

From Thursday's Daily.

CHANCE FOR MARSHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

Prize Offered by a Portland Society For Best Essay On Historical Subject

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution want school boys and girls of this state to write good essays on historical, patriotic topics. To that end and to stimulate study of history the society has just announced prizes for best compositions, which will be awarded at the annual meeting February 22, Washington's birthday.

For this purpose the society offers three prizes of \$25 \$15 and \$10 respectively for the best essay written by any student in any public school in Oregon on any one of the following four subjects:

1. The Battle of Bunker Hill.
2. The Burgoyne Campaign.
3. The Treason of Benedict Arnold.
4. The Partisan Warfare in the Carolinas; Marion, Sumpter, and Pickens.

Essays are limited in length to 2500 words; must be written on legal cap on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting, and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than six weeks during the school year of 1905-06. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in charge, Wallace McCamant, 34 Concord Building, Portland, so as to reach him not later than January 15, 1906. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax and punctuation.

Any additional information relative to the competition which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by the chairman of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, in the public press.

The Railroad Survey

Roseburg Review.

Engineer A. A. Lindeley returned Saturday from near Remote on the Coquille river where the Great Central R. R. surveyors are locating the new line of railroad. He says:

"I was surprised to find the easy grade that route affords for railroad, although the rocky points and hillsides will make the road rather expensive to build. The highest elevation (at Camas valley) is but 1500 feet above sea level, while via the old Coos Bay wagon road route the elevation approximates 2000 feet. The engineers are now within three miles of Remote and expect to have the line located to Camas valley within 30 days. The engineering party now includes 14

men.

Mr. Lindeley will remain here for the present will examine the two or three probable routes between here and Camas valley before the most feasible one for the new railroad is finally decided upon. There are no special difficulties to overcome on any of them, but the shortest and best will be chosen.

NEW PRESIDENT OF EMPIRE CONSTRUCTION CO

Nelson Bennett the Contractor Takes Hold of the Construction of Great Central Railway

The latest development touching the Great Central is that Nelson Bennett, the big railroad contractor, has taken hold of the proposition in earnest.

It will be remembered that Mr. Bennett was down here some time ago and looked over the situation. He went away much pleased with the outlook, so far as the advantages of Coos Bay as the terminus of a trans-continental road and the resources of the country were concerned. Then he took a trip East and it is understood that it was for the purpose of investigating the Great Central proposition, seeing what the actual backing of the company was, and what certainty there would be that the money would be forth coming to pay for the building of the road. Mr. Bennett is a railroad builder, and his interest in the matter was as a prospective contractor for the construction of the road.

On returning from the East, Mr. Bennett has taken a controlling interest in the Empire Construction Co. and has been elected to the presidency of that corporation, succeeding President Wright.

The Empire Construction Co. is the corporation which will build the road, under contract from the Great Central Railway Co.

The fact that Mr. Bennett has gone into the work after thorough investigation will be taken as strong encouragement by those who are hoping that the outlined plans of the Great Central will be carried out.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon.
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Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

ALBERT A. ANDERSON, of Marshfield, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3861, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 26, E 1/4 of SE 1/4 & lot 8 of Sec. 27, T 24 S, R No 11 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, at Marshfield, Oregon, on Saturday, the 10 day of January, 1903.
He names as witnesses: Charles Wigan, John Michelbrink, Fred Noah, of Allegany, Or. S. W. Noah, of Marshfield, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10 day of Jan, 1903. J. T. BRIDGES, Register. 11-3

From Wednesday's Daily.

Bonner Stock in Demand

Chris Simpson sold 42 of his string of 65 racers, brood mares and colts at auction at Portland last Saturday.

The following, from the Oregonian will be of interest here for its reference to Bonner N. B. who rose to fame under the tuition of F. F. Norton, who was then his owner.

Two star performers which were expected to be placed on the auction stand were Bonner N. B., 2:17 on the track and 2:12 1/2 on trial, and Mack Mack, 2:15 1/2 by McKinney. Before they were called up Mr. Simpson stated that he had a reserve offer of \$1000 for each, and he would bid that sum. There were no other bidders when the horses were called. It is understood that Bonner N. B. is wanted by an Eastern horseman at \$1500, and Mack Mack by E. M. O'Brien at the same price. O'Brien, who is now in Seattle, was unable to attend the sale.

The offspring of Bonner N. B. was literally grabbed up. Ed Switzer, of Pendleton, took Bonner Belle, a 2-year-old, at \$250; Hazel S., a 2-year-old, at \$150, and Triby S., at \$170. He also bought Lady Armstrong, 9 year old, by Hannibal, in foal to Bonner N. B. for \$47 50. The Belle, by Bonner N. B., went to W. H. Bradford, of Portland, for \$100, and Joe Bush, a gelding, by the same sire, to J. W. Cole, of Oregon City, for \$265. A yearling chestnut, by Bonner N. B., out of Minnie M. went to William Frazier, of Portland, for \$175.

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