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

## DEATH OF MRS. SARAH HERR

Former Monmouth Woman Scalds to Death in Salem

Mrs. Sarah Herr, a former resident of Monmouth, but who for the past year has been in the insane asylum in Salem, died this week. A Portland paper gives the following details of the incidents of her end:

Mrs. Sarah Herr, 73 years old, a patient at the State Hospital for the Insane, was scalded at 5 o'clock Monday night and died at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The patient had just been given a bath by a nurse and another patient. The nurse was called down the corridor. Mrs. Herr, according to Superintendent Steiner, then returned to the bathtub and turned on the scalding water. She was scalded to the hips. She weighed 250 pounds.

Mrs. Herr was committed to the asylum from Monmouth last February. She has no known relatives. On the commitment card is a notation that she was a friend of Eugene Parmer of Portland.

Dr. Steiner called Coroner Clough, who made an investigation and absolved the asylum officials from all blame in the matter. Mr. Clough said he thought death was due more to shock than to actual burning.

## Butler's Annual A Merry Event

The 36th annual reunion and Christmas tree of the Butler family took place Christmas night at the old homestead, owned by J. B. V. Butler, and something like forty-five were present to enjoy the evening. This is a smaller attendance than has prevailed in recent years but the measles and other contributing causes are to blame and not a diminishing number in the clan. There was the usual set program, the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of Christmas presents and some of the latter were significant of the fact that the old gentleman with the reindeer and white whiskers is considerable of a practical joker. When the presents were distributed, the tree was taken up and the floor cleared for dancing. Some of those present from out of town were D. V. Butler of Eugene, Mrs. Frank Butler of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Butler of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCready of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Butler of Marion county and N. L. Butler, O. D. Butler and W. D. Butler and families of Independence.

Mrs. D. C. Walker had the misfortune to slip on the ice yesterday afternoon in her back yard and broke the bone in one of her legs. After due medical consultation it was deemed wise to take her to the hospital in Dallas, where she was taken this morning for treatment.

## A Large Increase

The receipts at the Monmouth post office for the week before Christmas are sixty per cent greater than for the same week of a year ago.

## It Was a Theatrical Triumph

Those who attended the presentation of the Bird's Christmas Carol at the Normal last Friday were treated to an exceedingly good exhibition of amateur theatricals. While Kate Douglas Wiggin's classic would almost play itself, good judgment had been exercised in the assignment of the parts, the stage effects were fine—some of them, notably in the first and last scenes, were superb.

There was not one poor impersonation in the lot and some of them were notably clever. Marvin Richardson as Larry, probably drew more tears from the audience than all the others combined. People laughed until the lachrymose dew drops appeared in the corner of the eyes at Richardson in his make-up as a child of two tender years. The world seemed such a serious place to him that it seemed dreadfully funny.

Zena Byers' interpretation of the part of Carol would have been hard to improve upon. Naturally and faithfully she made the part human, a very lifelike representation. Miss Schmidli as Mrs. Ruggles, was immense. Self confident and resourceful she cared for her young brood with the air of a general planning a campaign. The part of Mrs. Bird was taken by Miss Norma Medler; Sarah Maud by Adah Mass; Peora by Miss Mamie Radabaugh; Alfreda by Miss Robb; Mr. Bird by N. A. Baker and Uncle Jack by Wm. Hoppes and all were very good in their parts.

The boys of the family also deserve attention. Harold Haley, substituting for Stanley Evans, developed a fine ability to eat and help with the dishwashing and Morgan was equally at home waiting for his clothes to dry or strutting around with his big red bow tie.

The Birds Christmas Carol was a credit to the Normal and those who directed it.

## ATTRACTIONS

at the Norm theater during the coming week

Saturday, Dec. 30. Mr. Grex of Monte Carlo—Theodore Roberts

New Years. Iron Claw, Pathe News, Engineering Feats of Oregon.

Thursday, Jan. 4th. Jane—Greenwood and Grant

Saturday, Jan. 6th. The Cheat—Fannie Ward

A joint installation of Masons and Eastern Star in Independence attracted attendance from local members of the fraternity Wednesday night.

## DORMITORY CHRISTMAS

Normal Faculty Given Fine Entertainment by the Girls

The dormitory girls hold a little Christmas festival of their own each year and each year the program varies continually although there are certain features that are always similar. The idea is to reproduce many of the customs by which the citizens of rural England were wont to welcome in the Yule tide. In that preparation the girls and the matron, Miss Todd, are accustomed to put in as much time and thought as for a public occasion. It is also a sort of annual reception to the faculty and the latter are the guests of honor.

The dormitory program was given last Thursday evening. Promptly at six, the guests having assembled, the sound of a Christmas Carol was heard from up the stairway. Soon a double line of girls appeared stepping in time to the music. They passed down into the reception room and out into the dining room where they circled around the tables until each was at her place. Then the heads of the different tables appeared and invited each her apportioned guests until all were accounted for.

Between the courses the dinner was seasoned with conversation and enlivened with song. Many of the songs were original for the occasion, written by Miss Carmen Schmidli, the dormitory poet. One of these songs referred to the merits of President Ackerman and another to the dormitory "mother" Miss Todd. Both songs were excellent, with good sentiment and cleverly worded.

During the serving of the dinner the house president Miss Dudley Tobin, approached the table where the matron was sitting and presented her with a fine basket of roses, which Miss Todd accepted with appropriate words. Miss Tobin then called out the cooks, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and with acknowledgment of the merit of their cream puffs, presented them with a bunch of chrysanthemums.

In the mean time the songs and the dinner had proceeded with a piece from a Victrola from the reception room and then the various tables gave expression to chorus sentiments which included many clever hits. Finally President Ackerman was called on and he expressed his delight at the informality of the occasion and was glad the girls had appreciated the school Victrola and offered to loan them anything else of which they stood in need.

An adjournment followed to the reception room, where the girls sat upon the rug while the guests were given the davenport and chairs. All attention centered on the fire place before which was laid the Yule log, decked with evergreens. Then, one by one, representative girls came forward and expressed their wishes. Many of the wishes were very clever. One wished Miss Mar-

vin might be in two parts; one to attend to her official duties as state librarian and the other be present during the evening. Another wish was that the training school might continue in growth and influence and that it always might be Gently ruled.

Next appeared four Woodland sprites who came dancing in, circling around and bearing fagots for the kindling of the fire. When they had danced out, a single maid came with a torch. The log was placed within the fireplace and the torch applied. The fire needles crackled and blazed until its soft rays illumined the surrounding space. The electric lights were turned out.

In the glow of the fireplace Miss Schmidli appeared and told a Christmas story of a wandering child who was rebuffed at the homes of the rich but found a Christmas welcome from the poor.

The windows were thrown open and the sound of a chorus, growing louder and nearer was heard in the night.

About this time a package was brought in and handed to the house president, Miss Tobin. The package was from Miss Cornelia Marvin, a fine copy of "As You Like It" illustrated with special prints in colors. Miss Marvin's gift was greeted with many exclamations of pleasure which increased when it became known that the Victrola which it had been assumed was borrowed from the Normal was in reality the property of the dorm, having been purchased with dormitory funds.

Miss Hoham then put on several records and all were enjoyed especially one that must have been manufactured in a zoo.

Everything connected with the program was in good taste, there were no discords, and it was something that will be long remembered by those who shared in it.

## Gave a Splendid X-mas Program

The Christmas program given by the Bible school of the Christian church was rather unusual in its character. It was a Christmas of giving and not receiving and the only presents passed during the evening were bags of nuts and candy for the smaller children and a bed spread given to Mrs. Elkins by the Ladies Aid. The different classes united in contributing to the inmates of certain charitable institutions in Portland. The program consisted of a series of tableaux illustrative of the origin of the Christian Christmas and the program was exceedingly good, several of the tableaux exhibiting a high grade of talent in their arrangement and much labor in preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Webster of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Grimes of Salem spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Conkey of Monmouth. The family gathering included a combination dinner and Christmas tree and program in the evening.

## GIVE GRAND CARNIVAL

High School Students Many Sided Attraction Amuses

A grand carnival was staged in the high school building last Thursday and many Monmouth people took advantage of the opportunity to see the wonders and help in the paying for the school piano. A clever advertising stunt was the grand parade down town during the afternoon and all who had been overlooked in the previous announcements were told of the event. Normal discipline was relaxed a little and students were allowed to take the evening off and this helped to increase the attendance.

The feature of the main show, Box and Cox, was a howling success. George Walker and R. A. Travenor were the male actors and Miss Barbara Steinberg supplied the feminine part of the case. The farce was replete with high school hits which were much appreciated.

There were other musical numbers and several side shows. A phenomenal dog and the missing link were shown in one tent. A man-eating fish and who seemed to have a fair appetite was the feature of another. Miss Rosamond Tuttle told fortunes to all who applied in another tent, and a beauty show was still another popular attraction. Then there was a minstrel show and an exhibition of select and instructive pictures shown by magic lantern. Lest none go away hungry there were booths for the sale of candy, soft drinks and ice cream.

## New Year's at The Grange

Arrangements for the Grange New Years celebration are now all made. The following is the program:

10 to 12 A. M.—Games.  
2 to 3:30—Program as follows:  
Music, Violin Solo—Miss Harvey.

Recitation—Freda Powell.  
Reading—Ruth Mills.  
Solo—P. O. Powell.  
Recitation—Edward Daniel.  
Recitation—Herbert Powell.  
Cornet Selection—Willie Harvey.

Reading—Mr. Ostrom.  
Speaking contest—All are requested to take part. A prize will be given so come loaded with a good story, yarn or joke.

Musical number by the Rogers family.

Because of lack of room attendance of non-Grangers is by invitation. A full attendance of the fraternity is expected and all are looking to a big time.

The Herald wishes its  
Subscribers and Patrons  
a Happy New Year