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NOTES FROM THE NORMAL

Address by Miss Tarbell the Event of Eventful Week

Members of the faculty accepted an invitation to attend rural school rallies last Saturday as follows: President Ackerman at Hillsboro, Mr. Butler at Mountain View, Mr. Evenden at Elkins and Mr. Ostien at South Salem.

The real event of this week in the Normal calendar was the lecture on "Industrial Idealism," given by Ida M. Tarbell Monday night. From a woman of such prominence as Miss Tarbell the Normal School audience expected great things; those great things were more than realized in the wonderfully compelling lecture that held the large audience to the very last word. In her fine analysis of actual problems her keen insight into social conditions, her grasp of the big industrial ideas of the day, Miss Tarbell showed herself a thinker of the first rank. Her instances of what was actually being done to improve the working conditions, the health, and the spirit of the laboring producer revealed the sound attitude of modern employers who accomplished these improvements, not from a sense of philanthropy, but from a purely business point of view. Every person who heard the wonderful lecture was forced to think of our present industrial status on a newer and finer plane.

Miss Tarbell was an honor guest at the dormitory during her stay in Monmouth. A group of faculty people dined with Miss Tarbell before the lecture, while all of the faculty gathered to greet her informally afterward.

Saturday evening Professor F. S. Dunn of the University of Oregon gave a most interesting illustrated talk on "The Holy Land." Professor Dunn is an unusually fine speaker who gives generously to his audience of his own fine culture. The lecture was of more than usual worth.

Professor Dunn was a guest at the dormitory over the week-end as well as an honor guest at a charming dinner party given by Miss Parrott Saturday evening.

The return of the students from their excursions for rural week was marked by a distinctively novel celebration in which several of the supervisors and superintendents took part. The assemblage, piped back by Mr. Pittman, gave group stunts to celebrate their happy return. Superintendent Ray Cannon of Benton county was royally crowned while Superintendents B. W. Barnes of Washington county, W. M. Smith of Marion county and Fred Crowley of Polk answered fittingly concerning the fine qualities of their enthusiastic teacher visitors. Supervisors Smith of Marion and Moore of Polk were other interested participants in the home coming festivities. The stay-at-homes welcomed the return of the rural visitors through a very clever talk by Mr. Marvin Richardson and a most effective crowning of the group leaders and Mr. Pittman by Miss Haskins.

Mr. R. W. Dobell represented

the Senior class in chapel Wednesday morning by an original talk on "What a Pity."

On March 12 the next number of the lecture course is scheduled. This number, the Hungarian orchestra, is a splendid organization which promises to give a program that will be an unusual musical event in Monmouth. Announcements concerning tickets and program numbers will be made later.

Wednesday evening the faculty succeeded in surprising Mr. Gilmore most happily on his birthday. The principal entertainment of the evening was a private moving picture performance of a notable film. This was followed by a pleasant hour of visiting and refreshments.

The Vespertine society of the Oregon Normal School held its regular meeting Friday evening, February 23. The joint meeting with the Delphian and Normal societies occupied the first part of the evening. To this program the Vespertines contributed a piano solo by Miss Eudelle Bethers and a vocal solo by Miss Thelma Leffel with violin obligato by Mrs. Tooley of the Delphian society. The societies then adjourned to their respective meeting places, the Vespertines assembling in the training school hall.

A very entertaining, patriotic program was enjoyed. Miss Faith Holdredge recited a Flag Day Speech in a pleasing manner. This was followed by a Flag Color Song under the direction of Miss Reta Olson. Those participating were Leita Bowerman, Lucile Bonebrake, Ellen Madsen, Oline Robb, Elizabeth Griffin and Vera Nelson.

"What a Man Can Do for His Town or City" was the title of a very interesting talk by Miss Mable Eaton. Reta Linn gave "The Meaning of Our Flag." Joyce Teeters directed the Flag Drill in which the following young ladies took part: Helen Halvorsen, Amelia Lindahl, Margaret Nielson, Gertrude Hargreaves, Ruth Damon, Nellie Cole, Daisy Crocker, Alice Wilson, Victoria Westersund, Maggie Thompson, Winifred Glossop and Freda Close.

Miss Stella Basford gave a splendid reading of "The Man Without a Country." Miss Gertrude Nickelson lead "Love of Country" which followed, the audience repeating it in concert.

Miss Kennon gave the critic's report, which was a very favorable one.

A patriotic program was the motive for the second regular meeting of the Delphians this semester. After the joint musical program in which Miss Lyones rendered an instrumental solo and Miss Boardman a vocal number, the regular meeting opened with the roll call which was in the nature of a banquet honoring our two national heroes whose birth month it is. The tables were appropriately decorated in the national colors with a profusion of flags festooning the entire stage. Miss Parrott acted as toastmistress and the toasts which paid tribute to the two greatest Americans were responded to by the Misses Grace Dawson, Halvorsen, Dorothy and Martha Andrews, Troedsen, Webster, Male, Carter, Selling and Mrs. Laughran.

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RURAL WEEK A ROUSER

Much Enthusiasm Displayed at all Points on the Circuit

Four county superintendents accompanied the returning practice pilgrims and Mr. Pittman from their week in the rural districts last Monday morning. A return program for the students had been arranged by the "bon ton" who had remained at home. The last program was equally as interesting as the first. The four superintendents present were W. M. Smith of Marion, Roy Cannon of Benton, Fred Crowley of Polk and W. B. Barnes of Hillsboro. Supervisors J. W. L. Smith of Marion and Floyd Moore of Polk accompanied their respective chiefs.

The procession came down the aisle from the north door at the opening of chapel at 9:30. The proud and prancing Pittman led the van, warbling Yankee Doodle on the zobo. Next came N. A. Baker, dressed, as a knight and master of ceremonies. He was followed by Supt. Cannon of Benton, clad in the gay and festal robes of royalty. His kingly train was upheld by Miss Grace Ayer of Beaverton and Miss Meda Angel of Oregon City. Miss Oleana Olson, of Toledo, followed, carrying the pasteboard crown upon a salver. All the while Mr. Pittman kept grinding out the stirring notes of Yankee Doodle on the zobo.

The students were grouped into sections, according to county, and responding for each, the superintendents gave witty answers accounting for their charges during the week. Marvin Richardson and Miss Haskins then mounted the platform and in an oration that was in numerous ways an improvement on anything that Mark Antony ever delivered, he bade the wanderers a welcome return. His effort provoked roars of laughter the climax coming when he presented Mr. Pittman with a rose that would have filled a peck measure.

Miss Haskins then crowned with ivy the five chairman of the different county delegations.

President Ackerman made a felicitous address, welcoming the returning students.

The rural visiting week, which as far as is known, was tried on this occasion for the first time in any Normal in any state in the Union, was a tremendous success. From all the counties the reports are that the students and their hosts worked up more of the real school spirit than had been thought possible. All are sure that the plan must be tried again next year and it is likely that the time then will lengthened to two weeks, the second week giving the student entire charge of the school while the regular teacher visits the Normal.

Yamhill county was at first included in the visitation but sickness developed in that county to interfere with the work and the students assigned there were switched to the other four counties and divided among them.

During the five days Mr. Pittman visited 34 different schools in four counties. He traveled three and a half days by auto

and a day and a half with horse and buggy. Because of the weather the meeting scheduled at Macleay in Marion county was held at Salem Heights. All agree that the weather did not serve to dampen enthusiasm in the least and all the Normal faculty representatives report that the spirit exhibited at the county meetings they attended was exceptionally good.

High School Notes

The question of declaring war on Germany stated in a positive manner was debated by the Sophomores last Monday. The affirmative side which was supported by Fleming Oleman, and the Misses Halverson and Pyle won the decision. The negative was supported by Ermine Gentle, Ralph Haynie and Miss McKinney. The judges were Hjalmar Gentle, Mildred Oleman and Mr. Tavenner.

Glen Turner has been elected president of the English class.

Helen Moore has been absent for three weeks because of sickness.

Visitors at the high school during the week were J. H. Ackerman, Mrs. Sullivan, E. R. Ostrom, Gaynelle Shore, Marion McDonald and Grace Parker.

The reception given by the sophomore in the gymnasium last Saturday night was blessed with cold weather. It is difficult to heat the gym and as for the atmosphere Saturday night, as the only Geo. Walker remarks, when the programs were handed out, it would have been more appropriate if the hand out had been overcoats. However such a little thing as temperature does not daunt young people for any length of time and an excellent program was rendered to the enjoyment of all. The following program was presented:

Solo, Mary Randall.
Game, "Groupe of Maidens."
Speech, "George Washington, the Man," given by George Walker.
Reading, Mr. Dobell.
Solo, Mr. Morgan.
Readings, Mr. Tavenner.

During the latter days of the week the high school basket ball team was absent at the sea shore, enjoying the mild salt air and seeking scalps from the denizens of that vicinity. On Thursday night they engaged the Toledo quintette and the score was a tie at the end of the regular time of playing. 19 to 19. Five more minutes were played and Monmouth emerged winner 23 to 19. Newport proved disastrous to the ambitions of the visitors and Monmouth was defeated 28 to 11. It was a good clean game, however. Newport has an extra good team this year and Monmouth need not feel discouraged at the showing made.

Amos Henton of Salt Creek was here to attend the Sophomore reception Saturday night.

The Cubs defeated the Hayseeds in a warm game at the gym Wednesday afternoon after school by a decisive score.

Attractions at the Normal
Saturday, March 3rd—"Tennessee's Partner"
Tuesday, March 6—"Iron Claw"
Thursday, March 8—"Out of the Drifts"
Saturday, March 10—"Ben Blair"

SIDEWALKS AND PAVING

Occupy Attention of the Council in Session Feb. 27

The city council at its regular session last Tuesday night held a long session lasting until midnight during which it discussed sidewalks, paving and charter amendments. All councilmen were present as well as the mayor, recorder, marshal and city engineer.

The street committee had made a visit of inspection over the sidewalks of the city and found many places where concrete walks were deemed necessary. The old board walks are giving way and are becoming unsightly and a menace to public safety and concrete walks will be ordered in. The list of property owners on whom notice will be served is a long one and will be published in a future issue of the Herald.

Street paving was also discussed and the engineer was ordered to make a preliminary survey of Monmouth avenue from Main street to the north of the dormitory and report.

Ordinances 189 and 190 calling for charter amendment special election on first the limiting of indebtedness which the council may assume and the validation of outstanding warrants, were brought up and passed.

The ordinance creating a standard of septic tanks was referred back for further details.

E. B. Hamilton spent a part of the week in Portland on business and while he was gone Mrs. Hamilton visited in Dallas.

Mrs. Philip Boche of Portland is visiting with Mrs. Nettie Boche this week.

Mrs. Canning found selling potatoes at a dollar a sack a fast way to get rid of them. The next day after her ad appeared in the Herald she was swamped with inquiries and could have sold many more than she had.

Ed Griffa is home and in the harness once more after a month in Portland.

The Priscillas will meet Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. V. Butler and the subject of the afternoon will be bulbs.

Prof. Frederick Dunn of the University of Oregon delivered a very interesting lecture on the Catacombs of Rome in the Normal chapel last Saturday evening. His lecture took in the origin of the underground passages of Rome and was illustrated with many interesting slides.

Mickle for Parent Teachers

Program given in Training school auditorium Mar. 6, 1917, 7:30 P. M.
1—Singing by members, Led by Miss Hoham.
2—Farce, one act, George Walker, Jay Butler, Ellis Fisher.
3—Dancing Drill by girls and boys from Training school
Singing Game—3rd and 4th Grade Girls.
Blacksmith's Drill—3rd and 4th Grade Boys.
Folk Dance—5th and 6th Grades.
Court Dance—5th and 6th Grades.
Folk Dance—7th and 8th Grades.
Flag Drill—8th Grade Boys.
4—Vocal solo with violin obligato by Imogene Richards and Gertrude Rogers.
5—Address; "The Work of the Dairy Commissioner" J. D. Mickle, State Dairy and Food Commissioner.