

Local and Personal.

The Polk County Bank building is receiving quite some attention this week and is beginning to take on an appearance of improvement. Two beautiful granite plates have been bedded into the counter at the windows of the cashier and paying teller, to jingle the coin upon as it is passed in and out. Other improvements are in progress, which, when completed will add to the appearance and convenience of the interior.

Ye Editor, wife and daughter, Agnes, visited Mr. J. M. Mac Donald and lady, Sunday for awhile, took dinner with them, and besides many other good things to eat were treated to some nice lettuce. By the way Mr. Mac Donald is quite a gardener and has a green house 20 by 30 feet which he expects to enlarge after awhile to 90 feet in length. He has the enclosed ground planted, and besides, has some 200 boxes of different kinds of plants, which are growing nicely and will be ready for transplanting as soon as conditions get favorable for setting out plants. He will raise plants for the market as well as vegetables and fruit.

Special Town Election

Again we call attention to the special election which takes place tomorrow commencing at 9, a. m. Go to the polls and exercise your right for the best interests of the town.

Temperance Legion

A Loyal Temperance Legion was organized at the Evangelical church last Sunday by Mrs. Poole with a membership of 21. The officers are as follows: Marie Morlan, president; Myrtle Hyde, vice president; Ruth Murdock, recording secretary; Lora Chute, corresponding sec.; Hester Morland, treas. All boys and girls from the ages of six to 14 are invited. Dues are 25 cents a year. Meet every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Evangelical church.

Carnot Medal Awarded.

Newton Drury, son of a former Oregonian, was awarded the Carnot Debating Medal at the annual contest held at Berkeley, California, this month, in which six students took part—three being from the University of California and three from Stanford University. The Garnot debate is the blue ribbon event of the year, and there is intense rivalry between these two universities in the contest, as it is a test in extemporaneous speaking, calling for all the resources of the participants. This is shown by the fact that the resolution to be discussed is announced only two hours before the contestants are called to the platform, and during the intervening time they are not allowed to consult books or consult with advisers, but prepare themselves from material already in their own minds. There were six contestants in the debate, three being from the University of California and three from Stanford University, the representatives being chosen after try-outs held under direction of members of the faculty and open to every student in both Universities. Young Drury is a son of Wells Drury, formerly a student in Christian College, Monmouth, is only 20 years old, and is a sophomore. In his Freshman year he made the Carnot team, and was leader of the Inter-Collegiate Debating team which defeated Sanford's representa-

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tives last year. No winner of the Carnot Medal is permitted to enter the contest again, it being held that one victory in this classic contest is glory enough.

Division.

The new teacher glanced smilingly over the school and was delighted to see so many bright young faces among her new charges.

"Now, children," she said, "so that I may find out what you know I will test you on arithmetic. Maggie Wilkins, if I were to divide three bananas among seventeen boys what would be the result?"

"A riot," said Maggie, speaking up like a little drum major.

"Possibly," said the teacher, "but that is not what I mean. Tommy, you may take the question. Three bananas among three boys—that would be one banana apiece for each boy. Now, three bananas among seventeen boys would be what?"

"Three bananas, mim," answered Tommy.

"I know, but three into seventeen is"—said the teacher.

"Three bananas would go into seventeen boys once and none over," said Tommy confidently.

It was then that the new teacher resigned.—Harper's Weekly.

The Wilderness.

This theater of bloody conflicts is a vast sea, so to speak, of a dense forest—a second growth more than a century old. It is made up chiefly of scrubby, low limbed, stubborn oaks and disordered, haggard pines, for the soil is cold and thin, with here and there scattering clumps of alien cedars. Some of the oaks are large enough to cut two railroad ties, and every once and awhile you come across an acre or two of pines ten to twelve inches in diameter, tall and tapering, true to the soaring propensities of their kind. But generally, and above all where the battle was fought, the trees are noticeably stunted and so close together and thick lower limbs so intermingled with a thick underbrush that it is very difficult indeed to make one's way through them.—Atlantic Monthly.

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