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BIG MEETING THERE.

Summit Has Great Time—Ladies are Fine Cooks.

A big educational feast was enjoyed by a packed house of parents and friends of the public school at Summit last Saturday, where Sup't Denman had arranged to hold one of his successful meetings of parents and school patrons. The roomy school was filled until a large number had to remain standing during the entire day.

The Summit and Nashville schools furnished an excellent literary program. There was phonographic music and selections by an orchestra. The band came to the front with a number of fine pieces. During the noon hour the ladies served one of their delicious dinners. All had brought their dinners with them, and to say a fine time was had and that the dinner was very tempting, goes without saying. Everything disappeared from the table in a comparatively short time, that is to say, most every one present could not get away with all they wanted to. It was a splendid effort on the part of the ladies of this section of the county.

The regular program consisted of discussions of questions which concerned the school directly. Mr. J. A. Coldren, an ex-teacher of ten years' experience, gave some excellent suggestions which were practical and helpful to the parents on "The parents' attitude toward the school." He handled his subject without gloves, and told the parents things they needed to be told.

Sup't Denman discussed the plans and contemplated arrangements for the All Benton School Fair next year. This subject has aroused intense interest all over the county. The parents and pupils of Summit and neighboring vicinity are going to get in and be in the front ranks when the time comes for awarding prizes. Mr. R. R. Miller, teacher of Summit, read an excellent paper on "What should a teacher do besides teach." It contained excellent suggestions for every teacher. Teachers not present lost a good thing by not being able to hear it. T. T. Vincent gave a talk on "What is a complete education." He discussed his subject thoroughly, and in his pleasant way held the attention of all present. During the day vocal music was rendered by Miss Hynes and Horace and Manly Underhill.

Should Vote Tax.

A prominent rancher of Southern Benton, in Corvallis, Tuesday, talked of roads above this city. Beginning at a point four miles south of Corvallis and extending to the Buttes is a stretch of road that is knee deep with mud just now and over which no one would attempt to haul much of a load.

"The farmers on either side of this stretch of road are well-to-do, in fact, rich," declared the rancher who discussed the matter Tuesday, "and they could very easily vote a tax to have the road improved. Monroe has repeatedly voted such a tax until almost all roads in that district are graveled, and in district No. 16, known as the Barclay district, they have done the same."

The section first mentioned is declared to be the only real bad road between Corvallis and Eugene, and by adopting the same methods by which other districts have graded and graveled their highways this stretch could be placed in good condition also, and the farmers residing along either side would thus rid themselves of the curse to which they are now subjected, and gain immeasurably besides in having a good, hard road over which to

drive in winter time. It is up to them, and if they possess the proper spirit there will soon be a change in the highway mentioned.

Oregon Prunes.

Would Make Line Across United States.—Build Long Wall.

If placed in a straight line the prunes which have been shipped from Albany this season would reach all the way across the United States, and from Portland to San Francisco besides. Or they would build a wall three feet high from Albany to Portland. Ninety-four car loads have been sent out thus far this season, and the total shipment will be brought up to at least 100. This is the greatest amount of prunes ever shipped from an Oregon city in one season.

Each carload of this shipment contained 40,000 pounds. The prunes ran from 40 to 50 to the pound. Taking 45 as an average, the total shipment would contain 180,000,000 prunes. When dried and prepared for shipment the prunes are about 1 1/2 inches in width. Thus, if placed in a straight line they would reach 3550 miles declares the Portland Telegram.

The prune crop of all the surrounding country was shipped from Albany this year. The shipment was made by Lasselle Brothers, and their prune-packing houses in this city has been running day and night for weeks. Cars have been sent at the rate of one car per day. One carload was billed straight through to Liverpool, and shipments were made to New York, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and Winnipeg.

Two years ago Lasselle Brothers began shipping prunes from Albany on a large scale and have made that city the prune center of Oregon. Though their shipment last year was a record breaker, they have exceeded it this year by several cars.

Jerry From Kerry.

Jerry from Kerry, a funny musical farce comedy, in which that cheerful comic character is the central figure, will be the attraction at the opera house tomorrow night. The interest in the laughable, diverting and humorous incidents, events and happenings of this comedy never ceases or fags, and its success has been little short of amazing. The profuse comedy it contains has had much to do with its securing popular favor, and the scenes bustling in animated action, permeated with unadulterated mirth and startling novelties, quaint originality in catchy music and elaborate costuming, and presented by a caste of the best artists possible to secure, have all contributed to its success.

Don't miss the band concert at 2:30 Saturday. Reserve seats now selling.

The goods are packed and the doors of the N. A. Fisher music store are practically closed to the public. The proprietor suddenly took himself out of Corvallis on last Friday night, and the mystery of his whereabouts is closely guarded by the young wife who is supposed to know whether he has gone. It is declared the motive for his sudden fitting is not due to financial difficulties, but to personal motives which are only guessed at by those who are most closely concerned. While it has all along been given out by Mr. Fisher that he represented a Eugene piano house, it is asserted now that he was operating the local establishment for the Eilers' firm of Portland, who will take possession of the stock. Mrs. Fisher is to go to her place at Drain. She is an estimable lady and has made many friends during her brief residence here.

A DAY IN ROME.

Story of Curtian Lake—Description of the Pantheon.

In the region of Aetna, Stromboli and Vesuvius, earthquakes are naturally frequent, and Rome has not been immune. One day after an earthquake a chasm was found in the forum so deep that the college of Augus said it would not be closed till the most precious possession of the Rome people was thrown into it. What is the most precious possession of the Roman people? What is the most precious possession of the American people? College people say it is chastity. What was the most precious possession of the Grecians? It was the art of the Acropolis. What then was the most precious possession of the Romans? A young officer, Marcus Curtius by name, declared that soldier's valor was the most precious possession of the Romans and so saying, he spurred his horse and leaped into the gulf. A grateful people filled the lake with offerings and called this Lacus Sacer, or the holy lake. The second tragedy said to have taken place here was the murder of Emperor Galba by his soldier.

THE PANTHEON.

Bathing has always been a luxury and a necessity. Hence where there were more towns than rivers, ample bathing facilities have usually been provided by men.

In her day, Rome was a western city, hence she was enterprising—an up-to-date metropolis—a Chicago or Portland, so to speak. Consequently she was noted for her baths, commonly called the *thermas*.

The first noted of these *thermas* was the *Caldarium*, the bath of Agrippa, adjacent to the emperor's palace in *Campus Martius*.

Subsequently the palatial bath became noted in history as a pagan temple dedicated to Jupiter the Avenger. In this shrine, any and all gods might be worshipped. For this reason it was called the *Pantheon*, from "pan," all, and "theos," god.

When the cross arose and shone in the heavens, and the Roman as well as Constantine saw they could and would conquer by this sign, the Pantheon became a Christian church. When the barbarians—the destroying angels of the North—passed through the city, they spared the *Caldarium* on account of its peculiar form and beauty. Afterwards the immortal Raphael, Cardinal Bembo and many other saints, were laid to rest here, and the shrine came to be generally known as the Westminister Abbey of Rome. Therefore it is easy to understand how a palatial bath came to be the Pantheon which thousands visit annually.

To say that the Pantheon is finished in marble is not implying much in Rome, where sheep, goats, urchins and larger cattle commonly walk on fine marble and beautiful pavement prevalent in that country. The architecture of the building is different from the architecture of all other buildings except the copy of the Pantheon in Naples.

The form of Pantheon is that of the ordinary glass fruit jar, with this exception—the bronze doors of the Pantheon are approached by a quadrangular portico of sixteen columns conveniently divided into three aisles.

The common impression is that the top of this mammoth fruit jar was left open anciently. However, at the present time, the top is canopied with glass, as my camera testifies; and cameras are always truthful. The height of the Pantheon from the floor is 142 feet; and the interior diameter of the edifice is the same. At the base, the wall is twenty feet in thickness. The Pantheon, like the Bank of England, has no windows. It receives its light from above. In the wall are seven deep niches ornamented with columns and Corinthian capitals. The rich marble moulding upon the wall is surmounted with decorations that are gradually lost in their approach to those above. For they grow dim as they near the opening dome that let in a subdued and solemn light in perfect keeping with the simple regularity and complete harmony of the building itself.

Conspicuous on the walls of the Louvre are some empty picture frames. The keeper, if ask, tells you that when the Prussian soldiers entered Paris during the Franco-Prussian War, they went to the Louvre and took the paintings which they said Napoleon Bonaparte had taken from their ancestors, but the soldiers left the frames because they did not belong to the Prussians. "Those empty frames which seem worthless where they are," said the keeper, "will remain on the walls of the Louvre until France will retake the paintings that belong in them." Rome, however, cannot hope to over-

take the pious thief who has robbed the Pantheon of bronze and silver and painted canvases which the designer found necessary to the complete harmony of the shrine. So she must do a greater deed. She must content to wait till the Italians become Romans again; and artists will be found who can reproduce the Pantheon as exquisite in all its parts and as glorious as it was designed.

Married Wednesday.

At high noon Wednesday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ella Taylor, on Third street, was celebrated the marriage of Harold C. Woodcock to Miss Eunice Taylor, both of this city. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Bush in the presence of only the immediate relatives, the young people standing in a bower of smilax and white carnations while they listened to the solemn words that made them man and wife.

The bride was simply gowned in a gray cloth traveling suit, with hat and gloves to match. After the usual congratulations, a tempting luncheon was served, and at 1.20 Mr. and Mrs. Woodcock left for Portland on their bridal trip. They were showered with rice and old shoes as they departed for the depot, and old shoes ornamented their trunk and suit cases.

The bride is a well known and charming young lady, while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Woodcock, and holds a position in the First National Bank in this city, where he is highly respected.

Another Shippers' Congress.

To hold another congress of Willamette Valley shippers just before the Legislature meets, to show the Oregon law-makers that the sentiments recently expressed at Eugene about the car shortage situation have not cooled, is now the expressed purpose of a number of heavy exporters in this part of the state, says a dispatch from Albany in the Portland Telegram this week. Albany will probably be chosen as the place for this second car-shortage conference. Shippers who believe another conference advisable to consummate the objects set forth at Eugene have practically decided on a conference early in January.

The principal purpose is to put the demands for legislation on the car shortage evil in more definite form. The embryonic measures advocated at Eugene are now being generally discussed, and it is believed opinion will be crystallized before the date of the proposed Albany congress. The shippers will then be able to formulate their demands in definite and exact resolutions to the Oregon Legislature. It is expected that a call for the congress will soon go forth.

Real Estate Transfers.

A M Bailey and wife to J W Walters, 1 acre near Bellefontaine; \$1.

Louise Hart to Mattie A Howard, lot 7, 8 and 9, block 9, Wilkesville; \$100.

S H Horton and wife to Jas W Walters, 160 acres near Bellefontaine; \$1200.

Wm A Gellatly and wife to Isabella Gellatly, 299 acres near Blodgett; \$6,000.

Wm A Gellatly and wife to First National Bank, Albany, 946 acres in Blodgett Valley; \$10400.

Bentley Realty Co et al to John D Wilcox, 413 acres in Blodgett; 1200.

John D Wilcox to First National Bank, Albany, 93 acres in Blodgett Valley; \$100.

John D Wilcox to E T Merrill, 350 acres near Blodgett; \$100.



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