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NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Col. E. Hofer's lecture last Friday evening on "Fiction in Modern Life," was thoroughly enjoyed by the large and representative audience assembled to hear him. As the Col. is writing a novel his hearers felt that he was speaking from the view point of an author and as he unfolded his subject they were further convinced of the fact that he had made a careful study of the best in literature, and therefore was presenting opinions that were not merely what he had read about books, but on the contrary impressions that had been gathered at first hand. He briefly but clearly outlined the essential qualities of a standard novel, and also classified it as to purpose. He would advise and encourage the reading of standard novels, but strongly cautioned against the reading of the "best sellers" just because they are the best sellers, for but few, if any, of them will stand the test of public opinion. He gave it as his opinion that many of the so-called standard novels would not be remembered as time passes on. Among them he would place the books of Dickens, while among those that would endure he would place the works of Scott, especially his historical novels.

The speaker spoke of twelve novels which in his opinion are the twelve great novels and his reasons therefor. These great novels are; First, Homer's "Odyssey," "Arabian Nights," Feilding's "Amelia;" Le Sage's "Gil Blas;" Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield;" Irving's "Sketch Book;" Thackeray's "Henry Esmond;" "On the Heights;" Austin's "Isidro;" Hichen's "Garden of Allah;" Scott's "Quentin Durnard;" Stevenson's "Weir of Hermiston." Perhaps his analysis of these great novels was the most helpful part of his lecture as they will serve as mile posts for the one who is intensely interested in literature.

He so inspired his audience with his love for the best in literature that many a one resolved that so far as he or she was concerned only the best would be read in the future. He left the feeling that if it is possible for as busy a man of affairs as Col. Hofer is to find time to read so much and so effectively what might be accomplished by one with more time on their hands. In other words he lifted us to a higher plane, but not so high it is impossible to reach it.

After the lecture Col. and Mrs. Hofer, the faculty of the Oregon Normal and a few invited guests repaired to the home of President Ackerman where a pleasant hour was spent in music and conversation. We are always glad to welcome prominent men of the State to Monmouth and hope this will not be Col. Hofer's last visit.

Miss Parrott, Head of the Department of English, organized a Literary Club for the girls of the Normal School, Saturday, Nov. 11. When Miss Parrott announced her intentions of or-

ganizing a club for the purpose of studying literature and having a social time, great interest was manifested among the students. No one can be in her course without cultivating a love for good literature, as her enthusiasm and deep interest in this subject permeates all her work. The girls showed their appreciation of her interest in their behalf by a large attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Parrott and the following officers were elected: Miss Hyde, president; Miss Benson, vice-president; Miss Stranch, treasurer; Miss McAlphine, secretary. It was decided that the club would meet every two weeks in the Vespertine Society room at the Normal, for the purpose of studying Shakespeare. The lady members of the Faculty, also Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, Mrs. H. C. Ostien and Mrs. J. B. V. Butler are cordially invited to become members of the club. The name of the club will be decided upon at the next meeting. A standing vote was taken to thank Miss Parrott for her kindness.

After the business of the club was completed, Miss Parrott treated us to bon-bons and the remainder of the time was spent in informal social chatting. Every one agreed that they had had a very enjoyable afternoon. The club will, no doubt, prove an honor to its founder and will always be remembered by its members as one of the pleasantest organizations of the Oregon Normal School.

The Playground Movement.

For the first time, a playground course, under the supervision of Miss Wilcox, has been introduced into the curriculum of the Oregon Normal School. The organization, and management of the playground, as well as the nature of each individual child is carefully studied.

Within the last few years the playground movement has been the theme of steadily increasing interest. From Herbert Spencer to Groos the theory of play—its origin and educational value has been a subject of deep consideration.

The playground may be thought of as an essential modification of school work. By directing the play impulses along the right paths, it helps to form the proper habits and the permanent interests. It gives efficiency to learning, and, by encouraging the motive powers, lessens mental fatigue, the greatest obstacle in every child's life.

It is hoped that the training offered in this course will give the students the ability to organize playgrounds in the community to which they may go as teachers.

FOR SALE

House and lot on Clay Street, half block West of Christian church, on South side of street. Seven room house, woodshed, barn, etc.; good well with pump. Winters supply of wood goes with it. Price \$1600. For terms inquire on the premises.

H. S. CHASE.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The people of district No. 13 are invited and urged by the Board of Education to visit the new school building this afternoon at 2:30. The building will be thrown open and board, teachers and pupils will show every courtesy to those who come. The parents are especially urged to be present and to meet the teachers and see where their children spend the school hours.

District No. 13 has every reason to be proud of her school house and no one should fail to see it. A short program will be rendered.

DIRECTOS MEET.

The officers of the Monmouth Public Library Association met at the Public Library, Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, with President Butler in the chair, and the following directors present: W. E. Smith, Powell, Force, Doughty, Boche, Wolverton and Price.

Mrs. Portwood, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported Friday evening, Dec. 1st, as an available date, and through the sympathetic courtesy of President Ackerman, the Normal Chapel as an available place for holding a public meeting. President Ackerman and Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, have promised to be present. The program is of unusual interest, full details of which will be published next week.

By unanimous vote, the Association directed that the meeting be free to all citizens of the town and vicinity that everyone might be present to learn more in detail of the work of the Association and to become better acquainted with the plan of supplying books to the children of the town. This is an opportunity of reaching every child in the most effective way and learning the full scope of the plans and purposes of the directors. Inasmuch as the Association, through the kindness of friends, is freed for this year of providing for the running expenses of the library, the Association feels warranted in making this appeal to the public to be present on the evening mentioned and to bring a book, or its equivalent in some donation in order that the work may be successfully carried on in the future.

The matter of better service for this year was discussed and the Association expressed its deep appreciation to the generous offer of Mrs. Sara B. Ryan to take charge of the library from 2:30 to 5:00 daily except Saturdays and Sundays, that the school children might have the use of the library during the daylight hours.

The ladies of Monmouth have taken upon themselves to take charge in turn Saturday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00.

All ladies who will volunteer to take one Saturday or more until May 1st are requested to give their names and dates desired to

any one of the Committee on Administration consisting of Miss Armilda Doughty, Chairman; Mrs. Boche and Mr. O. A. Wolverton.

Sunday afternoons and weekday evenings, the library will be open as heretofore, in charge of Mrs. K. M. Jacobson, acting-librarian, with Miss Mildred Force as substitute.

NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Abbee, The Gleam.
Aureli Antonius, Thoughts
Barclay, Mistress of Shenstone.
Barclay, Rosary.
Deland, Iron Woman.
Drummond, Greatest thing in the world.
Epictetus, Discourses.
Forbush, Church work with Boys.
Joax of Arc, Illustrated.
Rassael, Thoughts.
Porter, Harvester.
Renninger, Story of Rustem.
Selton, Boy Scouts of America.
Trine, In tune with the Infinite.
Wiggin, Mother Cary's Chickens.
Wilson, Land Claimers.
Wister, Lady Baltimore.
Wright, Winning of Barbary Worth.

NOTICE TO SETTLE.

All persons indebted to the firm of Sullivan & Morrison are kindly requested to call and settle their accounts. This becomes necessary in order to square up our books as the senior partner has purchased the junior partner's interest in the business and must have their accounts closed at once.

G. W. SULLIVAN.

S. MORRISON.

Identity of Ideas.

Yablesy—I have always had an idea that after a couple had been married for some time even their thoughts became to a great degree identical. Am I right, Peck?
Mr. N. Peck—You are. About this time my wife is thinking over what she'll say to me for coming home so late, and so am I.

Barbarossa's Enchanted Sleep.

The Germans have a legend that Frederick Barbarossa is not dead, but in an enchanted sleep in a cavern in the Harz mountains. His long red beard is believed to have grown during this long enchantment until it covers the table at which he sits and descends to the floor. He has been there for centuries and must remain for centuries still, but he will finally be freed, so the legends say, and lead his knights to a glorious victory.

Curative Treatment.

In his reading lesson Bobby had come to the word "punishment," and it was too long and hard for him. After puzzling awhile he asked the teacher what the word was.

"You ought not to let that puzzle you, Bobby," she answered. "What does your mother give you when you have been an unusually naughty boy?"

"Castor oil!" he exclaimed, sure that he had guessed it.

This He Realized.

Harkening to the call of the country, a young lawyer who had attained a measure of success at the bar decided to buy a farm. He invested \$5,000 in an estate and kept the place for a year.

"By the way, Charlie, what did you realize on that farm investment you made?" inquired an associate as the two met the other day.

"Realized what a chump a man is who buys a farm without knowing how to run it," said the other rather gruffly.—Philadelphia Times.

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Ore., Nov. 14—Oregon's influence beyond the state lines was illustrated during the past week when the Portland Commercial Club's special train excursion visited Lewiston, Idaho, and Walla Walla, Wash. In both places the Oregon system of community publicity was praised and the same methods were incorporated in the Idaho-Washington Development League. Relations between this state and its neighbors were never so cordial and the whole northwest is actively co-operating for development of the whole section.

The program for the twentieth annual meeting of the Oregon Dairyman's Association, to be held in Portland, December 7-8, has been issued and it contains a great deal that will be of much interest to the keeper of cows. Addresses by practical experts and exhibits showing improved methods will be seen. Nothing can be of greater value, not only to those actively engaged in the dairy industry, but to the whole state as well. A large attendance at the sessions of the convention is expected. Butter and cheese makers will meet in Portland at about the same time.

A special committee of the Portland Commercial Club is boosting flax culture with the hope of starting a new industry in this state. A meeting was held during the week and considerable progress is being made. Investigations have shown that flax of exceptionally long fibre can be grown here and all facilities are favorable for linen manufacture.

That seaweed of the Pacific Coast will produce \$12,000,000 annually in potash for fertilizer is a discovery lately made by Secy. Wilson of the Department of Agriculture. Here is a chance for Oregon's coast line to contribute an entirely new product to the wealth of the state.

Hood River and Albany have held their apple fairs and are ready to show their prize-winners at the Oregon Apple Show in Portland, November 15-18. Both fruit displays were a credit to the two apple centers and they will be heard from when the prizes are awarded at Portland. Preparations are complete for this event and it promises to be the best exhibit yet held by the State Horticultural Society.

A step of state-wide value has just been taken at the Oregon Agricultural College, where a division of extension has been added to the organization, the object being to extend the work of the institution into every section of Oregon. Instruction in farming will be carried into the homes so that people on the farms may carry on such studies as they wish. Farmer's Institutes will be extended and the scope of the work of the college will be much enlarged. One of the most important things contemplated by the new work will be a campaign to have agricultural instruction carried on in the rural and city schools of the state.