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

A RECEPTION TO STUDENTS

Starts Normal Social Activities. Class Officers Chosen

The classes of the Oregon Normal School held their annual election of officers on Monday, September 18. Class Presidents are as follows: Senior II—Lillie Wattenburger of Echo; Senior I—Alma Baker of Turner; Junior—Chad Newhouse of Forest Grove; Sophomore—Wanda Sain of Gaston.

The enrollment at the end of the second week is 400, while at the end of the second week last year the enrollment was 375.

The faculty have been working strenuously sectioning the classes so as to reduce the number in each class, and have succeeded very well.

Mr. Pittman started on his ten weeks of institute work last Monday, his first appointment being at Corvallis.

Mr. Gilmore, Head of the Department of Science, has been very busy during the week in gathering together the exhibit for the Industrial club, and he is justly proud of the results this year.

Saturday, September 16, the President and Faculty of the Oregon Normal School entertained the students, old and new, at a reception in the campus grove. From half past two until five o'clock the guests were received by President and Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Todd, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Ostien, Miss Riecker and Miss Dinius. Other members of the faculty assisted among the guests and at the punch tables. A most interesting program was thoroughly appreciated. There were many delightful orchestra numbers, an unusual address of welcome by President Ackerman with a charming response Miss Schmidli; Miss Hoham and Miss Green each sang two attractive numbers and Mrs. Graham of Los Angeles gave very clever readings which were splendidly received. A most cordial renewal of old friendships and the forming of delightful new friendships were made possible through the intervals devoted to conversation and interesting informal entertainment. The campus grove with its somber firs was a wonderful background for the many groups of guests in charming costume. The decorations were simple and in keeping with the out-of-door atmosphere. This delightful affair marks the beginning of the social life of the school.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the lecture course committee of the Oregon Normal School announces the first number of the winter course—"The Melting Pot," a drama of alien American life which is at present peculiarly significant. This great human interest play is to be presented in Monmouth, October 14, just as it was in New

York. In fact, most of the original company are in the cast. The splendidly interesting story of David, the young Russian exile, is one of extraordinary importance to all thinking Americans. The appearance of this talented company of nine persons, all actors of note, is one of the treats of the season. Numerous people are already planning to secure their seats early to be sure of hearing one of the best plays of the year. Announcements concerning tickets will appear later in this paper.

Achievements Of Young Workers

There are some notable achievements among the records of the Boys' and Girls' Industrial clubs of Monmouth. Prominent among them is the pig which Niel Moreland has raised by the personal attention process. This pig weighed 138 pounds at the end of three months, gaining 62 lbs. in the last month at the cost of 6 cents a day for feed. This pig weighed 28 pounds when bought, being a little over a month old at the time. Placed among the members of the original flock he looks like a giant. The growth is due to personal attention. The pig has been fed according to the system laid down by the Agricultural College and Neil has made a pet of him and can make him do several circus stunts. The pig is a cross of the Red and Berkshire breeds.

Johnnie Stump also is something of a pig producer and has a pig 7 months old that weighs 300 pounds. Johnnie is familiar with all the details of pig feeding as well as a dozen other farm occupations and if you want detailed information, ask him and he will be glad to tell you how fat pigs are raised.

Miss Jessie Keyt is another of the Industrial workers who has made a notable record. She has canned 600 cans of fruit this season.

"Hizz" is Patented

Dr. Parly of the medicine company showing at the local theater is one of the few people in the United States who has the exclusive right to use a single word. "Hizz," the title under which he operates is copyrighted and is an original word. The doctor and his company of assistants have been giving a good show and have received a liberal patronage at the hands of the public. Their program includes singing, dancing, monologues, farces and music upon the banjo and other instruments.

The New Tester

M. O. Opstad, who has been tester for the Polk County Cow Testing association, left Monday morning for Corvallis where he will take up his studies for the coming school year. He has three more years yet in that institution. His local successor is G. G. Walker, a graduate of the 1916 class of the O. A. C. and a very competent man.

COUNTY AND LOCAL FAIRS

Attract Many Daring Past Week. Some Fine Exhibits

The exhibition given by the local exhibitors in the high school gymnasium called out a fair patronage of spectators who found there many things of interest to look at. Large squashes, pumpkins and sugar beets vied with canned goods and needle work for the attraction of the eye. A feature of the exhibition was a frame from a bee colony, enclosed in a glass case, in which a multitude of restless bees circulated around a thoroughbred white Italian queen.

There were clusters of plums that looked like huge bunches of grapes and giant Gravenstein apples, Bannana apples and Italian prunes. An exhibition of filberts also aroused interest. Some of these were raised on the Ira Powell and J. B. Stump tracts and are interesting because they are a rare thing in this vicinity.

There were also many specimens of canned goods, canned corn, in the cob, tomatoes, cherries, etc., even canned veal. There also were several coops with specimens of large Plymouth Rock pullets. It was a good exhibition; the idea is a new one this year, and with continued effort these preliminary exhibitions are bound to attain larger proportions and greater patronage in future years.

The Polk county fair was the attraction that drew to Dallas this week local people interested in agricultural products and in the work of the industrial clubs.

While the exhibits at the fair were not equal in quantity to those of last year the quality was better. The fine growing summer we have had was evidenced in the corn, grain and fruit as well as the vegetables on display. The exhibit of apples was notable, being complete with almost every imaginable variety in perfect shape and color. Some of the individual exhibits were very interesting. A Mr. Lee of Falls City had a wonderful exhibit including some original varieties of vegetables and forage. One of these was a cross between lentil and vetch. He also showed an Oregonized Russian musk melon which will be heard from later.

The Monmouth Grange had a nice exhibit. Many of the school exhibits were fine. R. G. Dykstra of Perrydale school, who is an enthusiast on this sort of thing had gathered a fine exhibit and was there to see that the visitors saw everything. The Mistletoe district had a fine exhibit including some stock squashes that must have taken a premium for size.

Lyman Parker took advantage of the opportunity to have his grain threshed last Sunday and a visit to the field convinces us that this section has a good crop of grain. The machine was turning out about 45 bushels to the acre of heavy oats.

Special City Election

A special city election is to be held on the 3rd of October for the purpose of amending the charter to make all lands in the city on the same basis of taxation. At present large tracts of land are taxed for one acre as city property and the balance is taxed as county property, paying the same taxes as land just outside the city limits. To any one who has anything to communicate for or against this proposition the Herald offers reasonable space wherein they may make their opinions known.

It Was An Expensive Breeze

The trouble that caused Monmouth to go without lights last week Wednesday night had a peculiar origin, and a side product was damage to the telephone system at the Monmouth exchange that cost nearly a hundred dollars to remedy. A wire on a subsidiary farmer's telephone line leading to Jim Riddell's, north of the city, was attached to a tree where it crosses the power lines. The wind of the evening swayed the tree, the line sagged, the telephone line touched the power line and the business was done. The fuses burned out on the connections to the Monmouth switch board and the service was off. Manager Cosper was summoned from Independence. He renewed the fuses and had hardly got the work done when flash, the wind swayed the tree, the lines came in contact and the telephone system was again interfered with.

Again Mr. Cosper took out the burned fuses, renewed them, and again there was a flash as the wires came in contact again. But this time the damage showed plainly where the injury came from and that it would be useless to repair the service until the damage could be remedied. In several places the wires within the cable had burned through their insulating coverings and the power company was appealed to.

The power was promptly shut down. This was about five o'clock in the afternoon and the trouble was not located and repaired until ten in the evening. The point of connection was hard to find for while the tree was resting naturally the wires did not touch. The place was passed several times by Manager Steelquist and his men but at last the contact was found and the wire fixed so it would give no further trouble.

The telephone company imported a special worker from Portland to repair the damage to the cable. With his little trolley he slid along the cable until he came to the places affected, cut out the spoiled wires, tied and insulated them again and renewed the lead covering of the cable. This work was done last Saturday and Sunday and now the service is again in good working order.

Ed Lorence had business in McMinnville, Tuesday.

BRIDGE PIERS ARE FAULTY

Independence Bridge Drops When Supports Give Way

A mild sensation was created Wednesday by the announcement that the new concrete bridge across the slough north of Independence had given way. The bridge had been recently erected and was supposed to be about ready for traffic. The bridge is of re-enforced concrete and rests on abutments and two sets of concrete pillars in the center. The trouble came from the north pillars which crumbled beneath the weight of the bridge and gave way, the north half of the bridge sagging with them to a depth of a few feet. That end of the bridge now is held up by the iron work with which it is re-enforced.

Tobin & Stevens were the contractors and Mr. Tobin, who is now in Independence, blames the fall to an incompetent foreman who did not make the right proportions. The bridge has been completed for some time but had not been open to the traffic of the public. The state had used it in the building of the paved highway north from Independence. The contractors had been paid \$13,000 on the work, which includes the fill as well as the bridge, and have only \$700 yet to receive. The cost of the bridge alone is estimated at between \$6,500 and \$7,000. While the money has been paid, the bridge has not been formally opened to traffic and the contractors are still under bonds. Just what will be the basis of the repair work has not been agreed upon. It is thought that in the repairs the south end of the bridge can be saved and the repairs confined to the north side.

It is hoped that the repairs may be speedily made because of the large amount of traffic that passes over the road.

With New Mayor In The Chair

The city fathers held a brief session Tuesday night, just long enough to allow our new mayor, James Graham, a first opportunity to exercise his official function as presiding officer. Frank Moreland, city marshal, forgot about it being meeting night and did not attend. Councilman Ed Lorence, also was otherwise engaged. Otherwise there was a full attendance at the meeting.

Sidewalk building was the only business considered. Resolution 209 was passed, providing for the building of walks abutting the property of Mrs. Mina Cornelius on Main street and of Mrs. A. E. Brewster on Powell street, the recorder having previously given proof of posting of legal notices.

Lucien Arant went to Eugene Sunday to continue his work at the University.