



## CONTESTS ON W. C. T. U. TOPICS

State Prize of \$20 Offered for Best Effort of 2000 to 3000 Words.

The aggressive work of the W. C. T. U. is being rapidly increased, the last effort being the inauguration of essay contests on topics relating to the scientific effects of narcotics and tobacco. These are by no means entirely new, being started in the national organization about two years ago by Mrs. Edith Smith Davis, the national and world's superintendent of the scientific temperance instruction department of the W. C. T. U. In 1910 over 1,500,000 of these essays were written by school and college students in the United States.

Oregon unions have encouraged this work in the past few years and several hundred essays have been written and read in public audiences and prizes awarded by local organizations.

At a recent meeting of the state executive, the law making body of the W. C. T. U., it was decided to offer state prizes for three of the series of essay contests. To the college student who shall write the best essay upon the topic, "The Relation of Individual Total Abstinence to the Prosperity of the Nation," the state executive will give a prize of \$20 in gold. The national organization offers for the best in the United States upon this topic a prize of \$100 in gold. Essays written in competition for state prizes are also eligible for national prizes. The maximum number of words for these will be 3000 and the minimum 2000.

To the high school student who writes the best essay upon "The Value of Total Abstinence to a Life" will be given by the state W. C. T. U. a prize of \$20 in gold and the national, one of \$50. The maximum number of words for these will be 1500 and the minimum 1000.

To the grade school pupil who shall write the best essay upon "What is the Harm in a Glass of Wine, Beer or Cider?" the national offers a prize of \$30 in gold and many local unions will give prizes in addition.

There is this year a new number to the series in a teachers' contest with the topic, "The Best Methods of Teaching the Nature and Effects of Tobacco." The national prize for these will be \$50 in gold and the state prize \$20. The minimum number of words for this will be 800 and the maximum 1500.

The rules governing these contests will be sent upon application to the state headquarters of the W. C. T. U. in Portland, and literature for reading in preparation for this work can be procured there. Essays must be in the hands of the state committee July 15 so that the state prizes may be awarded and the essays be sent to enter the competition for the national prize. All teachers and students entering for this work are advised to list their names at headquarters. It is asked that teachers give encouragement to this work. It is suggested that this need not necessarily add to the essay work of the school, but that it may be used in place of essays upon other topics.

## CONCERT SOON BY COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

The Ladies' Glee Club whose last concert was much appreciated by those in attendance have definitely decided the date of their next appearance as April 18. The program will be given in the college chapel. A part of the program will be given by the Glee Club under Prof. Hull's direction. The club has a number of very fine choruses under preparation for the event among them, the "Duet of the Stars" by Chaminade and the "Pilgrim's Chorus" from Wagner's Tannhauser. The ladies hope and fully expect to surpass their success of last term.

The Glee Club will be assisted by Mrs. Hull and some of the young ladies in the piano department of the college, who will present Reinecke's "Nutcracker and Mouseking" Suite for four hands at the piano. The suite is accompanied by a recitation of the story of the famous battle between the Mouseking and Nutcracker and their followers. This story has had quite a history in the development of music. The recitation will be given by Miss Katherine Romig.

In addition to these will be some excellent solos and duets and a fine program may be expected at their first concert in the new chapel. Tickets are on sale by the members of the club. The proceeds go to the piano fund.

## LETTER FROM O. M. HANSON

O. M. Hanson who spent last season in North Dakota doing railroad grading for his brother who is a contractor, recently returned to again take up work this season. He writes the Graphic from Steele as follows:

I left Portland over the North Bank Road and having a layover at Spokane, I spent some time seeing things. I went on a street car to a high point and took a look over what many people term a fine city.

On board the Northern Pacific east I fell in with several people who were returning from a tour over California, Oregon and Washington, among them being Isaac Painter and wife, of Marshaltown, Iowa, who are well known to many Newberg people, and who had spent nearly a year in Oregon and California. He knows many of my relatives and although 81 years old he was very good company.

The weather was ideal except in Eastern Montana where there was considerable snow, making it more pleasant to remain inside the car during the twenty minute stops. Arriving at Steele it stood a person in hand to stick in his holders, as the streets were icy. Taking the stage I made a 25 mile ride in the snow and cold where my personal belongings were left last October for keeping over winter.

I have met George Ashwell who has a brother and two daughters in Newberg, so I find people in North Dakota who think Newberg is a good place, and so do I. I am waiting weather developments.

O. M. HANSON.

## GRAND OPENING

## NEW STAR THEATRE

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Specially Selected Program

## FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Clippings From Our Exchanges Touching Many Things of Interest.

### AVOID SPECULATION

A country bank went to the wall this week, because of having too much real estate on hand. There are times when a bank in the course of business gets possession of real property; but it has no business under any circumstances to speculate in realty, and the law is deservedly strict on this point. Banks should stick close to the banking business, absolutely free from speculation, no matter how enticing the prospect may be and Albany is fortunate in having that kind of banks.—Albany Democrat.

### HITCH YOUR HORSES

Although there is an ordinance prohibiting horses from being left unhitched on any of the public streets of the city, there has been a prevalence of laxity in observing it. A runaway team, as all know and as was again evidenced in last Friday morning's accident, is blind to any object that may be in the path the crazed animals decide to take. For the prevention of similar occurrences those who must necessarily make often stops with their teams should provide themselves with suitable weights and leave their teams hitched. Marshal Lewis announces that the ordinance will hereafter be rigorously enforced.—Hood River Glacier.

### MORE CAPITAL WANTED

A thoughtful and experienced real estate agent advances the opinion that the colonists' one-way tickets are not so much benefit to Oregon as the round trip ticket would be; that the one-way tickets mostly bring those of limited means, while the round-trip tickets would bring men of wealth who would desire to make their investment here and then return home to prepare for removal to this state. What Oregon needs is men with thousands, not hundreds. We desire those who can come into the Willamette Valley and can take up large pieces of land and develop or divide the tracts, not those who have only sufficient to pay a small installment and depend on our banks to loan them money. The population would be increased, but the volume of money would decrease. It is this nothing to begin operations on that proves a detriment to the country. We have the richest soil in the world, and we have people to develop it, but we do need more men of means—in plain words, more money.—Woodburn Independent.

### WASTED SYMPATHY

It is no act of charity to feed the tramps who come through here from day to day. There is no excuse for men walking the ties at this time. Work is plenty even about here. Several instances brought to our attention during the past few months go to prove that nine out of ten of these "tourists" will not work if an opportunity is offered. It seems almost foolish to discuss the question, but many people, with generosity unbounded, feed all the gentry who apply, being touched by the pitiful tales of hard luck they offer. It is almost safe to say that ninety-nine in a hundred would not work if they could, and the hundredth would work only long enough to get money for a spree. One farmer close to Gervais had several of these fellows at work at

different times the past winter when jobs were scarce, and he says he never found one of them who was worth anything as a worker. He is not the only man with a similar experience. The man with the wanderlust in his veins deserves little pity for his misfortunes.—Gervais Star.

### GOVERNMENT RED TAPE

When one goes over the railway situation up the Deschutes, taking into consideration both the Hill and Harriman roads, and ascertains the connection the government officials had with the work, and the obstacles thrown in the way of the construction of those roads, he wonders not a little that this great government should, through petty officials, be so contemptibly mean.

Take just one phase of the work. After the Hill road was completed for a distance of sixty or seventy miles, the owners began to ballast it. They found a fine bed of course gravel in the Columbia on a sand bar just west of the Deschutes. When they looked up the title they found this bar was owned by a party who had secured patents to it several years before, and they bought the land outright, paying a large price for it.

They then ran their sidings in and began to ship the ballast up the line, but before many moons rolled around the government officials stepped in and ordered them to stop, cease and at once terminate their "vandalism," so that the gravel might be "conserved" for the use of some railway builders of the future.

The patents were held for cancellation, the railway people compelled to remove their spurs, etc., and go to some other place for their material, which they did.

Of course the railway owners had a good case, and could have won in the courts. But when? Delay would be of greater loss than the gaining of the suit could offset, so they had to abandon their own property at the whim of some petty official who wanted to show his authority along the lines of "conservation."

And there are other stories, taking in both sides of the Deschutes, just as interesting to the public and almost as costly and aggravating to the railway builders.

Is this a government of law, or of departmental rulings?—The Dallas Optimist.

## SONG RECITAL

The recital by Mr. Buehler in the college chapel on Monday evening entertained the audience very enjoyably for an hour and a half. Mr. Buehler's voice has improved in the last year very noticeably in power and resonance and his songs, which were much more difficult and taxing than those of his recital last year, showed an advancing degree of musicianship and control of his voice. The heaviest of his numbers were perhaps the best song, notably the Tchaikowsky and Von Fielitz songs and Elgar's Pipes O'Pan. All of his work was carefully and well done. The accompaniments were played by his instructor, Prof. Hull.

Mr. Buehler was assisted with a piano duet by Mrs. Walter Wilson and Mrs. Hull and later with three short piano numbers by Mrs. Hull, given with remarkable touch and temperament.

Colored eggs, home made candy and pop corn balls at the Easter White Sale.

## EASTER SUNDAY AT FRIENDS CHURCH

Next Sunday promises to be a day full of interest at the Friends church. At ten o'clock the children of the Sunday School will give an hour of Easter exercises. At eleven "Jerusalem Awaken" will be sung by E. A. Newby, followed by an Easter sermon by the pastor. At four o'clock in the afternoon at the Presbyterian church, the Friends choir will cooperate with the Presbyterian choir in giving The Crucifixion by Stainer under the direction of Edward Dunbar. At eight o'clock the program will be repeated at the Friends church. The order of the evening service will be as follows:

- Prelude.
- Hymn 272.
- Scripture Lesson.
- Prayer.
- Offertory.
- The Crucifixion—Stainer.
- "And they came to a place named Gethsemane."
- The agony—"Could ye not watch."
- Processional—"Fling Wide the Gates."
- "And when they were come."
- "He Made Himself of no Reputation."
- "The Majesty of the Divine Humiliation."
- "King Ever Glorious."

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The High School students have decided to celebrate May Day and are planning to make it the big event of the year.

A baseball game will be arranged with some other High School team, and a track meet will also be held. A May queen will be chosen by the public, the voting to begin in a few days.

As May Day comes on Monday, the celebration will be held on Saturday, April 29, to give the children a chance to attend and in order that the High School work may not be interfered with.

High School champions of state will play one more game with Old Stars Friday.

The last basketball game of the season and probably the last game to be played by the five, who landed the state championship, is scheduled for Friday night, April 14, at the High School gymnasium.

The five old stars which will oppose the High School team, are a fast and husky bunch, and a very interesting game is assured. The High School has ordered monogram sweaters for the team, and this game is for the purpose of raising money to pay for the sweaters.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Next Sabbath which is Easter Sabbath in the calendar of the church, will be an unusually interesting day at the above church.

At 10 A.M., the Easter program of the Sabbath school. At 11 A.M. Mrs. S. W. Eddy returned missionary from India, will occupy the pulpit. The people, of Newberg, are to be congratulated that they are to have the pleasure of hearing this forcetel and magnetic speaker.

She will speak also at 7:30 P.M. Her evening address will be followed by the Easter Cantata, given by the choir under the direction of Prof. Alexander Hull. Don't fail to come and enjoy this excellent program.

## SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Salem District to be Held in Newberg Next Week.

### Program.

- WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10:30 O'CLOCK.
- Devotional...Mrs. A. G. Hoffman, Forest Grove.
- Address of Welcome...Mrs. E. Harvey, Newberg.
- Response...Mrs. R. H. Harrison, Oregon City.
- Appointment of Committees.....
- Inspiration...Mrs. C. L. Weaver, Portland.
- Noon-tide Prayer...Mrs. Petch, McMinnville.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 O'CLOCK.

- Consecration Meeting.....Rev. W. C. Reuter.
- Minutes of 1910.....Mrs. J. R. Hickman, Rec. Sec.
- Report of District Officers.....
- Report from Old People's Home... Mrs. Fanny Penn, Salem
- Present Needs of Old People's Home...Mrs. Southwick, Salem
- Memorial Hour.....
- Reports of Auxiliaries.....
- Special Music...The Misses Seeley
- Address—Mormonism.....
- Mrs. C. L. Weaver.
- If I had \$1000, Where Could it Best Be Invested in Home Missions?...Mrs. W. H. Bachmeyer
- Address.....Rev. J. Moore, Dist. Supt.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

- Devotional Service.....Miss E. M. Moore, Silvertown
- Music.....Choir Solo.....Miss Katherine Romig
- Address.....Rev. R. H. Avison, Pastor First M. E. Church, Salem.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

- Devotions.....Mrs. O. W. Hacker, Beaverton
- Minutes.....
- Reports of Committees.....
- God Be With You Till We Meet Again.....

The above sessions will be held at the Methodist church.

## OBITUARY

Priscilla Bond Hodson was born near Spiceland, Indiana, November 1, 1828. In 1846 she was married to Caleb Hodson. This union was blessed with nine sons all of whom survive her, Levi Hodson, of Spiceland, Indiana; Moses, of Greensboro, Indiana; Pleasant B., of Dublin, Indiana; Lindsay, of Athens, Alabama; Emery W., Julius C., Charles A. and Arthur, of Newberg, and Elmer, of Willamina, Oregon. Also a brother in Alabama, one in Iowa, a sister in Maine, and eighteen grandchildren. Her husband departed this life in 1875 and in 1879 with her five younger children, she removed to Oregon, locating near Newberg, where she resided until the spring of 1884, when she removed to Morrow county, there she lived a frontier life on a homestead for ten years when failing health made it necessary to change climate. She spent six years in Camas valley, Douglas county, Oregon, after which she spent two years, visiting her relatives in Maine, Alabama, Indiana and Minnesota, passing the remainder of her life in Newberg.

She was a birth-right member of Friends church. Although spending the greater part of the last 25 years remote from church she was always faithful to her heavenly father and awaited his summons with a serene and calm faith in his unfulfilling promises. On April 6 at 3 a.m. she answered the call and passed away in peaceful slumber.