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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1905.

The crossing between Cheney's notion store and Schultz's market needs to be rebuilt. Its present condition reminds one of a clam-bed at low tide when the bivalves emit their gastric juices.

The country weeklies are not the only newspapers that make mistakes. The past week the Evening Telegram gives Forest Grove a basket factory, the Oregon Daily Journal makes Hillsboro pay the damages in the suit of E. Dewey vs. Forest Grove and the Oregonian publishes a picture of P. U.'s Track captain under the title of "secretary of Baker City Elks." Still not a week passes but that some of the so-called "funny men" of the Portland papers make sarcastic comments on the country press.

Senator E. W. Haines, while in Portland last week, thus spoke to an Oregonian reporter: "We of Forest Grove feel confident that some day we shall be connected with Portland by an electric road. Of course we do not know how long it will be before that will come to pass, but I do not think the day is very far distant. At least we are not worrying about it. Representatives of Eastern capitalists have visited Forest Grove and the surrounding towns several times and looked over the ground. They all agree that it would be a paying investment. I do not think it is a question as to whether we shall get the electric road, but I think it is a question as to who will first get in."

Hon. W. K. Newell while in Portland last week spoke thus concerning the wheat crops: "More wheat was sown in Washington County this Fall than any other time during the last ten years. The Farmers have taken heart and are raising more wheat every year. About ten years ago wheat was grown so much that the land lost some of its fertility and the farmers gradually quit raising grains. Now the land is as good as ever and some of the farmers are going back to wheat-raising. By rotation of crops we can always keep the land in good condition. However, dairy farming is so profitable that I hardly think that wheat will ever again be raised as extensively in Washington County as it was some years ago."

To Be Watched With Interest.

The State Association of County Assessors which recently met in Portland, recommended to the Oregon legislature that the poll tax in this state be abolished. The argument offered was that the tax works an imposition on property owners because there is no way to collect from people who do not own property. Moreover the tax is a greater source of trouble to the assessor who makes up the tax roll and to the sheriff who collects the tax, than the amount thus secured justifies. The assembled assessors however, suggested that the one dollar thus lost to the state revenue be added to the road poll tax. This, it is said, would insure the collection of more money from that source than under the present system. The expense of collection would also be diminished, since each road supervisor would collect the money in his own district for use on the roads under his care. Four dollars from each male inhabitant ought to give us roads of the better sort. The action of the legislature in this matter will be watched with interest.

The ravages of the San Jose scale has not been limited to this section of Oregon. The pest has manifested itself in the orchards of Clackamas county, Multnomah county and numerous other parts of the state. The fruit industry is seriously threatened unless every fruitgrower lends assistance to combat the disease.

The O. T. C. Still Alive

The Oregon Traction Company was granted permission at a recent meeting of the Portland common council to operate cars over its road in that city so soon as the rails are laid from Front to Twenty-sixth and Pettygrove streets. The company need not wait till the line is finished to Hillsboro to run its cars on the road as it was decided by the council at the time the company applied for a franchise.

W. R. C. Hold Annual Election

The W. R. C. of Forest Grove has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Addie Morgan; senior vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Thomas; junior vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Carter; chaplain, Mrs. N. J. Walker; treasurer, Mrs. Lillian North; conductor, Mrs. Margaret Leach; guard, Mrs. Emma Cheney; secretary, Mrs. Emily Anderson. The delegates to the state convention at Grant's Pass, were also chosen as follows: Mrs. Virginia Weitzel, Mrs. M. Leach, Mrs. Maggie Ulm and Mrs. Anna Byroads.

(From The Weekly Index.)

PRELIMINARY DEBATE

Team Chosen to Represent Pacific University in Debate vs Whitman and the University of Washington

College spirit was at its height Tuesday night when the Preliminary debate occurred in Marsh Hall. Rivalry between the societies was in evidence and Brighton Chapel fairly rang with the songs and yells each had composed especially for the occasion.

Before the debate Miss Leiser played a very pretty piano solo.

President Ferrin who presided for the evening, then instructed the judges to base their decisions on the debate presented by the speakers and not on any merit of the question. The speakers were excluded from the room except when speaking. The first speaker was allowed 12 minutes, the second speaker 11 minutes, and the others 10 minutes each. It was a free for all tryout and each speaker was allowed to debate on either side he chose. The question was the one which will be debated with Whitman: Resolved, "That the Interstate Commerce Commission should have power to fix railroad rates in disputed cases; these to be in force until reversed by the higher courts."

Mr. Fletcher opened the discussion on the affirmative with a strong argument. He has a pleasing delivery and spoke without a note. Mr. Peters the second speaker, upheld the negative with a clear, logical argument against the fixing of railroad rates by an Interstate Commerce Commission. Mr. Lawrence followed on the affirmative and made a strong plea for the protection of the shipper and the public at large. Mr. Aller, the next speaker gave a straight forward argument on the negative backed by good authority. The fifth speaker, Mr. Sparks, presented a good debate and his easy manner on the platform was especially pleasing. Miss Ferrin spoke next with a creditable argument on the affirmative. Mr. Wirtz, the seventh speaker argued for the negative substantiating his remarks with authorities in abundance. The last speaker, Mr. Rasmussen, while upholding the negative, displayed his long experience in the forensic line by his matter of fact delivery and ease on the platform.

While the judges were conferring, the Philomathean Trio sang the new Philo Song, the words of which were composed by Miss Holmes and the music by Mrs. Coghill. Yells and cheers followed, until the decision was announced: Mr. Rasmussen, first; Mr. Fletcher, second; Mr. Peters, third. Miss Ferrin, Mr. Sparks and Mr. Aller were chosen to act as alternates. They will form a second team and will meet the first team in practice debates.

The debate as a whole was one of the best try outs ever held at Pacific. The judges for the debate were Dr. Coghill, Prof. Robertson and Mr. Haskell Marsh, of Portland.

"We've always got good results from our advertising in The News. Every time we have advertised, the store has been chuck full of people. Then, The News is the newsiest paper of the whole bunch of 'em, anyway and I think you've got 'em skinned for circulation, too," said an advertiser for one of the city's big stores, when speaking to the News representative the other evening. Such an unsolicited testimony of The News' remarkable power in business building, is one that is peculiarly pleasing to the management.

Subscriber Will Take the Rocks.
We have been requested to publish the following comments.

"Keep the right man in the right place, is our motto, but every man has his theory in regard to the making of roads. Please look at Fifth street, known as depot street which our Road Supervisor, A. B. Todd has been working on by making a road-bed and filling the same with crushed rock, also the Base line road. If other road supervisors had used our district funds in rocking the roads we would have had good roads years ago.

The poll tax has mostly been collected and paid out for hauling of rock. The taxpayers can see where their money goes to and we hear of no complaint. In regard to the road drag, it will do to fill up mudholes and the first loaded team that comes along will have to be pried out. Give me the rock and you may have the drag."

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COUNCILMAN STATES HIS POSITION

John Cornelius Resigns of His Own Volition and Gives Reasons.

Councilman John Cornelius, who has been in attendance at the Circuit Court as a juror, was in the city Monday. When interviewed as to the recent action of the city council in declaring a vacancy of the office he holds, Mr. Cornelius said that he was not and could not be "ousted" by any action of his fellow councilmen and maintained that the Circuit Court alone has jurisdiction in the matter, provided any move from the Court was necessary. "I handed in, voluntarily, my resignation on Dec. 13, to the Mayor to take effect the first of the year as I had agreed to do, thus giving my constituents the privilege to elect my successor at the coming city election," continued Mr. Cornelius.

Further he said: "My reason for holding off in the tendering of my resignation to the council was that I believed it to be better for me to give the choice of my successor to all the voters of the city rather than to allow any one faction of the council to make that choice."
Councilman Cornelius claims residence here, having a part of his household goods here and his time being taken up with duties in the city and at his farm northeast of town. He intended to resign the first of the year irrespective of any action of the council.

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At The Christian Church.

The following services next Sunday: Sunday School at 10 a. m. At 11, Dr. C. M. Van Pelt, of the State Anti-Saloon League, will speak. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. At 7:30 we will join the Union service at the Congregational church. Our Christmas tree and program Saturday evening. All invited.

Congregational Church

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a. m., Sunday School; 11, Morning Service—Christmas Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Herbert W. Boyd. 6:30 Y. P. S. C. E. Service topic—"The Brotherhood of Man." 7:30 Union service of all the churches. Mr. Van Pelt of Portland, recently from Ohio, will speak on the Temperance Issue. All the people of the town are invited. Monday evening—Christmas—there will be the Sunday School exercises with Christmas Tree. Thursday at 7:30—Our last midweek service. The subject will be "The New Things of the Old Year."

Christmas Services at Verboort

Extensive preparations have been made for the commemoration of the Savior's nativity at the Verboort Catholic Church. The interior of the church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion and appropriate music will be rendered by the choir. Services will be held at 6 o'clock and at 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock Rev. Father Verhaag will also officiate at High Mass. Large congregations are expected at these special services, which will prove of particular interest.

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