

Silverton Students to Participate in Contest
 SILVERTON, Ore., March 11.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Superintendent Robert Goetz announced Monday that the Silverton schools would take part in the National Oratorical contest. All of the history and civics students in the high school will prepare essays on the subjects given. Elimination of contestants in Silverton schools will begin in about two weeks.

NEW CITIZENS ARE WELCOMED

Special Program at Kiwanis Club Yesterday—Justice Rand Speaker

Five newly admitted citizens were guests and provided the theme for the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Marion Tuesday. Speaking on "Naturalization," Justice John L. Rand, of the Oregon supreme court, was the speaker of the day. He formally welcomed the new citizens.

"Everyone cannot be admitted to citizenship and we must choose carefully the class of people admitted to our shores," Justice Rand said. "There must be no class, no clique, no feuds, race, political or social hatreds brought to America from Europe."

Justice Rand emphasized the privileges, honors and franchise that are to be enjoyed by the new citizens.

"It is your duty, as well as our own, to go to the polls," he said. The United States government was held to be the greatest experiment in the world when the franchise was granted to all regardless of creed, politics, race and finances. All laws must be obeyed and obedience rendered to customs and traditions.

Starts Tomorrow at the Grand



JACKIE COOGAN in "LONG LIVE THE KING"

"Hatred is the product of ignorance and oppression and was born in the depths of hell," Justice Rand said in closing. "Hatred will destroy every institution, the white race and religion if permitted to take its course. Hatred is the chief trouble in Europe today and until hatred is dispelled there can be no harmony between nations."

New citizens introduced by C. A. Kells, as special guests of the club, were F. P. Heddaway, Mrs. Adolph Bombeck, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zirkle and Ole Coxwick. Mr. Raddaway made a short response to the welcome. Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, spoke briefly. Several patriotic songs were sung, including a solo by Dick Barton, "My Own United States," with the

members singing the chorus. The attendance prize, donated by Frank Durbin, was won by Lloyd Rigdon.

PIERCE NOT TO MIX FUNCTIONS

Governor Doesn't Believe Executive Should Interfere With Courts

Governor Pierce yesterday reiterated his position relative to granting executive clemency to men who have been convicted in the courts in the orderly process of law, declaring that it is not ordinarily the province of the executive department of the government to interfere with the judicial. The question came up relative to the case of A. B. Cox, who was convicted in Jackson county on a charge of possession of liquor, and for whom clemency is being asked of the governor.

"I take the position that it is not the function of the governor of the state of Oregon to sit as a second trial judge in cases where men have been convicted of crimes and sentenced to the penitentiary. It is the function of the courts to pass upon a man's guilt or innocence. It is not the function of the executive again to try the case before the convicted man has reached the penitentiary."

"In the courts all the facts in the case are placed before the jury in an orderly way. The prosecution presents all of its case. The defense presents its case. The facts are all before the jury when it retires to reach a decision. When that decision is reached it will stand unless there is unusual showing of irregularity or error in the trial. I do not propose to usurp the power of the courts by becoming a trial judge, nor do I propose to interfere with their decisions by use of the executive power until the minimum sentence has been served, save in most extreme cases."

A hick town is one where they question a man's Americanism if he has joined only three organizations.

ABE EVANS NOT ONE WHO WORRIES

Convict Under Death Sentence Takes Case in Philosophical Manner

Abe Evans, who was returned to the state prison yesterday from The Dalles, where he was resented to hang on June 6 for the killing of James Doran near The Dalles about two years ago, is taking the whole procedure as a matter of course and apparently is little disturbed over the fact that in less than three months he will enter the death chamber.

Evans really got a "kick" out of his little trip to The Dalles. In referring to it yesterday he said that three representatives of the sheriff's office called for him, handcuffed and ironed him and even put leg-irons on for his safe keeping. On the return he was not bothered by similar attention.

Abe is the possessor of a most quizzical expression and readily talks about himself.

"I don't want to stay around here," he said yesterday. "I want to leave, either a free man or a dead one."

In talking about his trip Evans told a newspaperman that when one of the officers who was to bring him back got out of the car he accidentally dropped an automatic revolver which fell upon the cushion.

"Why didn't you use it?" he was asked. "Nothing doing," he replied. "I slid off into the other corner of the car. I don't like those things. They got me into trouble."

"Boys, don't ever pick up anybody on the road. I did it and I lost my wife, my home and my life," he said in court Monday when he was resented.

Evans will not be placed in solitary confinement until a short time before the date set for his execution, Warden A. M. Dalrymple said yesterday. Evans has always been a hard worker and stands high with the guards and officials at the prison.

In view of recommendations made by the judge passing sentence and of circumstances surrounding the crime, it is believed efforts will be made to have the death penalty commuted to a life sentence.

SHAFFER RECOVERS
 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 10.—Earl Shafer of Salem, a member of the University of Oregon basketball team, who underwent an operation for appendicitis about two weeks ago, is out of the university infirmary. It is doubtful, however, if he will be in fit condition to complete the remaining term of school work.

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The low bid for the asphaltic concrete was that of Force & Curigan, \$210,005, or \$21,617 less than for the cement concrete type.

A feature of the bidding was that the prices offered were much lower than has prevailed on both types of pavement for several years. On concrete the unit bid was \$2.04 per square yard for the paved surface and on the asphaltic concrete or "blacktop," \$1.80 per square yard.

The pavement is to be 18 feet in width and seven inches thick except at the shoulders, where the thickness is to be 10 inches. It will be the heaviest pavement ever laid by the state highway department. During the process of laying traffic will be excluded from the road.

Habit is what makes a retired farmer get up at 4 a. m. in order to get an early start waiting for bed time.

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