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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.

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Mina Glen, who is now living in La Grande. The Herald has not learned her present name.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Andrews nee Maude Bayles '95, will be interested to hear that she is living in Los Angeles, California.

Both the Oregonian and the Telegram have lately had cuts of our literary representatives, — those of D. C. Henry, Hilda Olson, Erwin Montague and Mona Nagle, the inter-collegiate debates being given.

The exercises held in the Chapel on Monday, Feb. 22 in honor of the 177th birthday anniversary of George Washington was very interesting. Mr. Ressler opened the program with a brief biographical sketch of our first President making it especially forcible through contrast by a relative sketch of the life of Lincoln. Mr. Butler followed with a reading from Irving's "Life of Washington." Mr. Traver then gave a brief talk on the public and private heroism of the man whose memory is so dear to us, and Mr. Buckham in closing gave an excellent word picture describing the personal appearance of the man whom we think of as "First in War and First in Peace."

Loyalty, sincerity nor sympathy fully expresses the feeling of our students. We have good cause to believe that their attitude and actions are unparalleled in a community of our size and bearing; and as far as we are enlightened we feel that the results of their efforts do not fall far below many a larger institution. When we reflect that one hundred and ten students pledged one thousand four hundred dollars, that their school might live, our most sincere gratitude goes out to them—not from a mercenary standpoint—for such a sacrifice will not be permitted, but because of their enthusiastic attitude which can be described by no other words than that of love for their dear old school.

While the situation left by the upper house of the legislature was far from what had been hoped for and expected yet, as in the case of the proverbial milk, there is no time to cry and, with the consent of the Board of Regents, the school will continue. While there are matters of discouragement there are also many things to awaken a spirit of loyalty and good cheer. Not least among these are the letters received from over the state expressing a sympathetic interest and a cordial willingness to do all they can to help the old school. Many of these letters come from those

who believe that the state ought to educate its own teachers as much as its farmers, lawyers, doctors, stenographers and veterinarians. However, we will not enter into a discussion of the merits nor demerits, but only say that to all these friends the Herald extends the thanks of the school authorities and interested citizens of Monmouth.

Truly no assemblage ever held in our little town has ever been prompted by a more sympathetic feeling than that which called together the citizens en masse on Sunday evening in the chapel. There may have been others just as sincere and with just as great an obstacle to overcome, but none with a more determined spirit. The occasion, of course, was brought about because of the legislature's failure to provide maintenance for our school. Enthusiasm ran high, but true loyalty gave the rewards. Mr. Ressler, in a very befitting manner presented the situation in an unbiased light giving the audience the benefit of his knowledge of the present condition of affairs. Hon. B. F. Jones, our friend, gave us a very encouraging talk. Several business and professional men from Independence favored us with their presence, cheery work and proffered assistance; they were Dr. Butler, G. W. Conkey, E. T. Henkle, J. S. Bohannon and P. M. Kirkland. As the result, the financial help pledged from citizens alone amounted to about one thousand dollars. Upon the completion of the canvass, subscriptions which were purely voluntary assured the running of our school for the remainder of this semester. Very cheerfully did every one look forward to the open doors of the old Normal.

DELPHIAN

The following program, which was enjoyed by all present was delivered by the Delphian Society Friday evening. The society also had the pleasure of a few visitors from the Normal Society.

Song by the society
Reading—Mabel Ellis
School News—Ruth Fugate
Song by the society
Recitation—Hazel Jewett
Extemporaneous Speeches—Sadie Ruggles, Lexie Strachan
Song by the society

The Delphian Society is contemplating having excellent work during the next eight weeks. A new plan was put before the society at the last meeting, which was greeted with much favor from all present. All members who wish a booklet are requested to be present Friday evening.

VESPERTINE

The Vespertine Society met as usual last Friday night.

The following program was rendered.

Song—Society
Roll call responded to by patriotic quotations
Reading—Miss Rasmussen
Solo—Miss Tinnerstet
Recitation—Miss Robinson
Instrumental music—Six girls
Study—She Stoops to Conquer

The program was highly enjoyable especially the "Comb Concert."

In the business meeting that followed Miss Shearer was elected critic and Miss Fisher editor. The officers previously elected took the oath of office and entered upon their duties.

Plans were set on foot for an exhaustive study of Parliamentary usage—a study that is highly commendable.

We were pleased to see several new students present and we sincerely hope they will decide to be loyal Vespertines.

MONMOUTH NORMAL YET LIVES

Board of Regents Allows It To Finish.

MEETING HELD IN SALEM WEDNESDAY

Great Indignation Expressed At Action of the Legislative Assembly.

The Board of Regents of Normal Schools met at Salem in called session Wednesday in the office of State Superintendent Ackerman. The members present were Governor Chamberlain, State Secretary Benson, State Superintendent Ackerman, H. J. Maier, of the Dalles, W. B. Ayer, of Portland, and E. Hofer, of Salem; absent were Bragg, of LaGrande, Spence, of Carus, and Jewell, of Grants Pass.

The Board expressed great indignation over the action of the Senate in refusing an appropriation and believed that the best way in which to bring home to the people of the state a sense of the outrage was to close the schools at once and send the students to their homes. The argument was advanced that so long as private subscriptions and local support kept the Normals in operation, the state received a benefit to which it was not entitled. It was stated that many members of the Legislature did not know that Monmouth had been supported the past two years by donations.

After full discussion, however, the Board voted to continue the schools provided sufficient funds were placed in their hands to maintain the standard of the instruction. At the expiration of the semester, June 16, the property will be subject to lease by the local school districts or any properly authorized committee for the purpose of operating a Normal school, academy, high school or grade school.

Monmouth at once accepted the conditions through President Ressler, who was present and who made a formal tender of the funds. Accordingly the Oregon State Normal School will complete its 27th year under state control and graduate its Seniors with all the honors and perquisites granted in the state law.

The summer school was also authorized and will probably be continued for 8 weeks. An attendance of 200 is expected, which will help to make things lively all summer.

The 28th year of the old Normal will begin next September under private management, and if alumni and other friends everywhere over the state will rally to its support, we can roll up a larger attendance than we have had for years.

Monmouth still lives,—"the gates of hell shall not prevail against her."

Monmouth Heights.

Noah Heffley was a Talmage visitor Sunday.

S. M. Smith recently lost a valuable heifer.

William Morrison and wife were out this way Sunday.

Clarence Bruce is assisting Noah Heffley with his plowing.

Harry Davis, of the O. A. C., called on friends here Monday.

Dave Dove, of Independence, made a business trip out here Monday.

Levi Lehman and Jay Clark made a special trip to the capital city Sunday.

The Sunnyslope school closed Monday celebrating Washington's Birthday.

Geo. Sullivan wife and small daughter, of Monmouth, visited relatives here Sunday.

James Goodman, who has been away in Salem for some time, came home Saturday.

When your friend or neighbor is in need, an ounce of assistance is worth a pound of advice.

Miss Anna Kurtz, of the Mistletoe school, was a Monmouth visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Jasper Thompson, of Falls City, passed over the Heights Sunday enroute to Independence.

Mrs. Katie Rogers has been up from Portland visiting with her parents, Allen Towns and wife.

Ira Sullivan of McTimmond valley, visited friends and relatives in these parts first of the present week.

Misses Ethel and Anna Bingman, of Monmouth, stayed over Sunday night with Ina and Letta Fishback.

Sperling Bros. are having a large amount of cord wood cut on their place which they bought of Frank Morris some time ago.

Roy Clark is cutting wood for William Yeater in the Luckiamute valley and will assist Mr. Yeater in the hop field this spring.

It is nauseating and disgusting to see a fellow who professes to know more than any one else in the community and yet hasn't sense enough to prove it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fishback completed a quilt this week of one hundred and ninety-five square blocks or three thousand three hundred and fifteen small pieces.

Mr. Hoag and wife of Hoquiam Washington, have been on an extended visit with Mrs. Hoag's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Calbreath at the Blue Andalusian Poultry Farm.

Grandma Herren, who has been spending several weeks in the Herald city with Mrs. Reuben Simpson and Charlie Herren, daughter and son respectively, came home last week.

Elmer Allin and Rob Rake with their families will leave Norton Nebraska in a few weeks for Oregon and will probably locate in Polk county. Mr. and Mrs. Rake are brother and sister of Mrs. Clarence Bruce of this place.

A new class was organized in the Sunday school at the Christian church Sunday, one which the school is proud of. There were ten present the first and next Sunday they hope to have twenty. This class consists of ladies and is between the Bible and Young Folks classes. It would be a good thing now if the husbands of these ladies would come and organize another class.

LETTER TO THE STATE PRESS

President Ressler Prepares A Statement.

PORTLAND PAPERS LONG DRAWN HOWL

Continually Crying Graft Until People Believe There Is Big Graft.

To the Press of Oregon: Gentlemen:—

In the spirit of "fair play," I should like to request a hearing on the Normal School question in Oregon. The Portland daily papers for years have villified these institutions and repeatedly made charges of graft until there is an idea abroad that dishonesty and incompetence are their chief characteristics.

Now either these charges are true or they are untrue. If they are true, some persons connected with the schools are guilty and should be exposed. The criminals are members of the Legislature, regents, officers or instructors. If the charges are untrue, then it is a gross injustice to continue to circulate and publish them.

In any event, the disposition of the matter by the Legislature has settled nothing; but has resulted in the greatest hardship to innocent parties. Certainly it can be considered no crime for instructors to accept employment legally and regularly made by the Board of Regents. It has never been considered unlawful or blameworthy for young men and women to enroll in a school, which prepares them to render useful service to the State and their fellows.

We have now at Monmouth 112 students who have paid their tuition and completed three weeks of the second semester. 36 of these are in the Senior class. To close down the school at once will mean a loss of not less than \$50 each to all non-resident students. Even then, they cannot enter any other institution in the state and complete the year's work. I shall not recite the wrongs of the faculty or innocent citizens who have moved to these towns for the benefit of schooling their children.

I am engaged in the preparation of a statement of the case which will be mailed to you in a few days and which I respectfully request you to publish if you think proper.

Very truly,
E. D. Ressler.

Among the Cannibals.

Don't fail to hear the story of a young doctor and his bride who go on their honeymoon to Africa and spend ten years in the jungles of the Congo.

Hear this instructive and wonderful story at the Christian church, Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p. m., by Dr. Royal J. Dye the liveliest Medical Missionary in the field today.

All are invited whether interested in Missionary work or not, for the lecture is full of instruction concerning the habits of the people, and other conditions and possibilities of central Africa.

All are invited, lecture free.