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Local High School Wins Distinction

It is an indisputable fact that few of us can form a just and correct estimate of our own work, because we are bound to be more or less prejudiced, but when some body from a distance recognizes merit in our work, that estimate should be given weight. For that reason Superintendent Inlow, and every teacher and patron of the Forest Grove high school should be pleased that no less an authority than J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction for Oregon, has given the stamp of approval to the plans and methods in vogue in the local high school. Mr. Churchill has just published a bulletin for distribution among the high schools of the state, under the title "Oregon High School Activities," in which he presents the plan of the Forest Grove High School for the organization and direction of high school activities for the consideration of Oregon High Schools and emphasizes the need of such a plan in every high school in order that a proper balance may be maintained between scholarship and training for community co-operation. In his introduction Mr. Churchill says:

"The trend of modern education is to teach the pupil to think in terms of the group rather than in terms of himself.

"A forceful speaker, this last fall, said: 'The battles of democracy in the twentieth century are to be fought, not for the rights of the individual, because these battles have been fought and won and the principles of individual liberty established, but for the proper assumption of duties and responsibilities toward society by the individual.'

"For many years our excess of democracy has so developed an exaggerated individualism that today it seems to the thoughtful student that it is the greatest hindrance to the establishing of community consciousness.

"Every teacher should require each pupil to do the work assigned him thoroughly and well, not only for the enrichment of his knowledge and skill, but for the value of such a habit upon all his undertakings.

"But communities no longer believe in the royal priesthood of scholarship.

"A student who works daily for grades and makes that the end of his school work becomes self-centered and never comes into a partnership in the activities of the social and industrial life of the community he is to serve.

"Vast sums of money are now being spent on our schools and communities are demanding that public education represent and perpetuate the best ideals of the race by controlling the forces that make for all that is best in modern life.

"A willingness to assume social responsibility is a most valuable equipment for citizenship and any plan for providing it through school instruction should challenge our interest. The attention of this Department has been called recently to the plan of the Forest Grove High School for promoting the spirit of co-operation

on the part of its pupils and for aiding in their socialization.

"We present herewith the plan of the Forest Grove High School, as written by City Superintendent H. E. Inlow for the careful consideration of the teachers of the Oregon High Schools. It is possible that the experience of all, after trying the plan, will enable this department through its next High School Course of Study to organize more definitely this work."

Wife and Mother Called

Lena B. Allen, the beloved wife of John Allen of this city, passed away Monday at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, where she had been a patient since Oct. 1st.

Deceased was born near West Mentor, Ohio, on June 10th, 1876 and when still a child moved with her parents to Kansas, where she grew to womanhood. On September 10th, 1902, she was united in marriage with John Allen and to this union three children were born—Glee S., aged 13; Dean S., aged 7, and Marguerite L., aged 5. These with the husband and father, survive; also the father of deceased, J. O. Jackson of West Mentor, and two sisters, Mrs. Lulu Williams and Mrs. Sylvia Lassey, both of Kansas.

Mrs. Allen was a devoted mother, an affectionate wife, a good neighbor and a conscientious member of the M. E. church and Epworth League and her death will be keenly felt in this community, where the family has resided for the past eight years.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. R. E. Dunlap officiating and the remains were interred in the Forest View cemetery, a large number of friends of the family following the remains to their last resting place.

NOTES AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Bowen of Oregon City, with her two children, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hahn, of this city.

George Leach of Plattsmouth, Neb., arrived Saturday for a visit with his brother-in-law, Chas. VanDoren.

Stephen Morgan writes the Express that Mrs. Morgan is improving at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland.

Miss Miller, who is teaching here, left for her home in Portland Wednesday evening, where she will spend Thanksgiving.

Dr. R. P. Nixon is having his Main street business block remodeled to accommodate the VanKoughnet & Reder drug store.

Miss Martha Allen returned from Monmouth Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving at her home. Two of her girl friends came with her.

George Wilcox and Wiley Knighton, who are attending U. of O., arrived in the Grove Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving at the Frost home at Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of this city headed a five-piece orchestra at a dance at Lebanon last evening. They will also play at a big club dance at Independence on Dec. 28th, which would indicate that the Walkers are becoming famous as players of dance music.

The Perfect Man

What does it take to make a man complete
From the crown of his head to the sole of his feet?
With naught to subtract and nothing to add
—A man not too good, and a man not too bad?

Is man but an arm, a leg, and a boot?
An eye, and an ear, and tongue and a throat?
Is there nothing more in him to extoll?
—Brain? Or a heart? A conscience or soul?

Is the hunchback, the deaf, the mute and the blind
The only unfortunate the frail world can find?
The only sad creature whose makeup is weak.
Enough for a tongue and a voice to speak?

Is the man that hobbles along as he goes,
The only wreck in the tide of earth's woes?
Is there no petrified heart? No brain out of plumb?
No conscience deep-seared and withered and dumb?

Is the miserable gristle in place of a spine
The shrunken ideal, the hope out of line,
The twisted desire, the wish-washy will,
No cause to suspect that the makeup is ill?

Is there no vision to look through the skin
And see the deep voids that may lie within?
The crack on the inside, where the outside is whole?
The warp in the heart and the limp in the soul?

—Dudley Reed.

The County Seat

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Circuit Court

H. W. Scott has brought suit against the unknown heirs of Antone Pfanner to quiet the title to property upon which the heirs have some claim.

Bertha Cecelia Howatt is suing her husband, Edward A. Howatt for a divorce, charging that he abandoned his wife a year ago and that up to that time he was a habitual user of intoxicating liquors. He continually abused the plaintiff in the presence of their child and forced her to work in a department store in order that she might live. An alimony of \$50 per month is asked besides \$2000 for the purpose of educating the child. The couple were married in California.

Another case for divorce is that in which Eunice H. Kerr is asking a decree from her husband, Chas. Kerr. The husband is charged with fault finding and refusing to speak to the plaintiff for long periods of time. He is charged with making false accusations against the plaintiff which were derogatory to her character.

A third case is that of Bertha Howard vs. James L. Howard. The husband is charged with improper relations with other women, and in April, 1915, he deserted his wife and children and has since refused to provide for them.

The Walker-Pryor Co., is asking for judgment against August Rosewurm for \$159.80 which is alleged to be due the plaintiff for merchandise sold the defendant.

Probate Court

In the estate of Gerhart Koster, deceased, Johanna Koster is petitioning for the appointment of herself as administrator of the estate, which is a small one.

Marriage Licenses

Jay C. Silverstone and Josephine Silverstone; Steve M. Hanson and Velma Gaylord; Carl Patterson and Ethel Dixon; Charles R. Powelson and Ethel P. Lethbridge.

Mrs. J. A. Elder on Thursday of last week underwent a very serious operation at the Portland Surgical hospital, by Dr. Coffey, and it will be a pleasure to her friends to know that she rallied nicely from it and is steadily regaining her strength. Present indications point to a speedy recovery.

The prune and walnut growers of Oregon will meet at Corvallis the first week in January.

Patterson-Dixon

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dixon at 6 o'clock last Thursday evening, when Rev. J. N. Wood pronounced the words that united the lives and fortunes of Mr. Carl Patterson and Miss Ethel Dixon. The parlors were decorated in bamboo and holly and presented a very pretty appearance. The bride's mother served a delicious lunch to a number of friends and relatives after the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and was reared from childhood in this city. She is a modest and unassuming little woman, with many of those qualities which go to make home, while the groom is a young farmer, living near LaCrosse, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left Saturday for their Washington home.

Wunderlich-VanLoo

At 10 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, Miss Edith VanLoo and Mr. Charles Wunderlich, both of the Centerville neighborhood, were united in marriage, with solemn high mass, the ceremony being performed at the Verboort Catholic church by Father Le-Miller. Both these young people are very prominent in the Centerville district, where they have lived from childhood, and the wedding was a social event. The bride has for the past six years worked as a stenographer at Hillsboro, where she is known as a clever and lovable young woman. Mr. and Mrs. Wunderlich will make their home on a farm at Centerville.

Two hundred and fifty boys, representing clubs in every section of Western Oregon, will gather at Corvallis Dec. 1-3 for their 11th annual Older Boys' conference. The conference is being arranged by J. H. Rudd, state Y. M. C. A. boys' secretary, and will be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis. Forest Grove will be represented by half a dozen boys.

Miss Mildred McConnehey is visiting at Banks this week.

Sister Lucretia Has Bitter Tongue

A woman calling herself "Sister Lucretia," and claiming to have been a Catholic sister for 31 years, spoke at the Star Theater Thursday night and Friday afternoon, in denunciation of the Catholic priesthood. The woman is very bitter in her tirade against the pope and the priesthood, but claims to have only pity for the lay men and women of the church, who, she says, are kept in ignorance by the priests. She claims to have been eighteen years in a Catholic hospital in Portland, and says she was practically a prisoner, as were all the Sisters. She advised protestants against sending their sick ones to Catholic hospitals, for they do not get the care they get at non-sectarian hospitals. She made the assertion that neither city, state or national inspectors could possibly inspect a Catholic hospital or convent, as those in charge would not permit it.

She charged that the priests were more loyal to their pope than to the president of the United States and were, therefore, not good Americans.

Also made the assertion that while stationed at a Catholic orphanage she saw the children given corporal punishment when they cried for food. After working eighteen years in a hospital, she asked for compensation and was told that the "spiritual benefit" she had received was all the compensation she would get.

The Knights of Columbus she painted as a band of assassins and mentioned a man named Black who had been killed by them in Texas and stated that only recently they had tried to do away with a man named Spurgeon in Denver.

She said protestants were foolish to contribute money to Catholic institutions which were a menace to American institutions.

In closing she advised people to read the bible and the Menace, the latter an anti-Catholic publication.

How much of her talk was truth, the writer does not know, but she reminded him very much of the late Carrie Nation, who could not make a temperance lecture without paying her bitter respects to the Masonic fraternity. Both women are embittered against the world, it appears, and are never so happy as when roasting somebody or something.

Both her lectures were well attended and she cleaned up a nice bunch of money here.

Special Train for Grangers

The various Granges of Washington county have arranged for a special train over the Southern Pacific next Tuesday, Dec. 5th, to enable members (as well as non-members) to attend the stock show at a reasonable rate. The special will start from Dillely at 8 a. m. and will reach this city about 8:10. The fare is \$1.00 for the round trip from this city and anybody desiring to make the trip at this rate can do so, returning on any train Tuesday afternoon. A. T. Buxton of Gale Grange was active in securing the train.