

STUDENTS PRESENT PLAYS IN INTEREST OF BETTER SPEECH

The second big student body assembly of "Better Speech" week was held at the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon. At the assembly Monday the songs that had been written by the students and set to popular airs were sung, while Wednesday two plays along the line of better speech were presented. The first, "Nevertheless," by Stewart Walker, was given by the Snikpoh Dramatic society, under the direction of Miss Marie Churchill. The characters were: A Boy, Donald Davidson; A Girl, Marjorie Lovell, and A Burglar, Evan Jones. The prologue was read by Ruth Ross. The play, although short, was well presented and was received with great enthusiasm by the students and visitors. The acting of Miss Lovell was especially good.

The second playlet, "The Man Who Murdered the King's English," was presented by the students of the senior English classes, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Macleay. There was a large cast, but the prominent parts were taken by Malcolm Smith as the judge, Earl Shafer as prosecuting attorney and Wayne Allan as lawyer for the defense. The character had been treated to a slight make-up which was extremely effective. All of the parts were well portrayed, especially that of the eccentric jury man, as given by Ira Cave.

COUNTY INSTITUTE SET FOR NOVEMBER 24-6

The Marion county annual institute will be held at the Salem high school, Nov. 24-26. It will open at 10 a. m. on the 24th and as the institute will be in session but 16 hours all teachers are asked to attend the entire time. The prospects for a very successful year are in evidence at every school. Practically every school room was cleaned, floors oiled and thoroughly renovated before school began. Where this has not been done there will be a splendid opportunity at the time of the annual institute.

2 PORTLANDERS DIE OF STRANGE PLAGUE

Portland, Or., Nov. 6.—Health authorities have discovered that two deaths due to sleeping sickness occurred in Portland during the last week. The cases were not reported to the health bureau and only came to light with the filing of the death certificates. A third case is now under surveillance. The victims were Fedde Luocommano and Mary Sturdevant. They lived in the same neighborhood a fact which has started an investigation by the health authorities to ascertain if the disease was transmitted and how, if so.

PLANS FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS SHAPE

Plans for decorating the city for the holidays were being worked upon today by a committee of the Business Men's league, appointed for the purpose at the last meeting of that organization. Tentative plans of the committee are to decorate the downtown streets with trees, and all seasonable garb; and arrange with all merchants to drape their store fronts and windows in attractive holiday attire.

The committee in charge of this work is F. S. Barton, Salem Electric company, chairman; Mr. King, Buxter Brown shot company; L. H. Boeve, Woolworth store; Frank Myers, the Spa, and G. A. Hartman, Hartman Jewelry store.

The committee is to report its progress at the next meeting of the league November 19.

FUNERAL OF SALEM PIONEER TO BE HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of Smilie Purvine, who died here yesterday at the home of his son, Ellis Purvine, 656 University street, of heart disorder, will be held at Zena, Polk county, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The body will lie in state at the chapel of the Webb & Cough undertaking company, Court and High streets, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. when it will then be taken to Zena.

Mr. Purvine was 50 years old at the time of death. He died as he was eating lunch with his son at their home. For many years Mr. Purvine, who came to this state when he was a child, was identified with the dental business. He was born in Ohio. Several years of his younger life was spent as a student at the Willamette university. One son, Ellis Purvine, of this city, a sister, Mrs. D. C. Walker, Portland, and a brother, J. L. Purvine, Salem, mourn his death.

He will be laid to rest at the side of his wife at Zena, who died here several years ago.

LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS

New York, Nov. 6.—Liberty bonds quotations: 3 1/2's, 100.74; first 4's, 95; second 4's, 93; first 4 1/2's, 95; second 4 1/2's, 92.22; third 4 1/2's, —; fourth 4 1/2's, 95.22; victory 3 3/4's, 95.50; 4 3/4's, 99.44.

Salem Business Houses Closed All Day November 11

Due to an apparent misunderstanding of the action taken by the Salem Business Men's league relative to closing stores here Armistice day, November 11, Oscar Steelhammer, secretary, this morning issued a statement declaring that all stores in the city will be closed all of that day. The business men at their last meeting went on record favoring this action. Shoppers are therefore warned to transact their business on Monday.

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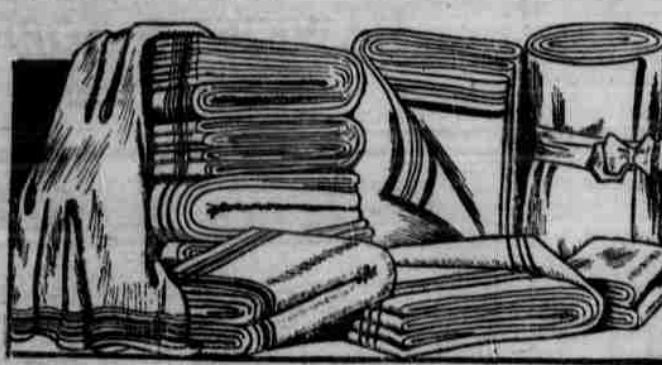


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