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THURSDAY, JANUARY, 20

Bank-wrecker Walsh, of Chicago, has been sentenced to five years at hard labor in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. It is some satisfaction to the common people to learn that occasionally, at least, a high financier gets his just deserts.

Another good man has fought the good fight and lost. Giffort Pinchot, recently removed by President Taft, has served fairly and fearlessly, without pay and has done more for Federal forest conservation than any other one man, but his policy was in direct opposition to that of the powers that be, so his political head came off. Judging by the way matters along these lines have been going of late, Mr. Taft may discover that he has a Tarter on his hands in the person of Secretary Ballinger.

AN OBSERVATION

It has been said that a man reveals his character by every word that comes out of his mouth. It is also true that he reveals his possibilities, whether they be good or bad. Another and perhaps more obvious truth is this: we all have characteristics in our makeup, which we despise and criticise, when we observe them in other people. Much is said nowadays in criticism of the morality or rather immorality of the material published in the daily newspaper. Did we ever stop to meditate upon the fact that the daily newspaper is a mirror which reflects back to us the image of the public mind and what it desires to feed upon. But we should not be pessimistic. More people, as the years go by, demand better material to feed the mind upon. The intelligent reader of today merely passes his eye over the headlines and sifts out what is worth while or what is pertinent to him and his at a glance. Even an advertisement or a cover design in this decade must be a work of art if it is to be of any service whatever. A few years ago a picture was a picture and was used to ornament the walls of the homes, but now, with increased facilities and educational advancement, the public taste has become refined and works of art are demanded and enjoyed in the homes even of the poor.

Even a city shows its sense of taste, and its degree of culture by its outward characteristics and appearances and must pay dearly for carelessness in regard to healthful conditions and modern conveniences. A man who allows rubbish to collect in the alley or neglects to keep up his property or opposes general improvements, is a detriment to his community. No one wishes to live in a town that is filthy, or that has no sewerage, or that has a poor water supply, or which no intencive improvements include that reflects on the honor of the in- habitants on in-

search of more ideal conditions. He leaves with a bad taste in his mouth and gives the place a bad reputation to would-be citizens. Soon the real estate business comes to a standstill or perhaps takes a "slump"; but never until after the people have taken a slump.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Columbia county's assessed valuation was raised five million dollars over that of last year by the State Board of Equalization.

Hold-up artists have been quite busy at Woodburn of late, two cases being reported in one evening.

Hillsboro wants a better sewerage system. Forest Grove needs the same thing.

Hillsboro newspapers are being pestered by an individual who wants unlimited use of their columns to give vent to personal spleen. They will not do it and say so in no uncertain terms.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The theme of the morning sermon at the Christian church for Sunday, June 23rd is the "Library of Sin". In the evening it is expected that Rev. M. F. Horn, of Hillsboro, will occupy the pulpit. Don't forget the Bible school at 10 o'clock a. m. E. V. STIVERS.

THE ORCHESTRA GIVES SKATING PARTY

The College Orchestra added new laurels to their crown last Friday and proved beyond every shadow of doubt that their ability to entertain is only surpassed by their musical talent. It was the first public appearance of the organization and their work was a credit to the school as well as to themselves. The boys showed the true spirit of sacrifice, playing continually, thus missing all the fun themselves in order to aid others in enjoying themselves.

COLLEGE BAND

The college band met for its Monday evening practice last week. Most of the members were present and after a vigorous blow on several new pieces, the following officers were elected for the next year. Pres., A. S. Markee; Vice Pres., S. E. Bryant; Sec., Edward Livingston; Treas., Fred Knight; S. at A., Arthur Mills; Reporter, D. J. Taylor; Manager, V. V. Gould. At a meeting of the executive committee it was decided by an unanimous vote to secure V. V. Gould as leader for the ensuing year. The band has made rapid progress under Mr. Gould's leadership and with the late addition of several experienced players and his continued services prospects for the future are very bright.

STUDENT LOAN FUND BENEFIT

Under the auspices of the Woman's Club, January 26, at the new Knights of Pythias hall Edward Abner Thompson, of Brighton, Mass., will give two dramatic readings in Forest Grove, Wednesday afternoon matinee Jan. 26, "Hiawatha" interspersed with old Indian songs. This reading is given that all students may be able to hear it. Prof. Gardner consenting to an early dismissal. The price of admission is within the reach of all, 15 cents for all under sixteen, 25 cents for adults. Mr. Thompson will give his strong dramatization of Holman Day's novel "King Spruce" in the evening. This work appeals to all who are interested in our forest preservation. Mr. Thompson represents thirteen char-

acters and sending rollicking logging camp songs with a finely cultivated bass voice. Mr. Thompson is blind but one cannot realize this is so, while watching his great freedom of action. Wednesday matinee 3.30 admission, students under sixteen, 15 cents, adults 25 cents. Wednesday evening, reserved seats 50 cents, general 25 cents. At 8 o'clock.

INTERCOLLEGIATE.

Last Friday evening the universities of Oregon and Utah met in debate at Eugene and Oregon won a unanimous decision. The question debated was, "Resolved That all corporations engaged in interstate business should be required to incorporate under Federal law, it being mutually conceded that such legislation would be constitutional and that a system of Federal license shall not be available as an alternate solution." This is the first time for two years that Oregon has won an intercollegiate debate and the enthusiasm shown and the large number in attendance shows that interest in debating is not declining at Oregon.

The rehearsal of the "Holy City" was held Monday evening at the Congregational church.

Last Tuesday evening the Seniors were delightfully entertained at the home of Pres. Ferrin. Some matters of business were attended to and games were played after which Mrs. Ferrin served delicious refreshments. The evening passed all too quickly and the class dispersed declaring it a most enjoyable evening.

Roswurm & Moulton report having sold last Saturday to Cons. N. Valsamakis, of Idaho, the Rosa Wikberg farm in Scoggins Valley. On Monday, they sold to W. B. Ogilvie, of Portland, the J. C. Doyle farm in Scoggins Valley. This makes the second time this firm sold the latter farm within one year.

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