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Baked Goods
for Christmas

WE CARRY A
COMPLETE LINE
OF



DEBATE TEAM WORKING.
The Elgin debating team, says the Elgin Recorder, is working hard to prepare for the debate which will take place the first Friday in January with Enterprise and La Grande. The question is "Resolved that the Galveston plan of Government Ap-

plied to New York would correct the prevalent Political Vices of that City." The members of the affirmative are Nona Austin, Robert Brock and Beatrice Littlefield. Of the negative, Lillian Morris, Bennie Benschadler and Edith Bailey.

PREACHER: "SNEAKS AND THIEVES DON'T ADVERTISE"

Portland, Dec. 16—"Sneaks and thieves don't advertise," was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinnville minister. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent publicity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific Northwest and the benefits alike to the newcomer and the country settled. Each settler means added wealth to the state and in return the Pacific offer greater opportunity to the man from the elder sections of the country. The Northwest has a duty to perform, believes this pastor, in bringing people from the overcrowded districts of the East to this land of opportunity and live cities in the Northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting settlers.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, December 14, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Abraham H. Sasser, of Enterprise, Oregon, who, on December 23, 1904, made Homestead Entry No. 14017, serial No. 04317, for SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 6, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 45 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five-year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. M. Lockwood, U. S. Commissioner, at his office, at Enterprise, Oregon, on the 10th day of February, 1910.
Claimant names as witnesses: Newton E. Hammaek, Carl Keeler, Steve Hodge, Neil Baker, all of Enterprise, Oregon.
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WEEK DECEMBER 27
TO JANUARY 1

School Report By Principal Mack

Review of Work Done So Far This
Year—Honor Roll
Pupils.

The enrollment of the public school is 259, which is eleven more than the highest registration last year. Thus some grades are too large for much individual instruction. When grades are so large, there should be two divisions. However, the lack of teachers makes this impossible except in the first and third grades—the largest grades.

As the beginning of the year is the only proper time, in a school of this kind, for primary pupils to enroll, we would discourage any parents who may be contemplating starting their children to school now or later on during the year. As no new class can be formed and as the teacher cannot devote much individual attention to such pupils, they would derive very little benefit.

The means of ventilation have been absent and afford opportunity for im-window-boards. Thus a continuous supply of fresh air is secured without exposing any pupils to draughts. Thermometers also serve as guides to health and comfort.

There are very few first-class schools that are not fully equipped with single seats and hyloplate blackboards, and we were disappointed to find that this was one of the few. Parents should see that their children have these essentials next year. Permit us to remind you that what most of you could not have is now an economical necessity.

We would impress upon pupils and parents the difference between a passable grade of 80 per cent and an ideal grade of 95 per cent. The former standing is the one most commonly received, and in a large measure accounts for so many shortcomings in the affairs of every day life. In view of the foregoing we admire the stand taken by those parents who have told their children that they cannot leave the public school on minimum grades.

Mrs. W. R. Holmes has presented her deceased son Gerald's private cyclopedic to the school. As the books are clear and brief, they will be used a great deal. In order that most of Gerald's closest companions may have ready access to

them, they have been placed in Miss Jefferson's room. As a memorial this cyclopedic will wield a silent influence that will redound to the thoughtfulness prompting the gift. In order to encourage self-government and afford opportunity for improvement in declamation and debate, a literary society has been formed in the seventh and eighth grades. This is in line with the recommendation of the last State Superintendents' convention.

Miss Jefferson's pupils observed Thanksgiving with an appropriate program, while Misses Haas' and Hyde's pupils will unite for Christmas exercises.

The first grade pupils have the honor of having the most tastily arranged room. As the little folks have made their decorations, they are justly entitled to be proud of their room.

An absorbing topic in the seventh and eighth grades is the "Evolution of God."

In order to take advantage of the short days our time is kept 15 minutes fast. This will continue for another month.

In order to bring out the ideal pupil class rank is based upon attendance, punctuality, deportment, application and examination. Those having the honor of ranking one are as follows: Ivan Ratcliff, Carrie Falconer, Chester Zumwalt, William Ault, Fern Weaver, Edith Lewis, Marvin Conley and Dee Weaver.

Chester Zumwalt and Fern Weaver have done such excellent work that they have been promoted.

Parents and friends of education will please us by your frequent appearance. You can aid us greatly by visiting us when we have our regular class work.

C. G. MACK, Principal.

PARADISE GLINTS.
—Paradise, Dec. 10—Three inches of snow and colder weather.
Babe Bodmer was soliciting donations for the Christmas tree at Fordney's Hall, December 21.
D. G. Rails and wife had legal papers made out by the local notary one day last week.
Bailey Shelton and family were up from the river visiting, recently.
W. H. Pullen and daughter Dora, former residents of this place but now of northern Oregon, are here visiting Mr. Pullen's daughter, Mrs. Walter Applegate, and family.
James Barnes started for Enterprise with hogs and wheat today.
Mrs. W. B. Applegate is in poor health.

Dec. 16—McWills Bros. brought up their sheep and are feeding them here.

Willis Fisher, who lives at Cove, is visiting his brother, Bud Fisher.

Ed Shoemaker came up from the river today after a load of chop.

Peter Fordney has gone to Spokane, Wash., to buy goods for his store.

The new postmaster took possession of the office December 15.

Joe Beach went to Enterprise with a load of hogs a few days ago.

Steve Thomas, Wad Cloninger and Abe Carter were in Paradise on business the first of the week.

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