

TEACHERS GET LIFE DIPLOMAS

Fifty-Three Completed the Work at Monmouth—Interesting Things Told by Mrs. Law.

(The following item was sent in by Mrs. Little Law of North Powder, who is attending summer school at Monmouth.)
MONMOUTH, July 28.—(Special by Mail.)—The 25th completed the first six weeks of the summer term of the Oregon Normal School and fifty-three teachers were given their life diplomas. A number of them are getting along in years but are classed among the finest and best teachers in the state. It was an impressive scene. There was an extra floor over it as we went into chapel as usual, as we have chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the names of the graduates were called off by the president. Then, one by one they passed down towards the front and received their diplomas. Only three men were among the number. Women seemed to have taken the teaching work all together or very nearly so. It seems as if the work in the grades have fallen altogether to women. One gentleman said he would not think of having a man in any grade lower than the sixth and in fact he thought women were better in all grade work. That seems to be the prevailing opinion.

Exams have been keeping us busy for the past week and we can see that there was not very much time for play. President Landers gave his classes in psychology sixty questions for review and then gave six out of that for the exam. The trouble with a number of the students was that they studied so hard when the exam came they could not do justice to themselves as they were tired from loss of sleep and over study. However, Mr. Landers told them they will have a chance to make it up.
It is thought that nearly one half of the students only took a six weeks course and all of them are going home, leaving a homelike bunch here but they will return in five weeks as we have school for every Saturday for the last five weeks and that will give us a week earlier. That will give us who have schools that begin early in September just one week of vacation which we are going to use for play.
The social life of the student body is going on. There are four groups and each one is having all kinds of good social times. A dance is given every Saturday night and a social hour as well, where all students are invited. Movies are given every Friday night and they are the best there is, so you can see there is plenty of social life for all. Those who are staying the last term will go for more than those who have gone home as the classes will not be so long and we are just getting into good work.

We have a holiday for Monday, as we will have to rearrange our programs for the next six weeks. Some classes will be discontinued as there are too many students to be accommodated in the private home.

Usually the dorm closes after the first six weeks, but not this year. The board of education has purchased a large residence and property and will have it remodeled into a modern building. This house will accommodate eighteen girls when it is finished. A matron will be put in charge and the inmates will be in good hands.
We have met and are still meeting with the teachers of La Grande, Haines and Baker, and they are taking their places and doing their parts in a way that Eastern Oregon can be proud of her representatives in the Oregon Normal school.

The Student Body gave \$781.00 toward the near East Relief fund last week.

Cat Blamed by Seamen.
(By I. N. S.)
NORWALK, Aug. 4.—True mariners are the crew of the steam propeller, Joanna, which daily makes a round trip between Norwalk and East River points with freight. Four hours after a black cat was found on the vessel, Joanna ran ashore and four tugs were needed to float her. "The cat did it," declared the crew as one man.

SUGAR MEANS A BIG MONEY CROP

HONOLULU, July 18.—(By Mail.)—"King Sugar," monarch of Hawaiian products, will pour approximately \$70,000,000 into the territory this year, an increase of almost 40 per cent over the gross return for this product last year, according to the estimates of prominent planters.
All except a few mills in the territory have completed their grinding for the season, and the combined output is certain to exceed 500,000 tons, a decrease of approximately 100,000 tons from the production of last year, which is laid to the plantation laborers' strike of 1922, when most of the 1923 crop was planted.
The average price for last year's crop, however, was \$92.96 a ton, as compared with this year's estimated average price of between \$130 and \$140 a ton.
Planters here have pointed out that the value of the Hawaiian sugar crop approximately equals production of silver in the United States, which usually averages between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 annually, although it rose in 1919 to \$77,000,000.

With the large increase in the sugar income, it is estimated that Hawaii's exports to the mainland United States this year will aggregate \$100,000,000, as the pineapple pack will bring \$25,000,000 and other miscellaneous products approximately \$5,000,000.
The street fairs which were established in every section of the city a little more than a year ago have become tremendously popular institutions. Food staples and articles

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Capital City Is a Display of Both Penury and Wealth, Both Marching Side by Side.

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 6.—(By Mail.)—The million and a quarter citizens of this city are fighting a constant battle against the two extremes of poverty and wealth. The beggarly army of speculators, profiteers, corner manipulators, and "middlemen" are pushing the attack with relentless vigor, while the desperate populace is making feeble but bitter resistance.
It is estimated that the cost of living here has increased 100 per cent within the twelve months. At the beginning of that period it was nearly what it was five years ago. Many commodities which the common people consider necessities a few short months ago are now looked upon as luxuries.
Not only have the prices doubled and tripled on food, clothing and housing, but the quality of all these things has deteriorated just as rapidly. Litteration, falsification, and adulteration have become so common that they no longer cause comment. Owing to the cost of materials, only unavoidable repairs have been made on all buildings, and there is practically no new construction going on.
The local authorities, recognizing the desperate nature of the situation, are struggling to ameliorate conditions. The municipal council has created a committee to confer with the ministry of transportation and the agriculture committee of the Senate to seek a solution of the problem.

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Browning has trapped his long-eared prey in the open country near Delano for about twenty-five years, sometimes bringing in as many as one hundred in day's catch. In one month, he said, he shipped 2,500 of the animals to California and other Pacific Coast points, as well as to the east.
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HUNTINGTON, Ind., Aug. 4.—The old-fashioned custom of naming babies after actresses or grandmothers is dropping into disrepute, judging from the quarterly birth report of Dr. C. W. Price, County Health Commissioner. Motion picture actors and actresses instead are now having their names perpetuated in the younger generation, it appears from the report.
The Muller-Anna, Son, Elizabeth and Virginia of the past have given way to Marilyn, Gloria, Juanita, Phyllis and Patricia to the birth records of today. Even the old favorite, Mary, has almost disappeared. Among boy babies the stars and actresses are also being named, as indicated by such appellations as Clarence, Eugene, Randolph, Herbert and James-Paul. The situation in case of the boys is not so serious, however, it is said, as their names will be shortened to Shrimp, Red or Fat soon after they start going to school.

ELGIN PIONEER SETTLER DEAD

(Special to the Observer)
ELGIN, Aug. 4.—The funeral of Elvin L. Harris, an early settler of the Elgin community, was held Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Harris was one of the best known residents of the town having lived here since 1890. He was for many years owner of a drug store here. He was seventy-five years old at the time of his death and leaves his wife, and a son Scott, a prominent orchardist here. Mrs. Harris has been an invalid for several years. A daughter, Mrs. May Couch, died a number of years ago. The entire community will feel a loss in the death of Mr. Harris because of his activity in political and fraternal circles. The local Masonic order conducted the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hug, Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug and little sons, Misses Clar Holbrook and Thelma Hug, and Celas and Claude Holbrook spent Sunday on the banks of Bear Creek near Wallawa.
William Exell and Con Austin returned a few days ago from Wallawa where they went with a bunch of horses to be sold there.
Word was received from Mrs. D. A. Barnes, who left several days ago for Indiana where her father was seriously ill, that he had died two days before she arrived there.
Mrs. Roy Rice and Mrs. Letcher Norval have been spending several days at the J. C. Rice home here. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice, who make their home in Prescott, Arizona, are spending the summer with their families in Eastern Oregon.

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