

TICKLE TEASERS

By Alfred Jingle

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PROGRESS OF CITY SCHOOLS

Some Interesting Debates Friday Afternoon. Other Notes

Total enrollment 565.
Tardy marks for past month 15. No tardy marks occurred in the rooms presided over by Mr. Inlow, Miss Wilson, Miss Purvance, Miss Riley, Miss White. Misses Dickerson, Moore, Hazleton, Perkins, Mickey had only one tardy mark in each room.

The tenth grade pupils have taken their final examinations in Geology and General History and will take up Botany and Physical Geography.

The ninth grade finished book-keeping and have taken up Botany. The senior class are through with the review work and have begun the study of Economics and Astronomy. Owing to the visit of Halley's and comet A this year the latter study will be very interesting.

When the apparatus which has been ordered for the class in Physics arrives, added interest will be aroused in the class.

February fourth was a red letter day among the young debaters.

George Mathews and Mable Gover of the eighth grade supported the affirmative against Inez Flinn and Alice Counts on the negative.

Question, Resolved, That electricity is more useful and valuable than steam. Decision in favor of the affirmative two to one. Judges Mrs. Hall, Mr. Inlow, Miss Wood.

In the second debate Luther King and Roy Woods of the high school supported the affirmative with Ross Aubrey and Flora Phillips on the negative.

Question, Resolved, That Illinois is a superior state to California. Judges Elsie Brewer, Jean Doward, Miss Currin. Decision unanimous in favor of the affirmative.

Both debates were of a high order. No doubt that some of those who took part will be members of the state league team in the future.

Miss Lucile Marson gave an excellent recitation. Before the debates took place Harry Kime gave an interesting talk on Eastern and Western Oregon. The recitations of Elmer Spencer and Ernest Anderson were unique to say the least. The papers by Melvin Jordau and Jesse Lewis were well received.

The quartet from the eighth grade fairly eclipsed themselves in their musical number. This quartet is composed of Misses Ursula Lockwood, Lottie Whitsett, Carrie Woods, and Veta Holderman. They possess excellent voices and always delight their hearers when they sing.

The musical numbers of the high school were a pleasant feature of the afternoon. The chorus class did some excellent singing while the whistling octet was an enjoyable surprise to all the visitors. Perhaps in the near future there will be another octet of whistlers organized and also a male quartet.

The pupils of the seventh grade became infected with the spirit of debate and gave an interesting discussion on electricity and steam.

The affirmative or electrical side of the question, was ably sustained by Ruth Kennedy, Cecil Wooley and Herman Edwards, while the negative or steam proposition was sustained by Hattie Landess, May Armstrong and Ray Nelson.

The judges were Jas. Benson, W. C. Conner and Miss Abbie Johnson, whose points when summed up by the teacher, Miss Wilson resulted in a tie. Miss Wilson and her class of young debaters were congratulated upon the able manner in which the debate was conducted.

During the absence of Miss Pur-

vance of the West side building Miss Eunice Vandenberg took charge of her room. Thus it is graduates from our schools can step into responsible positions.

Good word comes from another member of last years class. Joe Arnold has the credit of being the youngest person who took the examination in Pharmacy and the honor of having received the highest markings.

At present writing the tie of the Salem-Albany-Eugene triangle is still existing. The latest news that we have is this: Salem and Albany refuse to debate the "Armament" question. It may be settled by the three schools selecting a new question. Until the tie is broken we cannot determine when the next league debate will be held. The high school has arranged with Prof. Glaze to have a recital by his pupils on February 23 at the Armory for the benefit of the piano fund. Announcement of this entertainment will be made later.

The second issue of the Superlative made its appearance last week and is up to its usual standard.

For month ending Jan. 28.

E. K. BARNES, Supt.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH A DOG TEAM.

William Brown swooped down upon the Leader Saturday with his two famous dog teams which were hitched to a light four wheel vehicle or buckboard. Brown is out on a \$10,000 wager to complete the journey from Newfoundland to England, thence across Europe, Asia and Japan, thence across the Pacific to Seattle and now down the coast to Los Angeles, his destination. The time allotted for the trip was seven years, but Brown is now very near his journey's end and has only been out three and one-half years on the trip, he will therefore have at least two years to spare. On his trip he captured a large gray wolf which he tamed and trained to work with his dog teams and also dog several tricks. This wolf proved to be a great attraction, but at Eugene while the wolf was strolling about town with one of his dog mates he was shot by a local physician who said he thought a wild wolf had strayed into town and had made up with a local dog. Brown has sued the doctor for \$800 damages and has been stopping at Cottage Grove pending the outcome of his damage case.

In the case of Wm. Brown vs. Dr. C. W. Southworth, in which Brown seeks to recover \$800 damages because Southworth killed his tame gray wolf, an amended complaint was filed in the circuit court Saturday.

Try the Leader a year.

SUICIDE AT SAN JOSE

Claimed Cottage Grove As His Home---Not Known Here.

San Jose, Feb. 3.—Leaving money with a local undertaking company to pay funeral expenses, a man supposed to be C. J. Hale of Cottage Grove, Oregon, committed suicide today near the Oak Hill cemetery.

It was stated Mr. Hale is a relative of the Hale's who reside on Coast Fork a few miles south of this city. It is thought despondency and temporary mental derangement was the cause of the young mans rash act.

A telephone message to the farm home of the Hale's brings the information that C. J. Hale is not a relative nor even an acquaintance of the family.

Pirates Defeat Corvallis.

The Junction City Pirates now claim the state championship in basketball on skates, as a result of the game played between them and the Corvallis five last Thursday evening at the Junction rink. The game was exceedingly interesting throughout and many spectacular throws were made on each side.

The score at the end of the first half stood: Corvallis, 25; Junction, 12. Junction went into the game the last half with a determination to win, and succeeded in capturing the game by a score of 27 to 26.

Money In Mutton.

Gibson Brothers yesterday bought a sheep dressed from S. Jameson, living on the river road, paying \$9.60, and Mr. Jameson valued the hide at \$5.00.—Register.

TAX ROLLS WILL BE OPENED THURSDAY.

The sheriff's office is preparing for the rush incident to the paying of taxes. The books will be opened on Thursday, February 10. Those paying their taxes before March 15th, will be entitled to the customary rebate of 3 per cent. At least \$350,000 was collected in last year before the time limit expired, Chief Clerk Sneed Wallis estimates that the tax rolls this year will net a revenue of \$475,000.

RECEIVES A PEN OF FISHEL ROCKS

The great poultry industry in and about Cottage Grove was given another substantial boost last Saturday when another breeder launched out in the business and he is starting right—with the best foundation stock obtainable. We refer to L. W. Sanford of Dorena, Row river valley, who on Saturday received five pullets and a cockerel of especially mated white Plymouth Rocks direct from the famous yards of U. R. Fishel at Hope, Indiana, who holds the world's record on this breed of chickens, as to size, shape and laying qualities. This bunch of one-half dozen birds did not cost Mr. Sanford much less than \$100, but he has the satisfaction of knowing he has the best the country produces and is starting right as a breeder of high bred fowls. The writer had the pleasure of examining this pen of White Rocks and must say that we have never seen better ones.

Mr. Sanford informs the Leader that he will sell eggs for hatching from this fine pen of White Rocks at \$3.50 per 15. This is an opportunity to get a start of the Fishel strain very cheap. Watch for Mr. Sanford's breeder's card in the Leader.

More Fine Chicken Shipments.

On Friday Mrs. Al Cruson shipped a \$5 White Rock cockerel to a breeder at Amity, Oregon, which represents the second shipment she has made recently.

Conner Bros. of the Nesmith poultry yards, were also in town Friday making a large shipment of Buff Orpington eggs for hatching. They have sold nearly all of their surplus Buff Orpington and White Leghorn stock.

D. B. Chamberlen shipped another bunch of his famous Silver Spangled Hamburgs Friday and his stock is now running low.

Attorney A. H. King purchased a fine trio of Golden Penciled Hamburgs Saturday, there being only one other breeder of these chickens in the state. They are beauties and fine layers.

Hay \$75 A Ton.

B. C. McDowell, statistical engineer for the Utah Construction Co., was in Eugene last week. He stated that 300 feet of the big tunnel near Hazel Dell have been completed. He also said that the prices for forage foods in that section were almost prohibitive. Hay is retailing at \$75 per ton says the Register.

The ground hog saw his shadow but there being no ground hogs in Oregon the old forecast may not have much significance.

COMET WILL SWEEP EARTH

On May 19---Comet A is Rapidly Disappearing From View

New York, Feb. 3.—Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, in a letter published here today, says that the vaporous tail of Halley's comet will envelop the earth on May 19.

"For several hours," he says, "we will be immersed in the gorgeous caudal appendage whose chemical constitution is still little known. The comet will pass directly between the sun and the earth at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 19. At that hour the Pacific ocean will be in full daylight, while in France it will be night. Little danger may be expected, however, for the tail probably will be so rarified as to be inoffensive."

Comet A Will Soon Leave.

Comet A-1910 has a tail 43 degrees in length, and is rushing away from the earth, according to Father C. H. Charroppin astronomer at St. Louis university. The nucleus is diminishing in brilliancy, he says, and the nebulous matter about the nucleus has contracted, but the tail has grown to an enormous length.

Father Charroppin believes the comet is paying its first and last visit to the earth. He is now figuring out whether its path is an ellipse or a parabola. If it is found to be elliptic, he believes the comet will visit the earth again in a few thousand years; otherwise it will travel to some other star. He believes its path is a parabola.

Last Thursday this comet was visible to the eye on the western horizon from 5:30 to 7 p. m. but is getting farther away each day. Many Cottage Grove citizens viewed it last week.

FELLOW CONVICTS ATTACK MELDRUM

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 5.—The defense in the Hermann trial rested today. Frank E. Kinkart and H. W. Miller, who served terms in the federal prison at McNeil's Island, under conviction with land fraud cases, testified that while Henry Meldrum, former United States surveyor general for Oregon, was serving a term there for a similar offense, he said that he could give

testimony which would acquit Hermann.

Meldrum, who was recently pardoned by President Taft, was a witness for the prosecution and testified against Hermann.

It is expected arguments will be made Tuesday and that the case will go to the jury Wednesday.

After cross-examination which had lasted only a few minutes of consuming three full days, Binger Hermann was excused yesterday from the witness stand in the United States court. In all that time Francis J. Heney sought to trap the ex-commissioner into statements which might tend to strengthen the theory of circumstantial evidence upon which Heney bases his hope of conviction.

The prosecution fired volleys of questions covering the history of the operations of "land frauders" along the Pacific Coast from the time of the first invasion of the districts by experts from Minnesota and Michigan down to the time that Mr. Hermann retired from the general land office in February, 1903. Mr. Hermann was asked for his interpretation of the timber and stone act of 1878, what manner of frauds could be practised under it and how the new land law of 1897 could have been manipulated by unscrupulous persons for their private gain.

Mr. Heney's fire of questions failed to weaken Mr. Hermann on the important points of the Blue Mountain conspiracy charges, and in that respect the defendant is considered to have emerged in fairly good condition.

VALLEY TOWNS WANT FOUR-CLUB LEAGUE.

In case the Tri-City baseball combination for the valley does not materialize Sid Smith has plans of incorporating Albany, Eugene, Cottage Grove and Springfield into a valley league.

One argument against the proposed league of two clubs in Portland, one in Salem, Sellwood, Eugene and Springfield, is the fact of too much travel and the expenses incident to it. Cottage Grove is enthusiastic and Manager Knapp of the team says they have raised \$500 for improvement of the grounds and have signed some splendid baseball talent.

Sid is carefully considering the new project and says the only thing that stands in the way of a four club league here is his doubt that the other towns mentioned will be able to keep up the standard and furnish a first class article of ball. The fans of the upper valley have their expectations keyed up pretty well and nothing short of the best article will satisfy them.—Register.

COMPANY E'S GOOD RECORD

Captain Johnson's Report to the Office of the Adjutant General

Captain Johnson has recently completed and forwarded to the Adjutant General's office the report of the target practice of Company "E," which shows that the company has become very proficient in the use of the military rifle. The report shows that 14 members of the organization have gained the record of distinguished marksmen. They are as follows: Captain J. C. Johnson, Lt. Harry K. Metcalf, Lt. Harley H. Petrie, Sergts. F. H. Snodgrass, James H. Potts, Fred J. Bartels, Privates, Green Pitcher, Joel Palmer, Butte Mooney, Wm. Ruscher, Wm. Ostrander, Wm. Hughes, and Scott Rose.

A distinguished marksman is one who has made the record of expert marksmen for three years in succession.

In addition to the above named distinguished and expert marksmen the following named members of the organization made the record of expert marksmen: Sergts. Hutchinson, Cochran, Corpls. Lewis and Connet, Muscian Sanford and Privates Sherwood, Woodruff and Conner.

Of the balance of the members of the company eleven made the record of sharpshooters, 32 the record of marksmen, 5 the record of first-class rifle-men, while three were excused from target practice during the entire season for various reasons. This record makes each man in the company average sharpshooter, a higher average record for a company than has ever been made by this or any other company in the state of Oregon.

During this season the company team, consisting of Captain Johnson, Lt. Petrie, Sergts. Snodgrass and Potts and Private Mooney, participated in the State Rifle contest held at Clackamas, Oregon, in the month of July, against 22 other teams, and finished first, receiving as a reward therefor the state trophy, a silver cup.

During this contest Sergt. Potts won a silver medal making first place in slow fire, also a bronze medal winning fourth place in collective fire. Private Mooney was awarded a silver medal, he winning second place in collective fire.

In this match, in which the medals were awarded, there were fifty-two men who finished the match out of one hundred and fifteen who entered. All five of the men composing this team made place and were selected to compose a part of a team of 18 to go east to represent Oregon in the annual National Rifle contest held at Camp Perry, Ohio, but owing to urgent business obligations at home only Sergt. Potts and Private Mooney were able to avail themselves of this privilege.

In the Regimental Contest Muscian Sanford, Privates Pitcher, Conner and Palmer were chosen to represent Company "E" in the contest with like teams from other companies of the Fourth Regiment for the Regimental Silver cup; they won over all other teams in the regiment, and were awarded the cup.

In this contest Private Horace T. Conner won glory for himself, making the highest individual record over all other men in the regiment, and was awarded a silver medal therefor.

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