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## OREGON STATE NORMAL NEWS

### Gathered By Our Corps Of College Reporters

### INTERESTING STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS

### Weekly Reports From the Various College Fraternal Societies.

Mr. Traver left on Monday for Baker City, where he will be a speaker in the institute there.

President Ressler and Principal Traver both attended the institute held in Salem last week.

Miss Loretta Smith, who was a member of our faculty for many years, but who is this year Librarian at Weston, returned to her home in Monmouth on Sunday for a week's Thanksgiving vacation. Miss Smith reports a pleasant position, and takes a great deal of enjoyment in her library. She says it seems a great deal like "home" in Weston because there are more than half a dozen Monmouth people there.

In the death of Mrs. Ira C. Powell, the Alumni loses one of its most valuable members. Mrs. Powell was always a loyal supporter of school interests and added very materially to good record of our graduates, having taught a number of years in Salem with the privilege of continuing her work as long as she was so disposed. Not only as a teacher, was she true to her name but also as a mother and a neighbor. Mrs. Powell was Lena G. Butler of the class of '88.

### NORMAL SOCIETY NOTES

Last Friday evening's session was an important landmark in the history of the Normal Society. Five new members were taken through the mysterious form of initiation that is so well to the members of the society, The new members are: Darrel Stump, John Bogynska, Albert Saere Tay Seer and Ercell Hedrick. The list of the members is now swelled to twenty-six.

After the business meeting and a brief parliamentary practice the evening's program was concluded by the initiation of the members mentioned. The three members who will try for the Inter-collegiate Debating Team are: David Henry, Albert Saere and Erwin Montague.

### DELPHIANS.

The society met in regular session last Friday evening. The following program was rendered: Song, Society. Recitation, Sadie Boughy. Paper, Lillian Gardner. Solo, Hattie Cooper. Story, Anna Addison. Reading, "The Celebrity," May Whitney. Song, Society.

At the business meeting held directly after, the regular quarterly election was held, and the following officers elected: Shirley Dorsey, president; Esther Larson, vice-president; Susie Hoffman, Secretary; Adele LaLonde, treasurer; Ruth Fugate, ser-

geant-at-arms; Esther Spillman, organist; Hazel Dunahoo, chorister; Mrs. Fargo, critic. Two new members were then added to the society.

### VESPERTINE SOCIETY

The Vespertine Society met Friday evening with the usual number in attendance. The following program was rendered.

Song—Society  
Roll Call—Quotations from Washington Irving  
Character Sketch of Irving—Miss Huber

One minute speech on any current event—Each member  
Quartet "In the Starlight"  
—Mrs. Stroud, Miss White, Miss Baker, Miss Spencer

Debate Resolved that the marriage of American ladies to noble men is detrimental to America.  
Affirmative Negative  
Miss Powell Miss Olsen  
Miss Hixon Miss Shepherd  
Miss Troedson Miss Rasmussen

Song—Society  
The debate put forth some excellent argument. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The program was followed by a business meeting. The following officers were elected.  
President—Mrs. P. M. Stroud  
Vice President—Incy Baker  
Secretary—Mary White  
Treasurer—Louise Huber  
Organist—Leila Spencer  
Sergeant at Arms—Clara Hartzog  
Chorister—Bessie Western and Effie Shore  
Critic—Miss Shearer

### FOOT-BALL

Once more the Normal Team suffered defeat by the superior playing of the Albany High School team.

Saturday the 21st, as had been arranged, Albany High School met the O. S. N. S. boys on the Normal Gridiron. The game was intensely interesting from the beginning notwithstanding the fact that the rain came down heavily. The first half was scoreless but in the second half O. S. N. S. scored immediately which was quickly followed by Albany scoring to six points thereby gaining one point. The lead thus taken was desperately held until the whistle announced the close of the game.

The victors accepted an invitation given to attend the student ball given in the evening and proved themselves worthy of the victory by their true marks as gentlemen on the foot-ball field and their social good nature at the ball.

### Some Who Were Thankful.

Joe Radek and Roy Smith that their new bakery is completed.

V. O. Boots was thankful that insurance has been brisk this fall.

Albert Saere was thankful that he was able to walk without a crutch.

Ray Chute was thankful that he has progressed so nicely in the millinery business.

Pete Cornwell and his neighbors for the beautiful music furnished every morning by his John donkey.

Postmaster Wolverton was thankful that the thieves who robbed the post office did not carry off his stamps.

## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

### From Our Regular Correspondent.

### DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

### Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Verd Hill spent Sunday in Portland.

Louis Wann and wife were Salem visitors Wednesday.

J. M. Staats, of Airlie, was a visitor in the city this week.

Grover Mattison left Sunday for Astoria for a short visit.

Mrs. W. R. Allin visited relatives in Portland over Sunday.

H. Huston, of The Pacific Telephone Co., was in the city Tuesday.

G. A. Cobb, of Portland, is transacting business in this city this week.

Mrs. G. L. Hawkins, of Dallas, visited friends here the last of the week.

Miss Bertha Bohannon returned Wednesday after a week's visit in Albany.

A. M. Holt and wife, of Albany, visited friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard attended the foot ball game at Portland Saturday.

J. D. Evans, a hop man of Salem, was transacting business here the first of the week.

H. H. Wagoner, of Portland, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Allin.

C. H. Underwood, of Klamath Falls, visited at the home of H. C. Chamberlain over Sunday.

J. Z. Kilpaek, of Portland, representing the Childrens Aid Society was in the city, this week.

Chas. Gardner, who has been visiting Dr. Allin for several weeks, left Saturday for Portland.

Pres. P. L. Campbell and wife of Eugene passed through here Sunday on their way to Monmouth.

P. O. Taylor has moved his barber shop from C Street into the building recently vacated by the First State Bank.

Mrs. E. J. Hosler has returned to her home in Olympia, Wash., after several weeks visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. S. A. Mulkey, of Sheridan, passed through here Wednesday on her way to Monmouth to spend Thanksgiving.

### Monmouth Heights.

A. J. Shipley was a county seat visitor Sunday.

R. L. Fisback returned home from Dayton Thursday.

Miss Fay Shipley is attending school near Corvallis this winter.

Charlie McDonald, formerly of this vicinity, is now located at Toledo.

A number from the Heights attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Ira Powell.

Homer Foster, of Perrydale,

was a guest of Herman Wunder first of the week.

James Goodman, of the Oak Hill ranch, made a special trip to Falls City Thursday.

Wunder disposed of his fine porkers to Geo. Heck, of Independence, last week.

Eddie Wunder, wife and small child, of Independence, visited his parents here Sunday.

Egleston, of Elkins, spent Sunday at the home of his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bosley.

R. M. Bosley, William Herren, Grover Pitzer and John Walker, were trading in Monmouth Friday.

Little Nellie Shipley writes from Monroe that she will finish the eighth grade there in the spring.

Thomas Moreland, of Albany, was here the middle of the past week working for the Albany nursery.

The fall weather has been quite favorable for sowing grain and a large acreage has been sown, especially to vetch.

Homer Foster and cousin, Miss Ida Duignan, were pleasant visitors at the James Burns home, near Bridgeport Sunday last.

Allen Johnson and wife, of the Herald city, visited Dan. M. Calbreath and wife, at the Blue Andalusian Poultry farm, Thursday.

Edward Rogers and family were Sunday visitors in Monmouth at the home of Mrs. Rogers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Treat.

Mrs. John Walker and daughter, Mrs. Verna Marks and daughter were south bound passengers Friday on an extended visit with relatives at Albany and Halsey.

Miss Duignan, the popular and pleasing teacher of the Sunny Slope school, is making preparation for a Christmas tree, and all of the young folks are willing to take part in the program.

### A Pioneer Incident.

T. O. Waller called at the Herald office last week and had his name added to our list of subscribers. It was his 86th birthday, but one would never suspect that he was that old as he is much younger looking. Mr. Waller was one of the pioneer merchants in Monmouth and can tell many interesting happenings of the early days. As showing the difference between pioneer methods of business and those of the present an incident he related of how himself and J. B. V. Butler, Sr. both started out to purchase ten bushels of apples. At that time apples were worth \$10 a bushel and there were few of them to be had. A man out of town a mile or so had ten bushels and they both started out one morning to buy them, neither knowing the other had gone. Mr. Waller went on horseback and Mr. Butler afoot. Mr. Waller arriving first purchased the apples, but on arrival of Mr. Butler and finding he had started out to buy the same apples he divided the lot, each taking five bushels. These two men were engaged in the same line of business. How many rivals in business these days would divide in that manner?

## POST OFFICE SAFE LOOTED

### Blown to Pieces With Nitro-glycerin

### WORK DONE BY EXPERT SAFECRACKERS

### No Stamps Were Taken, But No Money Was Left. No Clue Yet Found.

When postmaster Wolverton came down to the post office Wednesday morning he found the safe shattered into many fragments and the money gone. The floor was littered with pinch bars wrenches and other tools that had been used in breaking into the building, but the work of opening the safe was done without tools other than those carried in the pockets of the parties who did the job.

No mere amateur ever did as neat a piece of work as was done on the safe for it was opened with nitro-glycerin or some other powerful liquid explosive which was run into the safe just below the upper hinge, the safe being an old style one there was a small crack where the door did not fit as snugly as some of the modern ones do. The opening below the hinge had been puttied so as to confine the explosive in an airtight compartment, it was then fired by means known to the profession. To deaden the noise the safe had been covered with the empty mail sacks. The money drawer at the stamp window was rifled of the silver in it, but the pennies were left.

Another fact proving it to have been the work of experts, is that no stamps were taken. The government is watching every place so closely now that it is very hard to dispose of stamps so that it frequently happens where post offices are robbed that the stamps are not disturbed. Amateurs however generally take everything of value.

So far as can be learned this is the first time this office has been robbed. Four years ago the bank was robbed of about \$350, but the robbers failed to get into the main money chest which contained \$15,000 in gold.

No trace of the robbers has been obtained, but it is thought that it was done by a couple of strangers who were in town Tuesday evening.

The post office department at Portland was notified immediately, but inspector was out of town consequently did not come out at once.

Entrance to the building was effected by raising the side window and prying off the shutter on the inside.

Mr. B. Foster was a pleasant visitor at the Herald office Monday. Mr. Foster is among the many old people of this part of the state. He is past 82, but looks much younger. We doubt if there is any other part of this Nation that can boast of as many old people as can Polk county, that is to say people whose ages run from 80 to 96.