyler, news editor of The Journal, one of the most capable and widely known newspaper men of the Pacific coast; Professor James F. Ewing of Portland Academy, and W. J. Curdy, editor of the Oregonian's weekly edition, whose experience will make him a competent judge. All three have agreed to serve and will start in on their task of reading the 300 or more articles immediately.

In order to increase the interest in Oregon and Portland and to make the knowledge of their resources more widely known, the Portland Commercial club offered prizes amounting to \$5,000 and ranging from a first prize of \$1,000 to 20 prizes of \$10 each for the best articles concerning the state and its metropolitan.

The articles, in order to be eligible for competition, must have appeared in a regular edition of some newspaper or magazine dated on or before December 31, 1907, printed outside of the state of Oregon and Washington, sealed and in the hands of the judges before February 1.

It was the intention of the club not to boom the country, but to have the people of the United States become more familiar with the resources of Oregon. Prizes in all are to be awarded. Of these the first will be for \$1,000, the second \$500, third \$150, fourth \$100, fifth \$75, sixth \$50, seventh \$25, eighth \$10, ninth \$10, tenth \$10, 11th \$5, 12th \$5, 13th \$5, 14th \$5, 15th \$5, 16th \$5, 17th \$5, 18th \$5, 19th \$5, 20th \$5.

It has been suggested by one of the judges that a total of 100 points be agreed upon as the perfect article, of which 30 are to be for circulation, 30 for the quality of the circulation, and 40 for the merit of the article.

BABY SEES SUICIDE OF FATHER; HIDES PISTOL

Not Realizing Parent Was Dead, Boy Plans to Prevent a Second Attempt.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Middleburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—Lincoln Boreman, an apparently prosperous farmer, residing west of this place, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself. He leaves a 4-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter.

The youngest was in the yard with Boreman when the father pulled a pistol from his pocket and said he was going to kill himself. He then fired the fatal shot.

His clothing caught fire, and the child obtained water and extinguished the blaze. The boy then took the pistol, and, running into the house, hid it upstairs for fear his father would again get it. He then went to the schoolhouse near by and told his sister of what had happened.

Boreman's wife died a little over a year ago.

CLERKS OBJECT TO NEGRO GIRL

Typewritist Passed Number One in Civil Service Examinations for Government Position.

New York, Feb. 1.—When Miss Lilian B. Wright of Chicago, walked into the office of the supervising architect of the treasury this morning and sat down at a typewriter, she was met by a chorus of murmurs of a race war.

Miss Wright is a negro, but she is bright. She turned in an appeal to the supervising architect, and when this vacancy happened she was assigned to it. Supervising Architect Taylor said there had been no hairpulling, no scratching—as yet. A few months ago a negro who had succeeded in answering the civil service questions was assigned to the draughting department of the treasury. He had to work in juxtaposition to a fair-haired youth, and on the second or third day of the association they mixed.

No decision was rendered, as the bout was stopped. There was an appeal to the secretary of the treasury, who refused to recognize any color line, and the negro remains. The position of the treasury department is that under the 14th amendment the government cannot discriminate against the negro race.

SALEM COURT DECIDES ON TITLE FOR BILL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Feb. 1.—Judge Galloway Thursday afternoon decided the remonstrance against the ballot title to house bill No. 137, the university appropriation bill against which a remonstrance had been invoked.

He sides neither with the friends of the university who wanted the title changed, nor with the opponents of the bill who wanted the title as drawn by the attorney general to stand, but took a middle ground and gave the bill the legislative title as read on the Australian ballot an act to amend by increasing the appropriation for the support and maintenance of the state university. He held that it would not be fair to accept the title prepared by the remonstrants as it had been admitted in argument by the counsel for the university that its present support was over \$50,000 per annum, and this admitted fact made the original title supplied by the attorney-general equally unfair and misleading.

The Jumping Off Place.

"Consumption had me in its grasp; and I had almost reached the jumping off place when I was advised to try Dr. King's New Discovery; and I want to say right now, it saved my life. Improvement began with the first bottle, and after taking one dozen bottles was a well and happy man again," says George Moore, of Grimsland, N. C. It is a remedy for coughs and colds and a healer of weak, sore lungs and for preventing pneumonia. New Discovery is supreme. 50c and \$1.00 at Blainmore Drug Co., druggists. Trial bottle free.

CUTE LITTLE OREGON BABIES.



OUR CHICAGO NEWS LETTER

(Special Correspondent of The Journal.) Chicago, Jan. 28.—The parade of the unemployed in Chicago was significant, but nothing more. There's no denying that there still are a great many reduced payrolls, many factories throughout the west as well as east running on short time, many jobbing houses that are on retrenchment basis. All over Illinois, for instance, the factories are either shut down, on short time or else chiefly filling old orders. Freight earnings of railroads are falling off rapidly. Manufacturers, jobbers and merchants have not recovered buoyancy; they are keeping inside their own resources, for during the recent financial flurry the banks, hampered by the inelastic, outgrown currency system and self-protection, required payment of loans at a rate that caused hardship all along the line. The recent agreement of the currency commission of the American Bankers' association upon a new currency plan embracing all of the needed features of elasticity and greater security now promises to bring to pass some serious consideration by congress of the financial question. When congressmen begin hearing from the business men, which includes farmers and stockmen in their districts and states, it is a safe forecast that they will really take up for adoption this currency measure that has such a hallmark of careful preparation. When bankers disagreed, senators and representatives declared the solution of the question was "too much for them."

Some 115,000 tons of the wool from farms and sheep ranches as far west as the Rocky mountain slopes curiously enough was whirled past Chicago in 1907 to mills in the east, where "it went right in and turned around and came right back west again, at least 25,000,000 yards of it did. It just shows that this country is still young, hasn't got down to business yet, for the matter of freight on the wool to eastern mills and on the cloth marketed from Chicago is an item of no small importance. The total production of wool in the United States in 1906 was 233,155,730 pounds, of which 77 per cent was shorn in the west and southwest. The fact that no big woolen mills have been started near the big woolen goods market was recently commented on by W. H. Manss, industrial commissioner of Chicago. "Wool freights from Billings, Montana, to Boston are \$1.70, to Chicago \$1.35, a difference of 35 cents a hundredweight," he said. "Cleaning reduces the weight of wool about one half, so there would be a profit to wool growers and manufacturers of \$30 a ton, away" the winter, and the country is asked to look on the spectacle of a nation anxiously awaiting the solution of the pressing problems, while its highest legislative body purposely drones away the months at \$7,500 per.

AUTOCRAT "JOE" OF THE HOUSE

What Your Uncle Cannon Says Comes Very Near Being Law.

By John E. Lathrop. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—"See that nothing is done this winter, beyond passing abbreviated appropriation bills. Don't take up any general legislation, excepting the report of the committee on revision of the federal laws, which is an excellent matter to nullify and give the boys something with which to amuse themselves."

That is (in words to that effect) the order issued by "Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house, to his lieutenants at the beginning of the present session, is scarcely likely to be denied by any sane man, Republican or Democrat.

In the senate, it was not the vice-president who issued the "do nothing" orders, for the vice-president has absolutely nothing to do with the course of legislation, excepting to sit high up on his scepter's throne and preside in a routine manner. But the orders were issued in the senate, nevertheless, and it is suspected that perhaps it was Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island and his chief of staff, the wily Senator Crane of Massachusetts, who formulated them.

At any rate, both houses are "fooling

political horse-playing. I sat in the gal-

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT MARCOLA.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Feb. 1.—The new public school building recently completed at Marcola, the lumbering town in the Mohawk valley, fifteen miles northeast of Eugene, has four large rooms and a basement, and was erected at a cost of \$5,000. It has a hot air heating plant and other modern features. Marcola has grown, in five years, from one or two houses to a town of 300 or 400 inhabitants, and the citizens are now talking of incorporating. The Southern Pacific has three large sawmills there, and several other firms have smaller plants in that vicinity.

Recital at Eilers.

Despite the inclement weather a large audience was present at the recital given by Eilers' piano house at their recital hall Friday evening at which Charles Cutter, baritone, was soloist. Mr. Cutter's baritone voice was very much enjoyed, particularly in the Armenian song from Robin Hood and the Arabian romance by Couchois. The accompaniments for Mr. Cutter were played with the pianola as well as a group of Mr. Eilers' solo embracing a wide range of music from the dainty ballet of Chaminade to the ponderous Don Juan fantasia of Liszt. These recitals, while primarily given for the purpose of demonstrating the capabilities of the pianola, are becoming more popular each season as everyone attending is always assured of a most enjoyable musical evening. The soloist for Friday, February 7, will be Miss M. Evelyn Hurley, contralto.

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lery a whole afternoon, while the senate was not in session last week, listened to every word spoken, tried to get a "story" worth printing, and then came down to my office with his alternatives but to thump out a diatribe on the purposeless house of representatives of the first session of the sixtieth congress. Record contains a long speech delivered by some member, Democrat or Republican, which he speaks to a host of members, who were busy writing at their desks and paying less heed to the orator than they did to the king of the Fiji islands. These speeches are printed in the government printing office at a low price, and then "franked" out to admiring constituents, who, receiving the copies liberally punctured with "applause" or "much applause" or even "strong continued applause" (these applause comments perhaps being written in by the member when he "edit" the speech for the Congressional Record) think that "there congressman of ours is mighty smart. Didn't he wake up the house again, other day when he made that speech."

Less actual work is done this winter than one may witness in the ordinary course of the session. The members at Salt. It is a policy of absolutely doing nothing which has been decided on by Speaker Cannon, and by him through the chairman of the Appropriation committee, and Burton, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, and the ways and means committee, and communicated to the subservient members of the body which is presumed to come fresh from the people to carry out their will.

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