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OROVILLE HIGH INTER-SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONS

Young Athletes Capture the Silver Trophy at Okanogan Against All Competitors, With Will Cole as the Bright Particular Star of the Day

The second time has the Oroville high school athletes won the inter-scholastic meet, last Friday at Okanogan, nosing out by a narrow margin, but to have won against the crack school athletes of that county is an honor for which participants are entitled to unqualified praise, and for which the patrons of the school feel a keen pride. The athletes were pitted against old season performers in the various events making up the program of the meet, and in order to win they had to be superior in wind, bottom, strength and speed. It is no child's play to be against the true and tried men representing the Conconully, Okanogan and Omak schools. These have long been in the game they enthusiastic and experienced men, and when in the field battle for supremacy strain every nerve to the honor of their schools. To them out in any event requires putting forth of every ounce of effort and that is just what the Oroville did. It was for the honor of the school and gold they were striving, they won the laurels by sturdy consistent effort. Every member of the local team did their level best, while the honors of the day rests on Will Cole, who wears those modestly, and whose all around work was remarkable, each and every one of the boys who entered the meet deserves a full measure of credit. They worked hard, individually and collectively, for the supremacy of their school, and on behalf of the entire community this paper extends to them congratulations. May they keep on the good work that they have shown themselves so capable of performing for the past two years.

The weather for the meet was about unfavorable as it well could be. Heavy rain fell the night before and temperature was cold and disagreeable throughout Friday. The track heavy, preventing fast time, and the great interest felt in the meet held the crowd on the grounds during the events. Had the weather been favorable a large number from Oroville would have been present, but only a few braved the elements and attended. A correspondent sends in the following general report of the meet, it having been impossible for a representative of the Gazette to be present, and none of the who took part made any report in this office:

Will Cole was the star of the meet, in accomplishment and appearance as an athlete. His form in each event was good and showed that better than on his part only require further training. Home favorites played and fiddle to him with the crowd. Mallory was counted upon to win pole vault, but eliminated himself on the second jump. It appeared to be a case of fright, as the meet was his first experience in competition. Powell, however, made a good showing in taking second place in the event.

The feature races of the day were the 100-yard dash and mile run. In the former Prince got off in the lead led Young by not more than three feet at the finish. One more stride would have changed the result. Young and Baines of Conconully in the two strides.

The mile run developed an argument that will likely lead to a protest before the county athletic association. The race was a grueling one which existed several of the runners, the race on the muddy track being 4:57. Benwood of Okanogan, dropped in faint at the three-quarter point, while Fiker of Omak, ran the last 100 yards on sheer nerve and collapsed at the finish. Cole and Robinson also required assistance at the finish. Doubt arose when Horace Robinson beat the runners a few hundred feet from the finish and crossed the line ahead of them, unaware to the judges, who were then misled in picking the winners. Horace finished just behind brother Oscar, making it appear that Fiker was third and Chas. Cole fourth. These runners were both cautioned to realize that Horace Robinson was not in the race and lost a possible opportunity of overtaking Oscar Robinson at the finish. The judges, however, refused to accede to the demand of Professor Wilson of Omak that the winner be disqualified, and the question will likely have to be determined by the county athletic board. It was simply a case of too much enthusiasm on the part of the elder Robinson, but resulted in a rather tense situation for a few moments, due principally to the partisan squalls of several who had placed bets on the winners, some of whom were in an

FIRST ON THE SEASON

Raw Game of Ball In Which Tonasket Puts It Over Oroville 12 to 5

Sunday the full band, accompanied by a large representation of townsmen, drove down to Tonasket in autos, and after treating the Tonasket people to a band concert a game of ball was staged in the afternoon between the band team and the Tonasket regulars, one of the strongest combinations that that town has put in the diamond. The game as a whole was rather a joke, as it was the first time the Oroville boys have been out this season, and naturally their playing was ragged. Gardiner is entitled to credit for his pitching, for with fair support Tonasket would not have made more than one run. However, considering the lack of practice and the strong aggregation they faced the band boys did very creditably. With practice they will be able to give a better account of themselves. Tonasket has a crack-sack battery in Dorwin and Oberg. Oberg is as quick as a cat, and his pegging to bases is accurate and death to runners. The Tonasket people treated the visitors royally the kind of reception that can always be expected through the hands of our neighbors. To show how the trick was turned the game is here given by innings:

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BRIGHT PROSPECT FOR THE IRRIGATION PROJECT

Great Northern Official Submit a Proposition That Meets the Unanimous Approval of the Directors and Land Owners Under Proposed System

During the past week developments have taken place in the status of the West Okanogan Valley Irrigation district that justifies the hope that a contract for construction will soon be entered into, and work commenced at an early day. For nearly a year the proposition has been up in the air, owing to the difficulties experienced in placing bonds, chargeable to timidity on the part of capital to invest in securities of that character, and the long delay had created much discontent and discouragement. An entire change in the situation has taken place within a few days. At no time have the directors of the district and others interested in carrying out the project, neglected to use every effort at their command to interest investors, and especially has every influence been brought to bear on the Great Northern railroad officials to take action in forwarding the enterprise in accordance with promises held out by that corporation when the irrigation of the valley lands on a large scale was first agitated. Nothing definite in the way of an offer was forthcoming from that source, however, until last Friday, when the directors received a telegram from R. D. Budd, assistant to President Hill, of the Great Northern, at St. Paul. The gist of the telegram was to the effect that the officials had encouraged prospects of furnishing thoroughly reliable contracts for the irrigation work in return for the bond issue as proposed by the district, upon assurance that the district could legally enter into such a contract, and asking for an assurance of willingness to do so.

That was the first real bona fide offer to take up the contract that the directors have received from the railroad, and the publicity given the telegram naturally aroused a very jubilant feeling among the residents of the town and valley. Several meetings of land owners, as well as the directors, were held during the early part of this week, and the unanimous sentiment expressed was to accept the offer presented by the railroad officials. Tuesday the directors met in regular session, and after the meeting the directors wired St. Paul that the board was willing to deliver full bond issue in return for construction, if necessary stringently urging the use of metal fluming and the installation of a power system, if that were possible.

That is the situation up to the hour of going to press. No reply had been received from the railroad officials, but as the board has conceded all that was asked it hardly seems probable that there will be any further hitch or delay in closing contracts and subsequent beginning of actual construction.

The railroad offer is not the only prospect in sight. Engineer Laurgaard is expected in town today or tomorrow with several contractors to look over the project, with a view of submitting a proposition for doing the work. What developments may arise from that visit remains to be seen. Anyhow, with a second bidder in the field it would appear that the eventual and early completion of this great undertaking is almost a surety. Certainly there is good reason to anticipate the realization of those hopes that have sustained the residents of the valley for so long a time.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the meeting of the town council of Oroville, Washington, May 3, 1915.

Present—Mayor Prentice, Councilmen Beale, Smith and Friis.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read.

Motion was made and carried that the reports of the town treasurer and the police judge be laid on the table.

The clerk was instructed to write the county commissioners in regard to the town obtaining shell rock for the proposed street improvement of the county road.

The following bids were then read for the proposed street improvement. Bid of Silke & LaPlant: Fixed estimate, \$468.96; excavation free haul per cu. yd., 18c; excavation over haul per 100 ft., 1000 ft., 1-4c; surfacing per sq. yd., 16c; surfacing per cu. yd., \$1.36; concrete sidewalks per sq. yd., \$1.25; wood curb, per M ft. B. M., \$20; Armored concrete curb and gutter per lin. ft., 25c; concrete curb and gutter per lin. ft., 50c; concrete gutter per lin. ft., 22c; 8-inch corrugated iron pipe, 72c.

Bid of Alfred Anderson: Fixed estimate, \$468.96; excavation free haul per cu. yd., 23c; excavation over haul per 100 ft., 1000 ft., 3c; surfacing per sq. yd., 17c; surfacing per cu. yd., \$1;

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Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Beale, that the bid of Silke & LaPlant be accepted. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Friis, seconded by Councilman Smith, that the engineer be empowered to set the wages of his assistants. Motion carried.

On motion the following bills were allowed and ordered paid: E. R. Hoose, salary, \$101; S. R. Case, salary, \$75; E. E. Elmer, salary, \$15; C. H. Neal, salary, \$25; E. A. McMahan salary, \$39.68; Jas. Ferguson, police justice fee, \$9.30; Morris Walmer, labor on water works, \$4.50; John Collins, labor on water works, \$12; A. S. Pratt, labor on water works, \$3; C. M. Loudon, labor on water works, \$4.50; Derwood Smith, labor on water works, \$1.50; C. A. Reeder, labor on water works, \$5.95; R. L. Prentice, labor on water works, \$11.49; H. J. Desmond, supplies water works, \$15.10; Hughes & Co., supplies water works, \$121.89; Crane & Co., supplies water works, \$127.56; S. H. Sanderson, supplies water works, \$12.10; Similkameen Power Co., light and power, \$108.80; J. H. Hein, meal ticket, \$5.50; J. F. Samson, drugs, \$2.65; Seattle Blue Print Co., blue prints, \$1.60; L. N. Wickersham, street work, \$18; W. S. Keeler, street work, \$18; W. Allen, street work, \$6; J. W. Seward, street work, \$5.45; Gazette Publishing Co., printing, \$38.60; G. H. Major, engineering, \$134.21; C. P. Hoskyn, assistant engineer, \$3; Rose Riste, typewriting specifications, \$4; Willard Shepard, assisting engineer, \$1.50; P. Z. Davis, assisting engineer, \$88.75; S. Kaser, assisting engineer, \$12.75; J. M. Fraser, assisting engineer, \$15.50; C. M. Loudon, assisting engineer, \$11.25; Al Saling, assisting engineer, \$3; Darwood Smith, assisting engineer, \$17.65.

On motion council adjourned.

E. R. HOOSE, Clerk.

BAND DANCE

The local band, that has done more to advertise Oroville than any other feature of the town, is arranging to give a dance on Friday evening, May 21, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the purchase of additional uniforms. The band is steadily increasing in numbers, and consequently improving with growth. It is already one of the largest county bands in the eastern part of the state. The new uniforms are needed for the new members. Here is a cause that should appeal to the entire community, and every citizen who can afford to let go of a dollar, whether he favors or is opposed to dancing, should invest in a ticket. The largest crowd of the new year will be at the Orpheum on the night of May 21st.

M. E. SERVICES

The Ladies' Aid will give their chicken pie supper on Saturday evening instead of Friday, as was announced last week. It will be given in the Hamisch restaurant, from 5 to 8 o'clock. Price 35 cents.

On Sunday morning the Sunday school at 10; Rev. J. A. Spencer will preach at 11; Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 7, and the pastor will speak in the evening.

The Sub. Dist. Epworth League Convention will be held in the Methodist church Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13. Rev. E. C. Corn will give the first address on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Speakers from out of town will appear on the program. Delegates from the adjoining churches will be present. Let every one come that is interested in young people's work and bring your problems and we will talk it over together.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Preaching service next Sunday morning at 11 a. m., subject of sermon, "Christians, the Light of the World—World Wide." All are welcome.

Attorney Neal was called to Okanogan Tuesday to confer with attorneys of the railroad relative to the legal side of the irrigation contract.

the second time has the Oroville high school athletes won the inter-scholastic meet, last Friday at Okanogan, nosing out by a narrow margin, but to have won against the crack school athletes of that county is an honor for which participants are entitled to unqualified praise, and for which the patrons of the school feel a keen pride. The athletes were pitted against old season performers in the various events making up the program of the meet, and in order to win they had to be superior in wind, bottom, strength and speed. It is no child's play to be against the true and tried men representing the Conconully, Okanogan and Omak schools. These have long been in the game they enthusiastic and experienced men, and when in the field battle for supremacy strain every nerve to the honor of their schools. To them out in any event requires putting forth of every ounce of effort and that is just what the Oroville did. It was for the honor of the school and gold they were striving, they won the laurels by sturdy consistent effort. Every member of the local team did their level best, while the honors of the day rests on Will Cole, who wears those modestly, and whose all around work was remarkable, each and every one of the boys who entered the meet deserves a full measure of credit. They worked hard, individually and collectively, for the supremacy of their school, and on behalf of the entire community this paper extends to them congratulations. May they keep on the good work that they have shown themselves so capable of performing for the past two years.