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URGES BETTER SCHOOL SYSTEM

BADGER STATE MAN TALKS TO PATRONS OF INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL

Prof. Livingston of Wisconsin, Delivers a Very Able Address Before Teachers and Parents of Independence.

Prof. Livingston of Forest Grove, formerly superintendent of the Wisconsin State Normal school at Stevens Point, Wis., spoke in the opera house last Saturday evening to the teachers and a few patrons of the Independence schools. His address followed an interesting teachers' and parents' meeting held in the high school building. Unfortunately only a few patrons of the school heard the able address and the well chosen remarks were not placed where the most good could be accomplished.

Prof. Livingston encourages a speedy advancement in all branches of education and especially in the rural districts where high schools or the graded schools are practically unknown. If his thoughts and suggestions could be put into practice all over the state of Oregon it would be only a matter of a short time when a great interest would be awakened in the cause of education.

There never was a time when citizenship meant so much as it does today. Not only in Oregon, but all over the United States—in fact, all over the world. Men are rising to a more complete sense of their manhood. The prerogative of favored individual and class are suffering abridgement year by year. Public opinion is rapidly becoming more potent, and what is more significant we all have a share in making this opinion. Education is the essential thing by which men shall be better fitted to meet the responsibilities of business. Without it there can be no full and complete discharge of the duties of citizenship, therefore the Professor's request to promote the interests of schools in the towns and in the country of Oregon should be heeded.

To further the interest and better the conditions in the schools in Independence, Prof. Crowley, principal of the High School, is trying to enthuse the pupils and parents relative to the question of manual training, and this is a feature of the school work that deserves strict attention. It is deplorable that our youth should come up with little or no respect for manual labor, disregarding the opportunities to work with their hands when such work would make them independent citizens.

The question of education is one that should interest every citizen, and it is hoped that the interest in Independence will continue to grow until every parent shall make it a part of his business to do what he can to promote the cause.

WAS APPRECIATED

The entertainment given at the M. E. church last Friday evening surpassed the expectations of those who attended. The audience was large and the merit of the program is spoken of in highest terms.

Mrs. Sylvia W. McGuire, in "Echoes from Dixie Land" was instructive as well as entertaining, and the selections by local talent were very much appreciated.

The city marshal invited a half dozen tramps to leave town Tuesday and they hurried to comply with his request.

BIG NEW DREDGE IS NOW IN OPERATION

The following is taken from a Folsom, Cal., paper. Mr. Parker spoken of in the article is a brother of J. B. Parker of Independence. He has been spending a few weeks here and left yesterday for South Africa where he has a position awaiting which will afford him a salary of \$300 per month. Natoma No. 8, said to be the largest gold dredge in the world, began operation this week. The new dredge was built by the Natomas Consolidated, and is located on Rebel Hill, three miles from Folsom and a mile from Natoma. It cost in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

The dredge was given the first trial last Sunday, and on Monday was put in operation while the officials of the company inspected it. Tuesday night the first regular shift went on duty, and for seven and a half hours the ponderous machine ran without a stop. This is considered a record for a new dredge. No. 8 is indeed a credit to the men who built it and those who did the construction work. The latter was carried on under the supervision of T. C. Parker.

No. 8 has buckets of 13 cubic feet capacity. In an hour the big boat will handle 500 cubic yards of dirt, or 350,000 cubic yards a month, not allowing for stops or repairs, which are often quite frequent. The new dredge has almost three times the capacity of the ordinary dredge. Four men are required on each shift, while others require only three to a shift.

The first dredge built in this district cost \$50,000. That was about ten years ago, and Mississippi Bar was the site. This dredge was a toy when compared with the new No. 8. The Natomas Consolidated will build another dredge, the pit is already dug, and preparations are being made to begin construction work on No. 9.

EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATION

There were only 25 per cent of those writing in the recent examination who were successful in passing in all subjects, although many passed in all but one or two, and will have to write on only those subjects at the next examination.

Superintendent Seymour says too many teachers are having their pupils write in the January examination when they ought not to write before the May examination, as it is much better for the child to pass in the May examination with good grades than to fail in some one or two subjects or more in the January examination and then perhaps become discouraged.

Following are the names of those who were successful in the recent examination, together with the names of the schools:

Meriam G. Hart,	Dallas
John Bogynaka	Monmouth
Clarence Booth,	Bethel
Janie Bascue	Independence
Glenn Newton,	"
Arnold Kreuger	West Salem
Budd Hart	Upper Salt Creek
Inez Hart	Upper Salt Creek
Millie Skewels	Upper Salt Creek
Willie Hanson	North Dallas
Grace Jordan	Suver
Katie Brigham	Lone Star
Warren Cobb	Falls City
Wayne McGinnis	Black Rock
Bernice Adams	Mountain View
Ollie Shew	Cochran

The L. T. L. met with Mrs. Dunsmore on Sunday afternoon, and a most interesting meeting was held. A cordial invitation is extended to all the children and young people to meet next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Mrs. Dunsmore's. An early enrollment is necessary on account of the medal contests soon to begin, and it is much desired that the L. T. L. of Independence will bring home the silken banner from the next convention.

J. K. Neal, merchant and postmaster of Buena Vista, was in the city on business Wednesday.

BIG TIME FOR WOODMEN

WOODMEN OF INDEPENDENCE INAUGURATE A GREAT CAMPAIGN

First Gun of the Great Campaign for Membership is Fired at Woodmen Hall Tonight.

March 20th next promises to be the greatest Woodmen day ever known in the history of Independence and the local camp is making preliminary arrangements for the coming event. On this date they expect to initiate a class of 50 members, and the entire organization is working hard with this in view. Several prizes are offered to those securing candidates for adoption.

In addition to the initiation an immense banquet will be served and the night will be spent in a most joyous manner.

We are expecting assistance from other camps. State Organizer, F. B. Technor, of Portland will be with us and possibly one or more of the Head Camp officers.

The initiation fee for this campaign has been reduced to \$3.00 and every member has been given an application blank with a request to land more timber for the forest.

This evening the camp is going to fire the first gun of the big campaign, and every member of the Independence lodge, and as many visiting members as can, are urgently requested to meet at the W. O. W. hall for this occasion. The committee in charge of the affairs has prepared a banquet and that there will be a pleasant time at the W. O. W. hall tonight goes without saying.

There is a spirit of progress manifested in all the Woodmen of the World camps in Oregon this winter and Independence is determined not to be outclassed by any other camp in Polk county. The local organization is composed of a lot of hustlers and there is little doubt as to the success of the camp in the present campaign. The Woodmen of the World is the strongest insurance organization in the Northwest and men who carry no life insurance should take advantage of the low dispensation afforded.

BUYS PEN OF FOWLS

J. G. McIntosh Enters Poultry Business on Large Scale.

Determined to make a success of the poultry business, J. G. McIntosh has just received a pen of thoroughbred White Orpingtons from Corvallis and now claims the leadership in fowls. The pen consists of five pullets and one male bird, and they are certainly beauties. He is justly proud of his new purchase, and considers they are cheap at \$20.00.

The pullets are laying every day and he intends to increase his flock as fast as possible.

NEW BAND ORGANIZED

A band was organized in Independence Tuesday evening consisting of twenty-five pieces and some of the best musical talent in the city is represented. Thus another long felt want has been supplied. By the time spring opens they will be in a position to furnish good music. This information will be received by the citizens of this city with great delight. In years past Independence has supported a good band, but some time ago the organization became defunct and the town has been without a band.

EARLY MORNING BATH

Horse Plunges into the Willamette But is Rescued.

What came near being a serious accident occurred at the Independence Dock Wednesday morning as the steamer, Pomona, was being loaded with freight.

A party from Hood River, whose name we did not learn, purchased a fine span of horses here this week and loaded them on the boat billed for Portland. One of the animals became frightened and in trying to escape from its undesirable quarters, fell backward from the boat into the deep water. It was rescued, however, and no damage was done. Wet from head to foot and shivering from cold and fear, the animal was led back upon the dock and safely loaded to sail down the river.

The water is very deep at the boat landing and the bank high, consequently it was with difficulty that the horse was rescued.

WAS WELL KNOWN IN POLK

Death of Miss Josephine Burch, at Her Home in Rickreall.

Miss Josephine Burch, daughter of Judge S. T. Burch, of Rickreall, died at the family home Tuesday morning, February 7, of tuberculosis, aged 36 years and 22 days.

Miss Burch had been ill the past two years, during which she spent some time in a Portland sanitarium, in the hope of benefiting her condition. She has been confined to her bed for about a year, and throughout all her suffering she was very patient. Her pleasant disposition and kindness of heart won for her a large number of friends, many of whom live in Dallas.

The funeral will be conducted at the residence in Rickreall, Thursday afternoon, February 9, at 1:30 o'clock, by the Reverend A. A. Winter, of Dallas, and interment will be in the Rickreall cemetery.—Dallas Observer.

INDEPENDENCE DRIVING CLUB ORGANIZES

At a meeting of the Independence Driving Club, Saturday, February 3, the following officers were elected: President, W. W. Percival; Secretary, O. D. Byers; Treasurer, R. R. DeArmond; Managers, C. A. McLaughlin, P. M. Kirkland and R. P. Dickinson.

It was decided to hold a four days' meeting this year on June 21 to 24, inclusive; with a horse show in connection.

A new feature this year will be three stake races; one a harness race, and two runs; the particulars of which will be announced later.

The Club also decided to join an association to obtain the protection afforded by the associations. We expect to make this the best race meeting ever held in this city and will announce the program soon.

TWO FARMS SOLD

J. T. Huntley sold his farm this week to a Mr. Miller, consideration \$6,000; and J. H. Arehart sold his place adjoining the Huntley place to a son of Mr. Miller for \$6500. There were 65 acres in each place, and both are well improved. Mr. Huntley expects to move to California soon, but we have not learned what Mr. Arehart expects to do.

LOST.—A small leather purse containing chain and locket with monogram, N. M. D. Please return to Dainon.

NEWPORT MAN GOES INSANE

MARTIN BYRLEY TAKEN FROM DEPOT A MANIAC

LaGrippe Renders Unfortunate Man in Critical Condition; Now Recovering.

Martin Byrley of Newport was taken suddenly ill at the depot Tuesday evening while enroute to Dallas. For a short time his condition bore every appearance of insanity. He was taken to a rooming house where Dr. Hewitt was called to treat the sufferer. Late in the evening Mr. Byrley seemed to be recovering, but Wednesday morning he was again seized with a spell of insanity and his condition was really critical.

The doctor accompanied him to Dallas where he was placed in care of a physician whom he was going to Dallas to consult regarding his physical condition.

Urinetic trouble is said to be the direct cause of Mr. Byrley's temporary insanity. A telephone message received by Dr. Hewitt yesterday from Dallas says the patient is recovering rapidly.

The report circulated to the effect that Mr. Byrley was intoxicated is wholly without foundation. He is a total abstainer from the use of liquors of any description. He was taken with a severe attack of LaGrippe at his home in Newport about three weeks ago and has not fully recovered. When taken sick Tuesday he was waiting at the depot for a train to take him to Dallas where he was going to receive medical treatment. He is one of Newport's most highly respected citizens and is a member of the city council at that place.

ROAD TO BUILD BRIDGE

Salem, Falls City & Western Plans to Cross Willamette Over \$100,000 Structure at Salem—Soon.

With the view of entering the city and securing depot grounds so that it will be in a position in the future to reach out and obtain a share of the business, the Salem, Falls City & Western last Wednesday had introduced in the senate a bill asking for the right to construct a \$100,000 bridge across the Willamette river.

For some time there have been rumors afloat that the road contemplated this improvement, but until the bill was introduced in the legislature this week no confirmation of them could be obtained. That the bill will pass and become a law goes without saying, and as soon thereafter as arrangements can be made during the spring and early summer—the bridge will be built. It will be a steel structure and built along the line of the latest designs in bridge engineering.

It is also learned that the company is negotiating for depot grounds in the city, and that several options have been secured, but just where the tracts are located cannot be learned. It will be only a matter of time, however, until they are obtained, and then, during the spring or early summer, a handsome depot will be built upon them. The road, it is understood, also contemplates a number of other improvements.—Albany Herald.

How nice it would be if Independence had a branch road to connect with the Salem, Falls City & Western.

The Odd Fellows held degree work last evening, and served luncheon.