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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Normal Closes Today For Two Weeks Holiday

BASKETBALL TEAM LOST AT PHILOMATH

Several Members of Faculty Are Invited to Take Part on State Educational Program

Wednesday morning the chapel exercises were made up of musical numbers, consisting practically of three parts; first, chorus singing by the Normal students, second, orchestra selections by the Normal orchestra, and third, vocal selections by the students of the training school. It was one of the most suggestive programs rendered during the semester. The Normal appreciated the courtesy of the faculty and student body of the high school in dismissing and coming to the chapel exercises in a body. It is hoped that they may find many occasions to visit the Normal again.

Col. Hofer gave the fifth lecture course on Thursday evening, the subject being the 18th Century Literature. The interest in his lectures is constantly increasing, and it is the general sentiment that they are most helpful and inspiring.

The Normal closes this afternoon for a two weeks holiday, and will resume work on Monday morning, January 4. Most of the students will be absent from Monmouth during the vacation, and those who are remaining are planning to enjoy the vacation in the very best manner.

The following members of the faculty have been invited to take part on the State Educational Association program to be held at Eugene, Dec. 21-22-23, Pres. Ackerman, Miss Parrott, Mr. Gilmore, Miss Hoham, Mr. Pittman, and Miss Arbuthnot. Miss Parrott is Secretary of the Department of English and Miss Hoham is Chairman of the Department of Music, of said association.

The following gentlemen, Hon. C. L. Hawley and Hon. S. B. Irvine, who are members of the Legislature from Polk and Lincoln counties, visited the Normal yesterday for the purpose of informing themselves as to the work being done in the school and its future needs. They expressed themselves as very much pleased with what they had seen, and also to the effect that the one need of the Normal School was a new training school building.

The boys basket ball team, although not victorious at Philomath, last Friday night, report a most enjoyable time, and they were well received and well treated by the Philomath People.

A great contest is on between the Senior and Junior girls basket ball teams; they have had two try-outs, each instance resulting in a tie. It is generally taken for granted that it was the Christmas spirit that prevented, as neither one wished to defeat the other. However, in all probability at the next game this spirit will not prevail and one of the teams will be badly defeated. The whole Normal School is practically holding its breath as to the outcome.

Miss Frank Towslee of Portland gave a most excellent interpretation of Galsworthy's latest play, "The Mob" in the chapel Saturday night. The play itself is of unusual interest, presenting the case of a public man arrayed against his country on its war question. Its significance lies in his adherence to his ideal

in the face of adversity, abuse and death and in his recognition later by a monument to him as an idealist. Through the whole play, Miss Towslee, by her personality and her grasp of the fundamental idea held her audience close. Her differentiation between the types of characters was excellent and her climaxes were well worked up to. As a whole the play was unusually well done. A piano number from Grieg by Miss Weber and two splendid solos by Miss Hoham added to the interest of the program.

Tuesday morning Miss Jessie McCann of the Senior Class appeared in chapel. Her subject was "The Stranger Within Our Gates," a study of the immigration problem. She was well received in her interesting talk.

Friday morning of last week, Miss Mary Farnham, dean of women, at Pacific University, gave an interesting talk on "The Test of an Emergency" which was well received by the students and faculty. Miss Farnham drew from her experience as a teacher and student to illustrate the value of preparedness in meeting unusual situations. Miss Farnham was a guest of the Dormitory during her stay in Monmouth.

Friday night the Vespertine Society held its regular meeting, the principal feature of which was a debate on this question: Resolved, that the insular possessions of the United States are advantageous. The affirmative team was composed of Miss Bruce, Miss Alley, and Miss Rush, while these students upheld the negative, Miss Helen Green, Miss Crissie Bramberg, and Miss Dammon. The debate was presented in good form, and was of unusual interest. The affirmative team won the decision. Miss Mabel Doty gave a clever reading. In the joint program the society presented a delight-dramatization of a Japanese song with characters in costume and a piano solo.

THE DELPHIAN SOCIETY

The Delphians met for their regular meeting last Friday evening. After the joint musical program "A Riley Program" was given in the chapel. The roll call was responded to by quotations from Riley, many of which were given in true Riley fashion. This was followed by "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," which was illustrated with living pictures and which was much enjoyed by the audience. The next number Riley's "Bear Story" waked hearty applause. It was then announced that we would now spend "One half hour with Riley." It was an enjoyable half hour. A number of the students were dressed to represent some of Riley's Story Children and gave some characteristic lines. They recited these lines so realistically that the audience felt themselves really in the presence of these characters. Among those represented were—"Orphan Annie," "The Raggedy Man," "Our Hired Girl," "The Happy Little Cripple," "The Runaway Boy," and many others. After the Critic's Report by Miss Parrott, the society adjourned to meet the first week of the new year.

Oregon Hop Growers Association Hold Meetings

Meetings have been held during the past week by the Oregon Hop Growers Association in Yamhill and Polk counties and field workers are daily reporting from Benton, Linn, Lane, Marion and other Willamette valley counties and the result far exceeds the most hopeful calculations of the

FARMER'S SHORT COURSE

Many Farmers in Vicinity Of Monmouth Are Attending Itinerant School

Many of the farmers in the vicinity of Monmouth are attending the itinerant school held under the direction of the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. The local Grange, the Normal and townspeople have given loyal support in making this a great success.

Prof. J. E. Larson, field agronomist, opened the school with a discussion of local soil conditions and methods of improving them. Much emphasis was placed on tillage methods, liming and drainage, as ways of improving the physical condition of the soil.

This was followed with kindred subjects, such as soil fertility, "crop rotation" and cultural methods of important local crops. He tried to impress upon the farmers the value of manures, and outlined methods of handling them to the best advantage. Under present methods one half the value of barnyard manure is lost through leaching and fire fang-ing. This waste is costing the Oregon farmers approximately \$9,000,000 yearly.

"Rotate crops, grow clover, vetch, apply all manures, build up the humus, or organic matter in the soil and good crops are bound to follow," says he.

Prof. R. E. Reynolds discussed fully the hog business and outlined the rations that have given the most economical gains in experiments carried on at the college. "Skim milk or tankage are essential to the best growth of the young pig," he said. His work closed with a hog judging demonstration in which much interest centered.

Prof. C. C. Lamb, poultryman, held his hearers intently in his discussions of poultry management and rations for laying hens. He showed clearly that a hen would not lay regularly unless she had the necessary materials supplied. The moving picture films on this subject were thoroughly enjoyed and intensely instructive.

The ladies have had their own school with Miss A. B. Milam and Bertha Davis in Domestic Science and Art. The attendance has been large and the interest keen.

The last two days of the school will be conducted by Prof. E. B. Fitts and Prof. W. S. Brown. Monmouth is the center of a community of progressive Scotch breeders and farmers and they have shown their appreciation by coming out in force to the lectures and demonstrations.

The signatures to the stock subscription are most liberal and upwards of \$50,000 has already been secured. The Marion county meetings this week will surely swell this to over \$100,000 and there is no longer any doubt about the success of this new co-operative association which promises so much for the hop grower.

Hundreds of growers have written headquarters asking for meetings in their section and the greatest enthusiasm is manifested by all who have signed up. The growers are practically unanimous in their desire for the association.

Meetings are being held this week in Silverton, Aurora, St. Paul, Donald, Gervais and other points and field committees are working in the vicinity of Sheridan, North Yamhill County, Independence, Amity, Dundee, Cor-

vallis, Dallas, Salem, Brooks, Portland, Eugene and other points. The growers of the southern part of the state are interested and a meeting will soon be held in Grants Pass. There is no longer any question of success, it is now only a question of percentage who join and it looks like 90 per cent.

Growers are urged not to contract their hops for next year as at last they have a sound, business like association to handle their crop and secure them a fair profit. Growers are also urged to write the Organization and Publicity department at Sheridan for literature and blanks and to attend the scheduled meetings.

S. P. Co. Spends Large Amount for Improvements

During the year, the Southern Pacific expended in the neighborhood of ten million dollars for replacements and betterments. Of this amount, \$1,400,000 went for the construction of fifty-one miles of additional double track, forty-one miles of this being on the Sacramento division in the vicinity of Blue Canon, Gold Run and Lawton and eleven miles being on the Salt Lake division west of Rose Creek. In addition to this new and heavier rails were laid on 170 miles of existing main line double track at a cost of \$900,000. Replacement of fifty-six miles of gravel ballast with crushed rock ballast required an expenditure of another \$100,000.

Public Library Notes

Elma Miller, librarian.

Agnes Campbell, assistant.

A BOOK

He ate and drank the precious words,
His spirit grew robust;
He knew no more that he was poor,
Nor that his frame was dust.
He danced along the dingy days,
And this bequest of wings
Was but a book. What liberty
A loosened spirit brings!

—The library is open on Tuesday and Friday nights.

—If you wish a special book, tell the Librarian that she may secure it for you.

—More than forty people were in the library and reading room the first night it was open. Twenty-two books were taken out. A good beginning for a stormy night.

—A number of books have already been donated. Why not bring in those books you have read and let others be benefited by them.

—The Librarians wish to commend the young folks for their splendid behaviour. Silence is the order of all libraries and reading rooms and our boys and girls seem to grasp the situation intuitively.

—The library and reading room are absolutely public. Please do not make a mistake concerning this. Help us by your patronage.

Don't forget we have Electric Goods of all kinds. Morlan & Son.

For Rent—A six room house, corner Clay street and Warren avenue. Enquire of Allen Johnson.

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Fat Stock Show Last Week Was a Success

MEDFORD WANTS SUGAR BEET PLANT

Oregon Cattle and Horse Owners Ass'n Inaugurates Movement Of Interest at Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—The fat stock show at the Portland Union Stockyards last week was one of the most notable events ever held on the Pacific Coast. From year to year the stock exhibited at this annual show shows great improvement, but the animals presented in the ring last week were of a quality to make one wonder if the limit of perfection has not at last been reached and if it is possible that further improvement can be made. And in this matter of improvement of stock the agricultural colleges of the Pacific Northwest states are certainly occupying the front rank, as animals entered by students at these institutions were awarded the highest honors. The Grand Champion of the entire show was a splendid two-year-old Angus steer weighing 1650 pounds exhibited by the Agricultural College of Idaho. This steer was sold at auction and brought 24 cents per pound.

Practically all the stock shown was sold at auction, the prices ranging fairly high. The highest price paid for a single animal was \$1,025 for a Holstein bull, a close second being a cow of the same breed which brought \$1,000. One and two-year-old Shorthorn breeding stock brought from \$200 to \$500 each. Taken as a whole the sale was one of the most successful ever held in the Northwest. Attendance for the week aggregated about 40,000, many of the visitors having come from distant points, staying all the week and following the sales closely.

During the stock show, the Oregon State Butter and Cheese Makers' Association held its annual meeting, lasting four days, at the close of which O. B. Neptune of Albany was chosen president for the coming year. The dairy products exhibited were of unusually fine quality. A. A. Oswald of the Hazelwood Creamery Company being awarded the first prize for creamery butter, second prize going to Samuel Olsen of the Jensen Creamery Company.

At a meeting held at Medford late last week it was decided to establish a sugar beet plant at that point if the necessary acreage could be secured. Business men from Salt Lake, Utah, met with more than 500 ranchers and guaranteed to put up the sugar factory, to cost not less than \$500,000, if contracts can be signed up for not less than 5,000 acres of beets.

A movement of interest to all stock raisers in this state was inaugurated at a meeting of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Owners Association in Portland last week. It is proposed to have all brands registered with the State Veterinarian instead of with the county clerks, as heretofore, which it is said will entirely prevent duplication of brands and will also make easier the detection of cattle thieves who attempt to obliterate or change existing brands. Another feature of the proposed bill is that it will require a descriptive certificate sent with all shipments of cattle or horses, a duplicate copy to be retained by the agent making the shipment.

Latest in cards and booklets for the holidays. P. H. JOHNSON.