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OREGON STATE NORMAL NEWS

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INTERESTING STUDENT PERSONAL ITEMS

Weekly Reports From the Various College Fraternal Societies.

Miss Daisy E. Thomas, of the Feb. '09 class, has begun work at Cottage Grove. She reports a pleasant position.

Principal Traver has just returned from Cottage Grove where he attended the local institute. As usual he had several places on the program.

Mrs. W. F. Fargo has lately become an instructor in the college. She has all the rhetoric classes. We are very fortunate to secure one whose services are so satisfactory and efficient.

Mr. and Mrs. Zophar Tharp are now employed as teachers in the Government Indian School on the Grand Ronde Reservation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tharp are very much interested in their work and are enjoying it. Old students will remember Mr. Tharp as physical director in the O. S. N. S. for several years.

On the evening of Saturday, March 13, the Williams Jubilee Singers gave a very fine entertainment in the chapel. Every seat was filled and the attention of all was held from the beginning to the end. The songs were varied in character, but all were high class and very well rendered. It is hoped the citizens may again be fortunate in securing this excellent company.

Tennis is again very much in evidence. The courts will soon be in excellent condition and a little practice will help our good players to interest us. The outlook is very promising to both new and old devotees of this delightful game as many have manifested a desire to join the club. Definite association work has been begun, and managing committees have been appointed.

At the February session of the legislature an act was passed providing for the increase in salary of several of the county school superintendents. Among those who will be benefited, it is very pleasant to note the name of our county superintendent, H. C. Seymour, and a member of our alumni, H. H. Belt, of Yamhill county; both these officers are very efficient and certainly deserve to be rewarded.

On Saturday evening, Mar. 20, Thomas E. Green the great American lecturer will give the next number on the Citizen's Entertainment Course. Mr. Green is one of the Redpath Lyceum lecturers and comes very highly recommended. His talk is sure to be excellent and scholarly, and it is expected the house will be well filled. This noted lecturer is of national reputation and bearing and it is certainly an opportunity no one can afford to miss.

The Normal Society is planning an interesting program for their literary work this evening. It is to be in the nature of a mock trial in which the society secretary has been accused of "breach of faith," delinquency and gross negligence as secretary of said society, etc. Witnesses, attorneys for the defense and prosecution, have been chosen and have been working on the case for about two weeks. Jurors will be selected. Mr. Butler has been asked to preside as judge. A full account of the proceedings will be given in next weeks Herald.

A visit was made to the district school at Cochran on Friday of last week. Since the O. S. N. S. is especially interested in this school, it is pleasing to know the school is in good condition and promises to continue so under the efficient supervision of Miss Mabel Lorence. Miss Lorence has been teaching since the first week in January and is enjoying her work very much. The attitude of the children shows the good feeling is reciprocated. We are glad to say Miss Lorence is a member of our Alumni, having been graduated in '08.

Spring is heralded by all with great rejoicing, but if one college class was said to be more enthusiastic over it coming than another, the botanists would certainly have that distinction. Far and near students may be seen gathering specimens for analysis. No restrictions have been placed upon the "hunting grounds" as yet, but it is whispered that the old rule which was so popular in school several years ago may be re-enacted for this semester. Although this is not the official wording, the substance is the rule from this date, young ladies will procure specimens from the territory south of town and the young men from the north. Whether it is fully as popular this year or not, remains to be seen.

DELPHIAN.

Although the society was debarred from the use of their room and the organ, they had a very interesting meeting. One member favored the society by a solo in place of the debate which was postponed. The program was as follows:

Song—Society
Sketch of artist, A. Van Dyck—Hazel Kuykendal
School news—Eva Ruggles
Duet—Mary Murphy, Alpha Wilson.
Reading—Leto Wolverton
Solo—Fay Strickler

A Painful Accident.

While hauling lumber from Independence Monday Allen Johnson had the misfortune to get a leg broken above the ankle and to have one shoulder very badly bruised. One team had been loaded and was ahead of the team of colts that were lately purchased by the Graham barn, when a small stick flew up and struck one of the colts causing them to start. Mr. Johnson and Babe Graham both jumped for the colts heads and the one Johnson caught fell down while he was struggling with it and it is supposed to have fallen on his leg in such a way as to break. The fracture is not a serious one, yet it is sufficient to lay him up for some time to come, but the most painful of his injuries is the shoulder as it is thought the ligaments are all torn loose. The sympathies of his friends are with Mr. Johnson in his affliction, but they are thankful that it is no worse. Mr. Johnson is one of the most industrious men in Monmouth and it will be a hard task for him so content himself long enough to recover.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Miss Lois Osburn visited friends in this city over Sunday.

S. C. Graham, of Portland, was here the first of the week.

Mrs. Lottie Dorris was a Salem visitor the last of the week.

Mrs. Geo. Conkey spent last week with her parents at Dallas.

S. W. Linsey, of Spokane, was in this city the first of the week.

Jess Whiteaker and wife spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Mrs. John Groves returned Sunday from a few days visit in Dallas.

Y. C. Talbott and G. G. McMurphy, of Falls City, were here Tuesday.

Dr. Irving Matthews, of Portland, was in this city the first of the week.

A. C. Smart, of Portland, was here Monday in interest of dental trade.

Miss Grace Damon, daughter of L. Damon, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. Janet Waller, of Falls City, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

L. C. Lowery, of Portland, passed through here Tuesday on his way north.

Mrs. H. W. Burnk, of Salem, is the guest of Mrs. Chas Shenefield this week.

A. Gross is moving his store in the building recently occupied by Irvine's Grocery.

Mrs. W. R. Allin and little son returned Tuesday from a short visit in Portland.

The Independence Elk Lodge went to Salem Tuesday to attend the lodge in that city.

B. T. Moore, of Oregon City, came last week to visit his father who has been very ill.

Charles Shenefield and wife, spent Sunday in Corvallis with Mrs. Shenefield's parents.

Mrs. L. R. Hicks, of California, is visiting at the home of her son Chas. E. Hicks this week.

Mrs. D. H. Hodge, Mrs. O. A. Kramer and Margaret Hodge were Salem visitors Tuesday.

Miss Clara Bentley left Wednesday for McMinnville where she will make her future home.

Mrs. O. M. Johnson, of Salem, is visiting this week at the home of her brother Dr. W. R. Allin.

Mrs. J. Phebus, of Portland, came last week to spend several weeks with her parents, T. L. Hartman.

Ernest Johnson returned the first of the week and is now clerking in Irvine's grocery store.

A crowd of Independence young people attended the Basket ball game at Dallas last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Joe Hubbard left Wednesday morning for Coburg, where eight lodges are to hold a convention.

Miss Maud Patterson, who is teaching school at Vancouver, Wash., spent Sunday with her parents in this city.

Peter Burnett and wife, of southern Oregon, came last week and will spend some time with relatives in this city.

Dr. W. R. Allin left Saturday for Portland to spend Sunday with his wife and little son, who are visiting in that city.

The Independence Library Club gave a Book Shower at the Opera House Wednesday March 17th. It was a perfect success.

L. Rice went to Salem Saturday to consult a specialist about his eyes, and found them to be in a very serious condition.

The Independence Orchestra went to Falls City Tuesday to play for the St. Patricks dance given in that city on that date.

Mrs. Byron Atkins, of Eugene, came last Thursday, to visit a few days here, with relatives and friends. She was formerly of this place.

Mrs. W. Landfare, of Portland and her son Racio, of the Agricultural college, of Corvallis, were the guests of Chas. Hicks the first of the week.

Miss Maude Drake, of Portland, came last week to accept the position as head trimmer for the spring season in Mrs. W. W. Wallace's Millinery store.

Mrs. Russ, sister of L. Smith, of Portland, passed through here the first of the week on her way to Lewisville where she will spend a few weeks with her mother.

Tom Richardson, of Portland, the manager of the Commercial Club, was in this city Monday and lectured in the Opera house Monday evening in interest of the Commercial Club of this city.

Miss Bade Damon, of this city, and Mrs. Bertha Robinson, of Monmouth, gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Clara Bentley, at the home of L. Damon, Saturday afternoon, March 13. The rooms were beautifully decorated with ferns. A guessing game caused much amusement. Miss Nola Owen won first prize and Mrs. L. Smith booby prize. Miss Clara was presented with some beautiful presents. Later dainty refreshments were served. Those present were; Mesdames J. E. Hubbard, J. L. Smith, P. L. Hedges, B. M. Atkins, C. G. Long, E. M. Young, Claud Skinner, E. H. Hosner, I. H. Fream, Bertha Robinson; Misses Alene Hosner, Ruby Fream, Nola Owen, Ethel Whiteaker, Jess Mattison, Bessie Butler, Bertie Bentley, Effie Shore, Erma Brown.

Miss Maggie Butler spent Tuesday in Salem.

Read the offer to Sunday school workers on another page. It may be the means of getting you some fine books without money. The Herald has just received a large catalogue from the publishing house that furnishes these books and there are some fine ones in it.

GINSENG GROWING PROFITABLE

Fabulous Sums Are Made From It.

DR. PARRISH HAS TESTED THOROUGHLY

Eastern Experts Say This Country Is Pre-eminently Adapted to Culture.

A visit to Dr. Parrish's ginseng garden discloses many peculiar things. The Doctor has been growing ginseng for nearly seven years and has learned how to do it as nearly perfectly as anyone can in that length of time. He has some of the finest plants in any collection of domestic ginseng. Last week there was a number of ginseng growers from the east to see the garden and one of them, Mr. Kibbe, pronounced it as being far ahead of the eastern gardens. That this valley is as nearly perfect in climatic conditions for growing this rare medicinal plant, as can be found anywhere is apparent to those who have observed its culture elsewhere. The growing of this plant is one of the occupations that does not tax the physical forces to any perceptible extent and it is an occupation especially suited to women. There are thousands of acres of land in this valley that could be put into condition for its culture at less than half the expense necessary to put in shape for anything else. Besides it does not require much more time to get results than from any of the larger kinds of fruit and one acre, if it yields at all well, will bring enough to keep a family for the remainder of their natural lives. It is said on good authority that an acre will bring in close to \$75,000, but we believe this figure to be for the best conditions. However there is every reason to believe that a fair yield and price that \$25,000 can be safely guaranteed. The vine maple bottoms throughout this section of Oregon would be ideal places to grow this plant and there are many acres of such land back in the hills that can be had at very reasonable prices. The demand for the herb is unlimited and if we can get a lot of those people who are familiar with its growth in the east to come here and engage in its culture, in ten years time the income to this valley from this one source alone will reach into the millions of dollars. A double handful of the seed is worth over \$100 dollars, for when sprouted they are worth five cents apiece. It requires 18 months for them to germinate. Some of the most perfect roots bring fabulous prices and the common kinds bring from \$6 to \$10 a pound.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is the fact that it requires but little culture, in fact after it is started the less culture the better for it. It is surely the lazy man's occupation. It would be a good business to have along with some light work that would just about keep up household expenses while it is maturing. Could the writer have known of this great opening when a lad he could now be worth a million dollars and would have gotten this wealth without the outlay of fifty dollars worth of energy and there are others now in a position as good as was ours at that time. Take a tumble to the opportunity and get busy. The trouble with we natives of this valley is that there are so many opportunities lying around that we pass them by with contempt and then when some one from the east, or else-

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