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INTERESTING STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS

Weekly Reports From the Various College Fraternal Societies.

Frank Goshong who has been a student here since the opening of the fall term took his departure for his home in Corvallis where he will remain.

Miss Grace Wallace has matriculated for the spring semester. Miss Wallace is from Independence, but has just returned from New York where she spent a delightful winter.

Miss Loretta Smith has returned home from Weston where she has been librarian in the Normal School in that place during the past semester. Miss Smith will take a well earned rest for a few months.

Pres. Ressler was invited to deliver a lecture on Wednesday of this week to the student body of the University of Oregon. He accepted and took his departure for Eugene on Tuesday. We bespeak for the students of the University a very pleasant and instructive lecture.

The faculty has been lately strengthened by adding Miss Loretta Smith as one of its members. Miss Smith needs no introduction here or to the teachers throughout the state, for her past record explains her capabilities and personality. She will have charge of the sloyd word and other special subjects.

Tonight is the time set for the convention of the Ladies Debating League of Oregon; it is to be held in McMinnville under the auspices of McMinnville college. Plans will be made, dates set, question for debate decided upon, and other necessary business will be transacted. Our representative is Miss Mona Nagle '09.

One proof that spring is near is the fact that the tennis racket is very much in evidence. It is not as yet to be seen on the court but it is the chief factor in the gymnasium, where devotees of this artful game are preparing to overcome all opponents. Practice is wining clever work and we hope to have quite entertaining amateur games during the coming season.

It is very comforting to receive so many letters of sympathy and good will from alumni and other friends as have been coming to Mr. Ressler and Mr. Butler the past week. They express sincere regret at the situation in which the old school is placed. They assure us they reflect the sentiment of the people from the various parts of the state. This presages a good omen for us in November 1910.

Word has been received from Miss Elizabeth Cooper, who has taught during the past winter in Georgia, that her school will soon be out and that she will again come west. Miss Cooper

is certainly having a novel experience for she has taught in a different state every year since she left the old Normal. She does her work thoroughly thus giving her pupils as well as herself the benefit of her traveling. She enjoys the East and the South but always thinks of the West as her home.

The outlook for the number of students for summer school is very promising. Letters of inquiry are coming in almost daily and this in itself is very satisfactory. The program of the several classes in methods will be somewhat differently arranged from that of last year but as yet it has not been completed for publication. The entire session will be under the supervision of President Ressler and Principal Traver, which even now assures its success, as their work is very favorably known throughout the state.

Although our representatives put up a "good fight" we lost in the inter-collegiate debate which was held in Albany on February 26; our opponents were representatives from Albany college. They supported their side of the argument very forcefully and deserve credit for their sincere efforts. Of course our defenders gave their best efforts too, but unfortunately did not persuade the judges to view the question as they did. Our representatives were D. C. Henry, Mona Nagle, who substituted for Hilda Olsen who was ill, and Erwin Montague.

Victory has been the watchword of our "High School" Debating Teams. Douglas Crowley, Joe Bogynska and Lester Lindsay won in the debate with the Independence High School Team. This was held in the home town of the latter team on February 25. On February 26 Ray Chute, Bessie Graham, and Ervin Springer were victorious at Falls City. Since one of our teams upheld the affirmative side of the question and the other the negative, it is safe to say the "presentation" was very carefully and effectively planned. Mr. Traver had both teams under his supervision.

Many have been the comments in the various papers of our state on the dilemma in which we are now placed. One reports it as "nothing short of a calamity" another "Good riddance of Normal Rubbish" and still another pro or con to a greater or less degree. Below however is an editorial taken from the Oregonian of February 24. It is self explanatory and we appreciate the feeling of kindness in manifests toward us. Although it is only a "crumb" in the great Oregon daily it is like balm to our wound for we realize its force to such a degree that it cast all the unpleasant remarks of small papers into insignificance. "The action of the Monmouth students in the emergency which their school has met looks well for school and students. When so much loyalty exists there must be a reason for it. Oregon is able to support one Normal School. Monmouth's is the oldest in the State and probably the best. It has a tradition

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SUGGESTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Questions By Rev. Dr. Lin-scott For the

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY CLUB

A Special Feature of the Herald For the Ensuing Year. Read It.

Sunday, March 7th, 1909.

Philip and the Ethiopian—Acts viii: 26-40.

Golden Text—Ye search the Scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they that bear witness of me.—John v:39

Verse 26—When God directs us by circumstances or by a friend, or by an angel, is it just as much from God as though he spake to us direct?

I do not know whether this angel was a devout man, or woman, or a mental picture, or a dream, or a spirit; but he, she, or it, convinced Philip, that God wanted him to go south; now how did Philip know that the impression to go south was of God; and how may we know under similar circumstances? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

May any person who is not playing double with God, safely trust "the inward voice," to direct as to outward circumstances?

Verses 27, 28—Philip found that he had not come on a fool's errand. Now is it not invariably so that results of to-morrow, always justify the faith vision of to-day?

Seeing this Ethiopian was a man of exalted position, in a foreign country, what was the significance of Philip being sent to him?

Verse 29—When Philip saw this man's chariot looming up in the distance, perhaps after days or weeks of waiting, with more or less doubt; he got the impression that this was his opportunity; now from whom did he get the impression?

With what sort of a voice did the Holy Spirit speak to Philip?

If we should learn that the Holy Spirit used the circumstances, and Phillip's reasoning processes, his hope and his fears, as God's voice, would that be as really the voice of the Holy Spirit, as if words were spoken by God out of the clouds?

Is it always safe for us to do as the Holy Spirit tells us, as in this case?

Verse 30—Was this Ethiopian a devout man?

If a man devoutly searches the scriptures, is he sure to find God?

If a man devoutly searches the book of nature, with a desire to obey her laws, is he sure to find God?

Verses 31-34—Where in the Bible is the passage which the Ethiopian was reading?

Is it always necessary, that some one should explain the Scriptures to us?

Can we understand the Scriptures or get a full import of any

fact, without the aid of the Holy Spirit?

Why could not, or why did not, the Holy Spirit explain this Scripture to the Ethiopian direct?

As a matter of fact, was not the Holy Spirit guiding the Ethiopian as much as he was Philip?

Was Isaiah conscious when he wrote these words, that they applied to Jesus; or did he think that he was describing some other person or persons?

Did not the prophets, as other inspired men, often write more wisely than they knew?

Verses 35-38—Did this Ethiopian need "converting" the same as a wilful sinner, or did he, as a devout child of God, simply recognize Jesus as the sent of God, and was then baptised in his name?

Verses 39, 40—Was Philip, so to speak "spirited" away, or did he leave in a natural manner?

Lesson for Sunday, March 14th, 1909—Aeneas and Dorcas. Acts ix:31-43.

Monmouth Heights.

Jessie Windham visited the Sunny Slope school Friday.

Newt Grooms, of Bridgeport, was seen in our midst Thursday.

Roy Whitaker spent Saturday at his parental home in Independence.

Geo. Swearingen recently bought C. C. Pitzer's stump puller.

Fred Huber, wife and daughter of your city, spent Sunday at the Chaney home.

Graham & Son of Monmouth sold their fine gray team to Herman Wunder for \$225.

Homer Foster and Ida Duignan visited at the James Burns home on the Luckiamute Sunday.

Says one who knows, there is no better location in the state for a Normal school than at Monmouth.

Lee and Letha Egelston, of Elkins visited their grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bosley Thursday.

Herman Wunder purchased a new plow Monday and the way he will turn over the soil won't be slow.

Roy Pitzer, of Lewisville and Lena Brown, of Independence, spent a short time here with his parents Sunday.

J. H. Moran the real estate man and A. B. Westfall, of Monmouth, were in these parts the first of the week.

Mrs. Minnie Mack who has been on an extended visit with relatives in Minnesota and Iowa came home Thursday.

The farmers are jubilant over the bill passed in the legislature prohibiting the killing of China or Denny pheasants for two years.

Walter Johnson and family, of Sparks, Nebraska, arrived here Sunday taking his folks on surprise as he didn't write that they were coming.

J. J. Leveck, secretary of the Falls City & Lewisville Telephone Co., was down from Cedar Lawn Farm near Lewisville the first of the week to get some printing done for the company.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZES

Monmouth Now In Line With Her Neighbors.

IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AND OPTIMISTIC

Officers and Directors Are Elected and Good Work Already Started.

Friday night the Monmouth Commercial Club was organized at a meeting of citizens held at the Monmouth Hotel. Thursday evening the phones of half a dozen business men were rung and a request made for their presence at the hotel parlor at eight thirty. On arriving there they were given a talk by Mr. Paulsen on the advisability of organizing a commercial body at once. After due consideration of the subject a committee was appointed to secure members and to meet at the same place the following evening for organization. About twenty business men met and elected the following officers: Pres., Grove A. Peterson; Vice Pres., G. W. Paulsen; Sec., W. T. Fogle; Treas., P. E. Chase; Directors, J. H. Hawley, T. A. Riggs, O. A. Wolverton. It was voted to hold the next regular meeting on Tuesday night at the same place. The meeting was called to order by President Peterson and after the routine work was attended to, short talks were made by all the members and some very good points were brought out. It is the aim of the club to work for a bigger and better Monmouth and Polk Co. and all the members are enthusiastic as to the outlook. While the organization has been a long time coming, it seems that it will lack nothing in optimism and enthusiasm for its long continued hibernation. We predict that Monmouth will have the liveliest and most progressive Commercial Club in the Willamette valley, for it is the aim of the members to not be outdone along that line by any. At the last meeting there was one point brought out by Wm. Riddell Jr., that merits the attention of the citizens of this city. It was to take the money that will be raised from a road poll tax in this city and apply it to paying interest on bonds sufficient to thoroughly improve the streets. There will be enough to more than pay the interest on \$10,000 and such a sum expended in the next two years on streets, if judiciously used, would give us the best streets of any town of its size in the west and no doubt there would be some of it left to improve the roads leading into town which would be a good thing for the business men as it would draw a lot of trade from the surrounding country. Again good streets will add to the attractiveness of the town as home and the more people who come here the more valuable will become the property of others and the larger will the amount be that is paid to poll tax. The club will lend its aid in solving the Normal school problem and will also take up the matter of civic improvement at an early date. With a live commercial club we may reasonably expect Monmouth to come to the front rapidly from now on.