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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

The Normal Will Reopen Next Monday

CHANGES IN HEATING SYSTEM OF GYM

Rev. Wm. Parsons of Eugene Will Give Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, Jan. 31

The Normal will reopen next Monday and those who remained in Monmouth during the vacation period will be more than pleased to welcome the Faculty and students on their return.

Members of the Faculty who spent the most of their vacation out of town are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Evenden at Berkeley; Miss Parrott at the State Association at Eugene and at her home at Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore at Salem and Mr. Gilmore spent some days at the State Association; Miss Hoham at Los Angeles; Miss Kennon at Baker; Miss Taylor at Tacoma; Miss Cohoon at Roseburg; and Pres. Ackerman at the State Association.

Miss Anderson has accepted a position in the LaGrande schools and Miss Huss in the North Bend schools and will not return until the Summer session. They will be greatly missed. The other members of the February class who have accepted positions and are teaching are Rhoda Newkirk, Mrs. Wimberly, and George Winters, who are also greatly missed. It was thought best for these persons to take the schools now even though it does break up to a certain extent the February class. In this connection, it is seriously questioned whether it would not be better to dispense with the February graduating exercises and hold a combined one in June. In fact the Student Council has made such a recommendation to the faculty and the faculty have it under consideration.

Mr. Barr of Salem is making some changes in the heating system of the gymnasium in order that the tank in the men's dressing room may be dispensed with, as the present one overheats the room.

Social events have been rather quiet during the vacation. Two informal parties have been held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell which were greatly enjoyed, and it is rumored that preparations are being made for a dancing party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Butler before the close of the week. The young people who remained in the dormitory report that Miss Todd has made it so pleasant for them that they have scarcely realized that they had been deserted by most of the other girls. The vacation period for the stay-at-homes was made much brighter by the home visits of former students. In fact much of the joy of life is experienced by their visits and our only regret is that they cannot come oftener.

Sunday, January 31, will be Baccalaureate Sunday and Rev. William Parsons of Eugene has accepted the invitation to preach the sermon.

Boy Scouts Organizing

A Boy Scout Organization is being formed among the boys of the town. The aim of the Boy Scouts is to supplement the various educational agencies, and to promote the ability in boys to do things for themselves. It is not the aim to set up a new organization to parallel in its purposes others already established. The opportunity is afforded these organizations, however, to introduce into their programs unique features appealing to interests which are universal among boys. The method is summed up in the term Scoutcraft, and is a combination of observation, deduction and handiness, or the ability to do things. Scoutcraft includes instruction in First Aid, Life Saving, Tracking, Signaling, Nature Study, Campercraft, Woodcraft, Chivalry, Patriotism and other subjects. This is accomplished in games and team play, and is pleasure, not drudge for the boy. The great aim of the Boy Scouts of America is to make every boy a better citizen. The Boy Scout movement is a peace movement being backed by such peace advocates as David Star Jordan, Wm. H. Taft, A. Stanford White, Woodrow Wilson, Judge Ben B. Lindsay and P. P. Claxton. The organization is non-military, in thought, form, or spirit, although it instills in boys honor, loyalty, obedience and patriotism. One of the first requisites of a Boy Scout is to do a good turn every day, as assisting some aged person across a muddy street, showing kindness to animals or picking up a banana skin from the sidewalk, to prevent some awful fall. Now, parents, here is an opportunity to give your boy a better chance for citizenship. No boy who smokes cigarettes or drinks beer or who associates with such are allowed to become members. In such a short article it is impossible to explain the whole movement but the Scout Commissioner, E. C. Cole, or the Scout Master, Raymond Cornwell, are glad to explain this great organization in detail to any parent. Only boys between ages 12 and 18 are eligible. To join see either the Scout Master or Scout Commissioner and they will provide an application blank which will be signed by both the boy applying and his parents. A more extended article will appear in the next issue explaining more fully this great peace movement.

Christmas Exercises

There was a Christmas tree and exercises at the Evangelical church Christmas eve and the attendance was very large the house being packed.

There was a small tree, handsomely trimmed, but the presents were mostly piled on tables.

The exercises were appropriate and rendered in a highly commendable manner, the little people, who mostly figured in the entertainment acquitting themselves in a praiseworthy manner.

The evening passed pleasantly and brought its pleasures and good cheer to those attending.

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

New Payrolls, Improvements and Factories and Enterprises that Will Give Labor Employment, and Matters Affecting Industries and Investments.

SALEM, OREGON, Dec. 28.—The cost of experting the books of Marion county for the past year by the accounting department of the state insurance commission was \$1523.11 as against an average cost in the past of about \$300.00. Simply another illustration of the beauties of government regulation as compared with private enterprise.

Wanted—A remedy for the football and mouth disease in colleges.

The Heppner Semi-Weekly Herald devoted 24 pages to Morrow county interests in a very well-constructed promotion number December 15.

Douglas county tax levy reduced half a mill.

The route for the Columbia-Clatsop canal has been surveyed.

North Bend—Improvements and maintenance cost for 1914 \$146,864.

The S. P. Company claims to have spent ten millions on the coast this year in betterments and new lines.

After donating \$450,000 to the Tumalo project, Oregon is to be generously given the same amount out of \$12,000,000 collected from sales of Oregon public lands.

Wallowa—Has a new electric feedchopping plant.

The Stettler box factory of Portland will build a large additional plant on the east side to cost \$60,000.

Pendleton gets 16,000 feet of six foot concrete walk from the Northern Pacific.

Eugene—The brick industry objects to competing with prison brick.

Florence wants a hotel and a cannery.

A fishway has been completed around the falls of the Illinois river.

Woman's federation will try to establish a hospital for crippled children with state aid.

While millions have been added to investments by public service corporations in Clatsop county, the total assessed valuations this year are \$20,000 less than last year.

Another fight is to be made to develop the Oregon stone industry and stop importing substitutes.

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., in an able article in Colliers warns the American people against the present tendency toward bureaucracy. He says that the inevitable result of the present course in the development of a monarchy in fact if not in name.

The Swope Mill Company has purchased and will operate a sawmill at Downs.

Grant county tax levy reduced four mills.

The Pendleton East Oregonian says the United States will never have cheaper beef as long as land

prices soar and the packers have it in their power to adjust prices to the growers and to the consumer according to their own sweet fancy.

The publishing industry has been boosted of late in this state by Ada B. Millican printing her legend "The Heart of Oregon" and Col. E. Hofer his sociological study "Jesus and the Unemployed."

Baker commercial club has a big campaign on pushing the local cigar industry.

Railroad from Grangeville, Idaho, to Nevada to pass through Ontario.

Coos Bay is leading all points on the coast for lumber shipments.

Bandon water plant has been acquired by the city.

Marshfield—The Noble estate will erect a business building 50 by 100.

Gresham—Cannery plant of Fruit Growers Association completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Metz have established a glove factory at Eugene.

Experting county records by Portland accountants has doubled the cost to nearly every county.

Plumbing industry boomed all over Oregon by the cold spell.

Workingmen's Compensation law like all commissions to take the place of private enterprise double the cost of the service.

Marion county tax levy is reduced three and seven-tenths mills.

Logging operations will continue all winter on South Inlet, Coos Bay.

The Estabrook Company at Bandon has large contracts for getting out cedar ties this winter.

Public Library Notes

Miss E. Miller, librarian.
Miss Agnes Campbell, assistant.

Over forty people visited our library and reading room last Tuesday evening. Interest is increasing rapidly.

Now that the holidays are over and you have more time, come and look the library over. If you wish some special book and it is not among the present collection tell the librarian, that we may ask that it be included in the next order.

Here are some good books to select from:

By Gene Stratton Porter
"A Girl of the Limberlost."
"The Song of the Cardinal."
"Freckles."
"At the Foot of the Rainbow."
"The Harvester."
"Laddie."

2 By Eliza Calvert Hall,
"Aunt Jane of Kentucky."
"The Land of Long Ago."

In which reappears that famous character, "Aunt Jane of Kentucky." With Aunt Jane a real personage has come into literature. Where so many have made caricatures of old time country folk, Eliza Calvert Hall has caught at once the real charm, the real spirit, the real people, and the real joy of living which was theirs.

The library will be open every Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9.

WHEN AND HOW TO PRUNE

The Following Article Gives Important Information in Regard to Pruning

Correct pruning of an apple tree consists of the removal, in a neat and workmanship manner and during the proper season, of every branch and part of a branch that ought to be removed, and no others. Ability to do this work in such a manner that it shall not be apparent to the casual observer that any branches have been removed is the supreme test of skill. In most cases an expert pruner can do this, except when the tree has been sadly mutilated by previous unskilled pruning, or when it is desired to cut it back severely in order to form a new and more shapely top. Another exception may be made in the case of trees that are pruned for the purpose of grafting or top-working in order to force them to bear a different variety of fruit.

There are two popular and wide-spread opinions regarding pruning—they are almost diametrically opposite, both are erroneous and what is most singular is the fact that the majority of persons are firm believers in either one or the other of them. One is that the main object of pruning is to preserve or promote the health of the tree and that pruning is a panacea for all ills to which a tree is heir. The other is that pruning is at all times injurious to the health of the tree, but that it is less so at certain ill-defined seasons than at others. In fact, the theory of the proper time to prune is so little understood that every month of the year has its firm advocates who maintain that it is positively dangerous to the health of a tree to prune it during any other month.

It is true that the orchardist does sometimes prune for the sole purpose of preserving the health of a tree, as, for instance, when he prunes to rid a tree of blight or a certain form of canker; or when he removes a limb that is diseased and liable to communicate disease to other parts of the tree; or when, by reason of injury, the roots are unable to furnish the leaves with a sufficient amount of water.

Pruning for a Definite Purpose

There are numerous other conditions wherein it becomes necessary to prune in order to conserve the health of the tree, but then these are isolated cases and the fact remains that the chief object of pruning is to force the tree to yield to the desires of its owner. Apple trees, for instance, are grown for no other purpose than for the production of fruit. If they fail to produce fruit, or if the fruit is of inferior quality, the trees are valueless no matter in how healthy and vigorous condition they may be. So we prune, but for the sole purpose of forcing the trees to yield more and better fruit. If the pruning is properly directed, we succeed to just the extent that the trees need the action of the knife to remedy the

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