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NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

The day of miracles is not past. Through the efforts of the musical magician, Miss Harlan, Monmouth was transformed into an English seaport last Saturday evening when the opera "Pinafore" was given by the students of the Oregon Normal School. All who worked so faithfully for the past few weeks to make the performance a success were amply rewarded by the words of praise and commendation which the play received.

Miss Florence Tate, who took the part of Josephine, the Captain's daughter, has a most beautiful voice, and her solos won the hearty applause of all. Professor E. S. Evenden as the gallant captain, and Mr. Jay Brown as Sir Joseph Porter, did full justice to their respective parts. Ralph Rackstraw was played by Mr. Frank Sturgill who adapted himself equally well to the life of a common sailor and that of a Captain in the "Queen's Navee." Miss Veva Dunlap, who has a rich contralto voice, was Cousin Hebe, and quite captivated the audience with her endeavors to win Sir Joseph. Mr. Leask played the villain in a most realistic manner, and Arthur Burkhead made an admirable boatswain. Miss Inez Stark took the part of Buttercup, and her splendid voice made those present feel they must purchase her laces and ribbons. A well drilled chorus of sailors and the relations of Sir Joseph made a picturesque background for the principals, and gave them good support throughout the performance. Miss Blanche Fridd as pianist gave excellent support by her splendid accompanying. Much credit is due Miss Harlan and the students of the Normal for this excellent entertainment and it is hoped an opera of similar nature will be given during the next school year.

After a most successful and brilliant year the Oregon Normal School held its Commencement exercises beginning Sunday, June 16. Dr. J. R. N. Bell preached the Baccalaureate sermon.

The faculty, students and alumni assembled Monday morning for the farewell chapel. Each member of the faculty said a parting word to the students. In order to establish a precedent a tennis tournament was held. The Juniors being victorious they were allowed to raise their flag.

With the re-opening and re-organizing of the school this year the Oregon Normal has added a precedent to its list of commencement functions, namely, the Junior Prom. The Prom. this year, took place Monday evening, June 17, in the Normal gymnasium. Those present were the O. N. S. Alumni and former students, the O. N. S. faculty and student body and friends of the Seniors.

The Class Day exercises which were given Tuesday evening, opened with a fern and flower parade on the campus in which each class took part. The Class Day exercises were worked out in a unique play consisting of

three acts. The theme of the play was the trial of the Senior class, O. B. Krauss acting as judge. Misses Stark, Norberg and Temple gave special pleas in behalf of the Senior class which eventually allowed them to be introduced to the World, who was represented by Miss Emma Knutsen. Miss Lela Scott was historian, Miss Copeland prophetess, and Mr. Cook gave the class will.

The Commencement exercises proper were held Wednesday morning in the Normal chapel. Sara B. Mickelson delivered the class oration, her subject being, "Chivalry," which she traced through history to the present day, and proved to us that Chivalry does exist no matter how material our lives may seem. The Class gift, the picture, A Reading from Homer, was presented by Miss Mabel Ellis in a very able manner. Mr. Butler gave the response. Farewell was given by Miss Twohy, and a very excellent instrumental solo was rendered by Miss Stark. The address to the class was delivered by Dr. C. H. Chapman, of Portland, his subject being, "Efficiency." This masterful address was greatly enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated by the large audience which filled the chapel. In preparation for his plea for efficiency Dr. Chapman dwelt at length upon the many lines of waste. Waste in natural resources, in child-life, and in the needless antiquated, educational formalisms. As a remedy for this waste he plead for efficiency in the broad sense; efficiency in the application of the laws of life and science to politics; efficiency in the preparation of teachers; efficiency in the administration of the curricula, and that broader efficiency which makes all work productive, dignified, and tending toward the betterment of mankind.

The address was full of practical thoughts drawn from the experiences of life through the Doctor's fund of practical experiences and fruitful observations. The class received large benefit from his helpful suggestions which can be applied to every-day life.

President Ackerman presented the diplomas to the classes, there being twenty graduates in the Standard Courses and eight in the Elementary. The address was delivered in the President's usual forceful manner. He urged upon the class that the value of the diploma was a matter largely in their own hands, its value depending upon the practical use to which they put it and the intrinsic value was measured by the value of the work which they themselves gave to it.

The music was furnished by the Normal orchestra and glee club under the direction of Miss Harlan.

Buys Wool and Mohair

I Will be in the market for wool and mohair, stronger this year than ever, always paying the highest market price. Mohair sacks on hand.

Allen T. Clark.

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

PORTLAND, ORE., JUNE 18—An experiment station for Coos County to aid fruit growers in the region west of the Coast range of mountains is a project that has been set on foot. Climatic and soil conditions of the Coast country are different from those prevailing in other parts of the state and it is felt that such a station would be of great benefit to fruit growers. Societies are being organized in different sections of Coos County to accomplish this result.

State Engineer Lewis characterizes the Des Chutes River as the most wonderful stream in the world after a trip through its entire drainage basin. He says the possibilities for irrigation are tremendous and the future development of water power no less so. He estimates nearly 900,000 horsepower can be generated in this stream by 16 dam sites already located. An enormous increase can be made by harnessing tributary streams.

Livestock men of the whole country have been in session in Portland during the past week and while here learned many things about Oregon's growing livestock industry. Delegates to the National Livestock Exchange represented 14 leading stockyards centers of the United States. They handle an immense number of cattle each year and they went back to their homes with a better idea than they ever had before of Oregon's importance as a livestock state.

So successful was the recent excursion of the Portland Commercial Club to Tillamook County that a other special train load of Portland people will make the same trip June 25, 26 and 27. This excursion will be a visit to the Tillamook County beaches rather than an industrial jaunt and is calculated to give Portland people a better knowledge of the great country lying so close at their door.

The Elks are making great preparations for the reunion to be held here July 8-13. An elaborate decoration scheme is being worked out, the main streets being dressed in the national colors and in the royal purple of Elkdom. Many thousands of visitors from all over the country will visit Portland that week and the Portland lodge has made preparations to care for all who come.

Independence Day will be celebrated very widely in Oregon this year. Perhaps the generally fine crop outlook throughout the state has had the effect of making the people unusually keen to enjoy a notable holiday. Anyway, many places will hold big celebrations. Albany will celebrate the coming of the Oregon Electric as well as the Glorious Fourth and is making big preparations. Ashland will have a barbecue. Bend will celebrate for three days. The Dalles will have a week-long event in connection with a Chautauqua session and many other points are now making plans for a big day.

Nurserymen of the whole

country will come to Portland next Summer for the annual convention. They met in Boston during the past week and gladly accepted Portland's invitation presented by the commercial bodies and backed by the Governor and Mayor.

More High Bred Cattle.

Messrs. J. B. Stump and C. P. Hembree arrived home a few days ago from their Eastern trip and Wednesday evening F. Rogers, of Kentucky, arrived having a car of cattle in charge which Messrs. Stump and Hembree purchased while in Kentucky.

Polk County stands foremost in the stock raising business in Oregon, and its stockmen will see that it still retains its position.

TRICKS OF SMUGGLERS.

Clever Devices For Evading the French Customs Officials.

Describing a visit paid to the customs laboratory, a correspondent quotes the manager as saying that one enterprising innovator in an endeavor to avoid the duty on alcohol had embodied it in soap of which 70 per cent was pure spirit.

Then there is the imitation baby carried by a nurse, who by a judicious squeeze produces melancholy wails. A hearse escorted by four undertaker's men and followed by a weeping family conveyed to the cemetery a coffin sumptuously draped in black velvet, which contained 180 liters of alcohol.

One day a cart drawn by three horses rumbled into Paris under the noses of our customs officers. Apparently the cart was laden with square blocks of stone; in reality every stone was hollow and contained alcohol.

First class railway carriages sometimes conceal lace, chronometers and expensive cigars. Motorcars have false bottoms, logs of wood are hollowed out. The informant went on:

"One day the people of a little village near the Belgian frontier were waiting for the bishop of Chimay, who was crossing to conduct a confirmation. All the villagers in their best clothes lined the road. Presently the carriage comes in sight, crosses the frontier, and the bishop, carrying the pastoral cross very gravely, stretches out a hand to bless the custom house officers, who bow their heads to receive it. Then the carriage rolls on.

"Twenty minutes later there comes a second carriage, much less elaborately filled up than the first, containing a second bishop of Chimay! Suspicion fell on the ecclesiastic, and he was requested to leave the vehicle without delay and his carriage was ransacked from end to end. Of course, nothing is found. Not a stain on the character of the bishop, who naturally is the real one.

"You remember how Henri Rochefort's paper, La Lanterne, when placed under an interdict under the empire, was smuggled in from Belgium concealed inside busts representing Napoleon III." Going on to speak of the various adulterations practiced, the manager concluded:

"But the worst crime of these people is the adulteration of milk. Eighty thousand French children are annually poisoned—yes, I deliberately say poisoned—by adulterated milk."—Paris Temps.

Would Keep It Quiet.

"Can't you gimme a small raise?" "We gave you a raise when you got married."

"And I foolishly told my wife about it. I'd like to get hold of a couple of dollars every week for my own use."—Kansas City Journal.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

Summary of Day's Moves on Political Chessboard.

There has been a warm political fight at Chicago and while Roosevelt has been outgeneral and left, the final result is not yet learned. The following from the Oregonian is a summing up of the situation:

Roosevelt forces muster their full strength and suffer second defeat. Take first steps looking to a bolt.

Taft on first ballot or Taft or some man other than Roosevelt on some succeeding ballot now considered certain.

Remarkable demonstration for Governor Hadley, of Missouri, shows he is the strongest second choice.

Mrs. W. A. Davis, Roosevelt admirer, creates 30 minutes' uproar by waving his lithograph and shouting for him. Diversion fails to stampede the convention.

Senator La Follette's platform, which may be presented to the committee on resolutions Thursday, contains 27 planks, chief among which are "Amending the Constitution" and "Banking and Currency."

Sixteen members of the committee on credentials, favorable to Roosevelt, walked out of meeting at midnight and announced they will take no further part in deliberations.

Director McKinley issues statement saying President Taft's renomination is now a certainty, as the utmost Roosevelt strength is 464 votes.

Roosevelt managers issue statement saying that 78 men are sitting as delegates who have no moral or legal right to vote.

"Progressives" issue statement that despite Tuesday's split, everything has been harmonized temporarily.

Betting at poolrooms and hotels now makes Taft a 2 to 1 favorite over Roosevelt for the nomination.

Annual School Meeting.

At the annual school meeting Monday W. O. Wolverton was chosen to succeed himself and A. J. Haley was re-elected district clerk.

There was a fair representation of patrons in attendance and the election passed off very pleasantly, placing its sanction on the manner in which the board of directors had conducted the school in the past and their confidence for the future.

Among the many things discussed was a gymnasium, for the use of the school children, and while there was no direct action taken nor instruction given there is a growing sentiment that will probably bud out in the future and add this necessary adjunct to the school facilities.

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