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OREGON STATE NORMAL NEWS

Encouraging Reports From Former Students.

INTERESTING STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS

College Fraternal Societies Start Year With Flattering Prospects.

Arlie Hampton, '03, reports interesting but hard work in Pegdleton, where he is principal of the High School.

Miss Ellen A. Nelson, who has been employed in the Salem schools for the past two years, was the guest of Mrs. L. A. Robinson for a few days last week. Miss Nelson left Saturday for the Capital City where she will resume her work in the East School.

Friends of David Campbell will be interested to learn that he gave a very successful musical in Weston on September 26. He delighted a large and enthusiastic audience, and since this is not his first appearance among Weston people, we are all glad he was so favorably received.

Miss Frances H. Galloway, who has been a critic teacher in the Training Department for the past two years, is thoroughly enjoying her work in California. Miss Galloway is matron of a girls dormitory in a demoninational school of academic rank, and is also at the head of the history department in the school.

Miss Loretta Smith writes of pleasant and prosperous times in the Weston Normal School. Miss Smith reports that the very best of work is being done by three of our old Normal boys—Oscar Russell, Paul Wyman and Harrison Shirk. Mr. Russell is an instructor in mathematics in the Normal School, proper, while Mr. Wyman and Mr. Shirk are principal and critic, respectively, in the Training Department.

Wm. Petteys, for three years a critic teacher in the Training Department, has been forced to rest from the school room on account of poor health. As planned, Mr. Petteys was to have had work in the University of Oregon during the coming winter, and therefore resigned his position here. Both he and Mrs. Petteys took special work in the University during the summer term, but they are now living in Tillamook where Mr. Petteys is employed in a store.

Miss Frances Pettit, who was at one time a student in the old Normal, was tendered a "miscellaneous shower" on Monday evening September 28. About forty guests were present; all enjoyed the excellent musical program which was rendered. Light refreshments were served, after which the crowd dispersed, wishing the guest of honor a very bright and happy future. The event was in honor of Miss Pettit's marriage to Clay Taylor, which took place two days later.

Delphian Literary Society has

started out with a very bright outlook for the year, thus far it has about fifty members and will probably gain more from time to time.

On the first Friday evening of school the Delphians held a rally. They went to the homes of the members of the faculty and regaled their listeners with Delphian songs and yells.

Last Saturday evening about fifteen girls were initiated into the mysteries of Delphianism. The girls were taken through a course of treatment which makes them "warm" supporters of the Delphian banner.

The society contemplates a very successful year as there is much promising material within its ranks.

Next Friday evening the new corps of officers will be elected.

On Friday evening September 19, the Vespertine Society entertained the new students in the gymnasium. After various games had been played musk melon was served. The evening was one of joy and merriment.

The following program was rendered last Friday evening.

Song Society
Roll call, Quotations from American Authors
Reading, Miss Rasmussen
Duet, Misses Shore and Nagle
Recitation, Miss Robinson
Song, Society
Reading, Miss Williams
Tableau, Miss Hartzog, Scott, and Powell

Song, Society
With thirteen bright, energetic candidates for membership, a very promising year lies before the Vespertine Society.

Married.

At the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pettit, on Monmouth Avenue, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock occurred a very important event in the lives of two of Polk county's young people when Rev. G. S. Pewtherer pronounced the words that united Miss Frances Pettit and C. S. Taylor for life. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. After receiving the congratulations of those present the young folks went at once to the farm where Mr. Taylor has prepared a nice home for his bride. Both being of a practical turn of mind they have settled down at once to the stern realities of life and if they have no bad luck will be wealthy in a few years. The Herald unites with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous voyage across the sea of life and when their journey is ended may they find a pleasant harbor on the farther shore.

A. B. Westfall has been giving the back of the bank building a coating of coal tar in anticipation of winter rains. He has just finished painting a number of dwellings in the northwest part of town and will begin work on the Chase residence in the near future. He has been a big factor in the brightening up of the town this summer.

A CITIZENS LECTURE COURSE

Has Been Source of Pleasure And Profit

EVERY ONE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN

Mass Meeting Called For Monday Evening In Normal Building.

For the past two years, Monmouth has maintained an entertainment course which it is believed has given general satisfaction. There were three musical and two literary attractions offered at an average cost of twenty to thirty cents each, including reserved seat, to those who subscribed for the entire course, purchasing a season ticket. Single price of admission was thirty-five cents for lectures and fifty cents for concerts, including reserved seats. Naturally it pays to purchase the course ticket. But in addition to the advantage in lower cost, season ticket holders each year have had one or two extra numbers given from the surplus remaining in the treasury at the close of the course.

This year, it is proposed to organize another Monmouth Citizens' Course for the year 1908-9. A mass meeting is hereby called for Monday evening, October 5, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Normal building, for the purpose of adopting a plan and choosing a committee to manage the course. Every citizen of the town and surrounding country is cordially invited to come out and lend his support to the good work. In order to provide a series of entertainments that will be popular with the people, it will be necessary to find out as nearly as possible what they want. So, it is earnestly hoped that a good representation of our people will attend the meeting at the Normal building.

A good entertainment course will not only serve to provide a means of pleasure and profit to its patrons but will add to the attractions offered the citizens of Monmouth and will make our village a more desirable place of residence. The Normal especially wishes to receive the hearty cooperation of the citizens in this matter. Everybody lend a hand.

Council Meeting

The council met Monday night in regular session. All members were present except Councilman Riddell. A motion carried to instruct the recorder to measure the concrete sidewalks that have been built and draw warrants pro rata to the parties building same, as provided by ordinance. Bills to the amount of \$48.80 were allowed and ordered paid. The marshal was instructed to notify the road supervisor to fix the road at the point where I. Blodgett was injured a short time ago. The Mayor requested the councilmen to investigate the matter of cement crosswalks, as to comparative cost, etc. E. H. Hosner was present and suggested the proposition of having

Main street surveyed and grade stakes set and then have cement curbs built from Lindsay & Co's store to the bank corner. He said he had as much property along the street as any individual holder and he would gladly build his part if the city would make it compulsory on all property owners to do likewise. Some discussion was had on the water question and it was concluded to investigate the merits of the "pressure tank" system that is being installed in some of the towns on the coast.

It was the general opinion that we ought to get down to business on the water question at an early day. The supply at the cannery is adequate for all purposes and if the city had two such wells there would be ample water for several years to come and the quality is as good as any city in the northwest, not excepting Portland.

Social Hour Club Notice.

The Social Hour Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Robinson, Wednesday October 7. All members are requested to attend. By order of the President.

Miss Maggie Butler.

Miss Myrtle Sturm, of Lebanon, is the guest of Miss Ethel Newman this week.

A. T. Cross, who recently had a severe attack of heart trouble, is able to be out again.

O. A. Wolverton went hunting yesterday and reports that he did not exceed the limit.

Earl Austin and Joe Oswalt went to Ocean Park with Babe Graham to fish and hunt.

Clover hulling is about all done and the yield has not been up to the average, altho some fields did very well.

We want a correspondent in every school district in the county. Write for our special offer to school teachers.

The many friends of Rev. Sanford Snyder, will be glad to learn that he has been returned to the Independence charge.

J. F. Smith was in from his farm near Luckiamute station yesterday and reports but little damage done there by last weeks frost.

Harold Bogert went to Sheridan yesterday to sample hops for T. A. Riggs. He will take in a number of the towns before returning, including McMinnville.

The evaporator is still running on Italian prunes, with enough in sight to carry the work into next week. Prospects are good for an early sale at remunerative prices.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian church gave a Japanese reception to the students at the church last Friday evening. The Endeavor room was planned as a Japanese parlor and the church proper was nicely decorated with flowers of various kinds. A short program was rendered and also a descriptive guessing contest. Light refreshments were served in Japanese style, consisting of Japanese sago pudding and tea. No chairs were allowed, only rugs and cushions. Over 100 were present and all report having spent a very enjoyable evening.

A CIVIC IMPROVEMENT TALK

Action Should Be Taken At Once

WILL HELP INFLUENCE APPROPRIATION

Mayor Should Call Mass Meeting At An Early Date On Civic Improvement.

There is still considerable talk of civic improvement, but so far there has been no definite action in the matter. It is up to some of the citizens of this town to take the initiative, for something should be done just as soon as possible. There are reasons why this should be done aside from the fact that the general health of the community will be better in the winter for having all the rubbish cleaned up. One of the most potent of these reasons is that we expect the legislature to give us a liberal appropriation at its next session and if we do not show some regard for the eternal fitness of things and do something to show that we appreciate the fact that we have one of the nicest located towns for school purposes, we may find that the legislature will look at the matter from a point of view similar to what they think we look at the general appearance of our town. If we can show them that we have a personal pride in the neat and attractive town in which we live, then we can reasonably expect that they will think it worth while to give us a nice appropriation. Men who are earning good wages have a right to say that they would stop working any day that is set apart for the purpose and join in a general cleaning up and beautifying of the town. This being the case it is reasonable to suppose that all that is now needed is a leader. Who will take the first step in this direction? Will this matter have to be turned over to the women?

We want to see Monmouth one of the best school towns on the coast and there is no reason why it should not become so, but in order to make it such we must make it one of the most attractive. This should not be a hard matter for nature has done much to aid in the work and if we do our part there will be no further complaint. Cut away the briars that are growing along the sidewalks and where they are growing on vacant lots cut them off at public expense; where grass is now standing on vacant lots it can be mowed down and burned at the first favorable opportunity.

Those who are familiar with conditions at Corvallis say they find a very neat looking town. Is there any reason why Corvallis should look any neater than Monmouth? Both are school towns and the general appearance of the town has much to do with the attendance at its educational institutions. It has been suggested that the Mayor call a mass meeting at an early date, when the people can get together and formulate a plan of action and then get busy.