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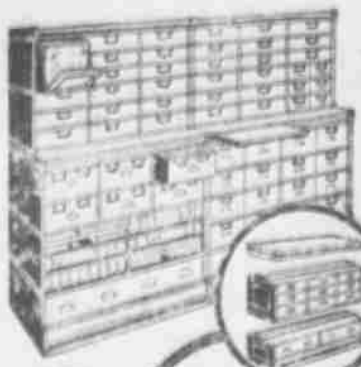
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The Oratorical Tryout.

The local oratorical contest to select a representative for Willamette in the state intercollegiate contest, which is to be held at Albany early in March, is to be held at the University chapel, commencing at 8 o'clock this evening. From all indications this will be the most interesting contest that has been held for some time. In fact it is generally admitted to be so close that no one yet has ventured to pick a winner.

A strange coincidence is the fact that all four contestants are members of the junior class, two being in the College of Law and two in the College of Liberal arts.

It is at these contests the students take occasion to work off much of their surplus enthusiasm, and the entertainment this evening will be no exception to the rule.

Following is the program as at present arranged.

Instrumental solo—Blanche Brown.

Oration, "The Emancipation of the Slave"—E. K. Carlson.

Oration, "The Industrial Education of the Negro"—John Elliott.

Vocal solo—Lola Fleury.

Oration, "The Call of the Hour"—A. B. Marker.

Oration, "The Future Possibilities of the Northwest"—H. L. Parcel.

Selections—Treble clef.

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In order to give the people of Salem an opportunity to see the beautiful country south of Salem, and to see the development being made by the company, the Citizens' Light & Traction Company will run excursion cars to the rock quarry, south of Odd Fellows' cemetery, leaving the Willamette hotel on even hours. Enjoy a pleasant ride, and see for yourself.

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For several days past, The Journal has been the victim of an intelligent compositor who made the advertisement of Tillson & Co. read "9 pounds of Coulson's Egg Food for \$1.25." Of course it should have read "80 pounds for \$1.25, but from all reports of poultry growers some think even at that extravagant price it would be a good investment. Scores of chicken raisers are beginning to use this wonderful egg producer, and it keeps Tillson & Co. busy supply their trade.

Let Go of a Diploma.

Governor Chamberlain this morning received from the directors of the Lewis and Clark fair a commemorative diploma in recognition of distinguished services.

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EDITORIAL TRUTHS TERSELY TOLD

Work on the South Commercial street improvement proceeds slowly. The character of the work done is thorough and satisfactory. It is to be regretted that the lines for the sidewalks on the east side of the street have not been made straight, and the rest of the sidewalk lines should be surveyed, at least with chalk-line before they are established. There is a demand for other street improvements in the city and the idea is gradually spreading that better streets are indispensable.

The popularity of development conventions is unaltered. Six have been held and two more are on the program—one at Silverton and one at North Bend. The people of that live city on Coos Bay telegraphed to the Albany convention that they had chartered a steamer to take the delegates who would come around by the ocean back and forth from Portland. It would be fine if the vessel could touch at all the coast cities and take up the delegations. It would take a larger steamer than could enter some of the harbors.

Nothing new developed at the Albany convention in a political way. Most of the candidates were there, and all the candidates for governor, but Scott, Brode, sat on the platform. The latter gentleman and Governor Chamberlain were detained elsewhere. Gees, Johns and Withycombe were not a bad looking lot of men—about as good as the state can produce in appearance. Gees seems to have the support of the old Union leaders. Johns and Withycombe seem to draw about equally from both the old factions, and it looks as if the factional lines that have divided the party in the past would be badly broken up. The three aspirants mingled in a friendly way with each other among the crowds, and that is the way to carry on a campaign. None of their friends have so far attacked any of them with anonymous newspaper letters—the most contemptible way of striking at a political opponent that can be imagined. The other officers seem

to be going a begging, with the exception of secretary of state, on which Marion county has a monopoly. That office and congressman is conceded to this county, and the aspirants should confine to treat each other with courtesy and good will, so that whoever is nominated the others may give him hearty support.

Of course, as everyone knows, there are politicians great and small, mostly small, in Oregon, who, if they cannot get the man on the ticket of their own choice will bolt and support the Democratic nominee. We look for manifestations of that on the governorship and senatorial contest. Many men will be disposed to cast a vote for Gees for senator and for Chamberlain for governor if they cannot have their own man nominated. But that idea is not a strange one, under the operation of the direct primary and the Australian ballot. It behooves the Republicans and the Democrats to nominate men of character and brains, if they want to poll a solid party vote. The fact is candidates under this system have got to be almost uniformly stronger than their party to be elected after they are nominated. Because it may be set down that few men are able to poll their full party vote. The warring out process begun at the primaries will be continued at the polls, and all politicians might as well make up their minds to face the music. The tendency to put power in the hands of the people is only equalled by the tendency on the part of the people to use that power. We are only seeing the beginning of political independence in Oregon, and the cause of good government can be promoted by the use of the big stick by the voter as well as the President.

By the way, do the critics know that two hundred delegates at Albany Development convention unanimously endorsed the Farmers' and Shippers' Tax Bill? They were men who paid their own way in that convention, and paid their own hotel bills, and seemed to be the substantial bone and sinew of the country. They are not men who move by sentiment, and they declared that the indirect way of raising state revenues was the right way. Take heart all ye friends of taxation reform. Relief is coming slow but sure! Candidates for the legislature may as well begin to pick up their ears and get wise.

Those who discharged the very efficient Salem police force and city attorney and other faithful employees to make room for their own friends are offering excuses for their conduct to Salem business men and friends of good government generally. There is no complaint made against those put into the offices. The objection to the change is on the ground that it was done from personal motives, and in a spirit of petty revenge. Street Commissioner Kuts and City Attorney Luman had fearfully done their duty and were better qualified to give valuable ser-

vices for a second term. They had learned what was to be done, and how to do it. Of the Salem police force nothing need be said. The business men of Salem, regardless of party, asked that they be retained. But their places were needed to pay political debts, and were taken and bartered off regardless of public service. The paltry excuse of a political boss that this was done to "get even with Hofer," will not meet the criticism. Hofer had not asked for the appointment of any of those men who have been removed. The blow is struck at good government and not at Hofer. The apologist for spoils politics might better say they were displeased with the Waters administration of the city, because it was too clean and progressive to suit them. There has not been a dollar of graft laid at its doors. The fact that the old Citizens' party leaders all condemn the raid of political bosses and grafters on our city government shows that the Waters administration was too clean, straightforward and conservative to satisfy the boodle element. Mayor Waters never removed any man to make a place for his friends. He never trafficked in places or allowed anyone under him to do it. He did not even remove officers of the Citizens' administration that were doing their duty, and he never exacted political work from any city employees.

As for the editor of this paper, he has never asked to have places made for his friends, nor to have men removed from office because they were not his friends. He has often refused to support professional politicians for places they aspired to, and were not fit for, and even the men he has supported have not always turned out to be saints, but he is willing to rest upon his record in these matters. The cry of the Republican bosses who have forced Democrats upon the city pay rolls for political spite is loud and serious, and no respectable citizen need be uneasy about their writhings.

From some little observations we are inclined to the belief that votes for the short term senatorship will not be worth over 30 cents in the next legislature, and votes for the long term not over 35 cents.

E. HOFER.

Want Mr. Langley.

A requisition was honored at the office of Governor Chamberlain this morning from the governor of California, asking for the arrest and return to justice of G. J. Langley, who is wanted in California to answer to the charge of rape. Langley is the man who was recently arrested at Roseburg in company with a young girl from Contra Costa county, California.

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