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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Commencement Festivities Began Saturday Morning

PROM CROWNING FETE OF SOCIAL YEAR

Large Number of Out of Town Guests Were Present at the Exercises

Commencement festivities began Saturday morning with the annual breakfast at which President and Mrs. Ackerman honored the Seniors. The guests were seated at the long tables which were presided over by President Ackerman, Mrs. Ackerman and Miss Todd. Vetch and California poppies arranged in natural profusion centered the tables. The place cards with dainty satin butterflies reflected the note of yellow. President Ackerman talked in a happy fashion to the Seniors and further endeared himself to them all. Of this breakfast there is a final memory which is one of the most cherished of student life at the Normal.

The Junior Prom was the crowning fete of the student social year. The gymnasium was transformed into a fairyland of blue and white with dainty butter flies every where. The programs were exquisite yellow and black butter flies. The patrons and patronesses were seated in a bower of green. Those who stood in line were President and Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, Miss Taylor and Miss Parrott. Punch was served from an alcove by girls who were gowned in butterfly fashion. At each end of the room '15 and '16 were emblazoned in electric lights surrounded by greenery. Large numbers of out of town people swelled the numbers of guests who all reflected the joyous spirit of the festive occasion.

At half past ten Sunday morning the baccalaureate services for the class of 1915 were held in the chapel. On the platform which was artistically decorated with ferns and sunflowers, reflecting the class colors, sat the Normal glee clubs, the ministers of the town, President Ackerman and Dr. Luther R. Dyott of Portland who delivered the sermon. The musical part of the program was a perfect setting for the address. Miss Gentle's violin solo, the anthems by the glee clubs and the trio by Miss Baker, Miss Hoham and Miss Dougherty were wonderful musical treats. The sermon which centered about the words "I have learned" was an inspiration to the large audience who listened eagerly for every word. Dr. Dyott is a man who knows real values and a man who can put those values into tangible terms. His message should lead the class of 1915 to higher endeavors and to better things. The freshness of his point of view and the force of his thought were invigorating.

Everyone looks regretfully forward to the last chapel as one of the best of the year. This

year the faculty were seated on the plat form for the first part of the program so that the usual chapel spirit was evident in the regular opening exercises. The different classes were represented by their presidents who spoke excellently of the past and future. Miss McCord prophesied for the Freshman, Miss Grettie saw into the future for the Sophomores, Miss Halvorsen reviewed the past for the Juniors, Miss Kramer spoke enthusiastically for the alumni and Miss De Armond spoke the Senior farewell. President Ackerman was especially felicitous in his address which will be long remembered by the students as a fitting last chapel speech. The special Senior parts were of course interesting. The gift of the class to the school was the sum of one hundred dollars for the student loan fund. Miss Florence McDonald made the presentation speech. The last will was mourned by Miss Bartlett while the prophesy was a clever scene at the Rose Festival twenty years hence in which Mr. Artie Burkhead as peanut man, Mr. Byron White and Miss Bryant as Salvation workers and Miss Kautz, Miss Mettie and Miss Peterson as old friends gave a most natural presentation of a class gossip. After the close of this part of the program, the classes marched in a long procession over the campus to the spot where the Senior shrub was planted by class representatives. Many of the alumni were present to add interest to this occasion.

Monday afternoon the Dormitory, beautifully decorated with ferns, spirea and syringa and brilliant with lights, was thrown open for the faculty reception to the Seniors and their friends as well as the alumni of the school. From two to four scores of guests were welcomed. This reception is an ideal meeting place for friends old and new, and this year its spirit was unusually cordial. In the receiving line were Mr. J. B. V. Butler, who presented the guests, President and Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman and Miss Todd. In the dining room Miss McIntosh and Mrs. Gilmore presided at the tables from which small cakes and ice cream were served the guests. An orchestra added to the pleasures of the afternoon.

"The Temple of Fame," the play presented by the Seniors, was a spectacular pageant of light, color and beautiful costumes. The setting of tall pillars and flowered canopies formed an admirable background for the Goddess of Fame, Miss De Armond, and her court. The contestants for the crown of fame included not only women of our own time but Miriam and her maids dancing the sacred dance of joy, Zanthippe with her fierce scoldings, Helen of Troy and Hypatia, of queens there were four, Esther, Mary, Elizabeth and Isabella, poets, lecturers, yes even Josiah Allen's wife, all these and more came to plead their causes. To go through the long list of contestants who were waved

aside with the wand of the queen would be only to repeat that each made a good plea. Finally the Mother, with her two children, claimed most justly the crown, but the teacher as her co-worker claimed her due and the two were crowned together in a blaze of glory. Master Devore Boche and little Miss Dorothy Gilmore were the youngest members of the cast, although they played well nevertheless. The Normal orchestra added its enjoyable music to the other pleasures of the evening. To Miss Rosa B. Parrott and Miss Todd is due the praise for the production of the play with its many interesting tableaux and characters.

Tuesday was essentially Alumni day although the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen celebrated with a campus breakfast at half past six. This was preceded by joyous bell ringing which awakened even those who did not attend the breakfast. The regular alumni business meeting was held as well as the picnic on Cupid's Knoll.

In the evening the present Senior class was enrolled in the association at the program held in the chapel. Mr. E. S. Evenden presided at this meeting which was particularly interesting. Numbers of alumni occupied seats on the platform where they were addressed by Mr. Pittman who spoke eloquently for new standards in teaching, and by Mr. Rutherford who gave the address of the evening on "Adjustment." Special music by the incoming class was an innovation.

After this program, the guests went to the Dormitory where the tables were laid for the banquet. Field daisies were used as the motif of the decorations which had been planned by Miss Todd. Good cheer and fellowship marked this gathering. Mr. J. B. V. Butler as toastmaster was in his happy element and presided with dignity. The toasts were especially interesting and full of hope for the great future of the school. Miss Hulda Anderson spoke for the incoming class and Miss Lyda Bell and Mr. Pender represented recent alumni. President Ackerman and Mr. Gentle spoke in splendid fashion of greater ideals for the Oregon Normal School. Judge Burnett and Regent Bryant addressed the large gathering with especial interest and spoke of the trust which the school owed the state in its accounting. Miss Kennon also responded from the faculty. At a late hour the happy reunion broke up. These occasions are those which add color and joy to student life as well as citizen life.

The Class of 1915 with its more than one hundred members, has the distinction of being the largest class to be graduated from the Oregon Normal School. The address to the Seniors was delivered by Pres. Wm. T. Foster, of Reed College, Portland. He took for his subject the first sentence of the Creed of The Senior Class of 1915: We believe in professional teaching and in the professional teacher. The Normal School orchestra rendered four selections and the Glee

Clubs two. Pres. J. H. Ackerman presented the diplomas to the class. The coming school year should be a bright one in the history of the Public Schools of Oregon, with this addition of professionally trained teachers to establish the high standards for which the Oregon Normal School stands throughout the state.

Are Somewhat Excited

Interest in dogs has increased in Monmouth, or at least there is a hydropobia scare on, likewise at Independence, our sister city, and it appears that there is good cause at the latter place.

There was a dog affected with rabies that found its way to Independence and bit several other dogs and a few other animals, according to information received from that quarter, and also that a boy at the Horst hop yard had been bitten. The dog was killed last Friday and Dr. Butler took the animal's head to Portland for examination and it was found to be very badly affected with rabies.

The dogs that were known to have been bitten have been killed and the boy has been treated with Pasteur's treatment, although it does not appear certain that the boy was bitten by the same animal that run amuck at Independence.

Where the mad dog came from has not been learned so far as our information goes and effort to connect it with one that was seen in Monmouth five or six days previous to Friday has been made but the descriptions differ as to color and do not complete identification.

While great care should be taken, there is no cause for unnecessary alarm or excitement. Statistics regarding rabies are not nearly so bad as most people believe and while no person desires to take any risk, it has been determined that only 16 persons out of every hundred that are bitten contract the disease, although not treated for its prevention, while of those bitten by animals affected with rabies and treated for its prevention only one person in 200 contract it.

McCoy Man For Governor

There is talk in some quarters of the state of campaigning the Hon. C. L. Hawley of this county for governor at the next election, the promoters believing that he would receive greater support than any other republican than could be named, not excepting the present incumbent. That Mr. Hawley is peculiarly fitted to fill the important position of chief executive of the state is a foregone conclusion, and should he whirl his hat into the gubernatorial arena he would have a larger following than even his most intimate friends might hope for. But what's the matter with the present incumbent?—Observer.

The Grange Will Picnic

Members of the Monmouth Grange are to meet at the Stockholm home south of town to enjoy a basket dinner next Sunday.

School Meeting Postponed

Owing to a misinterpretation of the school law as amended by the last legislature the annual meeting for the Monmouth district has been postponed to July 3rd.

It seems the chairman of the board instructed the clerk to advertise the meeting in the Herald according to the new law instead of posting notices. The clerk put the question up to the County School Superintendent, who suggested that the meeting need not be advertised in a newspaper unless a tax levy was contemplated, which the board had not prepared at this time, and this interpretation was at first sustained by the State Superintendent. But the board not being satisfied asked the official opinion of District Attorney J. E. Sibley who ruled in a written opinion that all meetings must be advertised in a newspaper for schools having high school grades, and where a newspaper is published, and this opinion has since been concurred in by the State Superintendent.

Fifty Men Start Work On West End Of Siletz And Valley Railroad

Work was resumed on the Valley & Siletz railroad this week, the crew consisted of about fifty men. The men were assembled at the west end where the dirt commenced to fly today. After a couple of weeks spent at that point, work will be begun at the east end and be headed in the direction of Independence, unless the present plans are changed by the company officials. Superintendent Ronald does not believe that there will be any stopping now that the work has commenced.

The poor showing made by the lumber industry for the past two years, of course has affected the Valley & Siletz railroad because it is primarily a logging railroad. Independence no doubt will get its railroad several months before the mill, but should the lumber industry be "born again" unexpectedly, both railroad and mill will be built again as fast as men can build them. Peace in Europe will go a long way toward putting the lumber business on its feet.—Monitor.

Will Celebrate

Independence will celebrate on July 3. The celebration is to be held under the auspices of the Sunday schools of the city. The invitation will be general.

FOR SALE

Barred Rock Cockerels from the famous O. A. C. and Gardner strains. All from trapnested hens laying 200 eggs and better a year. Your choice from 30 birds hatched April 15th for \$1.00 apiece. March 10th birds for \$2.50 and \$3.50. Also some high bred Rhode Island Red Cockerels for \$1.00. Must be purchased by June 26, 1915.

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Ash Wood

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