

CONTESTANT DESCRIBES LOCAL LABOR TO BUILD PIPE

Contestant Manager: Believing all workers in The Journal's scholarship contest are deeply interested in this great educational competition, I know a few lines about my southern Oregon trip will not be amiss just now, when the contest is in full progress.

"That there's 'no place like home' is surely true, and I am indeed glad to be at home and in Portland again, if even for a short time. I do not mean to convey by this that I haven't enjoyed my trip through southern Oregon, for I did, and every minute of it at that.

"I always liked Medford, and was glad that duty called me into that part of the country again. I found it very warm here, but my welcome was still warmer than the weather. I met a great many of my last year's acquaintances, and also many friends who were favored greatly while in Medford with having to help and work with one of the nearest girls in the town, Miss Helen Clemens. There are many times when work becomes a pleasure, and such was the case when I worked with the Medford contestant.

"Medford seems to be pushing straight ahead, and everyone in the town is quick and glad to help anyone who is ambitious. Such was the case with my work there for Miss Hockenoy. It was with true regret that I waved goodbye to Medford and its people.

"I found Ashland still the beautiful town on the hills.

Liked Ashland.

"I thought I was indeed fortunate to be in Ashland during a greater part of the southern Oregon Chautauque, which is held there annually. Mr. Billings, the president of the Chautauque, and many others were very nice to me. While there and in connection with my work I was able to hear two lectures delivered by Dr. Ira Landrith of Nashville, Tenn., two of the finest speeches I have ever had the pleasure to hear. I made the personal acquaintance of the great lecturer and enjoyed talking with him very much. He mentioned women and girls working, and I asked him what he thought of my working and of my work. He said, 'Miss Clemens, I think you have done the most noble thing I have ever seen a girl engaged in—traveling around and encouraging young people to work and strive to go to school.' He also added that he wished I could attend their school in Tennessee.

"Because of my name, many people ask me about Mark Twain. This led to a very interesting experience on my part. I met a man in Ashland, who asked me if I was related to Mark Twain. When I said I was he began asking me about playing with him when I was a little girl and many other very interesting things.

"Miss Hockenoy and I had a delightful time over the three days we were in Ashland. Being a little tired from our day's work, we decided to have a little picnic and went to a beautiful little stream—the stream that makes Ashland so sought after by tourists. We found a delightful shady nook, and sitting down, had a splendid luncheon and enjoyed talking over together the various experiences that we had had as contest workers.

Journey by Auto.

"Leaving Medford, a few days later, in an automobile, I reached Gold Hill, the little town, nestled among the hills, finding that the young lady I was working for was far up in the mountains, our chauffeur headed the horseless carriage up some of the roughest and roughest roads I have traveled since my own contest days. But even the roughest roads secured its reward, and I secured the young lady, Miss Grace Ryan, a splendid girl, and took her back with me.

"I spent one day and night with this delightful brown-eyed girl and was sorry when the train whistled the warning note for my departure.

"Grants Pass was the next in line and was a willing aid to the contest. Like Grants Pass, I believe that I visit there and was pleased to meet many sociable people. The first thing I noticed when I entered Grants Pass was the beautiful large arch across the main street and in full view of the hundreds of tourists and people passing through this town. One arch bears the inscription in large black letters, 'A Land of Resources.' Such I found to be the case. Securing a contestant out of the prettiest and nicest girls, by name, Vernice Gilkey, we soon found that the people here are resourceful and were quick and willing to help us to secure a scholarship for Miss Gilkey in the Willamette university. Grants Pass, though an inland town, has many resources for pleasure, and after our day's work was ended Vernice and I had great fun riding horseback for miles we followed the beautiful Rogue river. In this way I was able to see much of the grand country that surrounds the pass.

"I love this work, and like it better every day. I have received some splendid personal letters from the different contestants I have worked with, and they seem to like the work as well as I do. But it isn't all fun. For there are drawbacks in this as in any other work, but when one loves the work it brightens many an otherwise shadowy nook. Thus I might continue telling of the work and of the pleasure I have derived from my trip in the southern part of the state.

Found Another Contestant.

"Salem loomed full in my face a few days ago. There I had a complete change. A young man had decided that the girls were not to be the only ones to receive benefits from this contest. I found a former schoolmate of mine, Paul A. Noonan, hard at work, billing up names, in view of securing the scholarship in the medical department of the Willamette university.

"Mr. Noonan is a fine young man and although he has only been a real resident of the capital town eight months, still he is well known and much thought of throughout the town.

"With the big hall of justice there before us it seems that we were striving for that that secure enable us to climb those famous steps, or steps to honor. One day, taking an early start, we terminated our trip in the large new structure for the public buildings, which they are now building and canvas are being laid on the roof. The building is the most employed there. This building lies north of Salem about

four miles. Well, you should have seen us after we had tramped the dusty roads for about an hour. With no paths it meant just plod through the dirt sometimes up to the knees. But I enjoyed it. It seemed to me like a picnic and many a jolly laugh and complimentary remark we soon discovered (along about noon) that hazelnuts were ripe so this gave us something to do while tramping about. 'The Promised Land,' said my companion, at length, for there in the distance up on a knoll, so as to have a splendid outlook over the surrounding country, loomed the beautiful buildings now under construction. Imagine me in the stripes, lounging around. For it was noon time. But we soon learned that the boys they get the money for anything. We learned that our subscriber was a finely educated man and a graduate of a large college. MILDRED L. CLEMENS.

Will Increase Lead.

"From now on the students will be working with more zeal, as they are on the homeward lap of the great race for scholarships. Those who have a good lead will do their best to retain their places, while the others will be making greater efforts to catch up and to overtake those who from hard work, luck or other circumstances, have an easy lead. In 1907 the students were able to secure a large number of orders for The Oregon Journal early in the race. Friends of the contestants are urging them to keep up the work faithfully, and it is expected that there will be many changes of positions on the score in the contest. The students are showing that they mean business by the creditable showing they are making in the districts. The Oregon Journal has surprised the whole working force, who are now guessing what the young ladies will do. Miss Gilkey of Grants Pass has surprised the whole working force, who are now guessing what the young ladies will do. Miss Gilkey of Grants Pass has surprised the whole working force, who are now guessing what the young ladies will do.

Unions Will Ask Improvement Work to Be Started at Once.

In the face of the big strike on the Canadian Pacific and extensive lay-offs by the Southern Pacific, union labor is looking to Portland as the most prosperous place on the coast provided work is begun soon on the municipal improvements provided for by the city bond issue. Memorials will be sent to the various commercial bodies, business men's associations and push clubs to ask their aid in having the work begun immediately so as to improve labor conditions in the city.

In 1893 and 1894 when the rest of the Pacific coast was almost dead industrially, Portland's public improvement work kept her the best city for labor in the west. The present Bull Run pipe line was built at that time and furnished employment to many skilled as well as unskilled laborers.

International Trustee M. J. Kelly of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers is attempting to have the new Bull Run pipe line work commenced in the immediate future. About one half of the members of his union in Portland are out of work at present, there have been reductions in the Southern Pacific shops and the contract shops are quiet. Mr. Kelly is attempting to have the council say that the work of constructing the steel pipe shall be done in Portland. He cites the fact that the price of iron is lower than it has been for years and that freight rates will raise before the first of the year.

"In the interest of economy as well as of business the council should take immediate action," said Kelly. "There is no reason why Portland can not make as good pipe as any other place. I understand that Eugene also contemplates building a pipe line and I have been instructed to furnish them with available data showing the superiority of steel pipe over any other variety."

RIDE WITH DEATH IN BURNING CAR

With the boxcar in which they were riding and its contents, baled hay, blazing fiercely and filling the narrow car with suffocating smoke, three tramps rode into Portland yesterday afternoon and were released in the nick of time to save their lives.

The hoboes climbed into the car at The Dalles, where it had been loaded with the bales of hay. They hid behind the big bales and were not discovered when the doors were locked. Just before the train started they went to sleep. When they awoke the fire had such a headway that all they could do was to pray that the car should reach Portland before the end came.

Portland's fire department was notified by the train got into Bull Run's gulch and the firemen and the crew discovered the fire, which by that time was beginning to show through the roof. When the east side depot was reached the car was cut out and its door smashed open.

So surprised were the tramps that the hoboes were not stopped, but ran off down East Second as fast as their legs could carry them.

The police last night tried in vain to find the three hoboes. The damage to the hay and the car amounts to about \$1,000.

Treason

From the Commoner.

We would not for the world engage in criticism of the court. But surely there can be no harm in reproducing the Republican editorial (for whoever knew a Republican editorial to be out of accord with the accepted rules of polite society?). The New York Press, a Republican paper, referring to the Grosscup decision says:

"The judgment of the court of appeals, which calls for careful scrutiny and cool reading, cannot alter the public conviction that the offenders behind the Standard Oil corporation in its rebate crimes deserve to be in the penitentiary and will be sent there when the law is enforced by those who take oaths to administer it."

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Curry Teachers at Gold Beach

Annual Institute Will Convene Monday, August 10—Three Days' Session—Big Attendance Expected.

(Special Despatch to The Journal.)

Gold Beach, Or., Aug. 6.—The annual teachers' institute will be held here for three days, beginning Monday, August 10. An interesting program has been arranged by the new county school superintendent, who will be here for both day and evening sessions.

During the former topics of interest to the teachers will be discussed, and the evening sessions will consist of recitations, addresses and music.

Last year the institute was a joint one for Coos and Curry, held at Grants Pass. This year, however, they will be held separately and a fuller attendance is expected here in consequence.

Demons Drove Him to Drink Carbolio

(United Press Lead Wire.)

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Believing that he was persecuted by demons, William Letterin, 18 years old, drank carbolio acid on a vacant lot at Harrison and Fremont streets, where his dead body was found early today. He left several rambling notes. One was addressed to his mother. After bidding his good-byes he described an attack made upon him by evil spirits. He said he knew he was going to be killed and was afraid to go home. He wrote his sister, Ella Letterin, that the demons were going to drown him in the bay and then put his body upon the lot where it was found. He also appointed four of his friends pallbearers. He signed a letter of identification, saying his name was William Letterin and his address 223 Harrison street, for the benefit of the coroner's deputies.

An empty bottle which had contained carbolio acid was found by the body.

A Sense of Humor.

The anti-What are all of those files in the window still laughing at? The moth miller—The cat has just put her paw on the flypaper.

Getting a Good Ready.

The governor of Sonoma—Who is the governor, Dickerson? The secretary—Mr. Monk, sir. The governor—What? What does he want? "Why, he's chairman, sir, of the Central African Roosevelt committee on reptilian sir. He wants a phone station set up in the jungle, sir."

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One lot Ladies' Linen Waists, special	\$ 89
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