

VISITORS SHOWED MORE CAREFUL PREPARATION

Motschenbacher Showed Natural Ability As Speaker—Music by Orchestra a Surprise

The affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That a System of Postal Savings Banks Should Be Established by the Federal Government," which was presented by the trio of Grants Pass students, won the unanimous decision of the judges at the debate held Friday evening in the auditorium of the County High School. The judges were Bishop Paddock, Judge Nolan and Judge Benson.

The program was opened with a selection by the High School Orchestra of twelve pieces, which called forth much favorable comment. It was a great surprise to many of the audience to note the ability shown by this student musical organization, most of whom, it is said, never handled an instrument before the opening of the present term of school. It speaks well for the work of the instructor, Prof. Wirtz, and is another proof of the advantages being given the students of this section by the county. The selection of the orchestra was followed by a solo by Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, who responded to an encore.

Prof. Howard presided over the debate and first introduced Erral Gilkey, of Grants Pass, for the affirmative. Mr. Gilkey is a very smooth talker, although his delivery was too fast. This might be accounted for by his effort to cover as many points as possible in the twelve minutes allotted, but it made his argument less emphatic than it otherwise would have been.

Vernon Motschenbacher opened for the negative. Mr. Motschenbacher is a very convincing talker with an excellent command of language and made a fine impression. However, he plainly showed a lack of preparation in securing material. Mr. Motschenbacher has been absent with the basket ball team and was able to devote only a very short time to preparation since his return a few days ago. It was rather a disappointment to the audience, who would have liked to have seen what he could do under more favorable circumstances. He has the ability of a convincing debater and it is to be hoped that the people of the city will have another opportunity to hear him.

Miss Ahern presented the best prepared and most convincing arguments of the visitors. Her delivery was good and pointed arguments were given in such a tone as to defy contradiction. Good connection was evident in her argument as she covered the principal points step by step until her final summing up was concluded. Her weakest point was in rebuttal, where she showed nervousness in impromptu delivery, probably due to the strangeness of her position.

Roy Nelson is a very clear speaker, but his argument was poor and lacked force. He showed lack of experience in changing his argument to meet points of the opponents. His delivery, however, was good and all he needs is a lot of practical experience and practice.

Mr. Richey is a very convincing and emphatic speaker and his argument presented many good points. He discussed the subject with more ease than the others and gave the impression that he had had considerable experience in this line.

Howard Boggs, the third member for Klamath Falls, showed more originality in his arguments, and for that reason they were not as convincing as ideas gathered from statesmen and those versed in national and financial affairs. As the development of originality is one of the main ends sought to be accomplished in school debates, he is to be complimented on his efforts.

Mr. Motschenbacher and Mr. Gilkey presented the arguments in rebuttal and summing up and were allowed six minutes each. It was here that Mr. Motschenbacher showed his ability, and although the affirmative arguments were exceptionally sound, he acquitted himself with credit.

After the debate a banquet and reception was tendered the visitors and the returning basket ball team, to which all of the students and several friends were invited. A banquet table was spread the entire length of the large hall on the first floor, and was decorated with Oregon grape. The walls of the hall were almost completely covered with decorations of school banners and class and fraternity flags and colors, and presented a very comfortable and attractive appearance. Prof. Howard acted as toastmaster, and responses were made by Bishop Paddock, Judge Benson, Miss Barker and Erral Gilkey, of Grants Pass; Vernon Motschenbacher and George DuFaut, captain of the basket ball team.

Mrs. W. W. Nickerson left Friday morning for a visit at Ashland.

MURDER MYSTERIES MAY BE CLEARED UP

Arrest of Suspect Gohl Has Loosed Many Tongues

United Press Service.
ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 5.—This city is excited today over the stories of incendiaryism and murder that have been told to the police since they placed under arrest William Gohl. Gohl is one of the most desperate characters that ever resided in this section and his well-known character has had the effect of silencing the tongues of men who are supposed to have known of his crimes. As soon as it was learned that Gohl was under arrest many were the stories of his criminal career that were set afoot, and the indications now are that there will be no difficulty in securing testimony to send him to the gallows, or at least to a long term in the penitentiary.

Charles Jacobson, a friend of Gohl, told the police that Gohl started the big fire here eighteen months ago that destroyed so much property. The fire started through the explosion of a bomb set to destroy the saloon, against the proprietor of which the accused man had a grudge. It is also believed that Gohl can explain the disappearance of Jacob Miller and wife, who went to live at Gohl's cabin. Shortly after taking up their residence there they turned up missing and nothing has ever been heard of them since.

When the seamen's strike was on three years ago, many of the sailors who were unfriendly to the union, which Gohl had organized, suddenly disappeared and their bodies were later found in the harbor. It is alleged that Gohl had a hand in their death and this will be probed to the bottom.

WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE HILL INTERESTS SECURES OPTION

Petitions Secured and Steps Already Taken to Secure a Daily Mail Service

Chas. Graves, who is in the city from his ranch at Odell, states that Portland parties have made him an offer on his ranch, on which the postoffice of Odell is located, and that he has given them an option for sixty days. Mr. Graves owns 480 acres of land and the Portland parties made him an offer on the entire tract and tendered him a check for \$1000 for a thirty days' option. Mr. Graves' price was a little higher than that offered, and while the parties stated that they were not authorized to pay that amount they took an option. It is believed that the deal will be closed before the time expires, as the representatives at once secured a petition from the patrons of the postoffice asking for the establishment of a daily mail route.

The approved survey of the Oregon Trunk road runs through the ranch of Mr. Graves, and his property is the natural site for a town in that locality. It is quite certain that the parties offering to buy the property represent the Hill interests and it means the building of a city in the northern part of Klamath County. If the deal is closed Mr. Graves will clean up about \$20,000 for his six years' residence in this hitherto unsettled region.

DECIDING BATTLE MAY OCCUR TODAY

Concern Felt Over Probable British Interference in Nicaragua

BLUEFIELDS, Feb. 5.—(By wireless.)—The deciding battle in the revolution in Nicaragua is expected to occur at Managua today. The Government troops, which have been falling back while fighting desperately since the insurgent forces began their advance from Acopyapa, have now reached the shore of Lake Managua, only twenty-five miles from the Capitol.

The bombardment of Greyton yesterday by the insurgents' gunboat Ometepe threatens to result in complications with Great Britain, as the commander of the British cruiser Scylla ordered the gunboat not to shell the town. The British Consul at Greytown made an official protest today on the ground that Greytown is populated mainly by British subjects. Great concern is felt over the probable interference of the British Government as it is feared it is likely to prevent the United States from immediately recognizing the provisional government, which had appeared probable.

Emperor William of Germany is said to be financially aiding a series of experiments being made to stimulate plant growth by means of electrical currents.

A novelty in the electric sign line consists of separate letters, mounted upon which, which run upon a track around a building like a miniature electric train.

HOLD BIG INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION NEXT FALL

Many Other Events of Interest Are Planned to Be Held in Portland This Year

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—A big industrial fair, representative of all Oregon, is being planned for Portland this fall. As yet plans are tentative, but it is practically certain that the exposition will be held and that it will be a big success as is assured from the interests that are behind the movement.

It is expected to hold the fair during the first ten days of September. Manufacturers of the State will be given a prominent place in the displays and the co-operation of the Portland Manufacturers' Association, a strong organization that has done a great deal to build up manufacturing of all kinds, is probable. The varied products and resources of Oregon will be shown and it is believed the exposition will demonstrate the progress Oregon is making in a striking way.

An event that is of wide interest is a complimentary banquet to be given Judge George H. Williams, Oregon's grand old man, on his 87th birthday, March 27, in Portland. As Attorney General in President Grant's Cabinet and prominent in the Nation's history throughout his active life, Judge Williams commands the affection and respect of all Oregonians and the most prominent people of the city are proud to show him honor.

Planning to increase the falling lobster supply, the United States Fisheries Department will transplant a car load in the waters of Yaquina Bay. Whether the lobsters will thrive there is not yet known, but it is thought conditions are right for them. Lobsters demand a rocky bottom, without silt deposited by nearby rivers, which is the case at Yaquina. This is the reason assigned for the failure of experiments made heretofore in trying to grow Eastern lobsters in Pacific waters. Senator Bourne has been agitating the matter and has secured the promise of Fish Commissioner Bowers to make the experiment at Yaquina.

Special round-trip excursion rates have been made from the East to Portland by the railroads for the annual Rose Festival in June and the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in July. Both of these events will attract large numbers of people and the rates are to be as attractive as those made last year for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. These fares should be the means of giving thousands of tourists their first view of Oregon during the coming summer.

It is expected that over 2000 delegates will attend the annual State convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society in Portland February 15-17, which is likely to be the biggest assembly of the organization ever held in Oregon. The sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder streets, while in the city the Endeavorers will be entertained by a reception and banquet by the Y. M. C. A.

Oregon roses are to have a wider fame than ever very soon, for the beautiful blooms that have made a reputation for Portland as a rose center are to be copied by Paul de Longpre, the celebrated painter of roses. The well known artist planned

to come here on February 22 at the time of the annual rose planting, but was unable to carry out his intention and will come during the Rose Festival in June. He will paint some of the famous flowers he will see here.

FATE OF NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED BY THEN

Rebel Defeat Over Stated—Administration Forces in Worse Plight Than Dispatches Indicate

United Press Service.
MANAGUA, Feb. 7.—(By Mexican Cable to New Orleans.)—Official dispatches received from President Vasquez today state that the provisional army was led into an ambuscade at Santa Thomas with the result that fully one-sixth of their forces were killed. Vasquez says that the Government forces only lost one man killed and a few wounded. A running fight followed the ambuscade and the administration soldiers became over enthusiastic and several officers were lost. The victory greatly encouraged the Government troops.

CLAIMS REBEL VICTORY

MANAGUA, Feb. 7.—The latest dispatches throw an entirely different light on the reported defeat of the insurgents at Santa Thomas. It is claimed that in the real engagement near Lagarita near the heights of Santa Thomas the rebels were victorious. The Government is frantically attempting to organize a fighting force to protect Managua, but there are only 600 soldiers available. The attack on the Capitol is expected before Thursday and all foreigners have been warned to take refuge in the legations. The jubilation over the news of the defeat of the rebels was soon turned to alarm by the later report that the revolutionary generals have reorganized their forces and are now only forty miles east of Managua, within two days' march of here. The plight of the Government forces is believed to be even worse than the dispatches indicated.

HENEY'S SUCCESSOR WOULD DISMISS INDICTMENTS

Judge Lawlor, However, Has Set the Cases for Monday Against the United Railways Officials

United Press Service.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—District Attorney Fickert, who defeated Francis J. Heney in the recent election, today moved to dismiss the sixteen indictments now pending against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, also the indictments against Thornwall Mullally, assistant president; Tiley L. Ford, chief counsel, and Attorney William C. Abbott of the law department of the company. He declared that there was insufficient evidence to warrant a prosecution. Judge Lawlor refused to dismiss the cases and set next Monday to hear the trial of the cases.

WILL BE WEEK BEFORE JURY GETS HERMANN CASE

United Press Service.
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—The indications today are that the Hermann case won't get to the jury before the end of the week. Prosecutor Heney and Attorney Worthington, for Hermann, are alternating in reading testimony from the previous trial of Binger Hermann in Washington. The jury was excused today while Heney and Worthington argue law points before the court.

PRESIDENT TAFT AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS AT WAR

Chief Executive May Be Forced to Place His Back to the Wall and Fight the Trusts

United Press Service.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The greatest struggle in the history of the nation is now looming on the horizon, and with it may come one of the biggest financial upheavals that has ever cursed the United States. President Taft is today considering whether he shall be compelled to put his back to the wall and mix it with the big financial interests, as well as with Congress, in order to put through his legislative program and carry out the promises he and the Republican party made to the people. The apparent docility of the President has evidently been mistaken by the interests as indicating indecision and disinclination to meet them on their own battle ground. If such a mistake has been made there will be an awakening that will rouse the people of the country as they have never been roused before, and the days of the Big Stick will dwarf into insignificance when compared with the effectiveness of the Steam Roller. Taft's policy has not been of the bombastic, Big Stick order. He has preferred to pursue his course quietly until the time arrived for him to act, and when that period is reached the financial interests that today are holding the nation by the throat with a threat of a panic will see a transformation that will be lightning-like in its rapidity.

From the beginning of the session there has been a tremendous amount of advice coming from the interests and President Taft has had a hard time trying to prove that the measures he proposed were destined to ultimately benefit capital. Every financier, magnate and representative of the money powers visiting the White House dragged forth that great bugaboo—"financial panic"—and tried to show the President that the radical legislation that he has proposed would result in the ruin of the country. Some of these advances went even so far as to take the form of a covert threat, a proceeding which the President did not very well relish. This course of action had no effect on the Chief Executive, and he persisted in pursuing the route mapped out at the beginning of the session of Congress. He did not propose to drive things through the legislative branch of the government, neither did he intend that the powerful influences that were at work should swerve him from what he considered to be his duty.

If Wall street's temporary fit yesterday was a result of the fear created over the introduction of the Federal incorporation bill, the scare was simply a result of shadows, as President Taft does not intend to force the bill to a passage this year. The bill was introduced at this time to allow the committee ample time to thresh out any faults it may contain and bring out any virtues that may be discovered.

What apparently seems to worry the interests most is the prospects of the Sherman anti-trust law being upheld by the Supreme Court in the cases of the Tobacco Trust and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, as it is pretty definitely settled that President Taft has planned a campaign against the trusts under the Sherman law, if the decision of the court is favorable to the government.



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In the meantime, the administration is closely scanning every move that is being made by the interests, and when the time comes for him to act he will do so with precision and speed.

LINER KENTUCKY SINKS

Crew Rescued by Alamo—Government Official Beginning an Investigation

United Press Service.
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—While the liner Alamo is speeding down the Florida coast with forty-seven members of the crew of the Kentucky who were rescued before the vessel sank, the Government officials are beginning to probe into the granting of clearance papers to the Kentucky. It is reported in shipping circles that the Kentucky, which is thirteen years old, was not in shape for the trip around the Horn to Seattle. On the way to Newport News she sprang a leak and made port in bad shape, where she was overhauled and given clearance papers and started south. It is rumored that it was impossible to get a good crew as the sailors were afraid of the ship. As soon as she passed the Virginia Capes the seams reopened and the vessel began leaking fast. A wireless call was made and the Alamo came to the rescue just before she sank.

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