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ROGUE RIVER DONE IN LONGFELLOW VERSE

A Sprightly Parody on Hiawatha Written By a High School Student.

The commencement exercises this year will follow a somewhat different arrangement than formerly, the regular evening commencement program will be given over entirely to an address by President Campbell of U. of O. with appropriate music. But a new feature is the class day exercises to be held in the Opera House one week before. Beside the four orations, the program will consist of unique and interesting numbers by representatives from each class in the High School and from the Eighth grade.

Last Friday afternoon the Second Division Rhetorical Society of the G. P. H. S. held a very interesting program at the H. S. Assembly Room. The program included, among other pleasing numbers, an original poem by Dessie Cole and a parody upon Hiawatha, by Oliver Hughes, showing much talent along that line in the young ladies. An extemporaneous speech, a current event paper, and a letter predicting great futures for some of the attendants of the High School furnished much amusement. The remainder of the program was composed of recitations, character sketches, etc., interspersed by a couple of piano solos by the Misses Anna Schmidt, and Ethel Riggs, the last number and the crowning event of the day, was the debate upon the subject "Resolved, That Robert E. Lee was a greater general than Ulysses S. Grant." This debate was the second in a series given at the High School. The purpose was to select the three best debaters from each of the two Rhetorical societies of the High School. A few weeks ago the First Division held a debate and selected their three and those of the Second division were selected Friday. The affirmative speakers were George Harper, Alfred Letcher and Amy Isaacs, while the negative were Theo. Snyder, Henry Norton and Herbert Gilkey. Each speaker acquitted himself with dignity and offered strong arguments to defend his side. Those selected by the judges were Amy Isaacs, Henry Norton and Herbert Gilkey, while the affirmative side was the acknowledged victor.

The regular weekly talk to the High School students was given last Thursday morning by Mr. J. E. Hair. Mr. Hair urged on the pupils of the High School the importance of a university education after the High School course. He said such was possible for everyone, with the exception of those who may have some one dependent on them for support. He also spoke of its value in whatever line of work one entered afterwards, and showed very clearly the difference in the life of the person who has had such an education compared with those who have not. Mr. Hair is the first to bring this matter before the students, and he made them realize the importance of it.

The following parody on Hiawatha was written by Oliver Hughes of the High School, second year class, and read at the regular rhetorical exercises last Friday afternoon. It is of such merit as to deserve publication:

Near the shores of the Rogue River,
Near the muddy river water,
Stood the wondrous Grants Pass city,
Small, but lovely Grants Pass city.
All around it rose the mountains,
Rose the green and wooded mountains

While right through it flowed the river,
Dirty, muddy, small Rogue River.
In this lovely Grants Pass city,
Was a High School great and growing,
Bright the pupils in this High School,
Six there were who studied Botany,
Very helpful, useful Botany,
Interesting, pleasing Botany;
And their wise and learned teacher,
Took them out to study Nature,
Out into the fields and meadows,
Out along the roads and highways;
Soon these pupils say a posy,
Just a common, roadside posy,
'Twas a weed, no 'count they thought it.

But they wanted to be learning,
Finding out and studying nature.
So they asked their learned teacher,
Saying, "What is this, Oh Teacher?"
And the teacher took the posy,
Gazed long and intently at it.
Then he said, "My pupils,"
"Take your books and trace it down-wards

For yourselves the name discover."
So the pupils did as bidden—
Took their books and searched and hunted,
Carefully from top to bottom
Of each page, they searched and hunted;

Soon their patience was rewarded,
Soon they found the name and species—
'Twas the Taraxacum Weber,
In the class Official;
And the family composita.
Thus these pupils worked and studied—
Studied books and studied Nature;
Studied all times, ever, always,
Till in all the Grants Pass country,
All along the great Rogue River,
Over all the encircling mountains,
There was not a flower or posy,
Not a weed or grass or tall tree,
That these pupils couldn't give you

At least half a dozen names for,
Couldn't tell you all about them,
How they grow and where to find them;
Of their roots and stems and branches,
Of their colors, forms and texture.
Thus it is that great endeavor,
Earnest, hard work, never shrinking,
Will bring knowledge soon or later.
So if you would know the flowers,
Know their names and where they'er growing,
I will say, as did that teacher,
'Take your books and trace them down-ward—
For yourselves the names discover."

BORN.
LARSON—At Grants Pass, Oregon, Thursday, April 5th, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson a son.

MARRIED.
ORME—STANARD—At Jacksonville, on Sunday, April 8, 1906, Grant Orme and Miss Millie Stannard, both of Grants Pass.

OWENS—TREFREN—In Medford on Saturday, April 7, 1906, Thomas Owens and Miss Minnie Trefren, both of Grants Pass, Justice F. M. Setwatt officiating.

ACKERMAN—POPKIN—At the Christian Church parsonage, Monday, April 9, 1906, Henry C. Ackerman and Mrs. Maud Popkin, Rev. Clark Bower officiating.

SMITH—LA RAUT—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse LaRaut, at Garden Valley, Ore., on Wednesday, April 4, 1906, Robert Glenn Smith and Miss Ida Viola La Raut.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith arrived in Grants Pass Wednesday and are now at home to their friends. Both are well known in his city. Mr. Smith being the well known attorney and his bride was for several years prior to this winter the efficient manager for the Grants Pass station of the Pacific States Telephone Company and she is a bright, handsome young lady who will be a most capable helpmate to her husband.

TELEPHONE MONOPOLY WANTS THE EARTH

Pacific States Telephone Co. Opposed to Farmers Organizing Telephone Company.

Owing to the determined opposition of the Pacific States Telephone Company the effort to secure a rural telephone service for all sections of Josephine county with free switching with Grants Pass and between the various independent lines is likely to be killed off for the present. This movement though will be but postponed for a complete telephone system for Josephine county with no switching charges is sure to come and in the near future too. The Pacific States Telephone Company, which is a branch of the great Bell Telephone Company, has at present a complete monopoly of Josephine county and a perpetual franchise in Grants Pass, for which they have not paid a dollar nor do they pay to the city a per cent of their gross income for the right to use the streets as do most of the independent companies now getting franchises. This monopoly enables them to charge Grants Pass subscribers \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2 per month for telephones, whereas in towns and cities where they come in competition with independent companies the Bell companies make the rate as low as \$1 a month.

There are two reasons for the Pacific States Telephone Company opposing the formation of independent telephone companies in Josephine county. One is that they want to retain all their pay stations that are profitable and these embrace the Merlin and all the north and west sections of the county and those in the Illinois Valley and at Wilderville. The line up Applegate has not been profitable as Mr. Oium, their local manager has stated, and as the poles are about decayed they are anxious to lease it to settlers of that Valley. They are anxious to get in rural lines in the vicinity of Grants Pass that can be built by the farmers as a neighborhood undertaking and not by an organized company. When Grants Pass gets a strong commercial club and the farmers are well organized through the grange then will it be possible to secure a complete telephone system for Josephine county and this necessity of modern business and home life can be had at a reasonable price and free from switching charges.

The meeting at the Leg school house last Saturday evening to consider the matter of organizing a telephone company for the west and north part of the county was well attended but no definite action was taken. Another meeting though will be held this Saturday evening to further consider the proposition. At the meeting Saturday evening, Mr. Meserve, of the Courier, presented the proposition of organizing a company and of securing through these companies a complete telephone system for the entire county and free switching for all lines. Mr. Oium, county manager for the Pacific States Telephone Company, opposed the formation of a company alleging that it was an unnecessary trouble to the farmers and that it was only a scheme of Mr. Meserve's to enable him to make a few hundred dollars. He said he would help the farmers to put up their lines and would sign up individual contracts with them for telephones. G. H. Darbam, who had been the attorney for the farmers in the organization of the Applegate Valley Telephone Company, was present, but as the attorney for the Pacific States Telephone Company and advised the farmers not to organize a company, but just to club together and string a wire to town and that Mr. Oium would install their telephones for them. Fred Eisman, Hugh DeArmond and J. W. McConnell each made short talks, but no decision was arrived at and the meeting adjourned to meet again this Saturday. A meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon at Merlin to consider the organization of a telephone company for that section of the county.

For County Surveyor.
I hereby announce that my name will be placed before the voters of Josephine county at the primary election, April 20, 1906, as a candidate for nomination for the office of county surveyor, on the republican ticket.
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COUNTY COURT MEETS FOR APRIL TERM

County Commissioners Transact County Business and Pay Bills

County court met Wednesday, April 4th, 1906, there being present J. O. Booth, judge, presiding; J. T. Logan, commissioner; S. F. Cheshire, clerk; Geo. W. Lewis, sheriff.

In the matter of the payment of the salary of the deputy assessor, it is ordered by the court that upon the approval of the bill for said services by the assessor and the same being audited by the county judge, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue county warrant in payment of the same on the first of each month hereafter.

In the matter of the application of A. M. Irwin for liquor license in Placer, the court finds that the said applicant has in all things complied with the requirements of the law and license is hereby granted for a period of six months from this date.

Comes now M. Marks and presents application for liquor license at Takilma, in Waldo precinct, and the court being unable to consider said petition at this time the said matter is continued until Friday, April 6th, 1906.

In the matter of the judgment against Volney Colvig in favor of Josephine county heretofore rendered in the circuit court for the sum of \$92 and costs, it is ordered that the county clerk satisfy said judgment.

It is ordered that the county treasurer divide equally between the supervisors of road districts Nos. 1 and 17 all taxes collected from road district No. 1 for the year 1905.

In the matter of the petition of O. and C. R. Co. for a refund of taxes on account of double assessments, the said matter is referred to W. H. Fallin and W. C. Hale to investigate said matter and report to the county court on or before June 6th, 1906.

In the matter of the resignation of J. E. Holland as supervisor of road district No. 15, it is ordered by the court that the resignation of J. E. Holland as such supervisor be and it hereby is accepted and that H. H. Gibbs be and he hereby is appointed in his stead to serve as such supervisor for the year 1906.

In the matter of the application of M. Marks for liquor license at Takilma. It appearing to the court that the applicant has in all things complied with requirements of the law, with the exception of the bond, which is not on file at this time, it is therefore ordered by the court that the clerk issue to the said M. Marks a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in the town of Takilma, Josephine county, Oregon, for a period of six months, upon the said M. Marks filing with the said clerk his bond in the sum required by law with some reliable surety company, qualified to do business in this state, as societies thereon.

Petition of Applegate Valley Telephone Co. to set poles and string wires upon the county highways, granted.

In the matter of the petition of Maurer and Wade for license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in Takilma, Josephine county, Oregon. Upon examination of the records and files in said case the court finds that from the proof of publication filed herein that notice was not published the length of time required by law. Therefore it is ordered that said petition be and it is hereby denied.

In the matter of the payment of the salary of D. P. Love as secretary of the County Board of Health, warrant in the sum of \$45 for such salary for January, February and March and that clerk issue warrant for first of each month in the sum of \$15 hereafter as such salary.

Petition of J. C. K. McCann, et al for county road, continued for further information.

Report of road viewers on the proposed change in county road from Grants Pass to Williams, continued for further information.

Plat of Ellis addition to Grants Pass, submitted by G. A. Savage, approved.

Plat of Nelsons' addition to Grants Pass, submitted by Jose X. Nelson, approved.

The court clerk is hereby directed to issue county warrants in payment for wood received upon the contract awarded to E. J. Copper, from time to time as the said wood shall be de-

APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS

Supt. Savage Makes the Semi-Annual Division of Money to the School Districts.

Below is given the apportionment of county school funds to the various districts of Josephine county as made by County School Superintendent Lincoln Savage. This money was derived from the returns on the delinquent tax that has been collected since last October. No other apportionment will be made until this Fall when the school tax for this year is all collected:

| Dist. | Am't. | Clerk. | Postoffice |
|-------|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | 62 70. | J G Hiatt | Selma |
| 2. | 31 00. | M W Gates | Holland |
| 3. | 42 90. | J O Turner | Kerby |
| 4. | 41 60. | W J Wimer | Waldo |
| 5. | 36 30. | JOKMcCann | Wilderville |
| 6. | 22 45. | M F Crooks | Dryden |
| 7. | 754 40. | O E Maybes | Grants Pass |
| 8. | 27 05. | Alex Watts | Provolt |
| 9. | 27 05. | Ike Vincent | Kubli |
| 10. | 19 80. | M E Topping | Murphy |
| 11. | 34 30. | Milton Goff | Leland |
| 12. | 17 15. | O N Hathaway | Murphy |
| 13. | 23 75. | M H Miller | Williams |
| 14. | 21 12. | E F Simon | Murphy |
| 15. | 29 05. | Lizzie Williams | Placer |
| 16. | 30 35. | Wm Stites | Williams |
| 17. | 38 90. | A O Ford | Grants Pass |
| 18. | 28 40. | C A Hervey | Waldo |
| 19. | 25 75. | T F Caldwell | Grants Pass |
| 20. | 43 55. | Sherman Jess | Wilderville |
| 21. | 35 10. | George Wells | Kerby |
| 22. | 29 05. | Sarah Hammond | Hugo |
| 23. | 50 80. | W J Savage | Grants Pass |
| 24. | 64 75. | Mrs W A Massie | Merlin |
| 25. | 29 70. | V Colvig | Grants Pass |
| 26. | 12 55. | S Jewell | Grants Pass |
| 27. | 23 75. | E E Dunbar | Wolf Creek |
| 28. | 25 75. | J W Hamlin | Grants Pass |
| 29. | 29 05. | W C Long | Grants Pass |
| 30. | 29 70. | J Christie | Grants Pass |
| 31. | 31 00. | J H Hall | Williams |
| 32. | 30 35. | A M Jess | Wilderville |
| 33. | 29 45. | William D Hunt | Kerby |
| 34. | 17 80. | W A Klum | Leland |
| 35. | 17 80. | E C Neely | Grants Pass |
| 37. | 6 60. | Q Woodcock | Kerby |
| 38. | 21 80. | M C Davis | Golden |
| 39. | 27 05. | A F Cart | Wander |
| 40. | 11 90. | Geneva Bour | Selma |
| 41. | 9 25. | Mrs G W Baldwin | Hol |
| 42. | 10 55. | F C Stiwalt | Waldo |
| 43. | 21 10. | Jacob Hanseth | Selma |
| 44. | 42 90. | A Sutherland | Greenback |
| 45. | 18 50. | George Porter | Grave |
| 46. | 8 60. | Gertrude Webb | Deering |
| 47. | 18 80. | Mrs J C Cochran | Merlin |

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FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

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GRANTS PASS BOOSTERS ON DECK FOR ACTION

Entertain a Big Delegation of Medford Hustlers and Then are the Guests of Medford.

Tuesday evening the Medford Commercial Club, 65 strong, were guests of the business men of Grants Pass at a meeting held to promote more harmonious and a united effort by the two towns in working for the development of the resources of Rogue River Valley. The Medford delegation was headed by Dr. Ray, the chief hustler of Rogue River Valley, and by J. A. Perry, president of the Medford Commercial Club. The crowd arrived on the 6:30 p. m. passenger and they were met by a large delegation of Grants Pass business men. The Medford band of 16 pieces was along to enliven the occasion. The guests with the band in the lead and escorted by the reception committee were taken to the Hotel Josephine and where supper was had.

At 8 o'clock the band gave a number of selections on the street that were well rendered, after which the exercises for the evening opened in the opera house. The citizens of Grants Pass were out in force so that with the visitors the opera house was well filled. O. S. Blanchard presided and H. L. Gilkey acted as secretary. The first speaker called was Dr. Ray, but as general manager of the Condor Electric Power Company is long on hustling and short on oratory he made no speech, but got a hearty applause as an appreciation for what he had done to develop Rogue River Valley. The other speakers were John D. Olwell, H. Withington, D. H. Miller, J. E. Enyart of Medford, Hon. C. V. Galloway of McMinnville, and H. L. Gilkey, L. L. Jewell and O. S. Blanchard of Grants Pass. The addresses were all eulogistic of the advantages of Rogue River Valley and commended the movement now on to stimulate the development of the great resources of this section.

An invitation was extended by the Medford delegation to the business men of Grants Pass to meet with their Commercial Club this Friday evening. The invitation was accepted and a special train of two coaches has been chartered which will leave at 4:30 p. m. for Medford. Such is the interest being taken in advertising Grants Pass that fully 150 of the progressive citizens of this city will go on the excursion. A large delegation are to also go from Gold Hill.

Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar.
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