

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PAPER

Brief History of Publication and Sketch of its Editors.

IMPROVEMENT; ADVANCEMENT.

An Institution Devoted to Education at Interests, and Worthy of the Consideration and Support of the Entire Public.—A Copy of the Front Page of the February Number is Herewith Reproduced in the Republican.

The Republican today presents its readers with a reproduction of the front page of the February number of the Klamath High School News. The rapid strides of this educational journal in the cause it represents commends it to every educator in Klamath county and to every person interested in the cause of education.

While the paper's primary object is the advancement of the High School and its work and interests, it is the willing servant of educational interests throughout the county. For that purpose its columns are open to teachers, students and parents generally for the discussion of subjects, briefly, pertaining to the cause.

It contains four pages of bright, newsy matter, reflecting school life and school work in Klamath and illustrates the vim and enterprise of Oregon girls and boys, especially that portion of the interior country which is soon to be linked with the outside and which is to infuse it with freshness, native talent, enthusiasm, strength of purpose and honesty of effort.

The Republican gives the front page of the publication, advertisements and all, that those who do not take it may form an idea of what it is doing, though all four of its pages are creditable and show prosperity. It is also improving with every issue and should receive a subscription from every person in the county interested in the cause of education. It already has a good business patronage in Klamath Falls, and this is increasing.

The Klamath High School News made its first appearance last year as a quarterly periodical. It was a venture at first and purely experimental at that. It was organized by and is still published by the students of the Klamath High School. It being the only publication of the kind in an interior Oregon county the students entered into the enterprise with some misgivings. But they elected a staff composed of persons in whom they reposed the utmost confidence and embarked upon the sea of journalism with true interior Oregon grit.

The paper has proved a success. With the beginning of the present year it was changed from a quarterly to a monthly publication and a number of new features have been added right along. The front page of every issue contains an illustrated story of local interest. The editorial, local and social departments are carefully looked after, and the exchange column is full of interest.

The Staff.

The staff of the Klamath High School News is well chosen. Prof. John G. Swan, the principal of the school, is the editor in chief. He has been at the head of the Klamath High School for two years and has given universal satisfaction. He is a graduate of the Albany College of this state, where he stood high in his class. He had wide editorial experience in educational journalism before coming to Klamath, having presided over the destinies of the Albany College Student while attending that institution. He was assistant postmaster at Albany for three consecutive years prior to coming to Klamath.

Agnes Stevenson, the assistant editor, is also well qualified for the position. She is one of the hardest workers in the High School and an enthusiast in her newspaper work. She came from Eugene, Oregon, with her parents who have settled on Lost river in this county. She will graduate this year.

Alexander Martin, in charge of the local department, is probably the youngest editor in the state. He is less than 14 years of age, but manages the local department with the skill of a veteran. He is a native of Klamath

Falls, and son of Alex. Martin, Jr., of the Klamath County Bank. He is familiar with his field and gets all of the news that his paper can handle. Young Martin will graduate in 1908. Georgia B. White, who graduates in 1907, is the social editor. Although very young she is equal to the respon-

sibility of her position. She is the daughter of Banker White of this city and stands high in her class. Maud E. Nail is the exchange editor. She came all the way from Glendale, Oregon, to attend the Klamath High School because of its real merit, and is taking advantage

wherewithal to operate the enterprise. With the able assistance of Austin White, who is the assistant business manager, they have made the paper pay from the start. They have secured a good advertising patronage and a large local circulation, the proceeds of which pay the bills necessary

to keep the paper going. When these boys go after business they get it. Some say it is training but since they are still young, good business tact is probably their inheritance. Business manager Baldwin is the son of George T. Baldwin, the merchant, and Assistant Business

There are 20 pupils in the High School and every one of these is required to write and submit copy to the Editors once a month, so that practically the whole school belongs to the staff. From these writings the editors of the various departments make up their paper. A fine

With a new \$25,000 High School building now assured for Klamath Falls it will become an educational center for a vast section. This gives reason for the belief that the Klamath High School News will become not only a permanent institution but will improve with the advancing years un-

HIGH SCHOOL EDITORIALS.

Following editorials are taken from the February number of the Klamath High School News:

Never before has there been the inducement to young people who have the grit to prepare themselves for good positions. Last year the graduates of our normal schools were eagerly sought. Long before the end of the school year all the seniors in the technical schools were offered positions. These positions pay from the beginning salaries ranging from \$1200 to \$2000 per year with prospect of rapid advancement. Our students who will prepare, need not worry about the future.

A twenty-five thousand dollar building will not make a high school. A large attendance of earnest students will make the school. There should be more students now in the county high school. There are many young people in Klamath county who should be in attendance. They are doing this and that and a little of nothing. Opportunity is here; but they lack the determination. There are students living in other parts of the county who would come, if board was not so high. This must be remedied. A cheaper plan for student board is imperative. With a new building we want more students—we must have more.

Klamath Falls bids fair to become a school town. With good district school buildings and a modern high school building, it is possible to plan to make our town a school center. Our situation favors this. We have a large territory to draw from and little competition in that line. School towns are always wealthy and prosperous and desirable. The schools attract a good citizenship and a well-to-do citizenship. Many families who have accumulated sufficient property, move to such towns to give their children school advantages. This brings wealth to the town. Our citizens should realize the importance of making our town a school center. It means increased property valuation. The management of the high school will endeavor to do its share to popularizing education here. But the citizens must ensh and everyone be an enthusiastic patron of education in order to make our schools attractive.

Governor Chamberlain in his message calls on the legislators to reduce the course of study for public schools. He emphatically declares that more material is presented than can be mastered in the grades. He points back to the time when the curriculum contained simply the three R's and states that they were mastered as few branches are mastered now-a-days. The Governor is right as to results. Our students do not master the work as Ray's arithmetic was mastered; but is it because of too many studies in the schools? Those old days were pioneer days, days when even children relied on their own resources. Now there is too much "teaching." The pupils lean too much on the teacher. As a result they never learn to study. Then a task was given and if not learned the hazel was applied vigorously. No, "I can't" were accepted. As a result the child learned to sit and master. The average pupils now do not really study. They are never taught to study. It has been said that a lazy teacher is the best teacher. He excels in that he at least lets the pupil do his part. The public school curriculum is not too long. What our schools need is either less teaching or better teaching. They need teachers who will lead and require the little folks and intermediate pupils to acquire the habit of mastering study. The pupil who comes to the high school, unqualified for study—without the habit of study—flounders.

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KLAMATH'S SUMMER RESORTS

Pelican bay is a great summer resort. There are several streams flowing into the bay; the principal one of which is Pelican creek, a stream about half a mile long and from one hundred to three hundred feet wide. There is fine fishing in the bay, also in all the streams flowing into it.

Pelican Bay Lodge is situated at the head of Pelican creek. At The Lodge there are two two-story log

houses and several surrounding cottages. Tourists receive fine accommodations at The Lodge. There is excellent duck hunting in the swamps surrounding the bay also good deer and bear hunting in the forests and mountains. To the northwest of Pelican bay are Lake of the Woods and Fish lake where one can enjoy oneself, in the fall of the year, picking fine moun-



A SCENE AT PELICAN BAY ON UPPER KLAMATH LAKE.

tain huckleberries or hunting the black tail deer which roam the woods. To the north of the bay, a few miles, is Blue Canon, one of the greatest hunting grounds for deer and bear in the county. A few miles northeast of Pelican bay is Cherry creek, where there is fine fishing for mountain trout in the little stream which so briskly roars down through the deep brushy canon.

There is a creek about six miles south of Pelican bay known as Odessa where about the same advantages for fishing and hunting are reaped as from the bay.

It is worth anybody's time to take, at least, a two weeks trip to Pelican bay going from the head of Link river by steamer. There is picturesque scenery the entire length of the Upper Klamath lake.

CYPSSELUS

(A Page from Greek History.)

Next in fame and in length of rule to the family of Cleisthenes came the Cypselidae of Corinth.

The old blue blooded aristocrats of that city, who had indeed done much to make it the mistress of the sea, at length grew narrow and insolent.

One of their number had a daughter, named Labda, whom none of the aristocrats would marry, because she was lame, and whom he therefore gave to Aetion a man of the lower class.

Some time afterwards the nobles, learning from the Delphic oracle that Labda's infant son would, when he became a man, be the ruin of them all, sent ten of their number to Aetion's house to kill the child.

When they came and asked to see it, the mother, thinking that their

inquiry arose from kindly feeling to her husband laid it in the arms of one of them.

Now they had agreed that whoever first got hold of the child should dash it against the ground.

It happened, however, that the babe smiled as the man took it; and he, touched with pity, could not kill it, but passed it to his neighbor, who gave it to the third. So it went safely through the hands of all ten.

The mother received the child back, but when the men went out of the house, she heard them reproach one another for not having done the deed. Then in fear she hid her child in a chest, so that when the men returned to destroy it, they could not find it anywhere.

From this circumstance, Labda named her son Cypselus, the Greek word for chest.

When Cypselus became a man he overthrew the nobles and made him-

self tyrant of Corinth. Though usurpers generally found it necessary to surround themselves with a band of soldiers enlisted from other states, Cypselus was so beloved by the majority of his subjects that he ruled for thirty years without a guard.

In the reign of Cypselus, Corinth founded many colonies, extended her trade in every direction and reached the height of her political importance.

They were liberal patrons of religion, and their gifts to the Gods at Olympia were counted among the wonders of the world.

On the downfall of his family, Corinth became a well regulated oligarchy. Lena Barnum.

A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

There is nothing more delightful than a trip to California in the summer when it is warm and sunny.

I was promised a trip to California and as soon as school was out I packed my trunk and went to hunt for a freighter with whom I could go to the railroad. I went down to Louie Biehn's and found out he was going the next morning.

I went to bed rather early that night but was very much surprised the next morning to find that my jaws were much larger than natural and that it was very hard for me to swallow, for I had the mumps.

I was disappointed also, when I found out that I would have to delay for a week or so longer, so I went to bed and stayed all that day. In a few days I was ready again to try to get off. I went up to Mitchell's and found that he was going to start for Ager the next morning.

I got ready and the next morning about ten o'clock I went out of sight of Klamath Falls. I traveled on the freight wagon for three days then arrived at Ager at ten o'clock but found that if I boarded the train I would have to change cars in the night, which would be a hard thing for me, not having been on a train before. I decided to wait till the next morning. I stayed in Ager that night and the next morning at four o'clock I boarded the train and started for Woodland, a nice town twenty miles north of Sacramento.

The day was warm and so I had a very pleasant trip traveling through a great deal of nice country, stopping at Shasta Springs for some soda water and at last arrived at Woodland at 4 o'clock. Perry De Lap.

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of \$1 is imposed upon each student failing to prepare his pro rata of copy each month. The copy is usually forthcoming.

The subscription price of the High School News is 50 cents a year and its advertising rates are reasonable. It deserves a good patronage.

til it may reach a high standard as an educational journal.

Its field is large, the population is growing and there is no reason why it should not keep pace with the other legitimate enterprises of the foremost county in the state.

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FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Opening Address.....Mr. George Orfield Music.....Merrill School Short Address.....Mr. J. G. Swan Entertainment.....Merrill School Talk on Alaska.....Miss Elva Galloway

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M. TO 12 A. M.

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INTERMISSION

School-room Discipline.....Miss Emma Bussy A Primary Geography Lesson.....Mrs. Cogswell Teaching Ex. in Grammar.....Mr. J. G. Swan Co-operation of Parents, Teachers and School-boards.....Mr. J. G. Wight

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