

# PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN SEND BOOST LETTERS

To the Editor: It seems that not all of the "Boosters" are in the Commercial club and I am enclosing a clipping from the local paper of Wildwood, N. J., together with copies of two letters received from pupils of the schools in that distant town, merely as an interesting suggestion of what may be done in the way of enlivening school exercises that are often too dull and prosaic.

The Wildwood letters were not written for publication and I do not know whether these which we submit are the best or the poorest of the lot, as I have not seen all of them, but I find them interesting and creditable as the work of children.

Sincerely yours,  
GUY C. STOCKTON,  
Supt. Eugene Schools.

Following is the clipping from the Wildwood paper, only the letter from the Eugene pupil being given here:

## LETTER FROM OREGON.

Wildwood School Pupils Exchange Communications with Western Pupils.

The pupils of the Wildwood Grammar school received this week twenty letters from pupils of the Central school, Eugene, Oregon, in reply to those sent from here recently.

The work was taken up by the Wildwood pupils in order to come in closer contact with conditions and industries of western life.

The letters received were written by seventh grade pupils and contain some very interesting facts. Postal cards of views are being exchanged.

The first few letters are to be under the supervision of the teachers but later the correspondence will be at the option of the pupils.

Below is a copy of one of the letters. The writer sent many clippings of Oregon which, when mounted will make a fine booklet.

Eugene, Oregon, Nov. 20, 1908.  
Malvern Reeves, Wildwood, N. J.

Dear Friend: I am in the seventh grade of the Central school, Eugene, Lane county, Oregon.

The mountains along our coast have the heaviest rainfall in the state, sometimes more than 100 inches falling during the year.

The broad valley between the Cascade and Coast mountains is drained by numerous streams and the rainfall is plenty but not excessive. The climate if this country is much like that of many parts of England.

In the Willamette valley wheat growing forms the chief occupation but is gradually giving place to dairying, fruit growing and general farming.

Alfalfa grows so fast that three and sometimes four crops are cut in a single year. Beef cattle are fattened and dairy herds, sheep and breeding stock are fed on alfalfa hay during the winter and dry seasons.

Fine breeds of cattle, horses, sheep and goats are reared. The wool of the goat is known on the market as mohair. Oregon is the largest mohair producing state in the Union.

Pears, apples, prunes, peaches, wheat, barley, flax, gold, silver, lumber, coal and nickel are produced by our state.

Eugene has the University of Oregon, which has a large number of students. I am sending you a post card of the buildings.

I will close for this time hoping to hear from you soon. I am your truly,  
WALLACE DANIEL,  
124 West 7th St.,  
Eugene, Oregon.

## PINKHAM MENTIONED ON ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Louis Pinkham, Oregon's fighting tackle, was given an honorable mention in Collier's Weekly by Walter Cabot, when he announced the selections he had made for the 1908 team. Pinkham is the only man west of the Mississippi river to receive the honor.

What notably gave him the mention is the way he handled and outplayed Jarvis, of Washington, Jamison, of O. A. C. and other men much heavier. On defense, the Oregon tackle is a wonderful player, although he has never carried the ball on offense to any extent.

Oratorical Preliminaries. The oratorical preliminaries for the Interstate contest, yesterday, were not held, for only six men had signed up of the number that is intended to. Those are J. H. Bond, Cornelius Beebe, W. C. Nicholas, Ben Williams, Earl Strong, and T. H. Townsend.

FRANCIS HENEY FEELS NO EFFECT OF RECENT WOUND  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Francis J. Heney arrived here today from San Francisco and proceeded to New York. He is feeling no ill effects from the bullet wound inflicted by Haas in Judge Lawlor's court during the Ruff trial some time ago.

# ANDREW CARNEGIE IS OPPOSED TO TARIFF ON STEEL MILL PRODUCTS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie, whose published views on the tariff question have caused considerable comment, took the stand before the House Ways and Means Committee today. He testified in support of the statements made in his articles, declaring that the facts show the steel industry needs no protection. Referring to the testimony of Judge Gary, the Laird of Skibo castle said:

"You should not place any real value on the testimony of interested parties. Judge Gary said the United States Steel Corporation could stand for the reduction of the tariff on steel, but that the smaller steel manufacturers could not survive with lowered duties. That is like one of Aesop's fables. Judge Gary is like the monkey who desired the chestnuts, but wanted the cat to pull them out of the fire."

Mr. Carnegie made the room ring with laughter on several occasions by his witty replies. He said Gary's annual statement showing the United States Steel Corporation made a profit of \$18,000,000 meant a profit of \$15.50 a ton on all steel produced.

# TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ROB WESTERN UNION COMPANY

Seattle, Dec. 21.—According to Superintendent Reid, of the Western Union, an investigation by the auditing department, aided by private detectives sent out for the purpose of filing messages from various points on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern from the Pacific coast to Minneapolis, resulted in the arrest of the agent at Ritzville, Wash., and the discharge of twenty telegraph operators at various other stations, and the uncovering of what is believed to have been a conspiracy to systematically rob the Western Union of toll receipts from messages filed by passengers on trains for transmission to points along the same line where the messages will not have to pass through a relay office.

Complaints that messages had not been delivered caused the company to investigate, and as high as 40 per cent of the messages were never reported in the monthly statements to the checking department. The operator at Ritzville confessed, and will be tried in the superior court early in the new year.

# BEAN DENIES HE IS OUT OF RACE FOR SPEAKER

Today's Oregonian contains a column article in which it is stated that Louis E. Bean, of this city, has given up the fight for the speakership of the next house of representatives in the Oregon legislature. Mr. Bean, when interviewed upon the subject by a Guard reporter this morning, was emphatic in his denial of the truth of the story. He said: "There is absolutely nothing in it whatever. I haven't withdrawn and have no intention of doing so. I am still in the race for the speakership and intend to stay in till it is finally determined."

In regard to that portion of the Oregonian article stating that Mr. Bean agreed to return for the support of the standpatners to give them the chairmanship of a third of the house committee, he said: "That is an absolute lie. I have never promised anything in the way of chairmanship or anything of the kind whatever. I am in favor of the 'forty caucus' and in my judgment it will be secured. I am working in the interest of the caucus and fully expect it will be organized. I expect that every Republican in the house will go into the caucus."

# HARRY THAW LOSES IN COURT OF APPEALS

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Mattewan, cannot be taken to Pittsburgh to testify in his bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down today by the United States circuit court of appeals of this city.

Whether the case will be taken to the United States supreme court is not known here.

# A Dangerous Operation.

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Arthur Lattin, the efficient day clerk at the Hoffman house, has resigned his position. He will spend Christmas with his mother at Pleasant Hill and may go to Portland soon to locate.

# BORN

At Boston, Mass., Dec. 17, 1908, to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Spencer Johnson, a daughter.

# LORETZ SUCCEEDS IN ATTEMPT TO KILL HIMSELF

Joseph Loretz, the young farmer who hung himself with a rope from the river road between Eugene and Junction City last Tuesday, but who was found before life became extinct and was cut down, has finally succeeded in his attempts at self-destruction. He was found dead in a field, late Saturday afternoon near the home of his brother, Henry Loretz, with a bullet hole in his head and with his revolver lying by his side.

After his attempt at suicide by hanging, Loretz went to the home of his brother. The next day he left the house and that was the last seen of him alive. His brother instituted a search for him and found his body in the Edwards stubble field about a mile from the bridge where he hung himself.

Coroner Gordon received word of the suicide Saturday evening and at once drove to the scene. He held an inquest, empanelling the following jurors: Clarence Coon, James Hayes, M. J. Harper, F. T. Kirk, J. L. Horsell and Ralph Coon. They rendered the following verdict:

"We the jury empanelled and sworn by W. T. Gordon, Coroner of Lane county, to inquire into the cause of the death of Joseph Loretz, then and there lying dead, find that deceased is Joseph Loretz, aged thirty-two years, a native of Oregon, and that he came to his death December 17th, 1908, from a gunshot wound self-inflicted."

"Dated December 19th, 1908."

Loretz was a single man and lived with his brother, George, near the scene of the suicide. He has been known to be very peculiar and appeared many times to be partially insane. It was during one of these attacks that he took his life.

# WESTERN UNION TO HAVE OFFICE IN BANK BUILDING

H. W. Hall, manager of the Western Union telegraph office in this city today informed The Guard that the office will be moved directly across the street from the present quarters in the Chrisman block on West Ninth street as soon as the new quarters can be fitted up for that purpose, the new office will be in the room in the rear portion of the First National bank building.

The Wells-Fargo Express Co. will occupy alone, the room to be vacated by the W. U. company, it having been quartered with the latter for many years. The express business has grown to such proportions that it becomes necessary to have more room, hence this move.

# MORE OF THE RANKIN TIMBER LAND SOLD

At Corvallis last Saturday 4,680 acres of the M. B. Rankin timberland in Benton were sold by the sheriff to satisfy the judgment held against him by H. C. Mahon, of this city. Mr. Mahon bid in the land himself at over \$40,000. This land lies about twenty miles southwest of Corvallis, in the Mary's Park vicinity, and is said to be among the best in Benton county.

On Wednesday in Eugene 320 acres of the Rankin lands in Lane county will be sold in the same manner and when this is done all the lands that were levied upon to satisfy the Mahon judgment will have been sold. A good sized tract in this county was sold a few weeks ago.

In Eugene, Dec. 18, 1908, Mrs. Emaline Chase, aged 59 years, 7 months and 6 days. She was born in Genesee county, N. Y., April 13, 1839. She came to Oregon with her sons, A. J. and Frank Chase, from Minnesota last spring and has resided in Eugene nearly ever since. The funeral was held at the family home at the corner of West Fifth and Jefferson streets, Sunday afternoon and the remains interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Rev. H. T. Sutton officiating.

# BROKER SUYDAM DEAD OF WOUND

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the carb broker shot Saturday by John C. Lumsden, an inventor, died today. Lumsden is under arrest.

# ACQUITTED OF MURDER AT BOISE, IDAHO

Boise, Dec. 22.—Twelve hours of deliberation the jury in the case of Alois Jaegering, charged with the murder of W. C. Simmons, in Highland valley last September, brought in a verdict of not guilty. Jaegering proved an alibi.

Simmons was shot from ambush.

During the cold, foggy weather last week the top of Spencer Butte was in the sun. A trip to the butte brought forth astonishment on the part of an English visitor. He had seen the mountains in various parts of the United States and Europe, but never had seen a more beautiful view than that he beheld from the top of Spencer Saturday. All around him were clouds. No land was in sight except the heads of the Coast range, the mountains of Southern Oregon, and the Cascades. The Three Sisters, Mount Jefferson, and other peaks were like giant glaciers thrust into the sky. The fog gave the appearance of a great sea thickly covered with snow, and over all the sun shone in a cloudless sky.

# POULTRY FAIR OPEN IN EARNEST THIS MORNING

(From Tuesday's Daily Guard)  
The big exhibition of poultry being conducted in the new Cherry block at Sixth and Willamette streets opened in earnest this morning and the work of examining the fowls for awards was begun by H. H. Collins, of Tacoma, who was selected as judge.

All day long the big room has been thronged with poultry fanciers and others who are always interested in poultry. The officers of the association have been on the jump all day long assisting the judge and attending to other duties incident to an exhibition of this kind. They were not too busy, however, to extend every courtesy to The Guard reporter when he visited the show this forenoon.

There are 1200 coops, containing in all 325 fowls, on exhibition. There are the mammoth bronze turkeys down to the little bantam hens and homer pigeons, and every one of them is a "live one," too—making plenty of noise.

H. H. Collins, the judge, expressed himself to the reporter that he has seldom seen such a splendid exhibition. He complimented the poultry raisers of the country upon the fine lot of chickens they are now raising and predicted that this section of the valley would soon be foremost in the poultry-raising industry.

The show lasts till Thursday night and will be open each evening. The admission price is very small and everyone who has the time should take advantage of the occasion to see the splendid display. The association desires a large attendance so they may come out even. Often these shows are a financial failure.

Geo. W. Taylor, of Eugene, a former Albany man, house mover and well digger, went to Portland this morning after an Albany visit. Mr. Taylor has done well in Eugene during his six or seven years' residence there. His home lot which cost \$225 is now worth \$2,500, and he has a \$3,000 residence on it. In fact is considering a \$5,000 offer for the fine property. Some other lots that cost \$150 are now worth nearly ten times as much.—Albany Democrat.

Miss Grace Cook went to Junction City today on a visit.

# DAYLIGHT BURGLARY IN POTTS APARTMENTS

On last Saturday a burglar entered the living apartments of F. C. Potts and family on the second floor of the Potts block on Olive street, and stole five valuable gold rings belonging to Miss Helen Potts. The rings were all together and were missed that evening. S. B. Finnegan, who lives in the apartments adjoining, saw a man in the hallway Saturday, and when asked who he wanted to see he replied that he was looking for a civil engineer. It is more than probable that this was the fellow who stole the rings. A partial description of the man has been given the police and they are now looking for him.

See our "Superior" wood heaters before buying; they will show you what a heater ought to be, even if you don't buy. Chambers Hardware Co.

Five soft drink places in Roseburg were raided by the sheriff the other day and three of them were found to be obeying the law, the others showing evidences of violation.

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