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OREGON PERSONALS.

E. McKimney went to Silverton today; Senator S. A. Dawson, of Linn Co., was in Salem today; Adjutant General B. B. Tuttle has returned to Portland.

NEW TODAY.

LADIES' SEPARATE SKIRTS—Well made, rustic lined, velvet-lined, in black brilliantine, figured black mohair, black and navy serge, and fancy checks and plaids.

We don't want you to buy everything in the store, but We do want you to see our new spring novelties in dress goods, trimmings, white goods, gloves, hosiery, ribbons, belts, etc., etc.

Mrs. B. A. Grant, of Portland, and Miss Ida Lemp, of Boise City, Ida, have returned home after a pleasant visit at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Adolph on East State street.

THE NEW POSTOFFICE.

Bids Are Opened for Fitting Up the Building.

Bids for fitting up the newly selected postoffice building were opened at 2 o'clock p. m. today, for all work except the boxes, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder Name and Amount. Includes John Gray (\$285.00), C. Van Patten (\$237.50), Wickstrom & Cheney (\$244.00), C. L. Parmenter (\$294.85), Joel Hewitt (\$300.00), H. M. Eley (\$264.00), Young & Robinson (\$321.15), Z. Craven (\$290.00).

The bids were taken under consideration by the committee composed of Messrs. J. A. Baker, D. J. Fry, and E. S. Lamport, who will award a contract soon.

UNDERWEAR.—And rubber shoes still at greatly reduced prices at the New York Racket.

You should try Dawson's Bitters.

Improvements. Lawyer John Bayne is filling up his lot and preparing to build a walk in front of it.

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ALL SIZES.—Of Tennis shoes at the New York Racket.

INSANE.—James Caple, aged 74 years, of Aumsville, was today committed to the insane asylum after an examination conducted before Judge G. P. Terrell, by Dr. W. H. Byrd and District Attorney S. L. Hayden.

Mrs. H. B. Holland is still confined to the house with a sprained ankle.

Miss Thompson, of Eugene, is the guest of the Misses Paine at the asylum.

Mrs. W. W. Caskey, of Berry, who has been visiting friends at Salem, returned today.

A. Mason went to Goble this morning to superintend the work on the Goble-Astoria railroad.

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ARBOR DAY. How It Will Be Observed By Salem's Public Schools—The Respective Programs.

As is the usual annual custom in the Salem Public Schools, Arbor Day will be appropriately observed at the various schools of this city tomorrow.

Extensive preparations have been made for occasion and a pleasant and profitable afternoon is anticipated.

The exercises will begin promptly at 1:30 o'clock in the various schools at the conclusion of which trees or shrubbery will be planted upon the school grounds.

The programs to be rendered at the various schools are as follows:

PARK SCHOOL. The exercises begin at 1:30 o'clock sharp. Song by the school. Recitation—Maud Miller.

Recitation—"Rainbow Colors"—Six girls from Miss Bentley's room. Recitation—"Della Price."

Recitation—"Arbor Day Lessons"—Six children from Miss Poble's room. Recitation—"Oliver Riddell."

Recitation—"Woodman, Spare that Tree!"—Emma Sanner and Mable Yantis. Recitation—"Building the Birch Canoe"—Dollie Mead, Alta Trester, Marion Stowe, Lella Mee, Lulu Price, Mable DeLong, Lucy Parsons.

Recitation—"Earl Sharp." Recitation—"History of Celebrated Trees"—Ten children from Mr. Graham's room. Song—"The Leaflets"—Five children from Miss Poble's room.

Dialogue—"Dollie Elkins, Della Goodhue, Maud Savage, Ruth Purdy." Recitation—"Mrs. Race's department." Song by the school.

EAST SCHOOL. Song, Arbor Day.—Pupils. Prayer.—Rev. J. N. Smith. Recitation—"The Flower of Liberty."—Winnie Byrd.

Duet—"Under the old Umbrella."—Miss Nina Bushell and Master Willie Kanner. Recitation—"The Forest Hymn."—Frankie Wagon.

Short address.—Rev. J. N. Smith. Song—"Oh, the Sports of Childhood"—Pupils.

The exercises will commence promptly at 1:30 p. m. At the conclusion of the program several trees will be planted.

POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL. Song—"Arbor Day"—Pupils. Recitation—"A Game of Tag"—Lucas Smith.

Recitation—"The Village Blacksmith"—Chester Moore. Recitation—"A Spring Meeting"—Eva Smith.

Song—By school. Recitation—"Sun, Rain and the Children"—Carl Scott. Recitation—"April"—Marion Thompson.

A tree will be planted on the school ground at the close of the program.

NORTH SALEM. "Arbor Day Hymn"—School. Invocation.—Rev. G. W. Grannis. Song—"Springtime"—School.

Recitation—"Planting the First New England Apple Tree"—Gertrude Moore. Girls' Quartet—"The New Moon." Recitation—"The Mouse"—Edna Minger.

Song—"Her Eyes Don't Shine Like Diamonds." Exercise—"Three Trees." Recitation—"What Robin Told Me"—Robert Paulus.

Song—"Birdie, Birdie." Recitation—"Trees"—John E. Garland. Song—"How the Story Grew." Recitation—"What Plant We in This Apple Tree"—Bessie Ramsey.

Recitation—"The Little Planter"—Callie Minton. Drill—"Red Riding Hood." Song—"Swinging 'Neath the Old Apple Tree."

Recitation—"Forest Hymn"—Will D. Burcham. Drill—"The Sailor's March." Song—"The Boatman's Return." Song—"The Brave Old Oak."

LINCOLN SCHOOL. Arbor Day exercises at the Lincoln school will begin at 1:30 p. m. The pupils will be assembled in the large hall of the building, which has been appropriately decorated with fir, ivy, flowers and Oregon grape.

Song—"Arbor Day." Quotation—Miss Rockwell's pupils. Birdie Song—Mrs. Dodd's room. Recitation—"The Little Planter." Song—by a little girl. Dialogue—"The Trees"—by six boys.

Song—"Celebrate the Arbor Day." Recitation—"The Leeds"—by the little people. Recitation—"The Flag Day." Song—"The Spring is Coming."

CENTRAL SCHOOL.—A. W. LONG'S ROOM. Song—"America"—School. Invocation—School. Reading of law appointing Arbor day.

Recitation—"Arbor Day"—Louise Lottriz. Recitation—"The Rose"—Cecelia Haines. Recitation—"Child and Tree"—Val Parker.

Account of how Mr. Morris came to write the poem "Woodman Spare That Tree."—Ida Parker. Recitation—"Woodman Spare That Tree"—Ida Parker.

IN MISS D'ARCY'S ROOM. Song—"America." Concert Recitation—School. Recitation—"Child and Tree"—Harry Wilson.

Recitation—"Tis Arbor Day"—Carl Gabrielson. Song—"Celebrate the Arbor Day." Recitation—"Gathering Flowers"—Loyd Catterlin.

Recitation—"Sun, Wind, Rain and Children"—Barbara Cheney. Recitation—"Our Arbor Day"—Whitely Richardson.

Marching Song—School. Recitation—"April's Way"—Don Bozorth. Recitation—"A Little Planter"—Harold Farmer.

Recitation—"Arbor Day"—Lela Hannisan. Song—"Good Night."

COUNTY ASSESSOR'S CLAIMS.

The County Court and Assessor Hobart at Oats.

The county court at its session this morning considered the bill of County Assessor Hobart, and disallowed the whole amount, \$980 for 245 days work.

Mr. Hobart says concerning this that he has no definite idea as to why this action was taken. The court at its last session made an order fixing the per diem of deputies, but Mr. Hobart claims this action is not justifiable.

The law fixes the per diem at \$400 per day, and the assessor is required to give bonds for the entire assessment work. The deputies look to the assessor for their pay. They are responsible to him, and he holds that the courts sharing no responsibility in the matters, and the law especially fixing the compensation, that the court cannot fix the amount of their pay.

He asks, "If the court can change the legal compensation of the deputies, why not as well claim the power to change the legal compensation of the principal, or that of any other public official?" It now looks as though the county would have another assessor war on its hand.

The court goes on the assumption that Mr. Hobart's deputies, not having been approved by the court, are not legally deputy assessors. Furthermore the court expects the deputies to file separate and individual bills to the court. And the court says if its position is not right it wants a higher tribunal to pass upon its action.

MARION COUNTY NEWS.

E. Hunter, of Jefferson, is serving a twelve and a half days sentence in the county jail, having been convicted of the larceny of a skiff.

John Jacobs has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Rebecca Penner, who died on the 16th ult., leaving property valued at \$1,000, which is to be distributed among ten heirs.

A foreclosure suit has been instituted in the circuit court for Marion county against S. W. and Estella J. Hard by Frank C. Baker. Plaintiff's prayer asks for a judgment for \$2,500 and interest from July 8, 1895, at the rate of 10 per cent and \$150 attorney's fees; he also seeks a judgment against the first named defendant for \$32.44 and interest from July 24 of the same year and \$25 attorney's fees.

Ezra Nendel, aged 11 years, of Woodburn, was today committed to the reform school by Judge G. P. Terrell, having been found guilty of the crime of larceny.

A BIG SUCCESS. "Virginus" Presented by Local Talent Before a Crowded House.

Central Lodge No. 18, K of P. of this city, scored another success Wednesday evening in the presentation of that beautiful drama of Virginus in five acts. It was only a repetition of the wonderful success that characterized this lodge a year ago when "Damon and Pythias" was so cleverly produced by the same order under the skilled and efficient direction of Wm. Rasmus, of Portland.

Mr. Rasmus, who last evening so acceptably sustained the difficult role of Virginus, is an actor of considerable ability. Rather than allow his only daughter Virginia, who found such a representative in Miss Marie Vandarsal, to become the slave of Calus Claudius, as represented by W. W. Contris, and finally the wife of Appius Claudius, the haughty tribune, Virginus sacrifices his daughter's life.

Appius Claudius, the haughty tribune, was represented by A. M. Cannon, who is a performer of no mean ability. Miss Marie Vandarsal, one of Salem's talented elocutionists found a splendid opportunity in the role of Virginia to exhibit her elocutionary powers and her conscientious work was much appreciated.

Miss Musa Geer, another of Salem's accomplished elocutionists, as Servia, the faithful servant of Virginus, whose services could not be purchased by the enemy, acquitted herself most creditably.

F. W. Steusloff, as the defiant Demastus, F. T. Wrightman, as faithful Numitorius, Del A. Dinsmore, as Icelius, the lover of Virginia, and Miss Musa Geer, as Servia, were all well taken and acted out their respective parts most admirably.

In all the event was one long to be remembered by those in attendance, who will eagerly await another such engagement. The costumes were rich and appropriate, and only intensified the interest in the drama.

Music had been arranged for between the acts and the same was heartily appreciated. A male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Jake Wenger, H. G. Kunder, Lee Steiner and G. G. Allen, sang a pretty little love song and responded to a deafening applause by rendering a short but peculiarly significant number entitled "Good Night."

Orchestral music was furnished by Carl Denton, the violinist, accompanied on the piano by Miss Denton. One pleasant feature of last evening's entertainment was the initial appearance of the guitar club, consisting of twelve Salemites, under the skilled leadership of Prof. C. V. Theil. The first selection by the club was heartily enjoyed and the company of musicians responded with a second number, equally as good as the first. The club consists of Mrs. W. A. Cusick, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. R. Thomas, Miss Ida Haas, Miss M. E. Sperry, Miss Lizzie Harriid, Miss Lila Terrell, Miss Jane Morris, Miss Althea Brandenberg, Mr. Gaines Ford and Mr. A. B. Gardner.

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