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CONTESTS PROVE TO BE INSPIRING

LAST YEAR 60,000 CHILDREN COMPETED FOR PRIZES.

State Superintendent Says It Is Only Commencement of a Permanent Movement.

Concerning the industrial movement for school children, Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman writes to the Press as follows:

Last year, as near as we can get at it, there were about 60,000 children engaged in making or raising something with which to compete for prizes in the industrial contest. That was only a little start in the work, but it was a great stimulus to future effort. As a result of the inspiration gained last year we hope to have practically every one of the 125,000 school children of the state engaged in some phase of the work this year.

To those who did not get interested last year, and are not familiar with the rules of the contest, we wish to say they are very simple. The most important one is that the children must do the work themselves and that the parent or guardian will be required to sign a statement to that effect. In raising garden, some one else may plow the ground and harrow it, but the child must do the rest—the planting, cultivating, harvesting, etc. In raising poultry the child does not have to own the parent flock, but must set the eggs and feed and care for the chickens they exhibit.

One of the main features of these contests is to get the boys and girls interested in doing something. To teach them to do something practical, something worth while, something by which they can earn a living when they grow up to manhood and womanhood. And the only way to learn how to do something is to do that thing with your own hands. If you show something that some one else has raised or made you are cheating yourself out of the most valuable part of the contest—the experience gained by doing it yourself.

Not only that, but in showing something that is not the product of his own effort he is practicing deception, cultivating dishonesty and laying the foundation for a life of dishonesty and trouble. He may be successful in deceiving others. No one but himself and the members of his own family may ever know that he has cheated, but that is enough. In doing what he knows is not right he loses respect for himself, and that is a long step in the wrong direction. When a person loses respect for himself he soon loses the confidence and respect of others. "To thine own self be true; and it may follow as the light the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." Every child should early in life get this principle firmly fixed in his mind, and through life never depart from it.

Parents, do not think you are favoring your child by giving or loaning him something to take to the fair with which to win a prize, for you are not. On the other hand, you are doing him an absolute injustice. You are cheating him out of the valuable experience of learning how to do something, and at the same time educating him to be dishonest. Character building is the most important part of the early education of the child, and the greatest value in these industrial contests is along that line—forming in the child habits of industry, economy, system, honesty, self-reliance and all the traits that go to make up the good citizen.

There will be many valuable prizes for the children at the State Fair again next year, but none of them will be worth as much as a clear conscience and the experience gained by raising or making something with which to win the prizes.

SCHOOL NOTES.
The following is the roll of honor in the Athena schools for the first semester, the names of pupils who have been neither tardy nor absent, and whose department has been good:
First grade: Beulah Banister, Richard Cartano, Thelma Crabill, Wilbur

Harden, Thomas Kirk, Vernou Miller, Floyd Stamper and Lucia Wiley.
Second grade: Kohler Betts, Nylene Brown, Edra Cartano, Paul Koontz and Mildred Stanton.
Third grade: Dollie Banister, Everett Knight, Henry Knight, Jeanette Miller, Willard Parker and Pearl Ramsay.
Fourth grade: Clara Henley, Frank Miller, Mildred Winslip and Bessie Mathers.
Fifth grade: Enid Cartano, Sylvester Crabill, Thelma McEwen and Horace Payne.
Sixth grade: Annabelle McLeod, Harold McIntyre, Henry Koepke and Lloyd McPherrin.
Eighth grade: Sidney Crabill, Pauline Myrick and Lawrence Tharp.
High School: Gladys McLeod, Lillian Tompkins, Ruth Stewart, Ruth Dickenson, Louis Stewart and Floyd Payne.

TRAPPERS ARE MAKING MONEY

A Silver Fox Pelt That Will Bring the Owner \$1200.

Local men who are interested in trapping will find the following items of successful work in that line of interest:
A dispatch from Silver Lake, to the Oregonian says that J. W. Embody, manager of the Embody Lumbering company, killed a big silver fox a week ago, shooting the animal from an open window on the second floor of his house. The pelt of the fox which was unharmed by the shot, is worth from \$1200 to \$1500, according to old trappers.

December is a rough month for coyotes and if a coyote had as much sense as a goose he would go into seclusion and retirement in December. The records at the court house show that 353 coyotes have been killed since the first of the month. The largest number are credited to E. S. Chandler of Dayville, who collected in county \$201 for 106 coyotes and 31 bobcats. Donald McLenane cashed the second highest number. He drew down \$149 for 37 coyote scalps, seven cats and two timber wolves.—Canyon City, Blue Mountain Eagle.

"Coyote Jack's wife" was in the city a few days ago decked out in her full suit of coyote fur clothing. It is said she and her husband and children brought in about \$1100 worth of furs as a result of two months work on the prairies. They are residents of Seattle but have killed varmints in this section every winter for some years.—Burns, Harney County News.

Tom Stephens, the fur buyer, was much pleased the other day to find among his purchases a perfectly white or albino coyote hide, which is not only a curiosity but will bring a fancy price. The fur is of superior quality, fine and thick and the hide is unusually large.—Harney County News.

BENT BACK THE RULE.

Where Sauce For the Goose Was Not Served For the Gander.

In the early days of a certain club of New York, when it was rather harder sledding for the club than it is at the present time, in a meeting of the council the question came up as to the arrears of members' dues, and the treasurer reported that one man was particularly recalcitrant in this regard. It was in the winter, and the club was then maintaining throughout the day and evening beautifully heated and lighted quarters. At this time the only person in the club who frequented it every day was this delinquent, who, in addition to doing a large portion of his writing there, was accustomed to make considerable inroads upon the stationery of the club for home consumption.

At the meeting of the council referred to there was protest against this state of affairs, and a determination was manifest to put an end to it, and after discussion the secretary was instructed to notify the member in question that his name had been dropped from the rolls of the club.
The question then arose whether there was anybody else who was in arrears, whereupon the treasurer reported that this was true of another member.

"Who can that be? Let us make an example of them both," remarked one member, bringing his fist down on the table for emphasis. The reply was that it was Mr. X., the poet.
"Oh, heavens!" replied another. "We can't let X. go. He's too important to the club."
Whereupon the resolution was then amended to read as follows: "Resolved, that the secretary be instructed to drop the name of Mr. X. from the rolls of the club for nonpayment of dues and to retain the name of Mr. X. for the same reason."—Century.

BLOW IS STRUCK AT LOG ROLLING

MANY CONFUSING ISSUES TO BE TAKEN OUT OF POLITICS.

Governor's Plan to Place All District Fairs on a Millage Basis is Typical Act

Bills which have been introduced in the present session of the legislature, and others that are promised during the next week or two offer an indication that efforts are being made to take out of politics many of the questions that have caused logrolling and confusion in past legislatures.

The governor's plan to place all of the district fairs on a millage basis is considered as typical of one of these moves. This will cover every county in the state and make a certain millage provision for each county upon which to sustain a fair. It is also arranged under the bill that two or more counties may unite to hold a district fair, or in event any county does not desire to maintain a fair the money so raised may be diverted into the road fund. There has been no effort so far to introduce any bills having for their object an appropriation for a county or district fair, due probably to a desire to await disposition of the administration measure.

The plan also credited to the governor, to place all county officers on uniform salaries, according to classification of counties is indicative of another move to take the question of salaries for county officers out of politics. Under this bill such salaries would adjust themselves automatically and would obviate the introduction of bills of this class.

Should the bill now in preparation to place the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college on a millage basis be introduced as planned, it is declared by supporters that it would take the schools out of politics.
It is possible that the present legislature may establish a new record along this line to add to the numerous records which it has already established.

HELIX OPPOSES THE ROAD

Commercial Club Sentiment Against Proposed Macadam Thoroughfare.

At a meeting of the Helix Commercial Club last week, the matter of county road building was discussed. Reviewing the discussion, the Advocate says:

Another thing of interest which came up during the evening was the question of the proposed macadam road between Pendleton and Umatilla. This subject was brought up by Naniel Friedley, who was a visitor at the meeting. The road as proposed is to be built parallel with the O. W. R. & N. and along the Umatilla river. To defray the expense of building it is proposed to bond the county for \$500,

GALEDONIANS TO ENTERTAIN

Birthday of Bobbie Burns Observed Tomorrow Evening at Opera House.

Tomorrow evening the Burns Concert and entertainment will claim the attention of Athena people, and it is certain that none will be disappointed. The main address as given by A. Mackenzie Meldrum, M. A., himself a native of Bonnie Scotland, will be well worth the price of admission. The program will be furnished by the best talent in Athena, and is herewith repeated from last week's Press for the benefit of any who may have failed to read it. Don't fail to attend the concert if you want to see the Galedonian Pioneers materialize this year.

Prude Johnson's Orchestra
Chairman's Address Edw. E. Koontz
The National Anthem The Audience
"The Campbells Are Coming"
Piper McDonald
Vocal solo "Mackay"
Malcolm McFadyen
Savannah Smith
Vocal solo Miss Anna Sall
Pianoforte solo Miss Zola Keen
Highland Fling Gavin Dunoon
Oration, "Robert Burns,"
A. Mackenzie Meldrum, M. A.
Vocal solo Miss Zelma DePeatt
"The Mackenzie Men"
Piper McDonald
Miss Ida Kelly
Recitation Tribute to Robert Burns A. O. Kirk
Sword dance Mrs. G. S. Newson
Gavin Dunoon
Vocal solo Miss Zola Keen
"Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot," Orchestra and Audience.
Chairman, Edward E. Koontz.

Doctoring Necessary.
Editor (handing back manuscript)—You ought to take this story to a doctor of literature. Author (puzzled)—Why? Editor—The plot is weak, the construction very bad, the style nervous and the sentiment decidedly sickly.—Pearson's Weekly.

Looks That Way.
"Pa, why are a fool and his money soon parted?"
"So that a wise guy can live without working, my boy."—Detroit Free Press.

Nothing to Fear.
Bobbie—Borrowwell says he owes you a grudge. Slobbs—Oh, that's all right; Borrowwell never pays anything he owes.—Philadelphia Record.

TRAINS TIED UP IN SNOW DRIFTS

ATHENA WITHOUT MAIL FACILITIES FOR THREE DAYS.

Spokane Passenger Train Is Stuck In Snow For Three Days, Near Athena.

One of the worst railroad tie-ups on account of drifting snow, transpiring in recent years throughout this section, was lifted Wednesday forenoon when two engines broke through from the east and a huge compound freight locomotive from the main line noosed through the drifts from Adams to the west.

Saturday morning, passenger train No. 5, from Spokane, became stalled in a cut a mile and a half east of town, and despite all efforts of Assistant Superintendent Crowler, four engines and a crew of shovelers, the train was not relieved until Tuesday afternoon. At that time two engines wallowed through the drifts from the east and the train was run back to Walla Walla, around by Wallula, into Pendleton.

Athena was without mail facilities from Saturday night until Wednesday evening. One engine was disabled while backing snow east of town. It pulled itself loose from the tender, and the engineer made a flying run to the yards in this city, barely in time to save his engine from going "dead" on the main track. It was an old burner and one of the strongest engines working at the time.

With the opening of the line, there were six locomotives in the Athena yards at one time giving the appearance of being quite a railroad center for awhile. The branch line would have been opened with heavier equipment, but everything was in use on the main line to keep it open, hence the delay.

Train Crews Lose Out.

Bystanders, watching the locomotives buck snow in effort to release the passenger train Monday, noticed a peculiar depression in the snow along the right of way. Investigation revealed a series of these depressions in systematic alignment. Speculation was rife as to the origin. Bolegnered passengers with loud breaths wondered and conjectured; trainmen squinted curiously, and everyone was up against it in quest of information. Finally a Weston tow-headed kid enlightened all. "Them, w'y them's the Colonel's tracks, made by 'im las' night, when he escorted some of yones back to the train from up town. Sabe?" Then, after it was too late, the train crew realized their lost opportunity. One of them explained how easy it would have been to convert the colonel into a flexible rotary snow plow, attach him to the front end of an engine and utilize his anatomy in relieving the congested condition of traffic on the branch line.

JANUARY WHITE SALE

THE BROADEST MOST COMPREHENSIVE WHITE SALE WE'VE HELD-PROVIDING SUPERIOR QUALITIES AND GREAT VALUES.

We open this Great White event Saturday morning January 11th after weeks of careful thought planning and painstaking preparations and with a determination to make it a white Sale extraordinary, and no matter for what purpose, no matter for what member of the family you want white goods, you'll find it here; and you'll find it here at prices extremely attractive—prices that afford you an opportunity to affect savings on your white-wear requirements for the next six months. Better arrange to take advantage of these unusual savings.

Remember, Sale Begins Saturday Morning, January 11th

Send Us Your Mail Orders The new parcels post law offers you a good chance to secure your goods from Pendleton by mail at very small cost—this law allows you to send packages by mail up to eleven pounds in weight and up to 72 inches in length and girth combined. The rate within fifty miles of Pendleton is as follows—Flat rate of 1c per ounce up to 4 ounces—above 4 ounces rates are paid by the pound—1st pound 5c—Each additional pound 3c—11 pounds 35 cents.

The Peoples Warehouse
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ATHENA BIRD SCORES HIGHEST IN SHOW

Last night's East Oregonian says: The highest scoring White Orpington pullet in the world is now on exhibition at the local poultry show across the street from the postoffice. She is "Snow Princess" and is owned by Byron Hawks, the well known Athena druggist.
According to Judge Miller Purvis, one of the country's best poultry experts, the Princess is probably the only really white bird of her breed in the United States. And Purvis knows. He has visited every poultry farm of any consequence in the United States from Petaluma, California, to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and he declares without hesitancy that the Athena product is far ahead of any White Orpington he ever saw, not excepting "Foggy" the world renowned \$10,000 hen, which brought fame and fortune to Kellerstrass. He says the Princess is a better chicken than Peggy ever was.
When Judge Purvis picked up the wonderful pullet yesterday to score her, he realized that he had in his hands a bird that was one in a thousand. He immediately proceeded to go over her as carefully as it is possible for a judge to do in search of defects. But try as he might he could find but few excuses to make out and when the card was finally made out it was found her score was exactly 96 or but four points short of perfect.