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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.

Paul E. Baker was in town on Saturday evening. He attended the reception.

Mr. Ressler is away attending institute in Malheur County this week. He expects to return tomorrow.

Mrs. May Bowden-Babbitt and Miss Florence Bowden went to Portland Saturday of last week. They returned Sunday. Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Bowden report much interest being taken in the Rose Carnival.

Miss Lottie Boche '03, was married at the home of her mother in this city on Wednesday of last week. The fortunate man is Mr. Allen, of Monument, Oregon. These young people have our best wishes for much happiness and prosperity.

Hip it a hus, hip it a hus,
What in the world is the matter with us?
Nothing at all, nothing at all
Freshmen, Freshmen,
Thats all.

Yes the Freshmen are an enterprising class. What they do at various times during the year are often remembered a short time, but their latest achievement will furnish food for pleasant memories for some time to come. The program was entirely musical and its class was, without question, a rare treat. The numbers were as follows:

Dame of the Honey Bells—Orchestra.

Address of Welcome—Ray Chute, Class Pres.

Shoogy Shoo, Girls Trio—Lora Craven, Esther Spillman and Ruth Fugate.

In Foreign Lands, Slumber Sea—Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Salem Tarantelle—Esther Spillman.

With You in Eternity—Lora Craven.

A Spanish Waltz "Senora"—Orchestra.

My Dear—Mrs. W. C. Smith.

Deep in the Mind—P. O. Powell.

At the close of the program there were four marches which were led by J. B. V. Butler, L. R. Traver, A. L. Briggs and Ray W. Chute.

Last, but by no means least let us recall the decorations, which were truly elaborate, yet artistic. Overhead a profusion of pennants fluttered. These were made from pink tissue paper each bearing a black '12, representing Freshman colors. Yards of black crepe paper were draped over the windows and studded with pink tissue paper roses of natural size. From each chandelier hung a huge basket of artificial roses very prettily arranged. The baskets were made of black. The stage however was the attractive part of the chapel if it be possible to give any one spot this distinction. Beginning at either wall and extending to the inside of the steps, was a lattice about five feet high. This was the usual lattice green in color and was covered with roses entwined reptilly hither and thither. At

the inner end of each lattice was a beautiful bunch of natural sweet brier bushes heavily laden with the same kind of beautiful pink roses. The piano was almost hidden by the bowers of roses and screens. Those who are familiar with the chapel can imagine, hazily, the effectiveness of the scene. There were 1300 roses and 600 pennants used in the decorations. The front part of the stage was a bower of fragrant lilacs, which, added to the natural sweetness of brier bushes, daintily perfumed the atmosphere. The "Welcome" too, over the gallery ballustrade was made from lilacs, and "lighted '12" was directly beneath the "Welcome."

Aside from the excellent program, beautiful decorations and the attractive reception committee, let not the electric effect be overlooked. Both brilliant and soft lights were in evidence—each coming and going at the proper moment to produce the carefully planned effect.

One might have prophesied an ovation when the Freshman first put out their invitation, for they too were attractive. Each had the Freshman "Coat of Arms" in water colors, proving that the invitation committee added no little mite to the success of the reception as a whole. While each member of the class did all in his power to make the affair successful, it seems well to add the names of the special committees. They are:

Program Committee—

Harold Bogert, Leto Wolverton, Ervin Springer, Lora Craven, Esther Spillman.

Decorating Committee—

Lester Lindsay, Olea Shore, Marion Phelps, Sadie Ellis.

Reception Committee—

Bessie Graham, Edith Wolverton, Agnes Clark, Hazel Work, Lucille Clemens, Grace Fugate.

Invitation Committee—

Mignon Burt, Edgar Sacre, Eva Ruggles, Glenn Work.

Crowley.

I. M. Robertson spent Sunday with Cass Riggs and family.

W. W. Fawk, of Salem, was a business visitor here Wednesday last.

Mrs. Mildred Riggs and daughter Alice, were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Miss Grice, of Popcorn, has closed a successful term of school at Oak Grove.

J. E. Allen has taken a contract of building a few miles of railroad at Myrtle, Oregon.

Welcome to the rain is expressed by the broad smile on the face of "webb foot" farmers.

Mrs. Isabelle Fawk and daughter Blanche, spent Sunday with Frank Fawk on Salt Creek.

G. W. Pewtherer and sons have sold the remainder of their last years potato crop to Mitchell & Co., for \$1.11 per bushel.

Miss Ruth Morrison, of Dallas, has been visiting her sister, Miss Edna, who has just closed a successful term of school at this place.

G. F. Crowley is a guest at the Gibson home. Graves has learned to split wood for his breakfast and by so doing he keeps on the good side of the cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor spent two days of last week with Prof. and Mrs. Fred Crowley, of Falls City. Mr. Taylor bought two fine cows while there, one of which is a member of the Registered Jersey herd of O. A. C.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Mrs. A. Whitney was a Salem visitor last Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Moore May 7, a boy.

R. H. Foster, of McMinnville, was in our city Sunday.

B. F. Grant, of Portland, was registered here Monday.

I. M. Butler made a business trip to Dallas Monday.

H. S. Thomson, of Salem, was here on business Monday.

Ralph Davidson, of Parker, spent Sunday in this city.

Mrs. Lottie Dorris spent a few days of last week in Albany.

J. P. Scudder, of Albany, was in Independence on Monday.

Wm. Tatom, of Dallas, was a business visitor here Monday.

F. W. Durbin, a hop man of Salem, was in our city Sunday.

Geo. Conkey made a business trip to Portland the last of the week.

Mrs. Geo. Conkey spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDevitt who live in Dallas.

Mrs. Van Dornsife returned Tuesday from a short visit in Portland with relatives in that city.

Mrs. E. Kinzenga and Mrs. E. Allen, of Corvallis, visited at the home of Chas. Shennelfield over Sunday.

F. K. Hubbard, of Falls City, passed through here Tuesday on his way to Portland by the way of Salem.

Mrs. W. W. Percival and her daughter Pearl returned Thursday from a few days visit in Portland.

Several of the Eastern Star members of the Monmouth Lodge visited the Independence Lodge Tuesday evening.

The Owl Club, of this city, had a banquet Monday evening at the Independence Hotel; all the members being present.

Mrs. Will Clodfelter, of Albany spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Oberson. They will make their future home in Eugene.

Miss Bertha Bohannon came from Corvallis Sunday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bohannon, of this city.

Mary Whitney, who is attending the State Normal School at Monmouth, spent last Thursday with her brother, A. Whitney, of this city.

The store of Simpson Bros., at Airlie was destroyed by fire last week, the fire also burned a dwelling, barn, granary and windmill belonging to J. C. Hastings, of this city.

Miss Ella Robinson, who has been working in a store at Me-

Minnville for several years, returned to this city last Thursday and expects to remain here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson for a month or more.

Mr. Wm. Mattison and Miss Lulu Loche were married at the home of W. E. Bevens at high noon last Thursday, May 6. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Dunsmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city. They will reside in Independence.

The Independence Driving club adopted resolutions allowing the base ball team to use the center of the track for their new ball park. They will begin work at once. Owing to the expense of fixing up the grounds the admission will be 25 cents from this date.

Mesdames H. D. Iliff and G. G. Walker entertained the Konjocety club with a tally-ho party, at the home of the former, Tuesday evening May 11. Blind whist was the principal entertainment of the evening. Prizes were won by Mrs. Dee Taylor, Mary Scollard, Dr. Duganne and Jess Whiteaker. Place cards were names of prominent people and caused great amusement, each one trying to represent their character. Very elaborate refreshments were served; all the dishes used being hand painted Haviland. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Van Dornsife, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shennelfield, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Whiteaker, Bessie Butler, Margurite Pomeroy, Mary Scollard, Florence Burton and Bertha Bohannon, Ross Nelson, Nevil Eldredge, Carl Percival, Dr. Duganne, Harry Iliff, and Guy Walker.

Monmouth Heights.

Mr. Chaney is erecting a new barn.

R. M. Bosley is plowing walnut trees for J. B. Stump.

Pearl Fishback made a business trip to Independence Saturday.

John Sumpter and family, of near Falls City were in these parts Saturday.

Bessie Sullivan, of Monmouth, is visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Clarke.

The Falls City base ball team passed through here on their way to Monmouth Saturday.

P. H. Johnson and family, of Monmouth, were seen in our midst the last of the week.

Jeff Beery and wife, of Monmouth, passed through here enroute to Falls City Sunday.

James Goodman and Roy Clark are hauling gravel from Independence, to gravel the roads in this vicinity.

A. J. Shipley and two sons, Charlie and Robert, spent Sunday with Leander Bilieu, of Bridgeport.

Clarence McCaleb and son Leonard, visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb, of Monmouth, Saturday.

Mrs. Bell Johnson, who has been working in the Walker Bros. hop yard, of near Independence, returned home the last of the week.

Bessie Clarke, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Belle Sullivan, of Monmouth, returned home Saturday.

INDEPENDENT PHONE SYSTEM

Was First Established In This County In 1904

NOW EXTENDS OVER ENTIRE COUNTY

Central Energy Batteries Are Used With A Modern Equipment.

In the spring of 1904 the first Independent telephone was installed in this valley. In fact there were three of them, one in Polk county and two in Benton. They were installed in the residence of J. M. Staats and two of his neighbors. Then followed a line into Kings Valley, with 15 subscribers. The next company organized was the Dallas, Falls City & Lewisville line, which was organized in the fall of 1904, at the same time the initial steps were taken to put a line into Corvallis by asking permission of the County Court to place lines along the roads leading into that city. This was the beginning of the present Independent system that has over 1700 subscribers in the city and whose central station has an eight operator board in use. This was followed by connecting with Albany that fall and the establishing of a system there.

The Airlie Exchange was established in February 1906 and now has over 300 subscribers among the farmers of southern Polk. Airlie rings, in addition to these 300 subscribers, Kings Valley, Independence, Monmouth, Falls City, Corvallis and Dallas. This makes it a great convenience for the farmers of that section.

The Home Telephone Company, of Independence was organized in April of last year and the first line was cut in September 1. This company has the latest system of Central Energy, all lines being enclosed in cables. The switchboards are the most modern made and are so arranged as to be directly connected with the Independent farmers lines throughout the county. It also connects directly with the Automatic Home telephone system in Portland. Besides Portland, the Independence office rings directly Albany, Corvallis, Salem, Dallas, Woodburn and Halsey. There are over 200 cities and towns in western Oregon and Washington with which conversation may be had without repeating.

When first organized the Independence Home Telephone Co., elected the following officers: W. E. Craven, pres.; J. M. Staats, vice pres.; C. C. Patrick, sec-treas.; W. L. Bice, mgr. At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected. W. L. Bice pres.; J. L. Hanna, vice pres.; Clare Irvine, sec-treas.; J. M. Staats, mgr.

Under the able management of Mr. Staats the system is growing rapidly and is spreading over the country at a rapid rate. Subscribers are entitled to talk free to nearly every town in the county and to many persons outside, making it very convenient.