

HIGH SCHOOLS VIE FOR DEBATING CUP

Spirited Contest Is Expected in Oregon League During Present Season.

High schools of three cities are studiously preparing this year for the Oregon High School Debating league series in an effort to gain permanent possession of the silver regents' cup, offered by the regents of the University of Oregon to the school twice winning the final debate. Lebanon, Grants Pass and Pendleton each have held the cup for one year, and each hopes to win absolute possession this season, while the other schools hope to get a claim upon it.

High schools of about 10 towns outside of Portland are members of the league, and are classified into the eastern Oregon, Columbia river, central Oregon, southern Oregon and Coos county districts. The subject of the final contest will be: "Resolved, That national conservation of natural resources is preferable to state conservation."

The October number of the University of Oregon Bulletin is devoted to the announcement of the plans of the league for 1916-1917, compiled by Edgar B. DeCoo, professor of mathematics at the university, and secretary treasurer of the league. In addition to the announcements it contains a comprehensive list of bibliographies on various subjects of debate.

Officers of the league are all connected with educational institutions of the state, and are as follows:

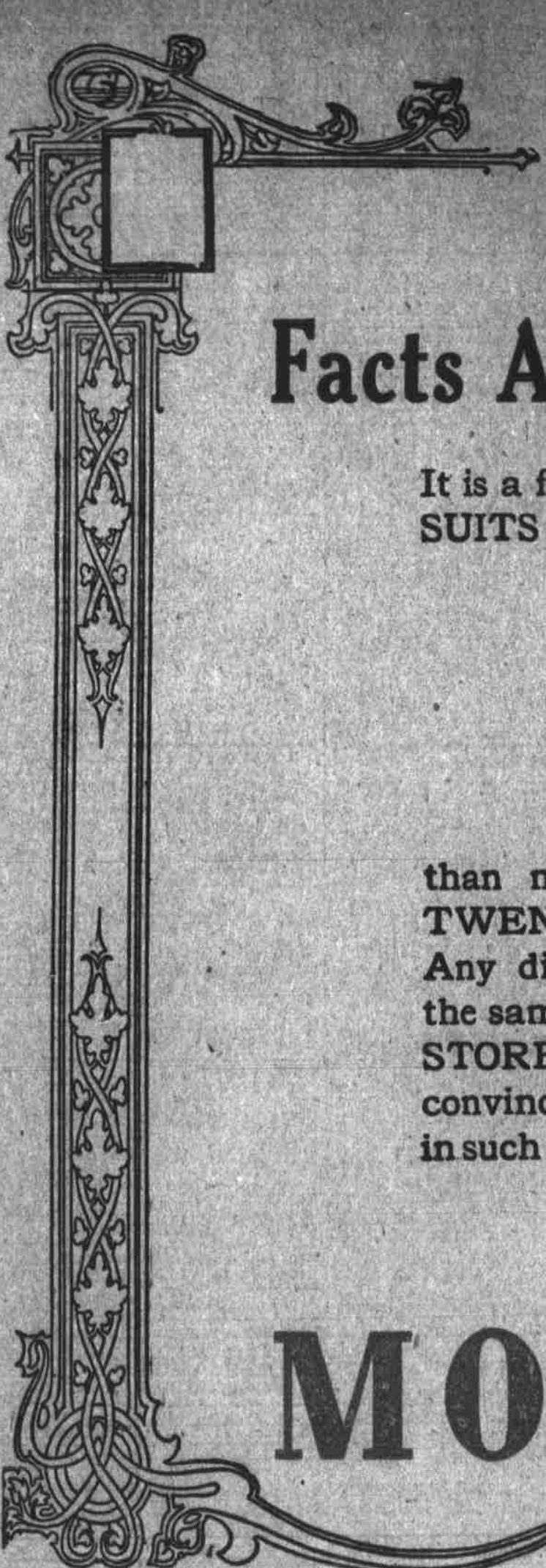
President, A. L. Briggs, Albany; secretary treasurer, E. B. DeCoo, Eugene; assistant secretary treasurer, C. W. Shuchen, Eugene; executive committee, J. H. Ackerman, Salem; P. L. Campbell, Eugene; Cornelia Marvin, Salem; E. B. Conklin, Ontario; W. C. Bryant, Moro; A. L. Briggs, Albany; E. E. DeCoo, Eugene; J. W. Groves, Roseburg is director of the southern Oregon district; J. S. Landers, Pendleton, director eastern Oregon district; R. L. Kirk, Salem, director central Oregon district; W. H. Rutherford, McMinville, director Columbia river district, and A. G. Raab, North Bend, director of Coos Bay district.

CONVICT MADE GOODS OF PHILIPPINES FREE

(United Press—Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 16.—Goods made by convicts and shipped from the Philippine Islands to be sold in the United States are entitled to entry to this country without payment of duties. This ruling has been made by the treasury department and was received by the local customs officials today.

Section 14 of the Payne-Aldrich law prohibits the importation of convict made goods from foreign countries. When an attempt was made to import such goods from the Philippines the question was raised as to whether that part of the territory of this country was foreign country.

The sum of \$200 was set aside by the San Francisco Writers' union for the purpose of providing a Christmas dinner for members out of work.



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Great sale for Saturday gift shoppers of finished hair receivers and mounted pin cushions. Many fancy ribbon and lace trimmed sorts that make the daintiest and most useful gifts; reg. 75c vals. 39c

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Oldest and Best

\$1.75 Slippers at \$1.39

Gift house slippers for men and women. The women's are fur trimmed felt Julietts in oxford gray, brown, black or red. Also women's mercerized crochet slippers. Men's slippers are of vici kid leather in opera, Everett, Romeo styles; \$1.75 values \$1.39

Until 9:30 Tomorrow Night, The Great Christmas Sales

BEST IN THE CITY—OUR Delivery Service

To take care of the daily increasing Christmas business we have greatly strengthened our delivery service. It will be a big help to the men on the wagons if you will carry small packages when convenient to do so. Mail orders will be promptly filled.

Only 7 More Shopping Days--Are Your Gifts Ready?

An Advertisement Teeming With News of Economies on the Wanted Christmas Merchandise in Every Part of This Great Acres-Wide Store! Until 9:30 o'Clock tomorrow Night We Will Serve Christmas Shoppers as no Other Portland Store Can Serve Them—With Bright, Fresh, New, Gift Things for Every Member of the Family

SEAL XMAS PACKAGES Red Cross Stamps

Aid in the great and worthy fight on tuberculosis* by using Red Cross Stamps on your Christmas packages. On sale in booth, main aisle. Booth tomorrow in charge of Miss Myrtle Lewis, Miss Alice Forbes, Miss Cornelia Cook, Miss Genevieve Thompson

Toy Town's Stocks Are Marvelously Complete--Specials Tomorrow

Our enormous toy business in the last few days would wipe out an ordinary stock, but with the huge reserves in our warehouses the assortments are practically complete. Toy Town is the biggest toy department west of Chicago. Be sure and pay it a visit.



Santa Claus invites every girl and boy—and grown-ups, too—to Toy Town tomorrow. Toys and dolls of every description, from the costly mechanical marvels to the humble, beloved, old-fashioned sorts that everyone knows so well. See the display.

THE GAMES REDUCED—Our complete line of 50c games, including Flinch, Bunco, Pet Games, etc. Special for tomorrow, each, only **39c**
ALL \$1 GAMES REDUCED—Scores of kinds such as Ouga, Pirate, Baseball, Traveler, etc. Specially priced for Saturday's sale at only **79c**
UNDRESSED KID DOLLS—Large sizes, with closing eyes, either blondes or brunette kinds: \$1.35 Undressed Dolls. Specially priced at **\$1.12**
\$1.25 Undressed Dolls. Specially priced at **98¢**
50c Undressed Dolls. Specially priced at only **39¢**

SNOOKUM DOLLS REDUCED—The "Newly-weds" baby, of funny paper fame; just out this season. Regular \$1.50 ones, tomorrow **98¢**
NEW CHARACTER DOLLS—At first glance you might think them natural. All have moving eyes. Tomorrow, \$5 Dolls **\$3.39—\$3.50** **\$2.23**
DRESSED DOLLS REDUCED—Two extra specials tomorrow only. Several kinds to choose from.
25c Dressed Dolls. Specially priced tomorrow **19¢**
\$1 Dressed Dolls. Specially priced tomorrow **69¢**

SIMPLEX TOY TYPEWRITERS—See them demonstrated in Toy Town. A very instructive toy. Specially priced for this sale at **\$1.00**
NEW MECCANO OUTFITS—Metal construction sets; every boy inclined to mechanics should have one. Priced from \$2.00 to **\$22.00**
CIRCUS TOYS HALF PRICE—The famous American Circus Toys, consisting of jointed figures 1/2 and animals. Reduced for tomorrow exactly 1/2

BOYS' TOOL CHESTS—22 useful tools in strong chest. A gift that always pleases the boy. Regular \$2.00 sets reduced for tomorrow **\$1.39**
CHILD'S MISSION ROCKERS—Made of strong hardwood, nicely finished. Regular \$2.50 rockers, specially reduced for Saturday to **\$1.87**
OREGON MADE TOY CHAIRS—Children's chairs made right here in Portland. Strongly constructed, nicely finished; \$1.75 values **\$1.35**

Toy Town, 5th Floor—Santa Claus Here Every Day

Men's 50c Handkerchiefs at 25c

Just half price—it's a Christmas special sure to bring crowds to the men's store tomorrow! Regular 50c gift handkerchiefs, of pure Irish crossbarred linen, neatly hemstitched. Plain white and with fancy plain colored and figured borders. Come packed half dozen to the box. Specially bargained for this exceptional sale at, each, only **25c**

Stirring Specials in Gift Jewelry

\$3.50 Ebonoid military brushes and clothes brushes, special at, each **\$2.39**
\$1.50 Ebonoid military brush sets, special for Saturday at only, each **98¢**
\$2.50 Ebonoid brush, comb and mirror sets, special tomorrow at, each, **\$1.79**
\$2.00 Celluloid and leather collar and cuff boxes, special tomorrow, ea. **\$1.39**
\$7.50 Quadruple silver plated toilet sets, specially priced tomorrow at **\$4.98**

Boys' Suit Sale Continued, \$4.95

Why not give the boy a practical gift, such as one of these splendid knickerbocker suits at \$4.95? A big New York purchase of 528 suits worth \$6.50 to \$8.50, went on sale today. Snappy, mannish styles in new gray and brown plaids, over stripes, etc. Positive \$6.50 to \$8.50 suits. Sizes from 7 to 17 years. Again tomorrow **\$4.95**