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NORMAL SCHOOL QUESTION.

To Be Decided by People's Vote in June 1908.

The secretary of state has turned down the January and February accounts of the Monmouth Normal and also those of the Drain institution. The reason understood is because no funds happened to be on hand at the time for the teachers' salaries as the running expenses of the Normal are certain until the close of the present year at least.

Arrangements are in progress to have the school continue after the close of the present term and every present indication is that they will be successful, says the Independence Westside. The state board of regents will have something to say when it comes to reappointment of teachers but it is believed that the state board will take a reasonable view of the matter and reappoint all teachers and permit the school to continue if the authorities are able to devise means for their salaries.

The original terms for the establishment of the Monmouth institution are said to be in the nature of a contract to the effect that the school was to be maintained as a state normal at Monmouth. With this understanding the title was placed with the state. No legislation for the abolition of it as a state school has been passed and it remains just as much of a state normal as ever yet finds itself without funds to continue as such. These funds doubtless will be forthcoming in some manner and the state expected at the future session of the legislature to pay the obligations necessarily incurred in the running of the school.

The attendance of the school is keeping up and no fear is expressed by the students or the teachers as to the continuance of the school during the next two years. It is understood that provision is to be made to continue the maintenance of the Monmouth school until the session of the next legislature when it is hoped that body will take some action in a legislative way which will not meet with the governor's disapproval.

Whatever action is taken by the board of regents in regard to the Monmouth Normal it has been determined to submit the entire normal school question to the vote of the people in June 1908 through the initiative. The proposed bill submitted to the people will contain the names of all the normal schools and the votes will be cast upon each separately. It appears now to be the only solution of the normal school problem in this state as conditions are now. The legislature has neglected to eliminate two schools as seems to be at this time the popular sentiment and the governor has vetoed the appropriations for two schools. Of course the schools cut out are not satisfied and will take advantage of what appears to be the only alternative and that is to submit the entire question to the people for a decision.

Family Reunion.

A family reunion took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Starr in this city, Saturday, when 28 of the relatives were assembled for a day of jollity and celebrating. Such occasions are bright links indeed in the chain of life, and linger always in the memory of those who enjoy them.

The day was spent in good old fashioned "visiting" and a sumptuous dinner was served at one o'clock. In the afternoon all the parents, sons and daughters were photographed. Those who participated in the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Starr, Misses Eva and Mildred Starr, and Miles Starr, Jr., of Corvallis; S. A. Starr and

wife, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Starr, and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Waltz, of Bellefontaine; Claude I. Starr and family, William Schmidt and family, Mrs. Susan Starr, Clyde and Claire Starr, of Corvallis and Miss Jessie Hawley of Eastern Oregon.

The name of Starr is interwoven with the history of Southern Benton county, and the family is one that is well and favorably known throughout this section of Oregon.

It is hoped the members who met in Corvallis Saturday may live to join in many a similar celebration here and elsewhere.

Another View.

The Oregon legislature has been generous in its treatment of the Agricultural College. This institution has now an income which will enable it to greatly extend its educational work in agricultural lines and to carry on much more experimental work than heretofore.

There has been a decided change of public sentiment in the state within a few years in the direction of making agricultural education the main work of the Agricultural college. It is to be hoped that the Board of Regents will recognize this fact in selecting a man to succeed President Gatch. The man who is at the head of the State Agricultural College should be a man who was educated in an agricultural college, and whose life work has been that of a teacher in some branch of agriculture. Men of this kind are to be found who have the other qualifications required for the head of a college.—Editorial in Oregon Agriculturist.

"THE BONNIE BRIAR BUSH"

To Be Given at the Opera House Next Thursday Night.

One of the most welcome pieces of news that our theatre goers have heard in many a day is the engagement of "The Bonnie Briar Bush" at the opera house next Thursday night. The play is so familiar to the public through the book and its four years of stage life, that any extended comment is unnecessary.

In direct play upon the sympathies, in wit so quick and straight that it may be called genuine humor, in general appeal and nicety of literary quality, "The Bonnie Briar Bush" is one of the most notable achievements of the American stage. The acting company is promised to be of exceptional strength, and includes many notable players, together with the original LaShelle production.

Owing to the heavy expense of bringing this company here, the prices are necessarily higher than usual. They are 50, 75, and \$1.00. Seats now selling.

A Corvallis Girl.

Miss Edna Irvine, a Corvallis girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Irvine, who is now with an Eastern theatrical company, receives a very flattering notice in the last issue of "The Billboard," a theatrical journal, which says of her:

"Miss Edna Irvine, who recently made such an impression in 'The Square Deal,' has been engaged in the support of Thomas Ross in 'The Other Girl.' It is often thought that personality is a great factor in the success of an actress. If this be true, Miss Irvine's name will soon be well to the front, for besides a natural histrionic gift augmented by thorough stage training and a rarely beautiful face of the Maud Fealy type, Miss Irvine is richly endowed with that rare, indefinable charm known as personality."

Miss Irvine's White Car will be this week. Don't miss it.

DESERVE BETTER PAY.

Some People Who Need to Form a Trust.

If any class of business men ever had good reason for the formation of a trust with a view of advancing prices, the Press of this country presents that justification at this time, declares an exchange.

On account of the repeated advance in the price of paper, ink, labor, etc., with no corresponding increase in the prices of newspapers, advertising and job printing, it is not necessary to say that newspaper men find that they are not getting the compensation for their labors that they are entitled to. In some sense the newspaper men are to blame for this when they cut prices to such an extent there is not living wages in work or underbid another on legal advertising and print these legal notices for next to nothing. This is a real curse to the newspaper business. We know from actual experience, however, that no business or professional man works harder, the year round, than a newspaper man, and it is no bed of roses to run even a country newspaper with so many conflicting interests, factions and opinions to be met with. People expect newspaper men to stand for some principle or policy, and in that respect a newspaper can't help making friends and enemies at the same time. Not so with business men, who use a good deal of policy not to offend any one in running their business.

Adopt the same rule in running a newspaper and it would not be long before people would be saying, and saying correctly, that the editor had no backbone and was afraid to say anything. A few lines of criticism in a newspaper will gain for the editor plaudits from numerous persons, but at the same time it is more than likely to make other persons fighting mad, and another criticism on something is liable to cause a vice versa sentiment, for it depends upon whose ox is being gored. We coincide with the Register that for the amount of work they perform the newspaper men are not paid as much as they should be, but the only way to remedy this is to raise the price of the newspapers, the advertising and the job printing.

Whether the newspaper men will be forced to do this remains to be seen, but all must admit that newspaper men are doing more to boom Oregon than any other agency or business or professional men, yet in every county there are hundreds of persons who never subscribe for a home newspaper as long as they can borrow a newspaper and read the news gratis. No wonder that newspaper men think they are not getting a square deal with every thing on the jump about them.

Have Won a Ticket.

The members of the Christian Endeavor Union of Corvallis have been working faithfully for some time to secure 20 new subscribers to the "Christian Endeavor World" published at Boston, for which work the union is given a free ticket for a delegate to be sent to the big international C. E. convention to be held in Seattle in July.

Miss Margaret Fowells, president of the Corvallis Union, Saturday received from headquarters at Boston the following letter, which causes much rejoicing among the C. E. young people who have been so interested in the work:

We are glad to advise you that yours was the first union to complete the list necessary to earn a ticket to Seattle, and we have taken the liberty of including in the Christian Endeavor World

for next week an item regarding this. The matter of choosing your delegate will of course be left wholly to your Union and you may make the selection by any plan you think best. You will doubtless remember the suggestion in our first letter about this plan, which was that every society in the union be allowed a number of votes for the delegate to correspond with the number of subscriptions they had given in the list, but perhaps it will seem best to make the choice in this case in some other way. We have not decided yet how the ticket will be sent, but think it quite probable that we will forward a check to cover the cost of same. That can, however, be arranged later.

SCHROEDER FOURTH.

In Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest—The Winners.

The result of the inter-collegiate oratorical contest held at McMinnville Friday night are given in the Oregonian as follows:

"In the 13th annual oratorical contest held here tonight, Katherine Romig, of Pacific college, Newberg, was awarded first place and F. V. Galloway, University of Oregon, second place. The other contestants ranked as follows: W. E. Gwinn, Pacific University, third; J. E. Schroeder, OAC, fourth; J. H. Howard, McMinnville, fifth; J. E. Junton, O. S. N. S., sixth; F. W. Neal, Albany college, seventh. Trill, the orator from Willamette University, was not permitted to enter.

"The judges were: Composition, Professor H. Herdman, E. B. Piper, D. S. Jordan; delivery, Judge Sears, Thomas Richardson, J. E. Weirlein. President Riley, of McMinnville College, presided. Music was furnished by the Boys' and Girls' Glee Club of the college. The decision was popular. About 400 students attended from the contesting colleges. Pacific University sent a train of 100 and Pacific College 150.

"At a special meeting of the executive committee of the State Oratorical League, William Trill



Scene From "THE BONNIE BRIAR BUSH"

was thrown out of the contest on charge of plagiarism. The copied parts were taken from a speech delivered by Senator Beveridge before congress in 1900.

"At the contest this evening a resolution from Willamette University faculty was read condemning Trill in his action."

The OAC class representatives who went to the contest were: Pauline Davis and Royal Selleck, seniors; Pearl Leonard and Forest Ivanhoe, juniors; Pearl Williams and E. C. Galloway, sophomores and Hazel Carlson and Mr. Chamberlain, freshmen. Carl Stebinger also attended, and the OAC people returned home Saturday.

While Mr. Schroeder secured only fourth place, he made a splendid showing for OAC, and did himself and the institution credit.

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Miss Mary Buchanan went to Eugene Friday, for a visit with Mrs. W. O. Heckart.

Miss Nancy Campbell returned Saturday from a few days' visit with her sister at Mocmouh.

"San Francisco" is the title of a song published by Miss Mary I. Gellatly. The work is copyrighted in her name and was issued from the presses of the Metropolitan Printing Co., music publishers of Philadelphia. The music of the song is nicely arranged and the wording such as will engage the memory. Miss Gellatly is a Benton County girl and she has reason to feel proud of her premier attempt at song writing.

Will D. Fichter, formerly of this city, has been appointed a member of the board of directors of the "American Federation of Musicians," at Hoquiam, Wash.

Prof. I. M. Glenn, of Eugene, well known in this city and a relative of Mrs. E. R. Bryson, has received a most flattering offer from one of the well known Lyceum Bureaus for ten dates. Negotiations are now pending for four dates in California. The only thing to interfere with acceptance of these calls is the lack of time, as he is fully occupied with his duties at the university. The professor lectured before the Riviera Club in Seattle, last week.

Miss Carrie Paul expected to leave Tuesday for Portland, to remain.

Word from Portland the last of the week was to the effect that Mrs. Lillie King of this city, who has been so ill at the home of her son in the metropolis, had taken a relapse and was in a critical condition. She had expected to be able to return to Corvallis this week.

It was rumored on the streets that the King boarding house was to close yesterday, owing to the serious illness, in Portland, of Mrs. King, which leaves the house without a manager.

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The Sophomore class a OAC has passed resolutions condemning the action of certain persons in defacing the Lutheran church, last week, and agreeing to pay \$5 for repairing the damage. A standing reward of \$5 is also offered for the detection of any person who uses the Sophomore numerals—"99"—for defacing any private property. The class certainly merits commendation for this action on its part.

John Thruston of Canada and Mrs. Kennedy of Crawfordsville were guests over Sunday of their sister, Mrs. J. L. Jones, in this city. Mr. Thruston is en route to British Columbia.

Rev. T. V. Baer, of Moscow, Idaho, will hold services in the Episcopal church, Wednesday evening, March 13, at 7:30. Everybody invited.