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IMPROVEMENT OF NORMAL

Regents Prepare Schedule and Will Ask for \$86,000

At a joint meeting of the Finance and Executive committees of the Board of Regents it was unanimously agreed to ask the forthcoming Legislature for the following needed improvements at the Normal School:

For addition to the main building which will provide sufficient chapel room, and lockers for the gymnasium, \$25,000.

For necessary addition to the girls' dormitory, \$50,000.

For paving of street adjoining the Normal grounds, and other general improvements of the Normal School campus, \$5,000.

For taking over a school or schools which may be used for practice teaching purposes for the Normal, \$6,000.

Total, \$86,000.

Also, to ask for four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420.00) for needed repairs to the Normal School buildings at the Southern Oregon Normal School.

The first dancing party of the student body of the Normal School was given Saturday evening in the school gymnasium. The hall was beautifully decorated; the color scheme, yellow and green, was very successfully carried out with fir boughs and chrysanthemums. Adding to the delight of the evening was a favor dance, the burning of incense to the harvest moon as in days of old.

The patrons and patronesses for this delightful affair were President and Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Miss Butler, Miss Todd and Miss Hoham.

Chairmen of the various committees who planned the evening's pleasure were Miss Gardiner, Miss Wilson, Miss Haskins, Harold Haley and Paul Brown.

Saturday evening the rooms on the first floor of the Training School were most attractively decorated as a setting for the first big student body party. The patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. Evenden, Miss West, Miss Parrott, Miss Arbuthnot and Miss Dinius. The feature of the evening was the reading by Mrs. Fish of Salem of "If I Were King." This together with other delightful numbers, was splendidly done. All manner of games with peanuts contributed to the further enjoyment of the evening.

Mrs. H. H. Kellar, who is a field representative of The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland, addressed the faculty and students Friday morning. The subject of this humanly interesting address was "What Makes Them Behave So." Drawing from her own wide experience the speaker vividly presented the problems of children's conduct. The talk was well worth hearing as the hearty applause of the attentive audience signified.

Saturday afternoon Miss Todd

will be hostess at a tea for the Senior women of the school. These teas have been most enjoyable for the students and faculty both as they promote a closer acquaintance socially. The Sophomore and Junior women have been entertained in the same manner.

Miss West has on exhibition in the library this week a very fine collection of illustrated books suitable for Christmas gifts. This loan collection from the State Library has been the center of interest for lovers of beautiful books.

Mr. Pittman is now closing his work in the institute field, and will organize his classes in Rural School work next Monday. The outlook for full classes is very gratifying, as much interest is being taken by the students in rural school work.

Miss McIntosh's mother is spending the winter in Monmouth. Her home is in Wisconsin, and she already is beginning to make favorable comparisons concerning the difference of weather between Wisconsin and Oregon.

Mr. Evenden accepted an invitation to address the Parent-Teachers' Association at the Arleta School in Portland last Saturday evening, and reports a very pleasant time.

Miss Hoham took her visiting day last Monday in inspecting the music work of the Portland public schools. She speaks very highly of the work being done there.

Miss Myrtle Copenhaver represented the Senior class on Wednesday morning with a splendid paper on "The Value of a School Library."

The Lecture Course committee was working hard last week to secure a date in Monmouth for Madam Schumann Heink. However, no time was available this season. Perhaps next season the Oregon Normal may be able to secure a concert date. In lieu of such an actual appearance Miss Hoham, who had attended the Portland concert, arranged a Victor concert for the second period Tuesday. This prefaced by Miss Hoham's description of the Portland occasion, was a source of real pleasure to the student body.

Miss Mary Watson of the University of Oregon was a weekend guest of Miss Kennon.

Press reports announce the death of Rev. R. M. Messick, retired minister of the Christian church which took place at his home in Victorville, Cal., Nov. 13th. Rev. Messick was well known throughout Oregon, having served a number of churches for a period of twenty years, including the pastorate of the Monmouth church during the years 1891-2, and still has many friends among the older people of this community.

A. N. Poole has the contract to build a modern bungalow for James Davidson on the location mute this winter.

PICTURES AS AN EDUCATOR

Discussed at Meeting of Parent-Teachers, Tuesday

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association in the high school auditorium last Tuesday evening was well attended and the discussion on the moving picture problem for young people brought out some interesting facts. Rev. W. A. Elkins led the discussion, prefacing his remarks with some pertinent information relative to the instinct for art in humanity and its early manifestations. The first means of expressing thought, he said, was by way of pictures, and the letters of the alphabet took form by abbreviations from the original hieroglyphics. The instinct for art was universal and the child was interested in and understood pictures above all other forms of expression.

He believed in training that instinct to make it educative and uplifting. He did not disapprove of the comic section of the newspapers but was sympathetic with the child who eagerly sought for them and absorbed them. It represented a normal appetite which should be satisfied. At the same time he believed the pictures could be regulated and improved so that they would be just as interesting and yet foster ideas for the benefit and development of the child mind.

The program committee had determined, on a constructive program for the winter and first in line they had determined to discuss the moving picture. He had found by discussion with moving picture men that they were perfectly willing to alter their programs and were anxious to put on pictures that would meet with the approval of the parents and yet interesting enough to attract the child. The speaker believed there must be some comic with each program. It was demanded and the demand was normal. At the same time there was at their disposal a long list of pictures, dealing with educative subjects, science, zoology, architecture, manufactures, travel, illustrated news, etc., all of which were interesting and which were moderate in their cost.

A number of representative people in the audience also responded to the subject, expressing the idea that the thing was practical and the hope that it could be put into practice.

Miss Arbuthnot read the minutes of the preceding meeting. Prof. Gentle explained that the committee at work to secure a memento for the training school building had their minds fixed on a small statue of Lincoln but had not been able as yet to find the work they were looking for.

Dr. Matthis on behalf of the finance committee reported several plans for financing the association during the coming year but made no definite recommendation and the committee was given another month in which to wrestle with the subject.

Miss Hoham started out the meeting by leading in the singing in her usual spirited fashion and for the high school Miss Barnicott supervised two numbers, one by the boys' glee club and the other by a mixed chorus, both of which were excellent and were warmly encored.

High School Notes

Last Friday evening the Freshmen - Sophomores had a get-together party at the gymnasium. Almost all members of both classes were present, besides various members of the faculty, and every one pronounced this informal gathering such a success that they are planning others.

On the same evening, Miss Shore entertained the senior class at her home. A delicious luncheon was served after an evening spent in games.

The Athena Society met Thursday evening and a very interesting program was given. Kipling was studied, a number of his stories and readings being given, besides a biography and one of his plays, "Poor Dear Mama".

Last week the girls had another game of Basket Ball, which not only decided who won the tie off, but also decided who won the game. The Sophomore girls got the tie but the Junior-Seniors succeeded in getting the game, the score being 6-2.

County Grange Elects Officers

There was an attendance of 40 at the Pomona Grange at McCoy Wednesday to which total Monmouth contributed 18. An interesting program was given after the grange dinner. The following officers were elected:

Master—P. O. Powell
Ovreseer—Wm. Riddell, Jr.
Lecturer—Isaac Robertson, of Oak Grove

Steward—Frank Loughary
Asst. Steward—Ed Rogers
Sec.—Nelly White, Oak Grove
Tres.—F. R. Romig, McCoy
Ceres—Mrs. C. E. Staats, of Lewisville

Pomona—Mrs. F. Loughary
Flora—Mrs. F. R. Romig
Lady Asst. Steward—Mrs. F. W. Fletcher, McCoy

Mr. Evans of O. A. C., appeared before the meeting advocating the appointment of a county agriculturist and C. L. Hawley appeared in behalf of the office of school supervisor which he understood the Grange opposed. He quoted facts and figures in defense saying that school superintendent cost the country 10 cts to \$1,000 as compared to ten times that proportion, the cost to a city.

The next Pomona Grange will be held at Monmouth in January. There are four Granges in the county, McCoy, Oak Grove, Lewisville and Monmouth.

G. A. Conn, the popular Airlie merchant was in town the first of the week.

PAVERS ASK MORE TIME

Granted to December First to get Concrete Base Laid

The common council met in regular session last Tuesday evening. Mayor Jas. Graham was in the chair and the following responded when Recorder Walter Brown called the roll: Councilmen D. M. Hampton, H. C. Ostien and G. T. Boothby and J. F. Moreland, marshal.

Hobson & Hoskins submitted a bill for grading completed on the estimate of the city engineer that 88 per cent of the grading had been completed as also 89 per cent of the curbs. The bill was audited and allowed.

A warrant was drawn on the Street Improvement fund for the amount of \$472.67 for curbs and \$1999.90 for grading.

The committee appointed to investigate the barn adjoining G. T. Beery's residence asked for more time which was granted.

The recorder submitted proof of publication of the 1917 tax budget and said proof was accepted.

The fine collected from R. O. Vincent was placed to the credit of the general fund.

A light was ordered installed at the northwest corner of the intersection of Powell and East streets.

Hoskins & Hobson asked for an extension of time on street work to Dec. 1st and promised to make use of all favorable weather to rush the work of laying the concrete. On which condition the time was extended.

The asphalt part of the paving can not be laid until next summer when the concrete base is dry and warm. But when the concrete is laid and hardened sufficiently it can be used for traffic until the proper time is here for the top coat.

Messrs. Hobson and Hoskins arrived in Monmouth Tuesday and are working to get the concrete in place as soon as possible.

There is still some work to do to complete the grading at the intersection of Main and Monmouth avenue. Frost on the surface of the ground especially in the shade of buildings has delayed the work.

The contractors have not completed their work at Carlton but have the concrete work done there and come here to make similar progress.

Twenty above was the record for Thursday morning, the coldest of a week of chilly weather although earlier nights with more wind seemed colder. Considerable damage was done, especially to potatoes. Some had potatoes plowed out ready to be picked up and these were caught. Some potatoes were frozen in the hill. A part of the cement curb on the Main street paving was frozen while soft and ruined.

E. A. Staats is building a garage.