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NORMAL ONE OF STATE'S SUCCESSSES

Young Lady Students from
Union County Praise the
Monmouth Institution.

While the Monmouth Normal school does not receive nearly the amount of praise to which it is entitled when praising schools on their merit, it is refreshing to know that Pansy Van Housen of Alicel, Ruth M. Johnson of Alicel and Ruth Brown of La Grande, who are attending that school, have written the Evening Observer asking this newspaper to bear in mind the good qualities of the normal and further requesting the following article be printed, which is done with pleasure:

Elementary Education and the Oregon Normal School.

This is education week, proclaimed so by the president and so recognized by various states and institutions. Oregon, no less interested in education than her neighbors, is employing it as an occasion for review of her educational progress, and as an opportunity to visualize a more complete system of education for the future. It is easy to recall much of commendable advancement during recent years, and equally easy to recognize the need for further development. Education is dynamic and must keep pace with industrial and social progress. In order to plan wisely for the continued growth of the educational system of the state, it is necessary that present conditions be thoroughly understood.

It is the desire of those interested in education in Oregon to plan for the improvement of the entire educational system from the kindergarten to the university. Naturally, in viewing the entire system, the thought is inclined to linger upon its foundation, the elementary school. In order to plan effectively for the improvement of the public school system, it becomes immediately apparent that two features enter prominently into the development of the schools. These are the material factors on the one hand, including adequate equipment in buildings, school furniture, course of study and text books; and the vital factor on the other hand, consisting in properly trained and cultured teachers. There can be no efficient school system, no matter what the organization, without properly trained teachers. At the present time, the state of Oregon requires a limited amount of professional training for all teachers entering the profession. This is one of the features of Oregon's superiority educationally.

The institution provided by the state for the training of teachers

for the elementary schools, the Normal School at Monmouth, is limited in its capacity. The demand for trained teachers is now outrunning the ability of the Normal School to prepare them, and the demand of students desiring to prepare for teaching has become greater than the Normal School can meet. More students are applying at the Oregon Normal School for admission and training than can be properly accommodated with its present equipment. This year, the increase in enrollment is more than fifty per cent above that of the corresponding date in 1921. Last year, the total attendance was more than fifty per cent greater than for the preceding year. Thus, within two years, the attendance has more than doubled. Everything points to a continuation of this increase. Notwithstanding the crowded conditions, practically the same faculty, with only one additional member, aside from critic teachers, is endeavoring to carry on the increased work. A number of classes register more than one hundred students. At least two-thirds of the classes in the Normal School are much larger than they should be, and entirely too large to do the work required of them. It will be impossible to meet the requirements of efficient training of teachers without increased facilities. Moreover, the standing of the Normal School among other similar institutions, as well as its standardization with the U. S. Department of Education, is jeopardized. There is immediate need along three particular lines, not to speak of plans for future growth. These imperative needs are additional members of faculty, a new training school at Independence, and increased living facilities for students. Additional class rooms will be a requirement of the near future.

Oregon is at the present time inadvertently neglecting her Normal School and allowing herself to fall far behind other states in her facilities for training her teachers. By way of comparison, states not as large or as populous as or as wealthy as Oregon are providing considerably more for normal school support than is Oregon. Idaho, with a population of only a little more than half that of Oregon, and an assessed valuation of less than half, provides one and one-third times as much for its normal schools. Arizona and New Mexico, with less than half the population and two-thirds the assessed valuation, furnish three times as much each for normal schools as does Oregon. Other states are making corresponding provision for the training of teachers for their elementary schools. Colorado, with a population a little larger and an assessed valuation one and one-half more, appropriates four times as much for its normal schools. Washington, with less than twice the population and about twice the assessed valuation, gives approximately six times as much for normal schools. California, with four times the population and three times the assessed valuation, grants over eleven times as much for its normals.

Beauty Pride of Denmark



Judging from her picture one of the things that isn't rotten in Denmark is Gertrude May, Denmark's most beautiful moving picture actress who is making her first tour to America. She will arrive at Christmas.

INDIAN HELPS GOD OF LOVE

(By Associated Press.)
YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—William Cree, reservation Indian and resident of White Swan, has written to Marcus Olson, deputy county auditor and marriage license clerk. Cree, who is Olson's unofficial assistant among the Indians about a year ago began to be actively interested in having Indians who contemplated marriage, secure the white man's marriage license and have the ceremony performed according to the white brother's custom. To that end he checks up on Indians to whom licenses have been issued. In a letter just received by Deputy Olson, Cree says, "I always glad when you fellows do favor. So with me. Many Indians I advise to buy license. I being as witness always." Olson interprets the letter to mean that when Cree hears any of his friends are going to select a wife, he advises them to do more than comply with the old tribal custom of carrying the maiden off. Olson declares that Cree always tells the brides to "Get a license."

HEIRS HAVE TO WAIT FOR KALE

MOSCOW, Ida., Dec. 9.—Heirs in Germany will receive the bulk of the estate of Gertrude Sievert, who died recently and whose will has been filed for probate here, but the heirs will not receive their inheritance until conditions are normal in Germany, for the will provides that the Sievert farm, which constitutes a large part of the inheritance, shall not be disposed of until conditions are normal in Germany. Under another provision of the will Mr. Sievert left \$2,000 for the benefit of the old people in the Latah county home. The income from this sum is to be expended for the purchase of presents for the inmates at Christmas. The will is written in English and again in German for the benefit of the German heirs. The estate is said to be valued at approximately \$50,000. Mr. Sievert came to America from Germany in 1872. He was never married. In Venice a dog can go anywhere with his master, even to the hotel table, where, if he is paid for at the same rate as his master, he may take his food. If he accompanies the boss on one of the noisy steamers that destroy the poetry of the Grand Canal he must be paid for exactly as if he were a human being, states the New York Herald. All over the continent of Europe

the rights of people with dogs are recognized—at a price. One can take a dog into any compartment of a train, including the wagon-lit, but find it is necessary to buy a third

class ticket for him. In Italy he travels a little more cheaply. There when one is getting his baggage weighed and paying for the billet, one buys another for the dog, which goes.

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