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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.

Prin. Traver has just finished his work at the Hepner institute. He reports a very enthusiastic meeting with good work represented.

President Ressler spent last Saturday in Portland. While there he assisted in the organization of the Monmouth Normal Club. Mr. Ressler reports much interest being manifested on this occasion and it is to be hoped a permanent association will be ever on the increase among the Portland members of the O. S. N. S. Alumni.

The Normal graduates living in Portland have organized an association which they call the Monmouth Normal Club. They will hold monthly business and social sessions during the year. The officers are A. G. Thompson '99, president; A. E. Wheelock, '05, secretary; H. S. Lamb, '99, treasurer. A banquet will be given at the January meeting. There are over 50 alumni now residing in Portland.

The first number of the Courier for the school year has just been issued. It is Vol. IV, No. 1, printed by The Acorn Press. The paper is a credit to printer, editor, business manager and all concerned. The advertising patronage is especially noteworthy, every business house in Monmouth save two being represented. There is probably not another college in the state that can make such a showing. Monmouth business men are absolutely loyal to the school and the students appreciate it. Several Independence firms and the Salem Woolen Mill Store have also taken space.

The several literary societies are planning to hold the initial "try out" among their debaters on Tuesday evening of next week. Both the Normals and Vespertines will have representatives on both the affirmative and negative sides. The judgement for school representatives in the inter-collegiate debate to be based upon presentation of all of its phases. The Delphians have decided not to enter the contest. The question for debate is, Resolved; That the United States should establish Ship Subsidies, in order to encourage her merchant marine. The final debate will take place in March when our team will meet the team from Albany. The Affirmative is to be supported by the O. S. N. S.

### NORMAL SOCIETY

At the usual hour Friday evening the Normal Society convened. As those that were on for the debate were away on the basketball team, the discussion of the question was omitted but a short

and merry program was enjoyed by all of those present. It was: Roll Call—Answer with imitation of some wild animal.

Donkey Quartett—Messrs Stroud Henry, Phelps and Montague Song and Dance—Archie McNeil Address—Pres. Percy Stroud The Donkey Quartett deserves especial praise for its generous response to a third encore.

During the evening the Society was honored by the visitation of about twenty Delphians, who upon request sang two beautiful and popular ballads. The Normal Society appreciates the kindly interest taken in the work by the other societies.

### VESPERTINE SOCIETY

The Vespertine Society met last Friday evening and rendered the following program.

Song—Society Quotations from Shakespear Comic Reading—Miss Walker Duet—Misses Spenser, and Baker One minute speech from each member on current events.

Song—Society Pantomime—Miss Williams and Miss Weston.

Impersonation from the merchant of Venice—Miss Huber and Miss White

Song—Society A short business meeting followed.

### DELPHIANS

The Society met in regular session in the hall Friday evening. The program was as follows:

Song—Society Reading—Olea Shore Funnygrams—Agnes Clark Reading—Eva Ruggles Song—Society History of our President—Lillian Gardner

The last number was a biographical sketch of the Delphian's new president, and was especially enjoyed by the members.

### Monmouth Heights.

Miss Minnie Wunder was a Monmouth visitor Saturday.

John Walker killed four fine porkers the first of the week.

Miss Mae Duignan spent Saturday at her parental home in Perrydale.

David Olin, of Riverside, Marion county, drove over the Heights Tuesday.

George Sullivan has bought property in Monmouth and is moving his family there this week.

A few flakes of snow fell here Sunday evening, but disappeared when they came to the mother earth.

Andrew Shipley, Noah Heffley and Jesse Johnson were in the Herald city the fore part of this week.

George Sullivan and James Goodman recently purchased a seven horse power gasoline wood-saw and will operate the machine in Monmouth and vicinity.

Tommy Strain, of Monmouth, road supervisor of district 8, was over our road Monday and pronounced the highway in good shape for this time of year.

Lathan Emmett and wife, of the Luckiamute valley, visited his cousin, Mr. Wright, in Monmouth the middle of last week. This was the first time they had met for thirty long years.

## A FARMERS WINTER COURSE

### At The Oregon Agricultural College.

### GREAT BENEFIT TO PRACTICAL PEOPLE

### These Courses Are Becoming Popular With Agriculturists Everywhere

Winter courses in agriculture have become an important factor in the agricultural development of the nation. The attendance at these courses at the various agricultural colleges of the country probably exceeds in number those students taking regular courses of instruction, and they are undoubtedly doing more for the immediate development of agriculture than the regular long courses. The farmers taking these courses have reached mature years; they own their own farms, most of them, and they are able to put into practice at once any new idea they may get at the college.

Agricultural methods and practices are rapidly changing as a result of the great amount of hard, earnest work that is being done at the experiment stations of the country. A little discovery is sometimes worth millions of dollars, and the prosperous farmer is the first to put in practice new and better methods.

Alfalfa has added millions of dollars to the wealth of the country in the past few years, and this has been brought about largely by agricultural college men who investigated and proclaimed its possibilities.

A discovery of an agricultural college man made it possible to discover the robber cow and put dairying on a profitable basis.

Improvement in seeds by selection or breeding has added immensely to the value of the field crops of the United States. A day at the winter course will show how it is done.

Today we would be without fruit in this country but for the discoveries that have been made as a result of long and expensive work at the agricultural colleges and experiment stations. Instead of being helpless against the ravages of insect pests the farmer is master of the situation and we continue to eat fruit.

But for our better knowledge of animal diseases and their prevention, we would be unable to produce animal products at a profit.

The improvements that have been made in methods of soil treatment and animal breeding and feeding with a view to increased crop and animal production, have been revolutionary.

About a hundred million dollars has been added to the wealth of the nation annually through work at the experimental stations in developing the sugar beet industry.

And all this is just a beginning. The work of improvement must go on, for the perpetuity of the nation depends largely upon the ability of our farmers to increase the productiveness of the farms.

The winter course is helping solve the problem of how to improve conditions in rural communities, which President Roosevelt's Country Life Commission is wrestling with. When farmers return to their homes from such a meeting at the College, carrying with them the inspiration and information received, it means an uplift in their community.

J. Dryden.

### Luckiamute

G. H. Stone, our miller reports business good.

A. L. Burns took a load of fine hogs to independence Tuesday.

Wayne McCann is assisting Marion Smith with his farm work.

The Martin & Strong sawmill has been running steady every day.

Mr. Shattuck captured three coons in one tree in broad daylight.

Manson Crowley and Joe Truax are logging maple timber on the creeks.

We have had a most delightful Autumn, farmers have seeded a large acreage.

We will have a Christmas tree at Lewisville. You are all invited to come and help us have a good time.

Frank Laughary, the dairyman grows kale for his cows and reports excellent results from its use.

G. W. Haptonstall has two promising fine colts. He has one only 18 months old and will weigh nearly 1200 pounds.

John Leveck passed through Monmouth Tuesday with a load of fine Plymouth Rock chickens, to be shipped to Portland markets. It pays to raise the best.

Frank Laughary, Phy Ward, F. M. Smith and J. J. Leveck have butchered their winter meat. Frank Laughary butchered one weighing nearly 500 pounds.

J. J. Leveck was the guest of C. L. Hawley, of McCoy, returning with two of the finest Lincoln of this famous breeders' sheep and adding them to his already fine flock.

### Free Course of Lectures.

Winter short courses of study will begin at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses.

A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins Jan. 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from Jan 5 to 15; a course in dairying from Jan. 10 to March 27; A course in horticulture Jan. 11 to Feb. 20; a course in mechanic arts from Jan. 11 to Feb. 20; a course in road construction from Jan. 11 to Feb. 6; a course in household science and art from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

### From Our Regular Correspondent.

### DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

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

C. C. Patrick left Friday for his home in Iowa.

Frank Kersey and L. Finseth, of Dallas, spent Sunday here.

Miss Mable Ellis visited Saturday with her father in Dallas.

Mrs. J. Kirkland of Albany, is visiting relatives here this week.

A. Wing, of Luckiamute, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Chas. Fitchard made a business trip to Salem and Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Collins, of Seattle, is visiting at the home of J. H. Collins.

Frank Ellis, of Grants Pass, visited his mother, Mrs. A. Moore over Sunday.

E. C. Eldridge returned Saturday from a three weeks trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. H. Mattison visited her father Friday, who is ill in Albany hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shenefield visited relatives in Corvallis the last of the week.

Mrs. Fred Hooper and Leora Shank spent several days in Portland this week.

J. A. Gray, of Sheridan, spent the latter part of the week with his son Frank in this city.

G. Wigenrath, a former resident here, now of Woodburn, is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. William Dawes died at her home in this city Monday after several weeks illness.

Frank Patterson who has been visiting his parents here for a few weeks left Monday for Portland.

W. G. McAlister, of Sumpter, a former resident here was visiting old friends here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Jr., visited several days the last of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. N. Bell, at Corvallis.

### Independence School Notes.

Mrs. Word Butler visited the first grade Monday.

Preparations for Christmas exercises are going on in the several grades.

Principal R. W. Kirk was called to Newberg Friday morning by the sudden death of his father.

Miss Church has been out of school since Monday noon on account of the illness and death of her father, that occurred Wednesday afternoon.

Name the farm and get your stationery printed. It gives the place an air of business and an individuality unknown to "Brown's Place" or "Jones' Tater Patch."