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Worthington Wins Again

Securing Two Medals of Honor.

Friday afternoon the boys and girls who were to take part in the final declamatory contest accompanied by friends making a party of forty went to Windom to carry off the honors.

The party was met at the depot at Windom by a reception committee, entertaining the guests about town and at the school. The contest was held in the Baptist church, on account of the owner of the hall refusing to rent for one night at a time.

The combined results of the Worthington and Windom contests were as follows:

In oratorical Jet Smallwood, medal; F. A. Tripp second.

Dramatic, Florence Maxwell first, Ruth Lois Macomber second and medal. In the contest here the places were reversed, but the combined points gave Miss Macomber the medal.

Humorous, Frances Clark, medal, Reuben Oakes second. Judges Hon. W. R. Edwards, of Tracy, Supt. H. M. Manuel, of St. James, and Supt. I. I. Bargain, of Mountain Lake. Miss Clark and Jet Smallwood now wear two handsome medals with the inscription "Windom vs. Worthington 1900," as their own in addition to the local medal for a year.

After the contest the guests were escorted to the school house where fine refreshments served after which games and social intercourse assisted to pass the time until to arrival of the train which our young people were unanimous in declaring came too soon. All our people were highly pleased with the courtesy and entertainment accorded them. The young people had a grand time making themselves hoarse giving school yells.

The Listener, column, of the Reporter has the following to say regarding the first contest:

The other day one of the Worthington papers said that the Windom boys and girls would run up against the real thing when it came to the chin contest, and now that the contest is over the editor of this column isn't going to dispute the fact a bit. We did run up against the real thing—the Worthington boys and girls who had been drilling on the pieces spoken for a year at least, and have appeared in several contests before with the same pieces rendered last Friday night.

As the world moves along in these days of get there some way, but get there anyhow, this was a fair deal, but it was not just as honest a deal as it might have been, either for the Worthington boys and girls or for our own, but really I think the Worthington boys and girls have more cause to complain than we have, if they stop long enough to consider the effect of the deal. I don't know much about it, but have an opinion, that these contests are for the purpose of broadening and developing the student's power and confidence in themselves. If I am right in this the Worthington deal did the Worthington children more harm than the prize they are sure to win will do them good. It seems a foregone conclusion that the Worthingtonians will get the spoils of victory and considerable notoriety. If that is what the contests mean, they are winners with big capitals. They appear with the same old pieces, the same old stories, and the same old judges, and automatically rattle off their stories swing their arms and display their oratory to a wonderful audience. To a fellow up a tree who doesn't know that they have played with these pieces for a generation or two, their effort is a magnificent one but it is an unfair competition with children who never have been on the platform before, and are therefore timid and bashful, uncertain of themselves and in a strange land among strange people.

Had Windom gone into the contest for glory and gold she could have picked up some high school students who have appeared several times in contests with the same old pieces. Worthington had, and stood up by the side of any of them. But she went into it for the benefit of the children, and Prof. Rhodes and his assistants tell me that they were pleased with the work they did and have no kick coming if Worthington has not.

In my opinion Worthington could have done herself more glory by learning new pieces. The moral effect upon the pupils would have been worth a contest. It would have relieved the contest of the automatic appearance, would have brought out the spark of the children, developed their capacity to handle themselves, and made them more independent and self controlled and if they then won the prize it would be worth having, worth cherishing and worth keeping, or better still, worth putting up as a challenge to some other school to meet on a common field under equal conditions.

I don't kick about this in the least.

That is not what the Listener is talking for, but simply as a matter of justice to our own pupils, that our own people may know the facts and judge accordingly. Of course I congratulate Prof. Porter and his students on the splendid work they have done. I know something about what the "real thing" is, and take pride in the Worthington children. I have heard them "chin it" myself, and know they are something excellent, but really do not believe the objects sought by these contests are reached when the same old pieces are used by the same students from year to year. I wonder how it would strike Prof. Porter, if as used to be the rule when the listener was a school girl, the children were required to speak every two or three weeks, the kids would come out with the same old song and dance. It seems to me that the objects of present day contests are not very much different from the objects of declamations "when you and were young."

Will Push It.

At the meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, Monday night, it was formally decided to hold the picnic here the coming summer. It was also decided to push it, and make it a hummer.

These picnics are always sought after by towns every year for the various advantages and benefits derived from them. Railroads have expressed themselves as being desirous of cultivating them, because of the immense number of people they handle on these occasions, this signifies that large numbers of people are brought into a town for one day. These picnickers do not carry basket lunches as many would suppose from the word picnic, but they depend entirely upon the resources of the entertaining town to provide for them. Every town in the southwestern part of the state as far north as Mankato take part in these picnics. With favorable weather not less than 8000 people should be here from abroad to spend the day.

After the installation of new officers committees will be appointed to begin the work, with the assistance of our business men and with their cooperation this picnic will be most magnificent affair ever held here.

Bigelow.

We pay the highest price for hides, furs, poultry, rubber, copper and brass, at Harrington's Flour and Feed Store. Harrington & Beard.

S. A. White has his gray eagle back from Sioux, where he had sent it to be mounted, it measures eight feet from tip to tip. You miss half of your life if you don't see the eagle. Jos. Carr came to Bigelow, Sunday, for a few days visit with friends. Jos. looks hale and hearty.

Tom Kirk's smiling face was seen in Bigelow, Saturday.

We have one of the finest Hotels in southern Minnesota, run by W. C. Wyatt and wife. Everything is in good shape.

Christmas is going to be observed in Bigelow by a large program and a big tree full of everything. When the ladies take hold of anything it has to be a nice thing.

C. M. Davis has sold out the Signal to Mr. Clower from Trenton, Ia. I don't see how the Signal can be any better, but it can be just as good as it was if kept up to the Standard.

It came to Bigelow to do your trading, you can get Goods cheaper than in St. Paul.

Wm. Waterman is selling way down to hard pan prices. Give him a trial. Dr. Walker was down from Worthington, Monday, on business.

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Peter Peterson is visiting relatives in Omaha.

Carl Sasse, of Elk, has sold his farm in Iowa.

Mrs. G. W. Crane now occupies rooms with A. Albinson.

Fred Norman is clerking in the State Bank of Worthington

James Olson returned to his home, at Vernon Center, Thursday.

Tony Teinde left for Oklahoma Tuesday, on a prospecting trip

W. Schuknecht, of Waverly, Ia., is visiting relatives, F. C. Stiters.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mutton, Monday, Dec. 17th, a daughter.

Choicest dairy butter only 18 cents, this week, at H. Peter Lewis.

D. S. Long and wife went to Minneapolis, Monday, on a visit and business.

Candies and Nuts in great variety for your Christmas table, at H. Peter Lewis.

J. G. Jones left, Thursday, for Milford, Ill., to spend the holidays at home.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who live south of town, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, a son.

G. M. Walker and wife left, Tuesday, for Bristol, Ia., where they will make a few weeks visit.

D. H. Thompson returned a few days ago from Oklahoma, where he purchased another piece of land

Chas. Saxon has recently lost thirteen hogs with hog cholera and many more shows signs of having the disease

W. A. Lackey has moved to Worthington and occupies his residence in Clary addition. Worthington welcomes such families to her midst.

Miss Jessie Bly went to St. Paul, Wednesday, for a visit.

Two children of Rev. Schmidt are quite ill with the mumps.

Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson, Thursday, Dec. 14th, a daughter.

Henry add Dave Zimmerman left, Thursday, on a business trip to the Cities.

Chas. Segerstrom has sold his 120 acre farm, in Bigelow, to Peter Cedergreen.

F. R. Coughran and J. R. Conway attended a shrine meeting, at Sioux Falls, Wednesday.

Headquarters for choice and useful Xmas presents. H. Peter Lewis' Store.

The monthly social of the Ladies Aid Society, of the Congregational Church, which was to meet with Mrs. J. D. Matteson, will be postponed until a more convenient date.

Miss Bessie Whitney returned home Saturday. She has been traveling for an insurance Company, with headquarters at Winona. After the holidays she will resume work and be located at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

W. W. Wilcox, the optician, is at the Western Hotel, and all those with defective eye sight will do well to call on him. He will be pleased to meet his old customers and friends.

Mrs. Grant Philco and son passed through here, Wednesday, enroute for Sault Ste Marie to join her husband, who is superintending the putting in of electric works and expects to be there about two years. While here she was the guest of her husband's sister, Mrs. F. L. Humiston.

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