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

## SUMMER NEWS FROM NORMAL

### "Joan of Arc" to be Given. Fine Quartette is Coming

The several groups are now planning for their annual picnics. The Ya-Wa's group had their picnic on Wednesday night, and the other groups are planning for theirs.

Quite a good deal of interest was awakened by many of the students concerning the annual Chautauqua at Dallas, and it is planned to make this a greater feature of the school for the ensuing year.

Mr. Chas. Zueblin, of Boston, last Friday evening gave one of the most enjoyable, inspirational and helpful lectures that has been given for years, and all who were privileged to hear him felt greatly uplifted. He took for his subject, "America, the Peace Maker or Pace Maker," and handled his subject in a masterful manner.

It is with pleasure that the Normal announces that the date set for the adjourned band concert to be given on the campus is July 19, and it is earnestly hoped that the weather will be such that it will not have to be postponed again.

The several groups are showing much enthusiasm in the preparation of the several "stunts" which stunt program will be given on the campus on the evenings of July 21-22, to which the public is invited.

The fourth week closes with a total enrollment of 820, and the interest and enthusiasm remains unabated.

President Ackerman was in attendance last Saturday with the Committee appointed by the Board of Regents to prepare a report on the standardization of Oregon Normal Schools. The committee did not complete its report but reported progress.

On July 26, at 8 p. m., the Summer School Glee Clubs will give Gaul's historical cantata, "Joan of Arc." They will be assisted by an exceptionally fine quartet from Portland, composed of the following: Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, Mr. Joseph P. Mulder and Mr. Dom J. Zan. These singers will sing the solo parts and do special quartet work in the cantata. The choral effects even excel the mid-winter concert, "Ruth," that many will remember with pleasure.

Tickets will be sold and reserved at Morlan's. Students and public admitted for 35 cents. Children of Training School 25 cents.

Jacob Smith has given up his work with the co-operative creamery and P. O. Powell has taken his place.

Your summer can be made more pleasant by our porch furniture, hammocks, etc. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Independence.

## Rebekahs Install Officers

Installation of officers was held in Agate Rebecca Lodge last Thursday evening. Alta Rodgers, D. D. P., installed the following officers:

N. G., Amy Steinberg.  
V. G., Ida Scott.  
Secretary, Mina Cornelius.  
Treasurer, Mable Johnson.  
W., Mamie Gilmore.  
Con., Alice Butler.  
Chap., Addie Shore.  
R. S. N. G., Laura C. Price.  
L. S. N. G., Libbey Murdock.  
R. S. V. G., Maggie Butler.  
L. S. V. G., Emma Newman.  
I. G., Lottie Graham.  
O. G., H. K. Sickafoose.  
P. G., Pearl Smith.

## May Call For a Special Election

In the absence of the mayor the regular council meeting last Tuesday night was brief and only routine business was transacted. It was decided to purchase ten more water meters of the National Meter Co. and an adjournment was taken to Monday night when several matters will be taken up. The letting of sidewalk contracts is one of these.

Another matter that will be considered at this time is the advisability of holding a special election to amend the city charter. The proposed charter alteration relates to an effort to change the taxing powers of the municipality for the purpose of increasing its revenues.

A present farm areas within the city do not pay a city tax except for one acre surrounding the dwelling. Since the city was put in a separate road district it is alleged these tracts escape road taxes. Just how the thing will be threshed out is a matter to be threshed out at the adjourned meeting.

Active work on street paving will not begin until after July 29th, on that date the sixty day limit expires in which property owners who desire to do their improvements themselves have the opportunity to conduct the same. Therefore work on paving may be expected to begin shortly after July 29th.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

GENERAL FUND	
Harry Judd, constructing three cross walks .....	\$43.76
Himes Co., services to June 13 ..	35.75
W. G. Brown, recorder fees to June 27 .....	14.00
L. C. Price, health officer salary ..	5.00
J. F. Moreland, marshal sal., June ..	15.00
A. B. Robinson, county clerk, transcript property owners, Main street, between Broad St. and Monmouth Ave. ....	8.35
Oregon Power Co., June lights ..	66.00
Graham & Son, car hire, .....	4.00
J. F. McClellan, sand and gravel for cross walks .....	9.45
G. Bowman, hauling sand & gravel ..	29.65
Ralph Mason, work on street .....	3.75
WATER FUND	
National Meter Co., 10 meters, ..	96.00
J. F. Moreland, water supt. salary ..	45.00
W. G. Brown, collecting water rents for June .....	7.50
Oregon Power Co., pump power ..	52.40
Feb 2 to July 5, supplies for water department .....	48.52
ROAD FUND	
J. F. McClellan, grading streets ..	77.00

## DEATH CALLS EX-PUBLISHER

### D. E. Stitt Died Last Friday Came to Oregon in 1877

D. E. Stitt, who for over six years was the guiding genius of this newspaper, died at his home in Monmouth on Friday night of last week. He had been sick for nearly a year, had been confined to his bed for the past two months. He suffered a stroke in August a year ago and although he soon recovered, was smitten again, and realizing that his days were numbered set himself to prepare for his final departure. Because he was not able to conduct its management any longer, the Herald was sold to the present management last March.

About six weeks ago the prevalent grippe seized upon him for a victim, and under its influence he has steadily dropped away until death came to release him of his troubles at 11 o'clock Friday night. His malady took the shape of the filling of his lungs with bloody water. When relieved of this by help of his physician he seemed much better again but each time left him a little weaker.

David Ehrhart Stitt was one of the pioneer newspapermen of Oregon. He had been in the harness in this state for something like thirty-five years. For something like 18 years he published the Bandon Recorder.

Mr. Stitt was born in Armstrong county, Penn., and moved with his parents to Indiana when a boy. There he grew up and made the acquaintance of Mary Catherine Richardson, whom he married at Edinburg, Bartholomew county, Sept. 27, 1871.

Shortly after the young couple set out for the Golden West, living first in Northern California but coming to Oregon in November, 1877. They landed at Crescent City, California, from a sailing boat with the usual experiences and traveled north into Curry county and Mr. Stitt bought a ranch on Floras creek. He was one of the first men in that section to plant new and untried vegetables and garden stuff. A few varieties were grown there but all of a kind that tradition said would stand the climate. Mr. Stitt sent for various seeds and succeeded with them in the fertile bottom land and in especial, raised melons that were famed for miles around.

He soon sold out, however, and moved to Bandon which had received its name from an Irishman, commonly known as "Lord" Bennett, who brought a party from Bandon in Ireland. Bennett's town was a short ways down the coast but later the name was used to apply to a town which grew up at the mouth of the Coquille river. A newspaper had been started at Denmark, a hamlet which is still a cross roads settlement in Curry county. J. M. Upton, who as register of the U. S. land office at Roseburg died last spring, bought the Denmark paper and moved it to Bandon.

Mr. Stitt had undertaken the livery business but soon bought out Upton and embarked on the sea of journalism. He had had no experience either as printer or publisher but had taught school some, had a liking for politics, an easy style in composition and made a success of the newspaper.

His was the experience of the pioneer journalist. He had a Washington hand press and a limited supply of type. All freight and most passengers came in by water and in the days before the mouth of the river was improved, making the entrance to the harbor was dangerous business and only attempted by the smaller boats. A great deal of the traffic was by sailing ships and these were often wrecked in the effort to get from the ocean to the

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## Students Plan Entertainment

An interesting event to which the public of Monmouth is cordially invited is a series of stunts to be given on the Normal campus on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week. As usual in the summer school the student body has divided itself according to the different parts of the state from which the individuals hail and the entertainments are designed as a safety valve for the pent up spirit of local pride which the various representatives are possessed of. It will give each a chance to do a little community bragging and also allow an opportunity to advertise the various attractions of each section. Every county in the state is represented among the 820 students registered, and seven outside states.

Competition is keen to see that each group is fittingly represented in the stunt and some interesting exhibitions are anticipated. Mining and wheat growing, fishing and cattle raising, lumbering and fruit growing suggest some of the possibilities from which the different groups can draw.

The following are the group leaders:

- Floyd D. Moore of Portland, Group 1, Multnomah county.
- N. A. Baker of Eugene, Group 2, Lane county.
- R. W. Dobell of Monmouth, Group 3, Polk county.
- Ranie P. Burkhead of Wasco, Group 4, Crook, Jefferson, Sherman, Wheeler, Wasco, Morrow, Hood River counties.
- Franklin Launer of Canby, Group 5, Marion and Clackamas counties.
- L. A. Wright of Butte Falls, Group 6, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath counties.
- Florence Hill of Gold Beach, Group 7, outside of state, Clatsop, Coos, Columbia and Curry counties.
- Sara Ruggles of Moro, Group 8, Grant, Gilliam, Baker, Harney, Wallowa, Malheur, Umatilla and Union counties.
- Vera Tracey of Albany, Group 9, Lincoln, Benton and Linn counties.
- Claude Arehart of Monmouth, Group 10, Tillamook, Yamhill and Washington counties.

## START FOLKS TO THINKING

### Its a Necessary Preliminary Said Zueblin in Lecture

According to Chas. Zueblin of Boston, who lectured to the Normal students last Friday night, the hardest thing Americans find to do, is to think. They are so accustomed to acting as suits the passing fancy that a little thinking would be profitable. The audience might not agree with his sentiments, asserted Mr. Zueblin, and he did not care whether they did or not, but if he could only set them to thinking he felt that his labor was not in vain.

Ahd with rapid fire sentences, like the pounding of a trip-hammer, Zueblin proceeded to overturn preconceived notions and arraign established customs in a manner that was truly startling. He seasoned it all with lightning like flashes of wit which kept the crowd laughing a considerable part of the time.

He believed in preparedness but he wanted it to have peace as its object. Most preparedness, he claimed, had war as its ultimate end. His subject was "Uncle Sam as a Peace-maker and a Pacemaker".

He showed the folly of taking European standards for American use. Europe arms to defend its border and sea coast. He showed how, if we were to take Europe as a standard and with our scanty population attempt to make the same defense of our borders and sea coast line as Europe, it would lead to speedy bankruptcy.

The European war showed the folly of the old style of military drill. The idea of men contorting their physiognomies into the unnatural posture of the soldier was out of date. The soldiers of battling Europe are not indulging in rifle practice. The shooting is with long range artillery. When the private soldier gets a chance at his enemy in the trenches he is so close that he uses his rifle as a club. The main work of the modern soldier is to dig trenches. It is not necessary to declare war to engage in this work. The United States could use thousands of miles of more trenches right now. They could be dug so as to drain our sloughs and swamps or for sewers in cities. Again, the soldier was a road builder. The highways he builds for the transportation of artillery and amunition are marvels. We need not go to war to set our soldiers to road-making. Opportunity opens off in evers direction.

The flying machine machine is used much more in war than in peace. There was no reason for this. No need of war to find use for a swarm of flying machines. We need scouts over our forests. How easy it would be for a man flying over the woods to detect the smoke and get the fire out before it caused great damage. A whole brigade of airmen could

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