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## W.C.T.U. Prizes Cover County

Mrs. Josephine Douglas, Nyssa, chairman of the county scientific temperance instruction department of the W. C. T. U., sent in a complete list of winners in the 1930 essay and poster contest, several of whom were announced last summer, it will be noted.

Five prizes went to Juntura. Winners in poster division, Eleanor Joyce, first; Elizabeth Woodward, second; 4th grade essay, Nora Belle Skiens, first; Raymond Joyce, second; 3rd grade, Billie Richardson, first. Juntura teachers to whom a share of credit is given by Mrs. Douglas were Sue F. Friesz and Julia McCumber.

Mary Davis of Arcadia won second prize in the 3rd grade division. Teachers, Verna Thompson, Elsie Abbott.

Vale winners were Kathryn Reeves and Genevieve Kennedy, in the high school division; Marjorie Norvall, 7th grade; Edna Johnson, 8th.

Rosaline Hess of Ontario won first in the 6th grade division; LaVerne Miller, second.

Mrs. Douglas writes that there were 208 essays written and 13 posters submitted. The W. C. T. U. is well pleased with participation. Every entrant could not win prizes put a vote of thanks is extended each and every contestant.

## HARPER

To send the children to school, the Wm. Hite family moved from Namorf to the Gill residence in town.

The Stewart family moved into the Ader house recently.

The Whitehurst company is cementing the tunnels leading into their mines.

Geo. Fenton and Wm. Baker, bridge builders, have completed highway construction to Kime station.

The Friday night dance was a pleasant affair. Several couples came from Westfall and Vale.

Mrs. Herman Jordan and Mrs. Bud Hartley were Harper visitors Sunday.

F. Delamater went to Westfall last week to help J. L. Lamberson drill a well.

Mesdames Holland and Turner were Vale visitors Thursday.

Inez Carter is visiting with Mrs. D. Jordan this week.

Mrs. May Holland and children spent the week end with Mrs. F. Fleetwood at Ontario.

The telephone has been moved from the store to the barber shop. V. Bess is operator.

Ed Casto and Claude Wright went on a hunting and prospecting trip to Bates last week.

Pink Becker of Juntura was in town this week.

John Hinkle, watchman at the Namorf tunnel, spent Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Paul Eberly and Mrs. Clarence Boylan were in Vale Thursday. Russell Zimmerman was here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Braddock took their son Jack to town last week for medical attention.

Jap Stocks left last week for an extended visit with relatives on the coast.

## J. M. Taggart was Settler Here '98

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## Power Districts Amendment

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### "An Impossible Promise"

Says a leading Seattle newspaper in referring to current propaganda for so-called "public ownership" and to the promise of many a candidate now seeking political office. It gives this warning to the people of Oregon.

**H**IS program restates the promise that has been made in many other campaigns and in many parts of the country. He promises a vast public power and electrical development 'without cost to the taxpayers.'

"This is a promise that has never yet been fulfilled. Wherever the people have been beguiled into permitting the experiment it has proved a failure and a disappointment, and has imposed heavy additional burdens upon the taxpayers. It is a promise that only the fanatical few nowadays venture to voice anywhere within hailing distance of a city or a section wherein the experiment has been tried.

"Nothing of the kind can be done without cost to the taxpayers. Bonds may be sold and debt incurred to get such a development under way, and for a time everything may seem to be moving serenely. But the day of reckoning comes around and the sad results are apparent both in the evidences of waste and mismanagement and, still

more palpably in the recurrent upward leaps and bounds of the general tax rate.

"The people of Oregon have only to cast their eyes in the direction of Seattle and Tacoma to learn much on this score; they have only to cock their ears to catch the loud complaint that rises against these two cities from all the rest of the State of Washington. Seattle and Tacoma launched heavily upon power development schemes to be perfected 'without cost to the taxpayers.' The tax rate in Tacoma has gone up to 81 mills, the highest in the whole Northwest, and the Seattle rate of 76.85 mills claims second place.

### Tax Rates 1929

Tacoma, 81.89 mills.

Seattle, 76.85 mills.

Portland, 48.60 mills.

### Whole State Suffers Tax Losses

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"Seattle and Tacoma have gained nothing by these ventures. On the contrary they have lost much and stand to lose still more. The people of Oregon will be well advised to turn away from the foolish thought of getting something for nothing. On a state-wide scale, as promised in Oregon and as proposed in the so-called 'district power bill' initiated for vote in Washington, the results would be so much the more disastrous."

Editorial, Seattle Sunday Times, Aug. 31, 1930.

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