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HEAVY REGISTRATION AT O. A. C.

TOTAL OF 800 ENROLLED IN PAST THREE DAYS.

INCREASE SIXTEEN PER CENT

Prospect of Attendance of 1600 During Year—Professors Glad the Big Rush is Over—Agricultural Department Shows Big Increase.

The total registration at O. A. C. at this time is 800. This is an increase of about sixteen per cent over the registration at the corresponding time last year, and indicates a probable attendance of 1600 or more for the year 1909-10.

Further registration will be fairly rapid during the next month and then will be gradual until the number probably reaches 1500 or 1600. Last year 200 or more were registered after the holiday vacation.

The college authorities are highly pleased at the showing thus far, and have little doubt that the indication will be met with in realization. A very gratifying fact is that registration in the agricultural courses are somewhat heavier than usual.

Registration is an extremely hard part of the year's work and the various professors are well-nigh overjoyed when the rush is over. Practically every student wants advice and in each instance some new and difficult problem is put up to the professor. He works over time trying to solve these and lies awake o' nights juggling with these Chinese puzzles. However, class work has now begun and a new set of problems are introduced, but these are worked in the same old way and cause little difficulty.

The authorities expect to have a successful year. While the central building will not be in use before the latter part of the year, the work is so arranged that it is possible to handle the students with reasonable convenience. The new Armory will be in readiness by the time it is needed, and with a largely increased teaching force, which includes some very able people, the prospect is fairly satisfactory.

COLLEGE FOLK CLUB TO MEET

Open Season's Work at College Next Saturday Afternoon.

The "College Folk" club will hold its first meeting of the season at the O. A. C. faculty room, Administration building, next Saturday. The season's work will have to do with study of "The Modern Drama," and on Saturday time will be devoted to the German drama. The program will be as follows:

"The Sunken Bell"—outline of the play by Mrs. F. Berchold.

Criticisms from the magazines, Mrs. Knopf.

Discussion of Hauptmann and plays. The College Folk club is limited in its membership to the ladies of the college and wives of the faculty members. Mrs. W. J. Kerr is president, Mrs. G. V. Skelton vice president, Mrs. Hyslop secretary, Mrs. Scudder treasurer; Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Dryden and Mrs. Fulton directors. The ladies held fairly successful meetings last year and hope great things for the coming season.

Monmouth has found the way to keep a town on the move upward. That is home manufacturing. They make demand for labor and labor is what makes town lots and country acres valuable.

GREAT INCREASE IN CITY SCHOOLS

First Day's Enrollment is Very Large Compared With Last Year.

The city schools enrolled 671 pupils yesterday, an increase of 114 over the number enrolled the first day last year. In the ninth grade, or first year of High School, it was expected that about forty would register. Instead, 71 boys and girls put in their appearance for this work. The enrollment is considered remarkably heavy, and as an indication of the growth of the city is indisputable.

The large enrollment complicated matters more and more and it was determined yesterday to delay opening until Monday, Oct. 4. By that time the North School will be ready, and the officials will have been able to determine where the children shall attend.

DOES NOT WANT CHINK OR JAP

Local Farmer Says We Should Produce Vegetables Ourselves.

Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:—With your kind permission, may I say a few words in regard to the reply to the "wail of the House-keeper?"

Oregon soil is by no means deficient in fertility, sufficient to grow the best of vegetables, or fruit, even without irrigation as a general thing. This season, however, is an exceptionally dry one. Vegetable growing is also a business that requires considerable labor and close attention to details, which many farmers are unwilling or unable, for lack of time, to give.

However, none of us are longing for the Chink or Jap here, either with or without irrigation. So it is up to us to make good in the way of produce ourselves. Yours in the interest of the farmers, E. G. S.

Efforts on Rogue river are being made to establish electric experiments with a view to seeing if plants and fruits can not be made to work overtime with artificial light, and do so at a rate which will prove commercially profitable.

"JOHNNY HICKS" WAS ALL OF IT

AND WAS ENOUGH TO SATISFY LARGE AUDIENCE.

LITTLE MUSIC; LITTLE BEAUTY

Time, Place and the Girl Draws Big Crowd and Pleases, Simply Because Robert Pitkin Was Good Enough to Make Up For All Lapses.

There was no "time," "place" nor "girl"—it was all "Happy Johnny Hicks." True, there was some music, of a kind, women of a kind, and so-called principals on the boards, but all this was purely incidental. Happy Johnny was ever the bulls-eye, the center of every situation worth while, and Johnny was there with the goods. He handed his Corvallis audience last night a choicer array of slang than is taught at any college, and left the impression that he is probably the original "discover" or inventor of slangology—Peary and Cook to the contrary notwithstanding. By actual count, Pitkin, as Happy Johnny, furnished 262 guffaws, 23 smiles and unlimited enjoyment to the entire audience. If he was the whole show the audience was none the loser.

Jessie Houston, the girl, is guilty of the crime of being homely and she can't sing.

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BELL 'PHONE CO. READY TO SCRAP

PROPOSES TO DEMONSTRATE THE SYSTEM HERE IS WORTH WHILE.

300 PHONES FREE OF CHARGE

Local Manager O'Neil Given Authority to Do Things, and is Sent 300 Phones and Told to Get Busy—Has Signed Up Large Number.

The Bell Telephone Co., asleep here the past two years, has awakened from its Rip Van Winkle lethargy and proposes to get very busy in the shortest length of time. Local Manager James O'Neil, who took charge here almost two months ago, made certain recommendations recently, and this morning received word to install 300 'phones immediately. Not only that, but he was notified that the 300 'phones are now en route to this city, and that the company expects him to use them promptly.

James O'Neil is Irish. One wouldn't expect that from the name, of course, but when one looks at Jimmie's hair and hears that gentle trill of the R's, a vision of Erin's flag comes before the mind's eye. That's neither here nor there except as an introduction to the statement that O'Neil intends to fulfill the expectations of his company. Jimmy comes from a race of fighters, and as he is in the enemy's country, he must fight. And he

is fighting, already. He wants to get those 300 'phones into action and at this minute he is out using all his Irish logic to convince the Corvallis people that they should let him install those 'phones FREE OF CHARGE.

The Bell company claims that it has in Corvallis a telephone system unequalled in any town in the Willamette valley. Two or three years ago it had a good system, but the poorest of poor office service. Today they claim to have the latest switchboard and most perfect office service—but the public doesn't know it. To acquaint them with the fact, the Bell company proposes to install 300 'phones free of charge,

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FIRE IN FIRST NATIONAL BLDG.

No Real Damage Done Building Except By Water

A fire in the First National Bank building created a little excitement at about 7:45 last night, but no damage was done other than by water. In some unexplainable way, personal effects in Dr. Mentor Howard's dental rooms caught fire. The blaze was really insignificant and might easily have been put out by a chemical, but an alarm was turned in, the fire department made a hurried run, and a stream of water was turned into the room. The lower floor suffered the most, for that three inches of water on the second floor soaked through.

PRES. R. S. KINDEL JUST INSTALLED

NEW PRESIDENT AT COLLEGE OF PHILOMATH.

CEREMONY AND BIG BANQUET

Excellent Program of Vocal and Instrumental Music—School Recently Restored to Be Opened Tomorrow. Philomath People Pleased.

PHILOMATH, Sept. 28.—(Wireless message over leased line)—R. S. Kindel, president-elect of the College of Philomath, was inaugurated last night with elaborate ceremonies. The inaugural was held in Barclay Hall, and was conducted by Bishop Barclay, in whose honor the fine new building has been named. The ceremony and program was very interesting and attended by a large number of Philomath's best citizens.

Prof. L. B. Baldwin presided, and the following program was rendered: Solo, instrumental. Miss Marie Cathey Prayer. A. R. Laudy, Salem Duet, instrumental. Miss Merryman, Mrs. Burns Inaugural Address. Bishop Barclay Response. Pres. R. S. Kindel Vocal Trio. Miss Bogle, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Pugsley Piano Solos. Miss Cathey Hon. Grant Corby, of Salem, who was to have delivered an address, failed to put in his appearance.

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