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THE STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Pacific College Scores a Big First on Delivery and Wins Second Place.

If Pacific College ever had the right to be proud of its representative in oratory, it has the right to be proud of Lucy Gause. It is conceded that a lady is greatly handicapped as an oratorical contestant, and something of what our representative accomplished at Eugene may be realized when it is considered that two judges gave her 100 per cent in delivery, and that the third gave her a very close second, and that one judge on composition gave her first. There was a debatable question on the summing up of ranks, as to what rank an orator should receive, coming after two contestants who have been tied by a judge. The ranks were counted in a way which gave the decision to McMinnville, leaving Newberg a very close second with one point behind. The State University, the third in the race, was nine or ten points behind Pacific College. This indicates that Yamhill is in a class by itself in oratory, and it behooves the State University to chew up well and swallow their big talk about withdrawing from the state association in order to contest with some one in their class.

Though the point as to counting ranks was counted in a way contrary to usage in the big associations of the east, we register no kick on the decision and doff our hats to Erastus Smith. May his latter days be lengthened in which to enjoy his honors. However, to show how other institutions were impressed with our orator we quote from a letter just received at the college from the professor of oratory in a sister institution:

"Miss Gause certainly earned first place and should have received the medal. She held her audience superbly and seemed to me to be the finest girl orator I had ever seen, altho' I have seen some of the best in the United States." This is a fair example of the expressions received from at least five colleges in the state. So much for what people think about Miss Gause and her work.

Counting up the ranks received for the last three years, Pacific College holds the highest rank of any institution in the state. It is significant that it was three years ago that Prof. Kelsey took the helm here in this line of work when it was sadly run down, and put life and enthusiasm into the work which has placed the institution at the front, and attracted public attention in our direction. This has been accomplished by the hardest and most persevering endeavor, and he is deserving of warmest commendation. Pacific College has other gifted young orators coming down the line and her prospects are better than ever before.

At the banquet following the contest Walter Miles represented Newberg in a toast, "The Birth of Oratory." In the business meeting, Chas. Clark was elected secretary. Next year the contest will be held at Forest Grove and the year following that, at Newberg.

A local teacher's institute will be held at McMinnville March 28.

THE NEWBERG BOARD OF TRADE.

Organization Effected and Officers Elected.

The final organization of a Board of Trade was effected at the public meeting Monday evening. If in a multitude of counsellors there is safety, the new organization should be a decidedly safe proposition, for there was "freedom" in the meeting and many conflicting opinions advanced relative to the adoption of a constitution. With a few changes, however, the constitution recommended by the committee was adopted.

After this rather difficult feat was accomplished, a recess was taken and members enrolled. Officers and directors, into whose hands the real work of the board of trade is committed, were elected as follows for the ensuing year: president C. J. Edwards; first vice-president, N. C. Christenson; second vice-president, B. C. Miles; secretary, O. K. Edwards; Treasurer, F. H. Caldwell.

The American citizen always wants a speech, and made the customary demand on this occasion. The president called upon J. C. Hodson. He began by giving a hard rap at the man who is in town only for what he can get out of it. For the welfare of a town it is necessary that its citizens have an abiding faith in its destiny. He emphasized the fact that the future of Newberg depends on what is done now, collectively as an organization, and individually. Pres. McGrew followed with remarks in a like vein.

A committee on ways and means composed of C. D. Pool, W. C. Woodward and John Larkin, was appointed, to rustle for members and prepare for the next meeting. The membership fee is one dollar and every man in Newberg should be interested in his town to that extent. Public meetings will be held every month, when it is expected that programs will be rendered, relating to the general improvement and best interests of Newberg.

Before adjourning, a resolution of the citizens of this place was passed, declaring in favor of the present road system, and encouraging the county court to continue the office of roadmaster, and to prosecute with vigor the work of road making after the manner of last year.

An Enjoyable Reception.

An unusually pleasant affair took place at the college Saturday evening, when President and Mrs. McGrew gave a reception to the students, alumni, members of the board and patrons of the institution. The guests gathered in the cosy, newly furnished society room, where they met each other socially in an informal way, afterwards circulating in the different rooms as the spirit moved.

The sportily inclined gravitated to the library—and the library was crowded—where the ping pong girl was in evidence, and the devotees of bean bags, crokinole and other games. Bean bags was the favorite diversion, particularly with the older guests, the Rev. Marion George and Rev. H. Gould entering into the game against each other with as much zest as though engaged in an argument on church ordinances. Booths were located in different parts of the building where stu-

dents dispensed refreshments to all with a liberal hand.

A novel and highly entertaining program was given in the chapel which was in itself "well worth the price of admission." Mrs. Albertson played a piano solo. A good old Scotch song was rendered by Mrs. Douglas and Miss Carrie Turner. Attired appropriately, and with buckets and stools, the Misses Alverta Meets and Grace Cook sang a milkmaid's song, all that was missing being the bovine. Some reminiscences of college days were told by W. C. Woodward. Led by Miss Jessie Britt, a class of girls gave a good exhibition of club swinging. In this as in other numbers, the college stereopticon was used for throwing different colored lights on the stage which rendered the scenes unusually attractive and effective. By means of an electrical apparatus Prof. Albertson performed an act of supererogation by giving the students an object lesson in "sparking." The climax of the program came in the exhibition of the moving wax figures, of which silk hatted Calvin Blair was proprietor. The Negro factotum, Curt Parker, turned the crank, and the figures did the rest, encouraged by the eloquence of Prof. Blair. Carrie Nation, known locally as Carrie Turner, wielded her hatchet. Ray Pemberton as Columbus scanned the waste of waters. Lewis Saunders and Edith Pugh, labored over the sawbuck and wash tub respectively. Mable Newby raked the meadow, a la Mand Muller. Lewis Reed, alias "Little Jack Horner," put in his thumb and pulled out a plum. Worth Coulson represented the college orator. The automatic, machine-like movements of the "figures" were true to life, and the comic performance was a great success. The reception was largely attended and was a source of pleasure to all.

Plant Roses This Spring.

There is nothing that will add more beauty to home surroundings than a nice selection of rose bushes, and since the soil of Newberg can produce as fine roses as can be grown anywhere on the Pacific Coast it seems strange that more people do not put forth an effort to supply their door-yards with at least a few of the standard varieties. With a little care in making selections and proper attention in the way of mulching and watering it is very easy to have fine roses from May to November, and there is little excuse for anyone who owns a lot in town to be without them. By all means set out roses and plenty of them. If you are short of ready cash for buying roses ask a neighbor for some cuttings and go at it with a determination to succeed and you will be surprised at the enjoyment you will get out of it. Don't put it off until another year but get at it right now, before the month of March is past. Don't fool away much time on little tender tea roses but rather select the hybrid and hybrid teas for the latter make a strong growth and give much the best satisfaction. If you are ignorant of the best varieties to plant, don't trust too much to the catalogues of the rose grower but ask an experienced neighbor for a few point-

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ers. There is a long list of good ones to select from, so long a list in fact that few will have the time to spare for planting all of these, and consequently it is folly to spend any time on those that are not the best. Be sure and have the Madame Caroline Testout on your list and when it gets to blooming you will want a few more bushes of the same variety. One of the Clark Bros. of Portland told the writer recently that he thought the Gladys Harkness, a new pink rose introduced this season, would in time supplant the Testout, but if it does it is "a daisy" as well as a rose. Many others might be mentioned but the main thing is to plant roses and plenty of them. Portland people are planting roses as never before, with a view of making it a veritable rose city for the benefit of the visitors of the Lewis and Clark fair in 1905. A plot of ten acres on the fair grounds is to be devoted to the cultivation of roses alone. Work has already been started on the grounds and the

managers expect to set the plants and have them grown to a good blooming stage by the time the fair comes off. Newberg is in easy reach of Portland and we may expect to have many visitors out here during the fair and we ought to make a special effort in the cultivation of roses and in every way possible strive to make our home surroundings neat and attractive. Let it be repeated, set roses of the best varieties, set plenty of them and set them this spring at as early a date as possible. Don't wait until fall and lose the whole season's growth.

It will be noticed from the county court proceedings that the matter of establishing a free ferry at Gearin's crossing on the Willamette has been taken under advisement by the court. Some of the taxpayers of the county, laboring under the impression that the expenditure had been authorized, are criticizing the court for extravagance. The probability is that the court will not find justification in the law for granting the prayer of the petitioners.—Reporter.