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

Club Meets

Commercial Organization Considers Several Matters

A special meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the rooms over Allen Clark's grocery last Friday evening.

Matters of civic pride and local interest as well as national patriotism were considered. The chief topic of interest was the Luckiamute bridge, known as the Helmick bridge, which is in the way of the Valley and Siletz railroad. Interested parties detrimental to the interests of Monmouth have sought to have the location of this bridge moved to the east to cross the Luckiamute at Parker. However, the interests of Monmouth people are agreed that this bridge should remain substantially as it is and people in the neighborhood of the bridge, whom it accommodates, think likewise.

Some discussion was indulged in at the meeting over this bridge and it was decided to confer with Mr. Helmick with a view to moving the bridge a few rods to the east, straightening the road, and also to confer with the county court. A committee was appointed to this end, consisting of the following persons: O. A. Wolverton, F. R. Bowersox, A. Parker and Ira Powell.

The state Patriotic League asked for co-operation in the matter of raising funds to assist the families of soldiers off with the national guards and the following were appointed: E. B. Hamilton, Wm. Jones and Dr. Price.

A communication from the Civic Club was presented orally by Chairman Ira Powell to the effect that they were interested in the starting of one or more flower gardens around the depot. Mrs. Evenden, president of the club, had taken the matter up with the railroad company and they had volunteered the use of the land and would put in a curbing and the club was asked to secure the flower plants and care for them. It was the sense of the meeting that the club should take this matter up with the city council to secure water and money for the plants. The matter of caring for the flowers, it was thought, would prove a sticker although the city marshal might find a little spare time to spend with hose and hoe or some of the railroad employees might be induced to do it.

Maid of Orleans

Musical Program July 26th

The story of Joan of Arc is one of the most interesting in history. A frail young woman who, in times when roughness ruled, was so carried away by spiritual exaltation that she was able not only to persuade herself but rude soldiers that she could lead them to victory. No writer of fiction ever imagined a more wonderful story than that of her career.

How the voices summoned her, how she was directed to the armour and sword with which she prepared herself; how she infused some of her enthusiasm into a weak kneed king, how she took command of the French soldiers and compelled the English to raise the siege of Orleans, of her short and adventurous career to victory, until men soldiers, jealous because she could do what they could not, betrayed her to her enemies, who burned her in behalf of their faith; are details that have been worked over many times by writers. Mark Twain chose the story of Joan of Arc as the subject of what he hoped would be his masterpiece. The same story is to be presented at the Normal next Wednesday night.

How well this combination of the frail and the strong, the spiritual and the worldly, the calling of mysterious voices and the clash of arms on the battlefield lend themselves to musical interpretation, may be imagined. The program is a good one and no one should miss it.

A Dandy Picture

If you are looking for a good, wholesome entertainment, do not fail to see the presentation of "Gretna Green" at the Normal next Saturday night. Marguerite Clarke is at her best in this picture. It gives her an opportunity to display her talents to an unusual degree. The play is one of the kind that leaves you with that satisfied feeling, at peace with yourself and with the world. The plot hinges on the famous town in Scotland where elopers were wont to race for a few paces in advance of the irate parents. The costumes are of the seventeenth century, the villagers of that time are nicely portrayed and the plot is excellent.

Adjourned Session

Council Lets Cement Work

The city council met in adjourned session Monday night and immediately proceeded to examine bids for the building of sidewalks and cross walks as advertised two weeks ago. Only one bid was submitted, that of Harry Judd, his proposals being between nine and ten cents per foot, and his proposals were accepted.

Thos. Boulden and R. M. Smith who were present, filed with the recorder a notice to the effect that they would not pay for any part of the proposed paving of Main street from the east line of Broad street to the west line of Monmouth ave.

The mayor being absent and for other reasons the matter of considering a bill for an ordinance to amend the tax regulations of the city charter was continued over to the next regular meeting.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

GENERAL FUND	
R. B. Swenson, legal advertising	\$12.00
Monmouth lumber yard, cement	3.00
ROAD FUND	
Ralph Mason, ditching and tiling	\$3.75
G T Boothby, 35 6 in. tile,	2.10

County Fair

Exhibits of Various Kinds Received. Judges Named

Although the county fair is still some distance away, preparations for it are already in motion. A copy of the premium list reaches us this week. Of especial interest to housewives is a special prize offer for fruit packed in Economy jars: these in addition to the regular prizes offered.

The board of directors, Thursday night selected the following judges: Horticulture—H. M. Williams (member state board of Hort.) Agronomy (all field and garden crops)—L. J. Chapin, agriculturist Spaulding Lumber Co. Salem; Home Economics—Helen Cowgill, Corvallis; Household art—Mrs. Shooking, Salem; Poultry—C. F. Williams, editor Northwest Poultry Journal, Salem. Hogs, Sheep and Goats—Thomas Brunk, Salem, route 2. Mr. Savery was instructed to secure a judge for the horse department and Mr. Loy the judge for the dairy cattle.

F. B. Powell of Monmouth was selected to take charge of the milk test.

The secy., Mrs. Winnie Braden writes: "Our exhibit is growing daily. We now have about thirty varieties of grass, among them, five foot timothy, four foot clover, and vetch that measures over seven feet.

"I am making this offer to all—I will gladly cure all specimens sent me, prepare them for exhibition and exhibit in the name of the grower if the growers will select good specimens and send to me at Dallas.

"I am doing this because I realize the farmers are busy and it takes quite a little time to strip and prepare a bundle, and we need every variety in our exhibit, and we wish to win at both the Salem State fair and the Portland Land Products show.

"This year we are going to use a card system of advertising at the Land Products show giving the number of bushels to acre, value and grower's name, thus giving the grower, the advertising due him so you see, we are anxious to get the best our county produces.

The bundles of grain sent must be about the size of a sheaf as there is much waste in stripping and all bundles must measure 4 inches in diameter when cured and tied tightly.

"Bunches of vetch and peas must be larger as the cured stems must measure 4 inches in diameter.

Stunning Stunts

Rival Attractions Planned

Representatives of the various groups at the Normal have been very busy during the past week preparing for the stunts which are to take place on the Normal campus tonight and tomorrow night. Tonight's exhibits will

be put on by the "Co-Coasters," the "Roughish-Umps," the "Triple L," the "Tilwayans" and the "Chintimini."

Saturday night will be turned over to the "Multnomahs," the "Co-Polks," the "Mariclasks," the "Blue Mountain Stars" and the "Mount Hoods." Among the scenes are:

The Bridge of the Gods, Council Dance.

The Fountain of Youth.

Pioneer Court Scene at Cham-poeg.

The Pool of Answers.

The King of the Land of Nod.

The New Normal Pipe Organ.

Tiliwayan Tragedy in Three Acts.

School Days, Ancient and Modern.

Roguish Umps at Home.

Trained Seals.

A Movie Drama—A Normal Girl's Dream.

Normal Notes

Summer School Drawing to a Close. Attendance 824

The seat sale for "Joan of Arc" will begin at 9 a. m. Saturday at Morlan's. Tickets, 35 cents for all except training school children. These tickets are 25 cents.

The excursion to the State institutions last Saturday was a decided success—301 going by train and some 25 by auto. The state officials, one and all, were extremely kind and helpful, and the excursionists were loud in their praises of the treatment received from all. Special thanks was due to the managers of the street car company who so cheerfully re-arranged the car schedule to accommodate everyone.

The Normal was favored with a visit by Mr. O. M. Elliott, President-elect of the Lewiston State Normal School, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. E. F. Carleton, Mr. Charles Jones, business-manager of the Oregon Teachers Monthly, all of whom gave short addresses at Chapel Wednesday morning. Their visit was thoroughly enjoyed, and it is hoped that they may come again.

Governor Withycombe was an honored visitor at the Chapel exercises Thursday morning. His great interest in anything pertaining to education makes him a welcome visitor at every educational gathering, and especially at the Oregon Normal School. The students were well pleased with his address, and he expressed himself as much gratified at the spirit of the school.

The total registration to date is 824 as against 508 at the close of the session last year.

The Salem band under the direction of Mr. H. M. Studenmeyer gave a splendid concert on the campus last Wednesday evening. The students and public thoroughly enjoyed every number.

The stunt programs will be given on the campus Friday night and Saturday night, to which the public is cordially invited. No admission charge to these programs.

Perhaps one of the strongest attractions of the summer school session will be the cantata, Joan of Arc, produced by the Glee Club of the Oregon Normal School under the direction of Miss Hoham, and assisted by Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, Mr. Joseph P. Mulder and Mr. Dom J. Zan of Portland.

The concert given by John Claire Monteith of Portland on Friday night, July 14th, was one of the most delightful events of the year. He sang in his usual splendid manner and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Appearing with him on the program were Mrs. Carmel Sullivan Powers, harpist, and Miss Elizabeth Woodbury, reader. Mrs. Power's choice of selections was especially fine, and Miss Woodbury's rendition of VanDyke's "The Lost Word" could not have been improved upon.

Harold Tallman of Corvallis spent Sunday in Monmouth.