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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.

It is of interest that one of our alumni, J. E. Dunton, of Ballston, is chairman of the League.

The rearranging of the desks in room two is quite an improvement. They now face the west which provides for better lighting.

The latest report from W. R. Rutherford, who sustained an injury by breaking his shoulder blade some weeks ago, tells of his being able to enter school again.

There will be no school at the College Monday nor in the Training Department. Instead there will be exercises in the Chapel at 10 o'clock with special music and an address. The public is invited to these exercises.

Dean Butler '03, who is attending school in the Law Department of the U. of O. in Portland, was seen on our streets on Saturday of last week. Mr. Butler came up to finish examinations for his life papers.

D. C. Henry, Hilda Olson and Erwin Montague, who will debate with Albany College on Feb. 26, are very hard at work preparing to meet their opponents in the best way possible. Both Mr. Butler and Mr. Briggs are assisting them in their efforts.

Miss Shirley Dorsey, '09, took her departure for her home in Portland this week. Miss Dorsey will remain there for a few days and will then go to The Dalles where she will take up the work of third and fourth grade teacher in one of the city schools. Judging Miss Dorsey's future by her past, it is assured that her employers will not be disappointed.

Preliminary steps have been taken toward the union of the Tennis Club and the Athletic Association for the coming season. Although definite plans have not been formulated as yet, it has been suggested that it would be advantageous for both organizations, if the former were under the direct control of the latter. Canvassing for membership has been begun.

State examinations are over and once more the Juniors and Seniors are in their class rooms. Many report an "interesting" time and not a few a "trying" time. From all reports the examinations were about as usual—requiring of course the best effort for good results. Candidates for state and life papers will probably not be relieved of their anxiety until the latter part of March.

Those who are directly interested in the Polk County Debating League are very busy preparing for the several debates which will be participated in by its members the latter part of

this week. Mr. Traver has charge of the Monmouth teams. Douglas Crowley, Joe Boginska and Lester Lindsay debate with the Independence High School. They support the negative side of the question, "Resolved that the Public Schools of the County should be under the control of one Board and a tax levied on all the property of the County to support the Schools." Those who support the affirmative of the same question against Falls City are: Bessie Graham, Ervin Springer and Ray Chute.

### Monmouth Heights.

David Olin put in a flue for John Walker the past week.

A new dwelling will be erected on the Treanor place this spring.

Miss Ida Duignan visited friends in Independence Saturday.

R. M. Smith was out here Saturday looking after business matters.

James Goodman sold his metronome to F. E. McCurdy, of the Metropolis.

C. C. Pitzer and family will start March 1 for their old home in Missouri.

Frank Gray, of Independence, was a guest of Miss Maggie Herren Thursday.

Messrs. Harrington and Windham drove to Corvallis Sunday returning Tuesday.

Herman Wunder and family occupied their new home at Antioch a short time ago.

Riddell Bros. lately received a new automatic sheep shearing machine of the Stewart patent.

George Heck, wife and son Walter, of Independence, were business visitors here Thursday.

Clarence Bruce is taking out some big oak trees and converting them into wood for David Dove.

James Sevier, of Eugene, visited his parents at Antioch Thursday and Friday returning the next day.

John Clark, of Kent, and Mrs. Laura Clark and Ruby, of Salem, were pleasant callers at the Clark home Sunday.

Jesse Windham has arrived from Mabel, Lane county, and will work for Delbert Harrington lately from Corvallis.

Delbert Harrington, of near Corvallis, has rented and is moving into the Geo. Heck residence recently vacated by Mr. Wunder.

C. C. Pitzer last week sold his eighty acre ranch to William Morrison, of Monmouth, the consideration being sixteen hundred dollars.

W. A. Tucker, representing the Olmstead Land Co., of Salem, has opened offices in Monmouth. This makes four legitimate real estate concerns in the town. This is pretty good evidence that things will move here this spring. Heretofore one man has attended to all the real estate business of this place and a good deal of the time was spent in Independence, but it looks different now.

This section of the state is about the only place on this side of the Rocky mountains that is not filled up with immigrants and it will be surprising if there isn't a big lot of them here before another year passes.

## LAWS TO HELP THE FARMER

### The Reason He Is Not Getting Wealthy

### REDUCE EXPENSES, INCREASE INCOME

### Repeal Unjust Laws and Enact Those that Will Benefit the Masses.

The reason the farmers of the United States are not getting their share of the comforts is that they have to work very long hours for the bare necessities of life. The reason for this is that they have to pay too much for what they have to buy and do not get enough for what they have to sell. There are such pertinent and self-evident facts that they are likely to be overlooked as natural conditions and beyond the effect of laws, but they are not, and are largely results of present unjust laws. Two other conditions that bear heavily on him is that he pays more than his just share of the taxes, both direct and indirect, and that he is burdened by excessive and unjust interest rates. For any laws to be of any benefit in relieving the conditions they will have to accomplish one or more of these four results, viz:—

1. Reduce the cost of his necessary supplies and expenses.
2. Increase the price he gets for the product he sells.
3. Make his share of the taxes (both direct and indirect) more equitable.
4. Make it possible for him to obtain or borrow money more cheaply.

These results are all obtainable either by repeal of unjust laws or the passage of just laws, and the only reasons the conditions exist are because the laws have always, and especially since the war, been framed to benefit the capital classes, and of course, at the expense of the working classes. A small part of the working class has been able, in a measure by organization, to shift their part of the burden down the line where it falls on the shoulders of the farmer and the unorganized laborers.

It is entirely beyond my capacity to name the laws that should be repealed or the ones that should be passed, but as tending to remedy the above conditions, I suggest the following laws:

1. Reduce the tariff taxes all along the line, and remove it entirely wherever the American supply is practically controlled by a trust, especially should duties on iron and steel articles be removed entirely.

A parcels post law such as Germany has would eliminate some transportation charge, both on supplies bought and on goods sold, as well as save him valuable time in trips after small merchandise.

Government ownership and operation of the railroads and telegraphs, with cheaper fares and charges without discrimination even in favor of carload shipments would be a great boon to all small shippers.

2. No suggestions, except that cheaper transportation charges, as suggested above, would help.

3. Direct taxes are largely beyond the control of the national government, and in the hands of the states. Indirect taxes should be more largely levied on luxuries. Patent medicines and soda waters offer an inviting field for stamp taxes. But our main lack is a graduated income tax. Suggestion in No. 1 of much lower duties would help here also.

4. Here we find the most inviting field to really help the farmer as well as the whole working class. The Government should loan money to farmers and others on improved property used as homes only, at not over four per cent, yearly interest, the loans to be repaid four per cent, or more yearly. These loans might be confined to such states that passed registration laws so that titles to property would be a matter of record beyond dispute without cost of research. The loans should be based on an entirely safe basis, say 40 per cent or 50 per cent of the value, and not over the same amount of the tax return value. The money for these loans should be supplied by issuing greenbacks whenever it is not otherwise available, but these greenbacks should be retired as fast as returned through payment of principal, and the interest should be held as a fund to make new loans. The government should loan to states, towns counties and districts money to build schoolhouses, roads, bridges court houses and all the public works of permanent value at one per cent, interest, principal to be repaid two per cent a year. Money for this purpose to be secured by issuing greenbacks when necessary, these greenbacks to be retired when returned by payment of principal. The interest payable in gold and to be retained as a fund to loan anew on this particular property.

Respectfully,  
J. B. CRESWELL,  
Dublin, Ga.

### Married

Miss Bee Williams and Mr. Earl Wallace, of Portland, were united in marriage Wednesday noon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Nettie Boche. The bride was beautifully adorned in white silk mull.

Rev. W. A. Wood officiated. After the ceremony the guests retired to the dining room where they were served with a sumptuous dinner.

Those present were: Misses Florence Burton, Laura Snelling, Lillian Bogert, Inez Murphy, Susie Hoffman, Clara Tinnerstet; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Boche, Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Williams, Mrs. Rena Williams and daughter, Mrs. Snelling, Mrs. L. A. Robinson and daughter, Mrs. Irene Dalton.

The young people have the best wishes of their many friends. They will reside in Portland where the groom has a position.

It is said that the Rebekahs were trying the new nine foot sheets in their masquerade last Monday night.

## INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

### From Our Regular Correspondent.

### DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

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

J. S. Bohannon was a Salem visitor Tuesday.

Miss Bess Butler made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

Mr. J. E. Kirkland, of Albany, is visiting at the home of P. M. Kirkland.

G. A. Hurley, of Vale, visited old friends here the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogoway, of Portland, are visiting at the home of A. Gross.

Mrs. R. Duganne, of Portland, visited over Sunday with her son Dr. R. E. Duganne.

Mrs. C. Shenefield and Miss Bertha Bohannon are visiting friends in Corvallis.

Miss Ida Duignan, of Perrydale, visited over Sunday at the home of J. S. Bohannon.

P. H. Murphy, of Corvallis, is visiting his daughter Mrs. William Cooper, of this city.

Ed Wallace and Grant McLaughlin, of Corvallis, visited here the latter part of the week.

Ralph E. Hoyt, of Portland, attended the Commercial Club banquet here Monday evening.

Miss Myrtle McReynolds returned Monday from Eugene where she attended Teacher's State Examinations.

Mrs. Van Dornsife and Mrs. Dee Taylor entertained the Konjocity Club Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Taylor.

### Teachers Granted Certificates.

The following teachers were successful in securing papers in the recent teachers' examination.

First Grade—F. E. Borneman, Perrydale; Miss Bex E. Loree O'Connell, Buena Vista; Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour, Falls City; Miss Sadie Lynn, Dallas.

Second Grade—Miss Hattie Teats, Dallas; Miss Bernice Benson, Suver; W. E. Buell, Falls City; Miss Nola E. Coad, Dallas; Miss Anna Kurtz, Dallas; Miss Almeda Fuller, Dallas; Miss Crissie Bramberg, Independence; Miss Mary O'Donnell, Ballston; Miss Mary Thune, Butler.

Third Grade—Miss Ethelbert Shepard, Sheridan; Miss Lela Tracer, Dallas.

The papers of about 40 applicants who wrote for state papers have been sent to the State Superintendent for grading.

J. C. Kramer proprietor of the Walker Hotel at Falls City and Wilford Seymour of the same place are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Beery. Mr. Seymour will go from here to Eugene and Mr. Kramer to Ashland to visit his brother George, the railroad agent at Ashland. Mr. Seymour will be married at Eugene before his return to Falls City.