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NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

President Ackerman in company with Mr. Gentle and Miss Shearer are in Baker attending Institute this week. While enroute Mr. Gentle and President Ackerman visited the Multnomah County Teachers' Association in Portland and delivered addresses there. The meeting held at Baker represents the Eastern division of the State Teachers' Association, so that the opportunity will be offered them of meeting the teachers from all over the Eastern part of the State. It speaks well for the Oregon Normal School that its faculty should be called upon so heavily to appear on the program in these meetings.

School will be closed at the Normal on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. This gives the students who live around about in the valley an opportunity to visit their homes and enjoy the privilege of home surroundings for a few days. Many will avail themselves of this, and those who remain will find amusements and entertainments to fill in the odd times. A number of local features will be given through the week and from all indications we feel safe in saying that everybody has the promise of a very enjoyable Thanksgiving season.

The student body published their first copy of the school paper, "The Norm," this week, and while in all respects it is not a *work of art* so far as workmanship is concerned, yet the general appearance of the publication so far as the work of the students is concerned is well up to standard. We congratulate the students upon the enthusiastic spirit and loyalty with which they have taken hold of this work, and it presages a series of valuable publications for the benefit of the school during the year.

The student body on Monday last elected the representative of the school to the Executive Committee of the State Oratorical Association. The contest will be held this year at Forest Grove and Miss Sara B. Mickelson who was elected to represent the State Normal will be present at the meeting.

A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent at the gymnasium on Tuesday evening. The fore part of the evening was given over to amusements and games for the benefit of students who do not indulge in the pleasing pastime of the "light fantastic" while those thus inclined were given the latter part of the evening. Good music was furnished and the whole evening was voted a pleasant success.

The Institute at Independence last Saturday was well attended from the Oregon Normal School by both faculty and students. Mr. Ostien gave a very interesting paper on the "Vitalizing of Mathematics" during the morning session, and in the afternoon Miss Harlan took charge of some work in music, giving practical demonstrations of what can be

done in the grades by means of some fifteen or twenty children from the third and fourth grades of the training department who were enthusiastically received by the teachers from the County. Miss Harlan also took with her the Normal Girls' Glee Club, which entertained the teachers with renditions of several songs, among them some of the songs which Miss Harlan is going to recommend for universal adoption in the schools of the State. Misses Grace Davis, Ellis, Lynn and Mickelson gave a rendition of two dialect songs, which were also well received. Prof. Gentle gave the principal address of the afternoon upon the subject of "Finding the Waste Places in Education." After his address the Glee Club aided Miss Harlan in teaching various songs to the teachers present in order that they may use them in their respective schools. The teachers of Independence were the host of all the visitors at a very pleasant dinner given in the Odd Fellows Hall. All present voted Independence as a nice place for the holding of such Institutes.

The students enjoyed a rare treat in the talk of Mr. Cyrus H. Walker on Thursday of last week. Mr. Walker gave in a very vivid way incidents of early life and the traits and habits of the Aborigines on the coast. Mr. Walker speaks from first knowledge in this respect for he himself from early boyhood has lived in the West, and has come in personal contact with the Indian and knows their life at first sight. Mr. Walker is a type of the sturdy pioneer and was present at the Whitman massacre, though but a babe at the time. Mr. Walker is interested in the Grange of the State and is interesting it in the future work of the Normal School.

City Council Doings.

The common council met Tuesday night to open bids for the construction of the proposed water system and other regular business. After order was called and minutes of preceding meeting approved bids and correspondence was taken up. A telegram was read from Sutherland & Co., of Kansas City, Missouri, stating that his lawyers refused to approve the bond proceedings.

There were but two bids received, that of G. Jaeger, of Rich Hill, Missouri, stating that he will put in the system for \$13450, and the other from Welton, Kibbe & Cochran, of Portland, Oregon, offering to put in the system for \$13880.

After considerable discussion the bids were laid over until the next regular meeting for consideration.

A communication of the Eureka Hose Co. was laid over till the next meeting.

Next the proposition of the Oregon Power Company was taken up and some changes asked and granted and the proposition continued till December 12, for the agent to get the instrument re-written.

Claims against the city were then audited and ordered paid as

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., Nov. 28—Oregon and the Pacific Northwest will fare well when Congress makes appropriations for river and harbor improvements at the coming session, provided the recommendations of the Chief of Army Engineers is followed. His budget calls for appropriations amounting to not less than \$3,452,250 for the betterment of waterways in this section of the country.

Among the projects for which money is expected to be forthcoming is \$1,000,000 for the Columbia River jetty, while between Portland and the sea channel improvements are estimated to need \$475,000. The Celilo Canal is listed for \$600,000 and improvements above Celilo call for \$30,000 more.

Other recommendations included in the report are: Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000; Willamette, above Portland, \$20,000; Siuslaw River, \$120,500; Snake River, \$25,000; Coos River, \$3,000; Tillamook Bay, \$5,000; Clatskanie River, \$1,000.

Although Governor West has no use for hemp, this state can grow it successfully, says N. S. Merrill, of Merrill, Oregon. He has made experiments on a small tract of ground and grew hemp plants 14 feet high. The seed germinated freely and evenly and Mr. Merrill says the fibre is of great tensile strength.

Nez Perce, Idaho, lays claim to a model citizen in the person of a Chinaman. Lately that town has raised a publicity fund to exploit its resources and the Chinaman subscribed \$120. His name is Fong way. Incidentally, Nez Perce, with a population of 1500, is raising a promotion fund of \$10,000 to carry on a two years' work.

The semi-annual meeting of the Western Forestry & Conservation Congress, which is scheduled for Portland, December 4 and 5, will be a forest fire conference and government and state officials, as well as private holders of timber, will be represented. Delegates will attend from throughout the West, from Montana to California. Ways and means to check the annual loss to the forests through destructive fires will be the chief topics presented.

Attractive prizes are offered for poultry exhibited at the annual show of the Oregon Poultry & Pet Stock Association, which will be held in Portland Dec. 4 to 9. Premiums will be given to

follows:	
F. Moreland, Dept. Mar.	\$ 2.00
Fred Scott, Dept. Mar.	2.00
A. J. Leask, Dept. Mar.	2.00
Jas. Hart, Dept. Mar.	2.00
A. Johnson, Imbr., cement,	63.52
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Notice to Contractors,	6.00
D. E. Stitt Recorders fee,	
stamps and express	
charges,	23.45
J. L. Davis, hauling gravel,	7.50
W. R. Coulter, same,	2.50
C. G. Griffa, water,	2.00
Ore. Power Co. light,	24.25

children who have taken up poultry raising, as well as to fanciers generally. Multnomah County has voted a special prize of \$50 to go to juvenile poultry raisers.

The poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural College has two hens that have tied for the egg-laying championship of the United States, having laid 259 eggs each during the past twelve months. Until now the record was held by a Main hen, which had 251 eggs to its credit in a year.

The contract has been let by the Southern Pacific for the first 23 miles of the new railroad projected from Eugene to Coos Bay. Between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 will be spent in the construction of this new line to the Coast.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Those teachers who wish to write in the December examination for a Primary paper, will please note that the thesis for the primary papers will be as follows: Nature Study, Reading in Primary Grades, and Busy Work.

Dated this 27th day of Nov. 1911.
H. C. SEYMOUR,
School Superintendent, Polk County.

The High School Entertainment.

The members and teachers of the Monmouth High School treated the patrons and citizens of the district to a good entertainment last Saturday night and the school harvested a reward of success which must even have surprised its membership.

The general program was well carried through but there were several features which merit special mention. Miss McNeill pleased the audience with her selection in reading as did Arthur Burkhead with his solo, but perhaps the thing that pleased most and received the greatest amount of favorable comment was, "High School Gossip," by Misses Ruby Lorence and Mildred Force, which was not only an original production, but was well rendered.

The booths, each class of the High School having one, were an attraction that received very general attention after the program was finished, and altogether, the school cleared about \$110, which frees it from the inheritance of last year, which gives pleasure to faculty and scholars, all of whom appreciate the aid rendered by citizens and patrons.

Public Library

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hawley and Miss Maggie Butler were guests of honor at the Public Library Sunday afternoon.

The hour was devoted to poetry, Miss Olive Davis, the reader for the day, having chosen selections from the early English poetry to that of the present day, including Kipling and Van Dyke.

The twilight hour was made enjoyable by songs led by Miss Harlan, with solos by Miss Grace Davis and Miss Ellis.

Miss Harlan presided at the tea-table, assisted by Miss Hyde and Miss Ellis.

This will be the last of the present series of readings, though the library will be open to the public Sunday afternoons till further notice.

Book Shower.

Program for Public Library Entertainment to be held on Friday Evening, December 1, in Normal Assembly Hall at 8 o'clock.

Music,	Orchestra
Opening remarks,	President of the Association
Song,	High School
Short Talk,	Thos. H. Gentle
Vocal Solo,	Jay F. Powell
Address,	President Ackerman
Music,	Miss Harlan

At the close of the program a book shower will be given and contributions will be received for the Library.

No admission will be charged, but the public is invited to donate any good book they may have, or contribute as liberally as they feel able.

C. E. Cornelius came up from Portland, Saturday to remain until after Thanksgiving day.

Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be in Dallas December 6 and 7 and in Independence the 8th. Remember the dates and consult him if you need glasses.

Test Of Griffa's Wells.

Mr. D. E. Stitt,
Monmouth, Oregon,
Dear Sir: The analyses of water sent by you to this laboratory resulted as follows:

No. 1, north well, contained 6,480 organisms per c. c. and no colon bacilli.

No. 2, south well, contained 100 organisms per c. c. and no colon bacilli.

Yours very truly,
CALVIN S. WHITE,
State Health Officer.

P. S. Neither of these specimens are contaminated and the south well contains as good water as can be found anywhere. However, please continue sending specimens each week as directed in previous letter.

School To Teach Domestic Art.

The Independence Schools are to be envied because of the fact that a new department, namely, Domestic Science, has been added.

The board appropriated sufficient funds for the establishment of the new branch and enough will be appropriated from time to time, to maintain it. During the last few days Miss Pimm, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College, who will be at the head of the new department, has been busy purchasing furniture, fixtures and supplies for the institution and everything is in first class condition for the opening, which will probably take place on Monday, Nov. 26.

Independence is to be congratulated also from the fact that she is the first city in the county to institute a school of Domestic Science. For some time past, classes for the purpose of teaching the culinary art, have been held in private houses, but not until the last meeting of the school board was any definite step taken toward anything of a permanent nature.

Already twelve of the girls of the city and surrounding country have been enrolled in the class, and, under the leadership of Miss Pimm, the class should be increased to twice that size by this time next year.—Independence Enterprise.