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KENNEWICK BOY HONORED AT PULLMAN

Geo. F. Richardson Chosen on One of Teams to Represent State College in Debate

Kennewick is to be represented in the coming inter-collegiate double debate between the Washington State College and Oregon Agricultural, scheduled to occur on May 11th and which contest is one of the big events of the year in the estimation of the faculties and student bodies of these institutions. George F. Richardson, who graduated from the local high school last year, and who has many honors in high school debates, has distinguished himself in greater fields where competition is keen, and where there are many men of superior ability contending for the coveted places on the college teams. At the tryout of eighteen picked men, Saturday, March 2nd, he won first place on one of the two teams which will represent the Pullman college.

The plan of the double debate is that each college be equipped with two teams, one debating at home and one going to the other institution on the night scheduled for the contest. The coach will decide at a later date the arrangement of the teams and which men will lead the debates.

We quote the following from the college paper, "The Evergreen." "The judges, who were Professors, Kraeger, Simmers and Taylor had an almost superhuman task to decide which were best. Students and others are coming to see the great advantage held by the individual who has a message to convey and who can give that message in a way that practically forces a hearing from the other fellow. These six men are known to most of the student body as individuals who not only can, but do work all the time. The debate outlook at W. S. C. is the best that has ever been in the history of the institution."

The question which will be debated is, "Resolved that the Federal Government should adopt the parcels post."

TWO WOMEN'S CLUBS DISCUSS TIMELY TOPICS

At an open meeting of the Ladies' Literary and Woman's Clubs held at the Commercial Hall Friday, March 8, there was much interest shown and a good program carried out. Mrs. J. L. Johnson, president of the Ladies' Literary Club, presided.

Mrs. H. Beach gave an interesting talk on pure foods and gave plans as they have been carried out in many places for chemical testing of foodstuffs. A short general discussion followed.

Supt. M. S. Lewis addressed the ladies on the subject of co-operation of the clubs with the school for the good of the boys and girls. He made many good suggestions among them, better equipped playgrounds. This led to a discussion of ways and means by which the women of Kennewick might assist our faithful teachers. One good suggestion, entirely overlooked in the discussion, was the curfew law, which Kennewick needs just as much as other towns.

Mrs. Kimball's paper on what women may do to beautify and purify a modern city showed much earnest thought and many good suggestions.

Mrs. McMillin told of some things that had been done for the boys and girls and Mrs. Merrill reported an investigation of the wages paid to girls.

The interesting and profitable program closed with a piano solo by Miss Ethel Kimble.

MIND AFFECTED; MAN ATTEMPTS INCENDIARISM

Some excitement prevailed in Richland, Monday night, when an attempt was made to destroy the residence of J. E. Mowry by fire. The incendiary was J. M. Seley. Mr. Seley's mind has been affected for several months and one of its vagaries was his grudge against his neighbor, Mr. Mowry, on account of some fancied wrong done him. In his insane frenzy he sneaked quietly up to the house late in the evening when none were stirring, armed with material for starting a conflagration and began his work. Mr. Mowry heard an unusual noise at the corner of the house and taking his gun, went out to investigate. He fired one shot which frightened the offender into crawling clear across a ten-acre tract before he deemed it safe to get on his feet and effect a more rapid escape.

Several of the Richland people held a consultation over the occurrence and word was dispatched to Sheriff Mahan to come and take Mr. Seley to Prosser for examination. Mr. Mahan and his charge were here Wednesday evening on their way to the present county seat and it is probable that Mr. Seley will be committed to the asylum at Medical Lake.

HOME TALENT TO GIVE COMEDY

Wednesday evening the first rehearsal took place in preparation for the staging of Nat Goodwin's great success, "The Girl of the Hour," a three act comedy which has been a prime favorite with theatre-goers ever since its first appearance. It is to be put on by W. E. Graham assisted by home talent under the auspices of the Rebekah lodge and will be given at the Pavilion, Thursday evening of next week. Those interested in its production are taking hold of the work with great enthusiasm and a rehearsal is given nearly every evening. The plays put on by Mr. Graham are invariably successful and are demonstrative of what may be done in a short space of time by concentrated effort. He has handled home talent plays in most of the larger towns of the state and among his recent productions are comedies given in Walla Walla, North Yakima and Pendleton. He was well recommended to the lodge here.

Those who will take part in the play are Misses Bertha Leverich, Violet Anderson, Ellen Richardson, and Ruby Slaughaupt and Messrs A. R. Gardner, E. L. Kolb, A. H. Wheaton and Chenoweth. Dr. F. M. Crosby will assist Mr. Graham in a popular curtain raiser, "The Littlest Girl."

LET US SPRAY

While the Arbor Day committee is hard at work planning the planting of 8,000 shade trees along the river front next month, along comes Inspector DeSelle, with his little magnifying glass, and finds that the few trees now growing along the river bank are so badly infected with bugs and scale of various sorts that they should be destroyed.

Which goes to show that the trees which are to be set out next month should be of such varieties as are not subject to the various tree pests. Mr. DeSelle finds there are three kinds of scale working on fruit trees in this section, while the red spider is attacking many of the shade trees throughout the city. The inspector urges that the city prune its trees this spring and then spray them thoroughly with lime-sulphur solution. He has already recommended that the city purchase a power-sprayer outfit, and promises to be on hand at the next council meeting again to urge that the city dads get after the bugs.

MONTHLY MARKET DAY TO BE MADE A FEATURE HERE

If the general sentiment of the merchants is found to be favorable to the scheme, the Commercial Club will inaugurate a series of monthly market sales for farmers. At a special meeting of the governing board last evening the matter was taken up and discussed with a number of the business men. A committee consisting of Secretary Gardner, Dr. B. C. Elms and J. A. Belows was appointed to see all the business men, explain the proposition to them and get a line on the general sentiment. So far as is known, all the merchants will be in hearty accord with the idea, but it is not the purpose of the Commercial Club to stand back of the movement unless all the business houses are heartily in favor of it.

Briefly, the idea of a public market day for farmers is to have one day in the month when the buyer and the seller can get together, sell what they have no use for and buy what they need. Every farmer for

miles would be invited to come to Kennewick on that day and bring with him whatever he wishes to sell, whether it be a hoe, a threshing machine, a three-legged stool, a horse or a chicken. The Commercial Club proposes to hire the Pavilion, or some other suitable location, engage an auctioneer and clerk and hold an all-day auction, charging a small commission on all sales, sufficient to cover whatever expenses there may be.

In addition to the second-hand goods brought by the farmers, many of the merchants very likely will make a practice of each putting up some standard article which will be auctioned off for whatever it may bring.

The market day scheme has proven a great success in many places where it has been tried out, notably at Sunnyside, where the monthly market day has been a regular feature for the past two years.

Definite action will be taken in the matter at the regular meeting of the governing board next Thursday night.

STEWART & RESER BUY STORES AT HATTON

Two More General Merchandise Stocks Added Last Week to Growing Chain of Stores

A deal was closed last week whereby the firm of Stewart & Reser has materially increased its holdings by the purchase of two general stores at Hatton, the F. O. Smith establishment and that of the Roberts Bros. The deal represents \$12,000 and the strength of the company is improved by this substantial addition to the chain of stores which now includes branch houses at Kennewick, Garfield, Hatton, Spokane and Westlake, Idaho. Mr. Stewart has already taken steps to transfer his Spokane interests to Garfield, where he has secured a room forty by eighty feet adjoining one he already had of equal size and which will be combined in furnishing accommodations for the Spokane stock of light hardware and glassware. G. L. March has been in Spokane for some time looking after the company's affairs and will return to Kennewick as soon as the transfer is effected.

Mr. Stewart returned to Hatton yesterday to complete arrangements for a month's big opening sale put on for the purpose of getting rid of much of the stock already on hand and making room for a supply of new goods. His nephew, Nat Kimball, formerly of Pendleton, will be manager of the new store at Hatton which will be the result of the consolidation of the two stocks. Mr. Stewart speaks in commendation of the splendid prospects for a bumper wheat crop in the country which surrounds Hatton, now a thriving little town of from three to five hundred population.

BIG FIELD OF ALFALFA

Frank Emigh has a force of men at work on his well and pumping apparatus on his alfalfa ranch in Section 8. He expects to have everything in working order by the opening of the irrigation season and counting on getting a stand of from 60 to 160 acres in alfalfa this season. He will use electricity on two pumps requiring nine h. p. each. Although he had to go down but sixteen feet to find an abundance of water, some of the pipe lines will require a lift of as high as 65 feet.

BASKET FACTORY TO BE LOCATED IN KENNEWICK

New Industry will Give Employment to Sixteen Operatives the Year Around—Open April First

A new industry is to be launched in Kennewick in a couple of weeks which will be of special interest to the fruit growers. The firm of Coats & Marks, with connections in San Francisco and Raymond, Wash., and with plenty of capital for financing the enterprise, will open a basket and box factory about April first. The location has not been decided upon as yet. Material for manufacturing boxes for prunes, peaches, apricots, grapes and berries is on the road, together with a carload of tin from the east.

The factory will afford employment for four men and twelve girls and will be in operation all the year around, a heavy supply of boxes being made in the winter season to meet the demands of the spring and summer rush.

The company has a large mill at Raymond and most of its supplies will come from that place. L. H. Marks, who is in the city at this time, made a trip through this section about three weeks ago in search of a suitable location for the new branch factory and says that he believes Kennewick to be the most advantageous point for opening the business as it is situated centrally in a big fruit growing country.

LAST NUMBER ON LECTURE COURSE, FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

But one number of the High School lecture course remains to be put on, the concert by the Apollo Concert Company, Friday evening, April 5th, in the high school gymnasium. The Apollos have a nation-wide reputation as musical entertainers and their rare talent in performing on the various instruments they play brings the keenest enjoyment to the listener who appreciates good music. One charming feature of their entertainments is the variety of the program presented, giving numbers especially pleasing to every taste.

Kennewick has been liberal this year in its patronage of the lecture course numbers and the attendance at this concert should surpass that of previous entertainments. The program opens at 8 p. m. and the tickets are sold at popular prices, 50 and 35 cents.

GEMETERY ASSOCIATION IS IN GOOD SHAPE

The annual meeting of the Kennewick Cemetery Association was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian church.

Reports of the various committees were read and accepted. Money received during the year, \$372.30; expenditures, \$100.52; cash on hand March 12, 1912, \$93.98.

The Association also holds a note for \$800.00, having loaned that amount during the year.

It is the general feeling that with this amount available the cemetery grounds may be irrigated. Mr. Collins reported having seen the N. P. I. Co. in regard to getting water, but they could give no definite answer before April 1st. A general discussion followed and various ways of getting water on the land talked over. No action will be taken until they have an answer from the N. P. I. Co.

During the year the wooden posts used to mark locations have been replaced by iron posts and various other repairs made.

The following trustees were elected to serve for the next year: Mrs. E. R. Carnahan, Mrs. S. M. Lockery, Mrs. G. Garber, Mrs. E. L. Kolb, Mrs. Otto Stark.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. J. B. Rose; Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. L. Johnson; Treas., Mrs. Thos. McKain; Sec., Mrs. L. W. Soth; Supt., W. H. Collins.

DEPUTY ASSESSORS APPOINTED

County Assessor Severyns has appointed R. P. Tulles and L. S. Crossland deputies for this district. Mr. Tulles will assess the property inside the city limits and Mr. Crossland will look after the outlying territory.

Mr. Severyns states that the valuation this year will be made on the basis of actual selling price. This will increase the valuation of city property probably 100 per cent, and that of farm property in a much greater proportion, running as high as 1000 per cent on some unimproved realty.

G. L. JONES INVENTS CULTIVATOR

Down in the little blacksmith shop on Front street, an invention was recently perfected which should fill a long felt want among the farmers—a cultivator and weeder which will stir the soil sufficiently without injuring the standing crops and which is operated with the greatest ease. This implement is the product of the mind and hand of G. L. Jones, blacksmith.

The invention consists of a set of knives that open and close and are for the purpose of cutting weeds and cultivating the earth. These are held in position by a central keel which prevents the weeder from sloughing and doing damage to the standing crops. Mr. Jones believes that it will be of great value as an implement for farmers and that it will be particularly useful in caring for corn, potatoes, and strawberries.

CEMENT WORK ON SIDE- WALKS STARTS NEXT WEEK

The cement work on the sidewalk in the east side improvement district is to begin Tuesday or Wednesday when Supt. Detler of the 2-Miracle Concrete Corporation will arrive and get his crews organized. All the grades have been adjusted, obstructions and old wooden walks removed over most of the district and forms for the curbing are now being set on Washington street.

Mrs. T. G. Young and Mrs. O. L. Smith, of Sunnyside, stopped off between trains to visit their old friend, Mrs. G. W. Shanafelt, Thursday.

CROWD AT SMOKER SEES REAL SCRAP

Fouch-Custer Slugfest is More than Committee Bargains For—Governing Board Says "Never Again"

The crowd which gathered at Wednesday night's smoker at the Commercial Club rooms saw the best program of sports which has so far been pulled off by the athletic committee.

The star attraction of the evening was the four-round bout between Fouch, the Highland champion, and Custer, a Pasco high school boy. This event developed into a real life-size scrap in which the Pasco lad, who had the advantage of about 15 pounds in weight, had all the better of the more experienced but smaller man.

Fouch, who is an old-timer with the padded mits, has been out of the game for some years. He fights at about 125 pounds and is probably the best man of his weight in this section; but when put up against Custer, who, it may be believed, is also some real scrapper, Fouch furnished another illustration of the old ring adage, that "they never come back."

Considerable feeling was stirred up over the affair which ended by Fouch being virtually knocked out before the end of the fourth round. It is understood the governing board will not countenance further affairs of the sort taking place in the club rooms, and at future smokers, the boxing events will be confined to "safe and sane" bouts between local boys only. In justice to the athletic committee it may be said that they had no idea that the affair was to be more than an ordinary exhibition, as there was no money at stake, and regret as much as anyone that the bout was not stopped at the end of the third round.

As preliminaries for the Fouch-Custer go, there were three-round bouts between Slaughaupt and Williams, Bowers and Rawson and Copeland and Larkin. The Larkin-Copeland go was an especially lively and even bout until suddenly terminated near the end of the third round when Archie's wind was taken away by an unintentional low punch from "Punk's" glove which landed in the pit of his "bread-basket."

Charlie Garber and Bremmer, a husky lad from Richland, furnished a well-matched wrestling bout in which Bremmer put Garber's shoulders to the mat in two out of three falls.

L. B. Ward gave an interesting exhibition of Indian club swinging and "Dick" Mounsey's exhibition with the punching bag was heartily applauded.

FEDERATION OF VALLEY TOWN COMMERCIAL CLUBS

Kennewick will unite with the commercial clubs in the cities and towns to the west of us throughout this valley; and as far west as Ellensburg, in a federation which will be formed to bring about closer cooperation in matters for the good of the valley at large. A more concerted plan of publicity will be one of the matters which the united clubs will first turn their attention.

M. M. Moulton and A. R. Gardner represented the local club at a meeting at North Yakima last Friday when preliminary steps were taken toward getting the new federation on a working basis.

The ladies of the Congregational church met yesterday with Mrs. E. A. Orr and formed a working organization. After the business meeting refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed by those in attendance.