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OREGON WEATHER

Today rain west, fair east portion; northeast, shifting to southeast, winds.

A HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.

The students at the local high school have entered upon a campaign to obtain a gymnasium. They are going to ask the patrons of the district to add some part of a mill to the tax levy when the budget is approved at the annual school meeting and build a home for the athletic activities.

A rugged body is needed to house a well developed intellect.

THE SUGAR BEET AND PROSPERITY.

It is easy to deal in generalities and to say that the beet sugar industry will do this or that or the other thing, but it is when one sees what it has done for other communities that he has proof beyond dispute.

Next Monday beet growers in the Wellington district will receive checks from the Great Western Sugar company aggregating \$100,000. These will be in payment for beets delivered at the four dumps during the month of October.

Yesterday Superintendent Osborn estimated that 80 per cent of the beets in this district had been harvested and delivered, and that if weather conditions remained normal the work would be practically over by Thanksgiving.

The sugar company, from the very beginning of the campaign, did all possible to aid the grower in rushing his harvest through, and when cars could not be provided allowed the piling of beets, whereas in former years delivery was often stopped to wait for cars and piling was not allowed until nearing the end of the campaign.

About 5,000 tons are now piled at the Wellington dump, 4,500 at Barnett, and 800 tons at Dixon. No beets are piled at the Waverly dump. The tonnage also is very gratifying. While exact figures can not yet

be given, it is certain the average yield will be the largest of any year since beets have been grown in this district. Coupled with the fact that the acreage for 1915 was also the largest in the history of the district, the big sugar content and heavy yield will give the growers the largest amount yet received for a beet crop in the Wellington section.

The county court has decided that prisoners held in the county jail must hereafter work for their daily bread or all they will get will be bread and water. The state law provides that prisoners may be required to work, thus spoiling the soft snap of three square meals a day and nothing to do but roll cigarettes, play seven-up, or read from morning till night, while the taxpayers paid the bills.

The state tax commission has raised the ratio for Josephine from the 69 per cent at which it was first placed to 72 per cent. As each per cent of increase represents about a thousand dollars saved to the county, the trip of the assessor and his vigorous protest was a pretty good investment.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The first meeting of the student council was called this week to discuss the giving of a suitable reward for scholarship. This council is composed of members from each organization in the high school.

Friday night a meeting was called of all those interested in getting a gymnasium for the high school. Nearly every one from the student body was present. Several were called upon to express their opinion, and all were in favor of it. This question will be voted upon at the coming school election.

The Seniors met Wednesday night and elected a part of the Toka staff. Wilford Allen, Jr., was elected editor, and Lynn Sabin, business manager. The remaining members will be chosen during the coming week.

The football season ends Thanksgiving day, when the high school meets Central Point at that place. The game was transferred from the locals to the high school, as the all-star bunch was too fast a team for the lighter players from the other city.

Next Wednesday a football game between the different classes will be played on the high school grounds. As all the regular team will play and each class has an equal number of players from the first team, a hard game is expected. The game is being played as a benefit for the athletic association, so a small admission will be charged.

The Gaiety management has consented to let the association have the use of the Gaiety for Wednesday night and a show will be given on that night. Besides the pictures and vaudeville the letters will be presented to the players on the football team.

A number of the students and teachers attended the football game at Eugene Saturday. Among those who took the train Friday night were Bert Presley, Loren Basler, Willard Bartlett, Mr. Brauer, Miss Hardie and Mr. Millikin.

VICTORIA AMERICANS WANT TEDDY TO HELP

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20.—The American society here has sent the following telegram to Colonel Roosevelt, signed by A. A. Freeman, president of the society, former United States assistant attorney general and former United States circuit judge of New Mexico:

"The Americans of Victoria, remembering with pride and gratitude your splendid speech here, learn with interest of the possibility of your assuming command of a Canadian division. If such rumors are authentic, the American society of this city undertakes to furnish from this district a full company of American-born volunteers for service under you in the great fight for civilization and democracy."

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COUPLE MURDERED BY MEXICAN WHO WANTED DAUGHTER

(By United Press Leased Wire) San Diego, Nov. 20.—News of the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burlingame, an aged American couple, by a Mexican teamster, who fled to the hills near Ensenada, with their 16-year-old daughter after the murder, was brought to San Diego today by Captain Robert Ireal of the power schooner Nonsuch. The bodies of the couple, their heads smashed to pulp with boulders, have been recovered about 100 yards apart on the road leading from their ranch at San Ysidoro, Mex., about 25 miles from the coast.

Two brothers, G. H. and Wm. Burlingame, have organized posses in Ensenada and are on their way to the hills.

The atrocity was committed yesterday. Permission to marry the girl had previously been refused by the murderer. Details were telegraphed to Washington.

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NEXT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WANTED BY SAN FRANCISCO

Washington, Nov. 20.—Two hundred thousand dollars, the biggest offer thus far, is the bait San Francisco has hung up to obtain the 1916 democratic national convention, it became known today. The bid is double the largest offer previously received, and leaders admit that it is very tempting.

When the democratic national committee meets here December 7 offers of \$100,000 from Dallas, St. Louis, and possibly Chicago, are expected. The latter city may match the San Francisco offer. At the same time, Omaha is reported in the race, while Buffalo has dropped out.

In addition to their cash offers, the various cities offer to defray expenses and furnish an auditorium.

San Francisco and Chicago are in the field to obtain the republican as well as the democratic convention.

NORTHERN SERB ARMY FACES FLIGHT OR ANNIHILATION

Berlin, Nov. 20.—The northern Serbian army faces flight or capture. The Serbs can reach Montenegro if they move hurriedly. But if they delay for a last stand against the invaders closing in on them, their retreat will be cut off.

The Teutons have driven the Serbs to Kossovo Holy, the "Plain of the Black Bird," where in 1389 Serbia lost her independence in an overwhelming defeat by Sultan Amurath I, and where the Hungarians were defeated under Hunyady by the Turks in 1448. From this historic point Montenegro soil is only 20 miles west. This field may be again the scene of bloody and historically important battling.

The Germans are making a forced march from the Radan district, 20 miles northeast of the plain. At the same time the Austrians are driving southward along the Montenegrin frontier, while the Bulgars are moving northward along the same border. If these troops can get between the Serbs, and the frontier escape will be impossible.

The Austrians already have taken Slenitz, while the Bulgars are 40 miles south of Pristina.

Favors. "Be careful about asking favors of people, my boy." "Why?" "Because once a man does a favor for you you are in his debt for life."—Detroit Free Press.

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