

NOW FOR THE SECOND EFFORT.

M. I. A. Oratorical Contest Held In Districts Tuesday Night.

THE PLACES OF MEETING.

Names of the Contestants in the Districts—As the Time Approaches the Interest Grows More Intense.

The second step in the Y. M. M. I. A. oratorical contest will be taken on Tuesday evening next. This will be on the occasion of the district contests, in which the representatives of most of the wards in the city will participate. The Tuesday evening contests will be of unusual interest, as the contestants have been honored with that position by judges who thought them the ablest representatives of their respective societies.

Furthermore, the champions in these five districts will meet before the general conference of the young men in June, to vie for a gold medal to be awarded to the victor by the Deseret News.

There are five districts in all, and the following are the places where the contests will be held and the names of the contestants; also the wards they represent:

First district, to be held in the Tenth ward meeting house, the contestants are: Walter J. Smith, of the Tenth ward; Elijah Weiler, of the Third ward, and Will Braby, of the First ward. There will also be a number of musical selections, in connection with the speeches.

Second District—The contest in this district will be held in the Twenty-second ward meeting house. The contestants are: Albert E. Brown, of the Seventeenth ward, and Eugene B. Lewis, of the Nineteenth ward. The musical feature of the program will consist of male quartet selections, and a tenor solo by Samuel Winters.

Third District—The contest will be held in the Eleventh ward meeting house. The contestants are: William Tuckett, of the Eleventh, Alma Taylor, of the Thirteenth, and Nepti Y. Schofield, of the Twentieth. The music will be furnished by the Eighteenth ward choir.

Fourth District—The contest will be held in the Fifth ward meeting house. The contestants are: Mr. Bailey, of the Fourth, C. H. Carlquist, of the Fifth, and E. M. Davey, of Cannon ward. The music will consist of selections by the Fifth ward choir, a glee from the Fourth ward, and an instrumental and vocal number from Cannon ward.

Fifth District—The program in this district is quite an elaborate one. The meeting will be held in the Fifteenth ward meeting house. The contestants are: George Fox, of the Fourteenth, George Bowles, of the Seventh, Sam Russell, of the Fifteenth and T. J. Howells, of the Twenty-fourth.

Mr. W. H. Evans was to have represented the Latter-day Saints' college, were so pressing that he did not have time to acquire the familiarity with his speech which he desired, and therefore withdrew from the contest.

PRINCIPAL CLARK RESIGNS.

Forwards a Letter to School Board Giving His Reason.

Would Rather Step Down and Out Than to Stand in the Way of the School's Progress.

The matter of the retirement of Principal A. O. Clark, of the High School, from his position, has been determined by himself. The reason for this action is set forth in the following letter of resignation, forwarded to President Wilson, of the school board:

"Permit me to inform the board of education through you that when the question of the selection of teachers for the High School is taken up, I do not desire to contribute in any degree to the greater usefulness of the institution. I can have no regret that the step was taken.

"To yourself and the other members of the board who have given my administration support and encouragement, I wish to express my sincere thanks. Very respectfully yours, A. O. CLARK.

"Principal High School."

Professor Clark is not going to say what his plans for the future are. It is generally understood that he will be employed in the High School as an instructor if he so desires, but upon that point he will not commit himself. Professor Clark enjoys the high esteem and respect of the educators of Salt Lake City, and whatever he may choose to do in the future, the sincere wishes for success, from his numerous friends will follow him.

It will be perhaps two weeks before the board will appoint the successor to Principal Clark, and to say at this time who the recipient of the honor will be, would be the merest conjecture. However, rumor has associated Prof. A. H. Hager's name with the position.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Bishop H. B. Clawson has returned from San Francisco, where he spent several weeks visiting his son, J. W. Clawson, and his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Cummings. During his stay he sat for a portrait to his son, and his grandson, Earl Cummings, made a model of him in clay. Both the painting and the bust will be forwarded to this city in the near future.

With a feeling of extreme gratitude toward all those friends who did so much toward alleviating the sorrow of a heart-stricken family, caused by the death of my beloved wife, I take this opportunity of sincerely thanking all those who so generously contributed their services and aided in various ways in attending to all the details so necessary in carrying out the last sad rites of the deceased. Especially do I desire to thank Prof. Bessie and the choir, the students and each and every one who so generously contributed their presence, and did so much in showing their esteem for the departed love and light of my home.

Very sincerely,
BYRON CROSBY.

Instead of paying off the employees today, Treasurer Morris will distribute the needful to the wage-earners Monday.

BENBROOK SUIT IS DISMISSED.

Wife Gets No Alimony, but the Attorneys May Get Their Fees.

JUDGMENT AWARDED THEM

Attorney for Mrs. Benbrook Contended that the Case Could Not Be Dismissed, but it Was.

Upon motion of Judge Powers, counsel for plaintiff in the divorce suit of Smithy L. Benbrook vs. Mattie L. Benbrook, Judge Hiles today dismissed the action, which means Mrs. Benbrook will get no alimony—for the present at least—as prayed for in her cross-bill and counter-claim.

The court, however, very generously allowed Attorneys Sam Lewis and Morris Sommer a fee of \$150 and gave Mrs. Benbrook her costs, for which judgment was given. The attorneys will levy an attachment just as soon as they discover any property belonging to Benbrook between here and Cape Nome.

The proceedings on the order to show cause were brief. As soon as the case was called Judge Powers arose and asked that an order of dismissal be entered. Counsel said Benbrook filed his suit several weeks ago, but no summons was ever issued, and the defendant's appearance at this time was voluntary and her answer was nothing but an affirmative defense.

Attorney Lewis denied the right of plaintiff to dismiss his cause of action, on the ground that it was contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided. The fact that the plaintiff and defendant were in court was of itself a sufficient bar to a dismissal. The serving of a summons was neither here nor there.

Judge Hiles held that the plaintiff had the right to ask for a dismissal and granted Judge Powers' motion, but allowed the defendant attorney's fee and costs. Mr. Lewis took an exception to the order of dismissal.

Then the question resolved itself into "what is a reasonable attorney's fee." Mr. Lewis was unable to say. Judge Powers thought he and Attorney Lewis might agree on one. Attorneys H. C. Edwards and Barlow Ferguson were sworn and asked what they would consider it was worth to draw up an answer, cross-complaint, affidavit and climb up and down the elevator of the joint building to the clerk's office and file them; call upon the sheriff and explain where, how and when he wanted a restraining order served; write the prepetition of one's brow and appear in court and sit around for one hour—like Wilkins' Micawber—"waiting for something to turn up."

Edwards thought \$200 or \$250 would be a reasonable fee. Ferguson said he would be satisfied with \$150 providing he could get it right away, otherwise he would be like Edwards, charge extra.

The court then ordered that Mr. Lewis and his associate, Judge Morris Sommer, take judgment for \$150 and costs, and the attorney left the court room like a man wondering where it was all coming from.

DECISIONS BY JUDGE HILES.

Number of Cases, Previously Submitted, are Decided Today.

Judge Hiles today rendered decisions in the following cases:

Edward McLaughlin, executor of the last will and testament of Cornelius McLaughlin, deceased, vs. the Park City Bank, petition of Thomas Capt. Intervenor, asking that the receiver of the bank, Daniel C. McLaughlin, be required to pay out of the proceeds or assets of certain insurance policies, the balance of \$2,692.22. June 2 was set for hearing of the petition for confirmation of sales of property and approval of accounts.

J. R. Richardson vs. the Treasure Hill Mining company et al; judgment for plaintiff for the several amounts sued for in his complaint, except the claim of Johnson, which is reduced to \$236. The claim of F. B. Cook is dismissed without prejudice, as respects the corporation Cook and his assignees, M. L. Swartwood vs. Oregon Shortland railway company; demurrer allowed.

H. C. Crampton vs. Oregon Shortland railway company; demurrer allowed. Mary J. Ferguson vs. Isaac Ferguson; motion to amend the findings and decree of the court, held by plaintiff a share of the property, overruled.

ESTATE OF F. ARMSTRONG.

First Financial Statement Filed by the Executors.

Isabella Armstrong and William F. Armstrong have filed in the probate court their first financial account from July 5, 1899, to March 1, 1900. The report shows receipts amounting to \$21,041.34, from the sale of thirteen bonds of the Salt Lake City Railroad company, dividends, rents, etc., etc. The disbursements amounted to \$25,321.42, leaving a balance of \$2,692.22. June 2 was set for hearing of the petition for confirmation of sales of property and approval of accounts.

BRIGHAM CITY CASE DECIDED

Supreme Court Affirms Judgment in Case of Snow vs. Rich.

The Supreme court has handed down a decision in the case of Alviras E. Snow, appellant, vs. John Y. Rich, affirming the judgment of the court below.

The action involved title to a piece of property twenty-two and a half feet by eight rods, situated in Brigham City. The lower court found for the defendant, Rich, on the ground of "No cause of action, the plaintiff being barred by the statute of limitations, and the defendant or his predecessors in interest having been in undisputed possession for more than seven years. The Supreme court found no error, and hence affirmed the judgment.

The opinion of the court was delivered by District Judge McCarty, and concurred in by Chief Justice Barish and Justice Baskin.

Adam Speirs Wins.

In the case of Adam Speirs vs. C. Jensen, Judge Cherry has found for the

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