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Diplomas For 179 Teachers

Busy Week is That of the Normal Commencement

The festivities for the commencement season were most auspiciously opened Saturday, June 10, by the annual breakfast for the Senior class. President Ackerman was the host at this perfectly appointed breakfast which was unusually attractive in its menu, decorations, favors and above all in its joyous spirit of good fellowship so characteristic of the Oregon Normal School.

The Junior Prom which was held in the gymnasium Saturday night, June 10, was really the most brilliant social function of the year for the students. The whole interior of the building was transformed by fragrant fir boughs interspersed by bluebirds and yellow flowers, thus emphasizing the Senior and Junior colors. The musicians were stationed in a bower in the center of the hall about which several hundred guests danced gaily. There were many beautiful gowns in evidence so that the whole was a very charming spectacle. The patrons and patronesses for this affair were President Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, Miss Taylor, Miss Parrott and Miss Todd.

The baccalaureate services for the class of 1916 were held in the Normal chapel Sunday, June 11. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Carl O. Doney, president of Willamette University. The subject, "Wherefore This Waste," was developed in a very splendid way, emphasizing the wonderful power of the soul, the worth of what often seems wasted, and the inter penetration of the material and spiritual world. To the thoughtful listener Dr. Doney's sermon was a magnificent revelation of the possibilities of human life and service. The music for the morning was in perfect accord with the fine address. The program in full follows: Prelude; Doxology; Invocation, Dr. H. Charles Dunsmore; Anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd," Women's Glee Club; Scripture Reading, Rev. W. A. Wood; Quartet, "Chorus of Angels," Normal Quartet; Sermon, Rev. Carl O. Doney; Anthem, "Babylon," Oregon Normal School Glee Clubs; Benediction, Rev. K. H. Sickafoose.

Monday evening the faculty gave its annual reception for the Senior class and the Alumni of the Normal. For this occasion the reception and living rooms of Normal Hall were most artistically decorated with trailing ivy and blue and white wild flowers. The constant hum of conversation among the old and new students was interspersed by orchestra music which gave added pleasure. During the evening several hundred people called. To receive these guests were

President Ackerman, Mr. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss McIntosh, Miss Arbuthnot, Mrs. Aultman and Miss Dinus. In the dining room Mrs. Ostien and Mrs. Gilmore presided at the serving tables while the other faculty members assisted about the rooms.

June 12 marked the last chapel for the semester. The long lines of students, singing their class songs, filed in to take part in a most interesting and memorable program. The talks by the class representatives were sparkling, the Senior drill was a marvel of grace and the flower procession and ceremonial planting of ivy were very impressive. The closing drill by the Junior girls was a beautiful surprise. The splendid program was in full: Music, "Send Out Thy Light"; Talks by Class Representatives: Sophomore-Freshman, Jennie Strachan; Junior, Lillian Wattenburger; Alumni, Queen Lynn; Seniors, Farewell Address, Ivan Wood; Returning of Athletic Cup, Frank Brumbaugh; Selections by Mandolin Club; Address, President Ackerman; Music, "Italia Beloved"; Senior Drill; Music, "Fair Normal"; Flower Procession; Senior Class Song; Planting the Ivy; Normal Hymn; Junior Drill. With the splendidly heartening talk of President Ackerman and the notable desire to take a last fling at the faculty on Mr. Wood's part the whole spirit of the chapel exercises was one of fine feeling and long to be remembered Normal spirit.

Tuesday was a busy day for everyone from Alumni to the last underclassman. As early as half past seven both Juniors and Sophomores were holding gay outdoor sessions where picnic breakfasts were the chief attractions. The Juniors enjoyed the campus gathering while the Sophomore-Freshman class journeyed to Cupid's Knoll. This historic spot was also the meeting place of the Alumni later in the day. From ten to one o'clock the old time spirit of the day held full sway and many delightful days were relived.

At the Alumni business meeting there were transacted matters of moment—the election of officers and the adoption of what is called the county unit plan of organization. The officers elected were: President, Miss Lyda Bell; First Vice-President, Miss Crowley; Second Vice-President, Miss Marie Smith; Secretary, Miss

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J. W. Noblet, who has signed up for another year as principal of the high school at Airlie, and who has been attending the Normal commencement doings, goes to Eugene the latter part of this week to attend summer school at the university. He expects to spend the balance of his vacation in Monmouth.

Miss Lila Dobell of Library staff at O. A. C. spent the week end visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dobell.

J. S. Miller has a new Ford.

O. A. C. Man The Speaker

Prof. Ressler Advises High School Students to Stick

At the close of a very successful commencement program in the high school assembly room last Friday evening, Prof. Keezel high school principal sprung a surprise on the scholars and parents by announcing the award of two scholarships. One was a combination by which the winner has his choice of entrance to a group of the lesser institutions of learning of the state, including McMinnville, Willamette and Albany, which was awarded for the best all around record of scholarship and this was easily won by Alton A. McClellan. The second scholarship was for proficiency in various matters in which a list of students was submitted to Willamette university who chose Mary Belle McAllister for the honor.

The 1916 class of graduates of Monmouth high school numbered nineteen although only eighteen were present on the platform to receive their diplomas. Douglas Parkes was absent in Idaho but he had earned sufficient credits and received his certificate by proxy.

Prof. E. D. Ressler of O. A. C. professor of Industrial Pedagogy in that institution was the orator of the evening. Prof. Ressler was an instructor in the Normal under the old dispensation. He said his coming to Monmouth was like a visit home and he spoke with admiration of the enterprising spirit of the community that had held its courage and labored through trying times. In a jocular vein he referred to student ambitions and recommended careful judgement to them in the selection of their life work.

He spoke of the thinning out of class rolls in Oregon high schools from the freshman to the senior year and accounted for it in various ways. He said was to be lamented if any who wanted to continue the course had been prevented for any reason. He said the seniors were not always the survival of the fittest and regretted that many bright students who left school to take up successful work had not stopped to realize that their work would have been easier and additionally successful had they stopped to secure an educational foundation.

He said that no one who wanted it was debarred from taking a higher education and spoke of numerous instances where students were working their way through college without any outside assistance.

Mrs. Anna Marshall Powell, who narrowly missed being a native of Monmouth was present in the character of a soloist. Her father was one of the original owners of the land on which Monmouth is built but removed to Albany a year or two before Mrs. Powell's birth. Mrs. Powell gave several selections which

were warmly applauded. She has a splendid voice and her singing has the grace and finish of a professional. Her last selection, an extra, detailing the sensations of a small boy who would be a soldier, was very warmly received.

The training School orchestra had a prominent part of the program and under the direction of Miss Hoham acquitted itself with credit. The young artists did surprisingly well and gave evidence that their musical education had been thoroughly administered.

The singing of the high school Boys and Girls Glee Clubs is also worthy of special mention and did credit to the instruction of their leader, Miss Barnicott.

Prof. E. L. Keezel presented the class to the audience and school board with a few well chosen remarks. On behalf of the board, its president, Ira C. Powell, responded. He said, all through the deliberations, he had become more and more impressed with the gravity of his task as keeper and guardian of the diplomas and had been exercised to some extent for fear that something would happen to the documents before he had a chance to deliver them. Now that his stewardship was over he was relieved and he proceeded to hand out the diplomas.

Rev. W. A. Elkins delivered the invocation and benediction.

University to Help Temperance Talk

The address of President Campbell of the University of Oregon on the occasion of the Normal commencement was notable in many respects. In the first place he congratulated the school on its progress and expressed the hope that it would have room for development. He volunteered to President Ackerman the assurance that when the school asked from the legislature needed appropriations the university would lend it backing and would even go without additional appropriations itself if need be to secure the same to the normal.

A more complete resume of the excellent address of Mr. Campbell will be given in this paper next week.

One hundred and seventy-nine graduates for the winter and summer graduating periods, received diplomas at the hands of the board of regents and faculty Wednesday morning.

Borrowed His Ford

Gordon Bowman was one of the visitors at the Rose Festival in Portland last week had his automobile stolen for one day while in the city. The car was returned after twentyfour hours' use and in it was left a note to the effect that the users had appreciated the machine very much, that they had filled the tank with gasoline and put in a fresh supply of oil and also that they had kept the pennant that adorned the rear of the machine, as a souvenir. This pennant read "Excuse our Dust". The Monmouth pennant that adorned the front of the car, they left.

Quorum Lack Halts Council

Paving Matter Held Up Two Weeks Through Absentees

The meeting of the city council which was to have taken place last Tuesday night and which had been the object of considerable curiosity because of expected action on street paving matters did not take place as scheduled. This because the absence of Alderman Riddell in Portland where he is recovering from the effects of an operation and Alderman Ostien who was in attendance at the Alumni banquet that evening, made no quorum to do business.

It had been reported that the expected remonstrance would put in an appearance that evening. A remonstrance has been circulated but our information is that it lacks the necessary sixty per cent of the affected property.

Alderman John Riddell is in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland at present, recovering from the effects of an operation by which a piece of bone was taken from his shin and placed in one of the vertebrae of the back bone. He is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation but it will be five weeks before he can return home.

Frank W. Emerson, representing the Prohibition party, delivered a strong temperance address at the Christian church Tuesday evening. He sought, among other things, to recruit for the five million phalanx of voters who will not vote for any man or party who are not outright in their support of prohibition. The idea is that the prohibition party is not influential because its numbers are so small that it is not a factor in politics. The aim is to get five million who will vote together and they will be in numbers strong enough to sway the election for one side or the other of the leading parties as best suits accomplishment of practical results.

Mr. Emerson contended that a majority of both the great political parties favored temperance but were held in check by the liquor interests because they were not aggressive and because they were afraid of the action of the minority, who joining the opposing party would make a majority.

He characterized the effort of the liquor men to have the intoxicants used within the state manufactured therein as a scheme to defeat practical prohibition and advocated the referendum petition which aims to prevent the shipping in of liquor from outside stations.

Mr. Emerson is a good talker and kept his audience interested from start to finish.

Howard Morlan is driver for an auto party of Normal teachers on a vacation tour including Tillamook and Portland.