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COLLEGE BOYS ENTERTAIN

Delightful Reception Given to Young Women of Utopian Society Friday Evening.

The Philadelphia Literary Society, of Dallas College, gave a reception at the college chapel last Friday evening, in compliment to the young women of the Utopian Society, the rival literary organization from the student body. The young men entered into the preparations for the reception with an utter disregard for the labor or expense involved, and it was admitted by all who were present that they had succeeded in arranging the most elaborate and enjoyable entertainment of that nature that has been given during the present college year.

Upon their arrival, the young people were assembled in Dr. Mook's recitation room across the hall from the chapel, and when all the invited guests were at last present, the young ladies were admitted one by one into the reception hall, where they were initiated with short ceremony into honorary membership in the Philadelphia Literary Society.

This preliminary ceremony being completed, Verne Launer, the only charter member of the young men's society now attending the college, took charge of the entertainment, and kept the guests employed in numerous merry games until well past 10 o'clock.

At this time the Philadelphia orchestra, an aggregation of French harps and combs, with an ocarina, a tin can fiddle, and a galvanized tub for a trap drum, entertained the audience with a few selections especially rehearsed for the occasion. Especially their performance through with faces as sober as judges, while those in the audience held their sides with laughing at the wild Chinese melodies.

After the orchestra had played its last doleful note, the ladies were instructed to choose partners, and a delicious luncheon was served. During the evening, Will Montgomery presided at the punch bowl in a daintily decorated booth on the rostrum, dealing out orange punch with a lavish hand, the embodiment of that open handed and joyous hospitality that has made the Philadelphia society famous since the time of its founding four years ago.

Firemen Elect Officers.

At the regular annual election of the Dallas Fire Department, Saturday evening, the following officers for the ensuing year were chosen: W. L. Soehner, chief; N. L. Guy, assistant chief; August Risser, secretary; Walter Muir, treasurer. C. D. Chorpene and August Risser were appointed hose cart foremen, and N. L. Guy, Haven Smith and Walter Muir were appointed on the finance committee.

Revival Meetings.

Evangelist J. P. Conder will begin a series of meetings at the Christian church in this city tonight. Come and hear him. A. C. OMBIN, pastor.

Miss Agnes Peterson, of Portland, is visiting her brother, Raymond, one of the students in Dallas College.

Henry Muscott resumed his work for the Southern Pacific Railway Company, Friday, after a short stay at his home in Dallas.

Miles Oits and Joseph Crowther have opened a sewing machine agency in the building formerly occupied by Fred Levin, the shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutchins have returned to Black Rock after a week's visit at the home of Mrs. Hutchins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown.



Well I've hired out to help run the U. S. Loughary grocery store. I start in as Office Boy. I have to help unpack the new goods, keep the shelves and boxes filled up, sweep out, clean the windows, and write the ads. I guess I'll earn my five per all right all right.

Honest, I think I'm going to like my job. I like the looks of the customers, the people around the store, the boss looks good to me and I've been out of a job so long I'm actually itching for a spell of work. The busy season is on us, and I see by the way the clerks are jumping around that I won't have any excuse for growing corners. Only forty minutes for lunch. But say, they're calling me already.

U. S. Loughary, The Grocer

COURT HOUSE NOTES

Items of Interest From the Records in the County Offices Briefly Told.

PROBATE.

Estate of Nancy Harris, deceased—estate admitted to probate; Emerson L. Harris appointed administrator, Webb Lewis, Ray Fawk and G. A. Larsen appointed appraisers.

Estate of John Campbell, deceased—administratrix ordered to appear at 1 o'clock Thursday, February 13, and show why estate should not be closed.

Estate of William Williams, deceased—inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

Estate of Mahlon Guy, deceased—administratrix ordered to appear at 10 o'clock a. m., February 15, and show why final account should not be filed.

Guardianship of Myrtle Withrow et al—inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

Estate of Hiram B. Simpkins, deceased—final account heard and approved and administrator discharged.

Estate of Mary A. Simpkins, deceased—same order.

Estate of G. A. Wells, deceased—final account heard and approved; executor discharged.

REAL ESTATE.

E. V. Brown et ux to H. M. Brown, lot in Dallas, \$50.

Frank Butler et ux to Mrs. B. M. Adams, land in T. S., R. 6 W., \$225.

W. P. Bevens et ux to Lavina Perry, lots in Independence, \$750.

H. B. Plummer, trustee, to M. M. Ellis, lots in Dallas, \$150.

Oregon and California Land Company to Mark Blodgett, 36 acres in T. 7 S., R. 5 W., \$416.24.

Eloise Stickney to J. H. Stickney, 140 acres, T. 8 S., R. 6 W., \$1.

Thomas Gleason to O. C. Campbell, 42 acres in Mount Pisgah Fruit Farms, \$2,500.

Agnes B. and C. C. Campbell to Thomas Gleason, lots in Dallas, \$1100.

R. E. Prather et ux to C. H. Thomas, one-half acre in T. 9 S., R. 4 W., \$20.

W. E. Wann et ux to Ophelia Dimick, lot in Dallas, \$275.

John Dickinson et ux to G. A. Dickinson, 105.9 acres, T. 9 S., R. 4 W., \$1.

Jolly Fellows Entertain.

The skating party given at the Colosseum rink, Thursday night, by the "Jolly Fellows" Skating Club was a most enjoyable affair, fully twenty more couples being present than at the first party given by the Club two weeks ago. The hall was tastefully decorated and lighted by Japanese lanterns, and the whole forenoon of that day had been spent in sandpapering the floor until it was perfectly smooth and in excellent condition for skating. The session commenced before eight o'clock and lasted until eleven, affording more than three solid hours of amusement for the large throng of guests that had been invited.

Teachers Will Meet at Independence.

The teachers of the public schools of Polk County will hold an institute in Independence, Saturday February 22. Superintendent B. F. Robinson, of Multnomah County, and Professor L. R. Traver, of the Training Department at the Monmouth Normal School, will be instructors, Mr. Robertson having charge of "Language and Composition," and Professor Traver taking the departments of Grammar and Arithmetic. The musical portion of the program will be filled mainly by the Faculty Quartette from the Monmouth Normal School. Other features will be added to the program before the institute meets.

School Meeting at Buena Vista.

The school meeting held at Buena Vista, Saturday, met with the same success that has characterized all of the similar meetings held at previous times in different sections of Polk County. In the absence of C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, the subject of "Agriculture in the Schools" was taken up by G. W. Myer, of Dallas. The program rendered by the school children of Buena Vista was well prepared, and carried through in a highly creditable manner. The Industrial Fair was enthusiastically discussed, and parents and teachers unanimously pledged themselves to do all they could to make it a complete success.

County Superintendent H. C. Seymour has gone to Falls City to teach school for Principal Crowley, who is ill.

Glen Mitchell, a 14-year-old lad of North Dallas, was brought before County Judge E. F. Coad yesterday and committed to the State Reform School, as incorrigible. He was taken to Salem by Sheriff J. M. Grant yesterday morning.

Barnhart & Grant are making extensive improvements in the equipment of their butcher shop on Court street, and will endeavor to install a cold storage system at an early date for the more convenient handling and preservation of their meats.

DALLAS TASTES DEFEAT

Corvallis Defeats Local Skaters in Whirlwind Game of Basketball at Colosseum Rink.

The Dallas skating team suffered its first defeat Saturday night at the hands of the team from Corvallis in the hardest game of basketball that has been played in this city during the present season. At the close of the last half, the score stood 18 to 18, and the two teams played for fully five minutes before Corvallis threw the deciding goal that broke the tie and fixed the score at 18 to 20 in their favor.

The two teams were so evenly matched that it looked like anybody's game throughout the entire 40 minutes of play, the score sawsawing back and forth so that neither side was more than three points in the lead at any time. When time was called and it was discovered that the two teams were tied, the crowd went wild. During the following five minutes of play the ball was in an uproar with the imploring voices of the spectators, shouting encouragement to the boys on the floor, who tolled doggedly in one of the fastest and most bitterly contested five minutes of play that has ever been witnessed in Dallas. An instant of relaxing in the terrific speed of the game, and Sutherland, the crack forward of Corvallis, snapped up the ball in the lightning throw that finally decided the score in favor of his aggregation.

Poster, the giant center, was the mainstay of the visiting team, and on him they relied for the greater part of their goal throwing. His great height made it practically impossible to guard him, and his sureness in basket throwing made him easily the most important force on the team. Brown led in the goal throwing for Dallas, with seven baskets to his credit, and Elder scored one from the field and two from the foul line. The return game will be played in Corvallis, Saturday, February 22.

The line up last Saturday night was as follows:
Dallas: Elder, F. Sutherland, Brown, F. Flitt, S. Minton, C. Foster, Magers, G. Avery, Morton, G. Rosendorf.
Rooper, of Corvallis, referee; Teats, of Dallas, umpire.

J. H. Moore was a business visitor in Portland, Sunday.

County Assessor Carl Graves spent Monday afternoon on his ranch near Ballston, returning to Dallas today.

D. A. Hodge and family, of Independence, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Dalton, Sunday.

The examinations for teachers' certificates will begin at the court house at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Miss Loretta Smith, of Monmouth, and Mrs. F. H. Morrison, of the Dallas Public School, will act as examiners. The county papers will probably all be graded by the following Wednesday, but the grades on state papers will not be made known before March 3.

MID-YEAR AT MONMOUTH

Successful Commencement Exercises at Oregon State Normal School Attract Large Crowds.

The mid-year commencement exercises at the Monmouth State Normal School were begun last Saturday with the Junior-Sophomore reception.

In the decorations and general plan of entertainment the Indian atmosphere predominated. The Normal chapel was arranged to represent an Indian village with gleaming campfires and clustered wigwams decorated with the colors of the various classes.

The program partook of the same spirit as the decorations, consisting chiefly of Indian songs and the teepee powwows. After the program the grand march was led by President Reesler.

Many alumni and friends of the institutions were present, among whom were: Superintendent and Mrs. Belt, Professor William Wrist, of McMinnville; and Professor William Smith, of Woodburn.

Dr. J. A. P. McGaw delivered the class sermon Sunday morning taking for his theme "High Ideals," and developing his thought in a most impressive and masterly manner.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock the farewell chapel exercises were held. Professor Buckam addressed the student body, after which the young people indulged in the singing of songs and in giving the rousing yells typical of the exuberant spirit of the modern collegian.

At 2:30 p. m. the annual class day exercises were held. The opening address was delivered by Chester Day, and was followed by an inspiring oration by Miss Fugate. The class history was prepared and delivered by Miss Mae Tracer, the class will was read by Miss Esther Fisher, and the prophecy by Miss Dora Murdock. Several beautiful musical numbers were rendered by the Normal orchestra and the ladies' glee club.

At 8:30 in the evening the commencement exercises were held in the chapel of the Normal building. The hall was filled with a large and enthusiastic audience, and many alumni of the institution, and prominent educators of Oregon were in attendance. The program was opened by Miss Anna Goldberger, of Wasco county, with an oration on "Individualism of the Teacher," which was followed by a masterly address on "The Teacher in Politics" by A. B. Owen, of Grant county. A piano solo was rendered by Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt, after which Miss Grace Whitehouse, of Tillamook county, delivered the valedictory. The address to the class, given by President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, in his usual forceful and practical manner, was followed by the presentation of diplomas by President Reesler, and the final benediction by the Rev. J. A. Goode. Among the musical numbers rendered at this program was a baritone solo by S. W. Doughty and several choice selections by the Normal orchestra and the ladies' glee club.

NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

Seventeen Volumes of American Biography Added to Shelves This Week.

On the reading table at the Dallas Public Library is an attractive new book rack, which is filled this week with seventeen volumes dealing with biography. The management of the library hopes that by bringing this class of good reading matter thus prominently before the patrons of the library, many not already in the habit of enjoying non-fiction, will form a liking for this helpful reading. Among the following titles every one can find something of real interest and profit.

"The Life of Dwight L. Moody," by his son, W. R. Moody.

"Famous Actors and Actresses in their Homes," Gustav Krabbe.

"The Men Who Made the Nation," Sparks. This deals with the lives of Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Morris, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, Daniel Webster, Horace Greeley and Abraham Lincoln.

"Recollections of a player," by J. H. Stoddart, the veteran actor who died only recently. It is rich in fine illustrations and interesting reminiscences.

"Little Visits with Great Americans" in two volumes, dealing with well-known and well-loved Americans, from Andrew Carnegie to Homer Davenport.

"The Life of Henry Drummond," by George Adam Smith, is fascinating and inspiring reading.

"George Washington," by Norman Haggood, needs no eulogy, nor does "Alexander the Great," by Benjamin Ide Wheeler.

"Up From Slavery," by Booker T. Washington, records the wonderful life achievement of this brave man, who has arisen from the condition of a slave to the leadership of the negro race in America.

The Letters of Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett Browning are included because of their rare literary charm, and because they are largely autobiographical.

"Poor Boys Who Became Famous," and its companion volume, "Poor Girls Who Became Famous," by Sarah Bolton, offer delightful reading to all who are in sympathy with such characters as William Lloyd Garrison, Harriet Beecher Stowe, or Florence Nightingale.

"Oliver Cromwell," by Fredric Harrison, gives an intimate insight into the career of that remarkable man, and acquaints the reader with many phases of life in England during the early part of the seventeenth century.

File Articles of Incorporation.

The stockholders in the Dallas Cannery Company met at the Court House, Saturday afternoon, and a permanent organization was effected. Articles of incorporation have been filed, and a stockholders meeting will be held Monday, February 24, and officers for the new company will be elected. The stock already subscribed amounts to more than \$2,600 and it is believed that this can be increased to at least \$3,000 before the date set for the next meeting. Interest in the cannery project is increasing continually, and those who have been most active in conducting the movement now profess perfect confidence in its complete and early success.

Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house in Dallas, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, February 12 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 15, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Spelling, Physical Geography, Reading, Psychology.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Book-keeping, Physics, Civil Government.

Friday—Physiology, Geography, Composition, Algebra, English Literature.

Saturday—Botany, Plane Geometry, General History, School Law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, February 12, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 14, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, History, Orthography, Reading, Physical Geography.

Thursday—Written Arithmetic, Theory of Teaching, Grammar, Physiology.

Friday—Geography, School Law, Civil Government, English Literature.

H. C. SEYMOUR, School Superintendent Polk County, Oregon.

The Rev. M. J. Ballantyne, presiding elder for this district, occupied the pulpit of the Rev. O. O. Arnold in the Evangelical church at Brooks, Sunday.

OUR STORE AND OUR ADS

If you are among the host of wise ones, you are following up and reading our ads. They tell in no uncertain way of this being a safe store to trade. In many ways the BEST STORE, because it is reliable and stands back of each and every article, price and quality considered. It tries to give the best service day in and day out. It shows new up-to-date things in Furniture, Rugs, Carpets, Stoves and Ranges. It shows them in large variety. The stock appeals to refined tastes, and the low prices appeal to the purse. It is a most liberal store that means that every transaction must carry with it your permanent satisfaction. It always pleases us to make comparisons, quality, style and prices, so as to convince you that we are right.

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