

CONCERNING MUSIC

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High School Musicals
It has been quite generally advertised that a concert by the music department of the high school will be offered for your approval at the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. An effort is being made to extend and vitalize the music work in the city schools, and we cordially invite you and your friends to come and see some of the things we are doing and trying to do. A general admission of 25c will be charged, which will go to create a music fund.

Music As a School Subject
There used to be a general belief that musical talent was a thing peculiar to itself, and that some were born with it and some were not. Those who had it should be encouraged, and those who had it not should have nothing to do with music. Nowadays we are democratic in almost everything, and music is rapidly coming to its own. It is now considered a subject of sufficient importance to be offered to every child from the first grade to the high school at public expense. We shall hope soon to see the dawn of a new day when every child will have a chance not only to learn to sing and to read music, but also to play some instrument in band or orchestra. This chance should be provided at public expense inasmuch as it touches and glorifies the public life as well as that of all the children themselves.

And speaking of talent, why from day to day and week to week in the first and second grades, we are teaching children to carry a tune, who at first seemed hopeless! And we do not give up any more than we give up number work or the combination of the multiplication tables when they seem hard. The percentage of those who do not learn to carry a tune is very low—probably not more than 2 to 4 per cent, and this compares favorably with the work in language or numbers.

The Apollo Club
Apollo Club is a popular name for men's singing organizations. Many cities have such organizations which promote the cause of music generally, and inspire a certain amount of social and civic pride.

Our own club has recently moved to its new quarters in the Derby building, corner of Court and High streets. Or rather it has followed up its generous friend, Dan Langenberg who has moved his studio to the Derby building. Well anyway, Mr. Langenberg and the Apollo Club are to be congratulated on securing such commodious quarters. The room is large and attractively finished and the acoustics are decidedly better both for the club and for Dan's private teaching.

At the meeting Wednesday evening everyone felt happy, and the songs for the next program were begun.

It was the writer's privilege to hear the Apollo Club of Portland Thursday evening. Their program included some very difficult numbers, such as the Poeme Erotique by Grig-Hatch and O Captain! My Captain! by Bohannon. These and in fact all numbers on the program were well in hand technically, and were rendered with artistic finish by the 75 men under Mr. Boyer's baton. Without going into an exhaustive criticism, it may be said that the voice blending and tone quality were very good throughout; the entire range from the low D flat in the bass to the high C in the tenor.

McGinn Denies Portland Willing To Pay Higher Fares

Portland, Or., Feb. 6.—Attorney Henry McGinn, declaring he voiced the sentiment of "ninety-nine per cent of the public" appeared before the public service commission at its hearing on streetcar fares here today, and denied that the public was willing to pay a 10-cent fare or any other fare considered necessary to help the streetcar company out of its financial difficulties. W. F. Woodward yesterday expressed the opinion that any such increase would be paid willingly by the public.

Normal

Miss Taylor spoke last Saturday at the local teachers' meeting at Dallas on physical education. Miss Smith, who also attended the meeting spoke on primary methods.

The regular joint program by the literary societies given at the close of each quarter will be presented in the chapel Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock.

President Ackerman has accepted an invitation to address the school officers' convention at Dallas next Saturday.

The next motion picture is to be given in the chapel Monday evening, February 9. This is an Alaskan picture, really a very wonderful piece of work quite belying its rather sensational title "Back to God's Country." A simple exercise in honor of the

February graduates will be held at the chapel hour next Friday.

A dancing party, which the students pronounced the very best of the year, was given by the student body in the gymnasium last Saturday evening. A scheme of Japanese decoration made the gymnasium unusually attractive. The pergola in the center of the room was an effective feature as well as a beautiful one. Attractive music put the guests in the proper mood and a most enjoyable time was had.

Miss Schuette's chapel talk last Friday was a source of much pleasure to her hearers. Her subject, "Appreciation of Music" is always an instructive as well as a pleasurable theme.

Miss Laura Holfiday, the faculty member who is recovering from typhoid fever, has been granted a leave of absence for the rest of the year. She plans to leave Friday of this week for her home in Detroit, Michigan.

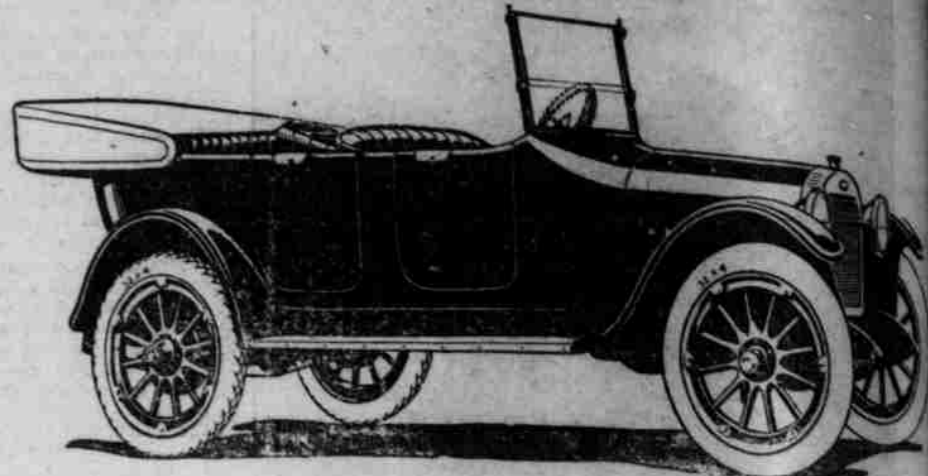
American Reported Held For Big Ransom By Villa

Washington, Feb. 6.—Joseph E. Askew, the American who was reported kidnapped in Durango, Mexico, is being held by Villa for \$20,000 ransom, according to an uncorroborated report received today by the state department.

Askew was employed on the Tiahuanaco, many's plantation at Lerdo, Durango, and the American embassy has made representations to the Mexican foreign office in an effort to secure his release.

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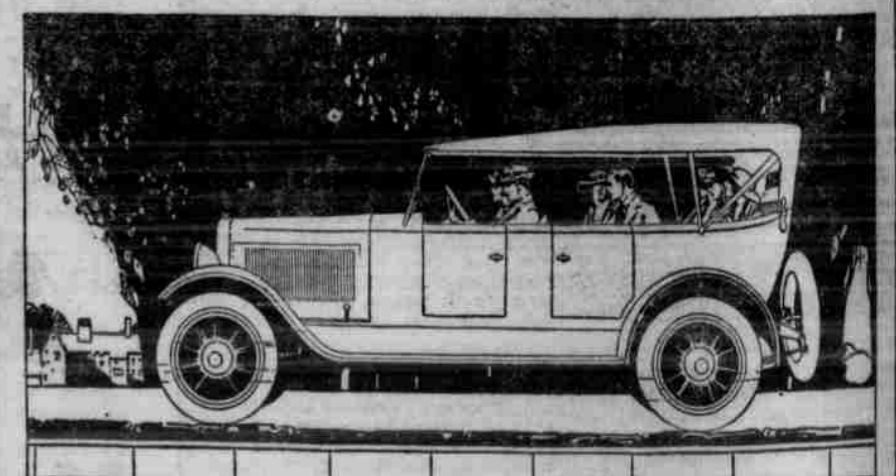
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SALEM VICTORY FROM EUGENE SIXTH: 28-11

The Salem high basketball team defeated Eugene at that city Friday night. The game was Salem's first exhibition of clean playing. In this game the Eugene players also made a better showing than in the first series contest with Salem, efforts being made to cut down the previous bad record of fouls.

This gives Salem high school six victories out of the seven games played during the present series. The team will play the Oregon freshmen at Eugene, Saturday night.

BASKETBALL

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 7.—The Oregon Agricultural college basketball team won the opening game of the series with the Washington State college five here last night by the score of thirty one to eleven.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 7.—The University of Washington basketball team won from University of Oregon last night by the score of 23 to 19 in the first of a two game series on the local floor. Oregon was evidently weakened by the hard game of Thursday night with Washington state, while Washington seemed to be strong and fresh throughout the contest. The teams will play the second game tonight.

RATE INCREASE ASKED

A flat increase in rates of 50 cents per month on all classes of telephone service is asked by the Damascus Telephone company of Damascus, Clackamas county, in an application filed with the public service commission today.

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TITLE OF LAST BILL ON BALLOT PREPARED

Completing the total of eight measures referred to the people by the special session of the legislature for a vote at the May election Attorney General Brown Friday prepared the ballot title for the proposed "Higher Educational Tax Act." The purpose of this proposed law is set out in the title as follows:

"Providing in addition to annual tax levy now provided by law, a tax of 1.2 mills for Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon, and .96 mills for Oregon State Normal school, totaling approximately \$1,247,000; appropriating for current year from moneys now in treasury a sum equal to said annual tax levy; said money being for support and maintenance, including salaries, additional buildings, making repairs, purchasing supplies, equipment and scientific apparatus; providing that a vote of enactment of this act shall make said tax an annual levy though in excess of tax for the preceding year plus six per centum thereon."

POLES URGED TO MAKE PEACE WITH "REDS"

London, Feb. 6.—Influential American friends of Poland are urging those in high authority in that country to make a quick peace with the bolsheviks, it was learned today.

In diplomatic circles the belief was expressed that these admonitions are coupled with the reported desire of the British government for peace between Poland and soviet Russia, will have great weight in favor of a cessation of hostilities.

A jury in the circuit court in Klamath county disregarded the instructions of the judge in awarding C. E. Jay a judgment of \$50 damages for the loss of a team loaned to P. N. Grimes. The judge instructed that if a verdict was found for the plaintiff it should be in the full amount sued for, \$200.

Hits the spot—says Bobby

For lunch eat

POST TOASTIES