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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Union.

NEWS FROM THE NORMAL

Prof. Reddie and His Company to Give Program in Assembly Hall Monday Night

Professor A. F. Reddie and his company of trained players: Miss Janet Young, Mr. Walker Ash and Mr. Earl Fleischman are to give a splendid program in the Normal Assembly Hall Monday, April 17. The little play "The Rebirth of Carson" which figures prominently in the program is one which deals with the simple minded French Canadians. The dialect of the characters adds to the charm of this unusual play. The cast in order of entrance follows: Colin Carson, a lawyer, Mr. Ash; Baptiste Trudeau, a minister, in love with Marie, Mr. Fleischman; Marie Labelle, a daughter of Louis, Miss Young; Louis Labelle, a man of the North Woods, Mr. Reddie. Since both Mr. Reddie and Miss Young are professionals and the other members of the company unusually proficient, the evening promises to be one of exceptional character. Scenes from "As You Like It" and a short talk on Elizabethan stage craft are other fine numbers. The tickets which are only 50 cents can be obtained at Morlan's Book Store up to Monday night and then at the door.

The training school grounds have been plowed and are now being put in shape for sowing clover seed. This improvement makes the grounds very presentable.

During the past week several members of the alumni visited the Normal, taking advantage of the vacations in their several schools. Among those are: Mr. W. H. Burton, Miss Carlotta Crowley, Miss Anna Wood, Mr. Joe Bell, Mr. L. J. Murdock, Miss Helene Ogsbury, and Miss Prudence Denny. We are always glad to clasp hands with former students, and listen to the success they are making in their respective fields of work.

Mr. J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction for Oregon, was the chapel speaker April 7. Mr. Churchill spoke most interestingly of his work, stressing particularly what had been accomplished in the way of standardizing Oregon high schools. He spoke, too, of the teachers training courses which have been so largely introduced. He further explained the new certification requirements which are to do much for the Oregon schools and teachers. Along with these splendid accounts of a finely progressive system, Mr. Churchill impressed his audience with the feeling that here was a man who is doing big things for Oregon. The students were enthusiastic in their reception for Mr. Churchill who is always a welcome visitor. He spent most of the day carefully inspecting the new training school and the work carried on there.

The address on "The Poetry of Erin" Friday night given by Judge P. H. D'Arcy of Salem before the literary societies and numerous citizens of Monmouth

was enjoyed thoroughly. Judge D'Arcy is an enthusiast on his subject and read with evident feeling and appreciation. His presentation of the power and beauty of Irish poetry was very effective. The music illustrative of Irish song and poetry was particularly well given and added not a little to the evenings pleasure. This music varied from solo to quartet and from quartet to the ensemble singing of the large audience. The societies were loud in their appreciation of Judge D'Arcy's lecture and thoroughly appreciate his coming.

Tuesday morning Miss Hoham gave a most delightful period to the interpretation of old English songs and music. Since the general characteristic tone of May Day is to be Old English to celebrate the Shakesperian Tercentenary, this talk on the music of the period was given to show the enormous wealth and charm of the music of the day. Miss Hoham sang numbers of folk songs, madrigals and so on which were most interesting. This talk is to be followed by others on similar topics.

The Senior speaker for Wednesday morning was Miss Mona Green whose talk on "The Boy and His Gang" was very interesting and well delivered. Miss Green showed how a good teacher could utilize the gang instinct in her work.

All Monmouth is invited to "The Marriage of the Midgets" to be held in the Normal Assembly Hall, April 18 at 8 o'clock. Everybody will be there: Grandpa and Grandma Thumb, cousins and aunts and sisters too, with the bride and groom, and the whole of the happy party in their gayest evening clothes. The bachelor friends of the wee bridegroom will sing. The preacher has a catchy little ceremony, not at all like the real one, but one especially made up for the occasion. Some of the good old songs like "When You and I Were Young Maggie" and "Silver Threads" will bring Grandpa and Grandma Midget to the fore. The whole evening is one of pure fun with a laugh for every minute, the songs are good, the costumes quaint and the whole entertainment clever. The children of the Training School are giving this little play to provide funds for their own school room libraries. The tickets which will be on sale at Morlan's Book Store are 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

The Delphian's contribution to the Joint Society, Friday evening April 8th, was a delightfully attractive number entitled "Beautiful Garden of Flowers." This feature of the program was one of the most beautiful and artistic which the Delphians have staged during the semester. The singing and costuming were exceptionally pleasing. Miss Helen Galbraith, the director, deserves much credit for this successful number.

The Societies were fortunate in having Judge D'Arcy of Salem with them at this time. He gave an address on the interesting top-

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GRANGE MEETING SATURDAY

Prot. Skelton of O. A. C. Gave Lecture on Roadmaking Saturday Afternoon

According to Prof. Skelton of O. A. C. who lectured to members of the Grange on roadmaking, the tendency is to make roads with too high an arch. He claimed that a road with just a perceptible incline from the center would drain itself fast enough and would have a far better wearing surface. This principle is being recognized all through the states and where the best roads are being laid they are given an almost flat surface.

Drainage, Prof. Skelton affirmed was the most important element in road making. Surface drains were all right but they did not go far enough and do not reach the under currents that are effective in softening roads. Under ground drains intercepted these currents and carried them away before they had an opportunity to soften the supporting section of the highway.

Mr. Skelton advocated straightening roads when it could be done without interfering in service to the people who depended on it. He also advocated passing around hills instead of over them.

He quotes statistics to prove that land values depended on convenience to city markets and this could often be shortened by a little straightening of the roads.

At the conclusion of the talk there was considerable discussion by members of the Grange present and the idea developed that it might be a good plan to hold road making institutes at proper places and seasons.

Luckiamute Resident Dies

John Grounds, a young farmer of the Luckiamute region died in Portland March 30th of tubercular pneumonia. About four weeks ago he went to Portland to be operated on for gall stones in a hospital in that city. The operation was successful and he was removed to the home of a brother in Portland. There he developed what was apparently an ordinary cold but, in his weakened condition, pneumonia developed and he was returned to the hospital to die.

Deceased was a young man of sterling character, one interested in the promotion of public enterprises in this section. He was descended from a pioneer Oregon family and was born in Scio, Linn county and was in the neighborhood of twentytwo years of age. He leaves a young wife to mourn his death as well as two brothers and a sister. The former are—Robert Grounds of Portland, Harry Grounds of the Luckiamute and Mrs. Madge Rush, of Portland.

Funeral services were held in the Monmouth Christian church Saturday afternoon with Rev. Geo. Ritchie in charge. Burial was in the cemetery south of the city.

Job work neatly and promptly done

Supt. Churchill Gave Lecture

One point brought out by Supt. Churchill in his lecture at the Normal last Friday morning was that graduates of the Normal were loyal to the ideals of pedagogy. It was too often the case, said the superintendent, that a student at college had some cherished target for his aspirations. If asked what he intended to make of himself the answer would be, a civil engineer, an electrical engineer or some like profession. When graduated, it would be found difficult to get a start in the desired line so the graduate would drop into teaching as a makeshift.

Such teachers were always unsatisfactory. They were time servers and prone to look with disdain on the nicer principles of instruction. Particularly they were averse to carrying out the principles of the training school in high school work looking upon it as a useless extra.

Normal graduates were always willing and loyal in this respect and therefore made more effective teachers than the graduates of ordinary colleges.

The superintendent appeared to be enthusiastic over the training school work and ardent in advocating its application thoroughly to the schools of the state.

Jurors for April

The following is the list of jurors for the April term:

Fred Auer, Rickreall, farmer; J. R. Allgood, Dallas, printer; Mark Blodgett, Dallas, farmer; T. S. Brown, R. 2, Dallas, farmer; W. L. Bice, Independence, retired; W. E. Bruns, Monmouth, farmer; C. L. Pratcher, Perrydale, clerk; T. J. Card, Dallas, farmer; C. G. Coad, Dallas, farmer; Enoch Chamberlain, Suver; R. C. Dodson, Monmouth, farmer; Albert Dennis, Falls City, farmer; W. R. Ellis, Dallas, merchant; V. A. Fishback, Monmouth, farmer; T. J. Graves, McCoy, farmer; John E. Martin, Dallas, laborer; Harley Prather, Buena Vista, farmer; Robert Reed, Dallas, laborer; J. W. Rogers, Independence.

Appreciates Assistance

I wish to thank the people of Monmouth who assisted in putting out the fire at my home Wednesday of last week.

C. H. Cummins.

Complete hardwood bed-room suite for \$25.75. Best value we have shown. See it. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Independence.

A baseball game was played on the high school diamond Sunday afternoon between two teams from the school and three or four from the normal and town mixed in.

A fire alarm was turned in Sunday morning about 9:30 and the department made a quick run to the home of Mr. Moore on Monmouth Avenue, just north of the normal dormitory, but found that the fire had been put out. The fire was caused by a flue burning out and little damage was done.

COUNCIL MET TUESDAY NIGHT

Himes Engineering Co. to Draw Up Plans and Specifications for 5-inch Pavement

The common council met Tuesday night with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, two corrections made, and approved.

A complaint by Mr. and Mrs. M. Sacre setting forth that waste water now coming from a drain tile and emptying into Main street near the east end of said street remained in a state of stagnation was read and referred to the Street committee for investigation.

Motion carried to reconsider Resolution No. 187.

Resolution No. 187. A resolution to improve Craven street by building or causing to be built along and upon the west side of said street a concrete cement sidewalk, the same to be five feet wide, located one foot from the property line and upon established grade of said street all in accordance with Ordinance No. 155, now of record in the records office. The resolution was adopted as read and the recorder instructed to post notices as provided in said resolution.

The motion was made and carried that the Himes Engineering company be employed to make a survey of Main street from the east line of Broad street to the west line of Monmouth avenue and to draw up plans and specifications for a five-inch pavement for said section of Main street, said plans to be filed with the city recorder of Monmouth on or before the 18th day of April, 1916.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn till the 18th day of April at 7:30 p. m.

Priscilla Club

The first regular meeting of the club for April, was held Saturday April 1st, with Miss Rosa B. Parrott, hostess, assisted by Mrs. Haan. April being the tercentenary month of the death of Shakespeare to which so many publications are giving space at present. Miss Parrott who had charge of the program very fittingly chose for her subject one of Shakespeare's plays, Macbeth, one of the most noted of his tragedies, giving a fine outline of the play illustrated by the Bolopticon.

Following the program refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Haan.

Mrs. Wm. Mulkey will be hostess of the club Saturday April 15.

His Last Week

The pastor and people of the Evangelical Church are planning an interesting series of meetings for next week. This your chance you lovers of Bible study. The lecture each night will deal with the events of that particular day in the last week of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The services will begin at 7:45 each evening.

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