O. N. S. SENIORS TO STAGE PLAY

"The Ivory Door" to be Presented February 28 is Plan

MONMOUTH, Feb. 5. — The senior class of the Oregon Normal school has begun rehearsals on the annual play, which, this year, is a production by A. A. Milne, "The Ivory Door." This play was staged in New York two years ago, and last year was released for amateur production. It has proven tremendously popular at several institutions of higher learning, including the University of Oregon and Kansas State college.

The story is built around the superstition of a country village in the long ago. An ivory door in a certain castle is believed to be the threshhold of a bottomless pit where devils lurk. King Perivale, desirous of learning the truth about this legend, goes through the door on his wedding day. His bold act promulgates the curious tradition, and brings about a situation of absorbing interest. The author, Mr. Milne, is well known through his "Romantic Age," and "Mr. Pim Passes By."

The following cast has been selected:

King Percivale, Forest Amundsen; Brand, his bodyguard, Ernest Calef; Anna, his nurse, Judith Severson; Princess Lilea, Lolita Lees; Thora, maid to princess, Norma Parrish; The Chancellor, Hallie Johnson; Fessica, Patricia Jean Spencer; Anton, Ted Pfahl; Old Beppo, Roy Mallory; Count Rollo, Norman Roth; The Mummer, John Lehman; Titus, Kenneth Masson; Carlo, Don Galbreath; Bruno, captain of the guards, Paul Gordon; prompter and assistant to director, Vera June Waltman.

Several additional parts will be assigned soon to complete the cast ensemble, and the stage and costume committees also will be announced shortly. Presentation of the play is to occur Saturday evening, February 28, in the Normal school auditorium.

KIRKPATRIC GETS $300 FROM COUNTY

DALLAS, Feb. 5 — E. C. Kirkpatric was awarded $300 for the right of way through his property in circuit court yesterday. The case was that of Polk county vs. Kirkpatric over the right of way through a tract of land at the top of the Dimick hall north of Dallas. The county wished to straighten the dangerous curve on this hill by making the road straight from the foot of the hill to the North Dallas service station.

The civil case of Williams vs. Knapp which was brought up Monday was taken under advisement by Judge Walker who will give a verdict later. The case was not tried before a jury and the judge exercised full power.

Only two civil cases remain to be settled this term. These are both contested divorce cases. The case Thursday is Boyer vs. Boyer and the Friday case is Lutz vs. Lutz.

After this week the court will adjourn until April.

Electric Lines Being Extended

BRUSH CREEK, Feb. 5 — Residents in this district will have electric lights in their home before the week is out if plans go ahead as they are at present. Of course some residents have had the lights in for a long time but an extension is now being made to the line. The company men are putting up the poles and from all appearances will have the line completed by Saturday.

Homes benefiting from the extension will be those of Victor Madsen, Mrs. M. J. Madsen, L. H. Meyer, Mrs. Einar Anderson, Theodore Grace, Mrs. Anna K. Jensen, John Dybevik, J. C. Larson and William Mauer.

Frog Chorus Gives Concert Series to Welcome Spring

AUBURN, Feb. 5.—Other communities may write of flowers blooming to signify that spring is near. Auburn has had violets and other flowers in bloom and thought it nothing unusual, but when our frog chorus commenced we knew spring was here.

FORMER TEACHER AT MONMOUTH

Dr. W. J. Spillman of Washington, D. C., Speaker

MONMOUTH, Feb. 5—Dr. Willian J. Spillman of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., addressed the faculty and student body of the Oregon Normal school, Friday, at a special convocation. He formerly was a member of this institution's science teaching staff, during the presidency of the late P. L. Campbell. After three years of teaching here, he was called to Washington state college, at Pullman, where he taught in the agricultural department and aided in developing two of the hardy winter wheats that are in favorable use after 20 years have intervened. He is at Oregon State college this week conducting part of the farm short course.

Among the friends and former students who greeted Doctor Spillman at this time, were: O. A. Wolverton, Monmouth postmaster; Ira C. Powell, Monmouth banker; Dean J. B. V. Butler of the Normal school; Miss Emma Kreamer, a former Salem teacher; and Mrs. Marintha Arant, long-time Monmouth resident, and active civic club worker.

FLIGHT IN STOLEN CAR SOON ENDED

AURORA, Feb. 5 — William Crissell, son of Willard Crissell, who lives on the river road north of town, went home from the Canby high school, where he is a student, drove his roadster into the garage, but left the doors standing open.

In about an hour, he went out to get the car and it was gone. He telephoned the Aurora constable, started to town in the sedan —picked up some boy friends and stopped at the telephone office to have the patrolmen notified.

One of the boys looked up, called his attention to his car being driven across in front of him, going towards Portland. Patrolmen soon returned the car to the owner, and the boys who had taken it to the reform school, from which they had escaped.

AUBURN DRAMATIC CLUB KEEPS BUSY

AUBURN, Feb. 5 — The Auburn Dramatic club, "The Cubs" are meeting once a week now and working on some long plays and some short ones. The club will gladly help other clubs or lodges put on free programs.

Mrs. Bryan Conley of Route six is secretary of the club.

North Santiam Has 4-H Clubs

NORTH SANTIAM, Feb. 5.—The 4-H sewing club with Edna Fery as leader and the 4-H poultry club with Mildred Kirk, leader, have had several meeting and are doing splendid work.

Members of the sewing club are, Lela Huddleston, Vivian Morgan, Mildred Tyler, Louis Perkins, Hazel Hatch, Mary Tyler, Leota Darcy, Blanch Foster and Helen Harney. Members of the poultry club are Warren Harnew, Joe Pedkins, Lee Perkins, Raymond Morgan and Ray Phillips.

MRS. SINA EDWARDS DIES IN IDAHO

Former Resident of Rickey Is Mourned by Community

RICKEY, Feb. 5—The community is deeply grieved over the death of one of their members, Mrs. Sina Edwards, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Shearer at Caldwell, Idaho.

Mrs. Edwards had been in ill health for the past three years, but was confined to her bed only 10 days prior to her death.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Arkansas, and came to Oregon about 40 years ago. She with her family have made her home in this community for the past 20 years.

After the death of her husband George Edwards in November, Mrs. Edwards has made her home with her daughters, Mrs. Mae Gesner of Salem and Mrs. Grace Shearer of Caldwell, Idaho.

She was actively interested in all community affairs and was especially interested in the school and school children and as long as she was able enjoyed visiting the school. She was a great lover of flowers and her garden was a source of pleasure to the community from early spring until late in the fall.

Mrs. Edwards will be greatly missed in the community. She was the mother of Mae Gesner of Salem, Grace Shearer, Caldwell, Idaho, Will Edwards, Lincoln, Polk county and Harry Edwards, LaGrande.

AURORA SCHOOL PATROL ANNOUNCED

AURORA, Feb. 5 — The school children of the community will be well protected from traffic accidents. The personnel of the new school patrol for the seventh and eighth grades includes: captain, Elden Harrison; alternate, Robert St. Claire; patrolman, Arthur Tomlin; alternate, Merle Giesy.

Fifth and sixth grades: lieutenant, Gilbert Hurst; alternate, Richard Hill; patrolman, Elmer Cresell; alternate, Howard McGinnis.

Third and fourth grades: lieutenant, Billie Kraus; alternate, Lewis Hill; patrolman, Robert Grow; alternate, Eugene Manock.

First and second grades: patrolman, Walter Colvin; alternate, Charles Meeler.

JUNIOR GRANGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

JEFFERSON, Feb. 5—Officers for the year were installed in the juvenile grange No. 49, at Morning Star grange hall, Saturday night, following the regular grange meeting.

H. F. Warren was installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Boyd Young, marshal; Mrs. Harold Fisher, emblem bearer; and Mrs. Delmer Davidson, regalia bearer.

Officers installed were, Clarence Page, master; Leland Ammon, overseer; Helen Conser, lecturer; Eugene Bever, steward; Wendell Gronso, assistant steward; Louise McDonald, chaplain; Billie Grenz, treasurer; Violet Thomas, secretary; Lloyd Page, gatekeeper; Ethel Truax, Ceres; Carrie Grenz, Pomona; Dona Lou Paris, Flora; Helen Chambers, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Jake Chambers, matron.

Bryan Conley Speaks at Turner

TURNER, Feb. 5—The Methodist men's brotherhood held a meeting at the church Tuesday evening.

The visiting speaker was Bryan H. Conley, commander of Marion Post 661 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Salem.

Purposes of the organization and what is hoped will be accomplished, were stressed by the speaker. The working for the proposed immediate payment of the veterans bonus was explained, also the organization is very active in welfare work, stressing the Americanization department, especially in the large cities.

Mr. Conley's talk was much appreciated and he was given a hearty vote of thanks. A number of visitors were present from Salem. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening's program.

Playmore Park Changes Owners

WOODBURN, February 5—A transaction whereby ownership of Playmore park, three miles north of Woodburn on the Pacific highway, and the Smokehouse were exchanged was completed this week. John Moore who owned Playmore park traded his business for the Smokehouse in Woodburn. After the trade John Renn bought out Moore and is at present owner of the establishment.

L. D. McKee, who bought Playmore park, has taken over the amusement park and his family has moved there.

EARLY DAYS RECALLED

Red Fir Rail is Said to be Older Than Oregon

HAS SEEN LONG SERVICE

By JOE LYTLE

SCIO — Three score and 13 years is a long period of service through rain, sunshine and snow.

That's the record of a red fir rail now on display in the office of Riley Shelton in Scio, according to H. C. Miller, native of the Scio region.

Miller states that the rail was placed in the construction of a fence south of Scio in 1858, by H. M. Brown, captain of an emigrant train that crossed the plains on the westward trek in 1845. That was the train with which Mrs. Rebecca Morris (Aunt Becky), queen of Linn county pioneers, fought their way through parched deserts, swollen rivers and hostile Indians 85 years ago.

The ancient piece of timber still is in a good state of preservation, notwithstanding the three-quarters of a century it has defied Willamette valley summers and winters with their versatile climatic conditions.

Older Than the State

Three years prior to the opening of the civil war the old rail was split from a monarch of the fir forests then overlooking the present site of Scio. It was still Oregon territory, and Scio had not been born. The next year, however, Oregon joined the sisterhood of states and new towns sprang up in all parts of the Willamette valley. Scio was soon on the map, migration from the east and the middle west continued toward Oregon and the new state began to forge to the front with her older sisters. Scio prepared to spring the old rail story 73 years later—and here it is.

Among other relics of the dim past are United States patents to land in the region of Scio which are signed by President Andrew Johnson in 1865 and 1866. Riley Shelton has the old instruments, which are yellow with age, not a line of typewritten matter and still in good state of preservation. Some of the lands included in these patents were parts of the original donation land claims of the pioneer Shelton men in the Crabtree creek region, portions of which now are owned by and occupied by Riley and William Montgomery, George Griffin, Lew Conser and others. Among the original settlers also was B. W. Hamilton, father of Mrs. Tom Quigley, the latter now residing near West Scio.