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JUNIOR DAY SETS MARK

Festivities Begin at Forty-three. Fine Program Given

Junior Class Day was indeed a triumph for the class of 1918. From the ringing of the school bell at an early hour to the last side trip up Mount Hood there was something of interest to do or see. At chapel time the two hundred seventy Juniors, all wearing attractive purple and white caps, marched into chapel, headed by a group bearing the class banner. The class song, composed by Mr. Carl Moore, was especially stirring as the huge class sang it. The feature of the morning was a railway station scene in which a large number of students appeared with one purpose—to buy tickets to Oregon. Many references to humorous school happenings were received with shouts of laughter. This sketch gave the key note of the afternoon performance, "See Oregon First." The afternoon program was full of delightful and surprisingly beautiful feature performances. "The Spirit of the West," a lovely dance; colored photographs of Oregon scenery; comic representations of several phases of school life; an agricultural orchestra; a miniature cherry festival with a gay cherry wedding; a major surgical operation—all these and many more, interspersed with songs original and otherwise, made an afternoon of genuine entertainment. At the close of the chapel program the audience, in fine humor from the excellent program, was directed to the gymnasium where, under the shadow of Mount Hood, ice cream cones were served. An orchestra of skilled ukelele players added to the pleasure of this trip. All this immense amount of work, coupled with the novel decoration of both chapel and gymnasium, was done by committees from the class who deserve a great deal of credit, both for their originality in planning and their fine execution of the splendid plans.

One of the greatest patriotic celebrations ever taking place in Monmouth was the gathering on Friday as a fitting close to Patriotic week. Public school children, high school students, Normal school students and instructors with numerous citizens falling in later, marched in a huge procession to the public square where President Ackerman gave a stirring patriotic address which was heartily applauded. Patriotic songs enthusiastically sung further indicated the purposeful celebration of Patriotic week.

Monday morning Senator J. K. Gill of Portland was announced to speak on "Indian Life Along the Columbia." Senator Gill illustrated his talk on Indian life with his own original drawings. Besides the wealth of information Senator Gill developed in regard to Indian life he drew from his vast store of knowledge and

ripe experience to the intense delight of his audience who listened eagerly to every sentence. It was indeed a rare privilege to hear Senator Gill and an experience that many hope to repeat. He was also kind enough to talk most interestingly to Miss Greene's Art classes. The Oregon Normal School hopes that Senator Gill may be induced to return to Monmouth for another such splendid lecture.

Fine Feature- Photo Coming

Those to whom "sensationalism" is an abomination will be delighted, perfectly carried away with the forthcoming elaborate cinema-musical production of Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson's "Ramona."

The story, itself, is not a thriller and it never descends to the cheap and pretentious. It is a clean, legitimate, life-like chapter of early California history, told by a genius who knew what she told and who was singularly gifted in the absorbing telling of what she knew.

In producing the great story the director, Mr. Donald Crisp, religiously eschewed all sensational attempts. He did not need them and they would have only marred a perfect production.

But twice in the entire ten reels are "quick action" given and these are absolutely necessary, as they mark highly important climaxes in the perfectly blended whole. The first of these is where the incoming whites swoop down on the peaceful Indian village, drive the inhabitants out into the wilderness, burn their little huts and take all their stock. And the second is the scene in which "Jim Farrar", the bad man, rides up to "Alessandro's" humble cabin in the mountains, calls him out and cowardly shoots him in cold blood. All the remainder of the wonder action is the natural, tellingly convincing narrative men and women for thirty years have called the great American novel.

Immense numbers of acting people are employed in "Ramona"—whites, Mexicans and genuine Indians—but they are made to live and not act the parts.

No "scenery" is used; all scenes are the genuine article; the missions, the changing landscapes, the Indian villages or Mexican pueblos, the fine old Spanish estates and the hospitable ranch houses with the inviting courtyards and the cool verandas—all are taken right on the spot where "Ramona" happened a third of a century ago, up and down the western slope of Southern California all the way from Monterey to San Diego.

"Ramona" will be presented in Monmouth at the Normal Chapel on Friday, April 13, and those who are surfeited with the sordid, the over realistic as well as all who enjoy the very choicest in high class visual production should witness it.

Miss Parrott is spending her vacation at her home in Roseburg.

A STATUE OF LINCOLN

To be Placed in Training School by Parent-Teachers

The ambition of Mr. and Mrs. Gentle to have an appropriate statue placed in the corridor at the entrance to the training school bids speedily to be realized. At the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association last Tuesday evening, all arrangements were concluded, even to the making out of the check in payment and dispatching of the order for the statue. This is to be a duplicate of St. Gauden's statue of Lincoln, which stands at the entrance to Lincoln park in Chicago. The statue which is seven feet in height, was purchased of a Boston firm. The chair, which is a part of the original, is not included.

In reporting for the committee at the meeting, Miss Greene announced that she had corresponded with several firms seeking something appropriate. The work selected was listed at \$110 but a school discount was allowed, making the cost \$85. The association had \$74 in the treasury, mainly as the result of a lecture given by Mr. Gentle during last Summer School. It was necessary to raise \$11 more and this was done in short order, twenty-two people giving 50 cents each.

The program of the meeting was as announced last week, with a few important exceptions. Three additional numbers were presented, two by pupils of the first and second grades and by pupils of the seventh and eighth grades and a singing number by the girls' glee club of the high school, all nicely presented and vigorously applauded.

There was a violin solo by Gertrude Rogers and a reading by Fanny Steinberg, both very nicely done, and a debate put on by high school girls attracted considerable interest. The subject was co-education for high school students, one side contending that boys and girls should be separated and the other insisting that the sexes should be taught together. There was considerable wit manifested in the arguments, one especially good one by Helen Scott being that as where girls were associated boys wasted half of their time, and according to Mr. Evenden's figures a boy's schooling was worth \$10 per day. Therefore, boys wasted \$5 per day and the loss financially was large enough to more than cover the expense of separate buildings and instructors.

J. B. V. Butler appeared as the speaker of the evening, substituting for President Ackerman who had been called from the city during the day. In spite of short time for preparation Mr. Butler gave a most interesting talk. In a large measure he gave a fresh setting to thoughts and statements made by Senator Gill to the Normal students Monday. This dealt with nature as a theme and in a way was an appreciation of the talents and achievements

of the aborigines. For instance: How many can, out of their present knowledge, name 20 trees that grow in the woods of Western Oregon? Who, if he were set down in the woods without matches or food, could protect his life and secure food to sustain himself? Many interesting things relative to the subject were brought forward and the talk was enjoyed by all.

Miss Imogene Richards closed the program with a vocal solo, very nicely rendered.

Death of S. P. Wattenburg

Samuel Patten Wattenburg, an aged and respected citizen of Monmouth died at his home in this city at 9:30, Monday evening. He has been in bad health for some time. Several months ago he was struck on the back of the head by a falling mirror while he was leaning over a wash basin washing his face. He laid his troubles to this although there were complicating disorders.

Funeral services were held in the Christian church Wednesday afternoon with Rev. F. M. Fisher in charge. Mr. Wattenburg was born in Sullivan county, Mo., near Milan, January 22, 1845 and moved to California in 1862. He was married to Mary Scott near Eugene, Oregon May 8, 1877 and in 1878 they moved into the state locating east of the Cascades. They moved to Monmouth from Fossil four years ago.

Mr. Wattenburg is survived by a wife, six sons and four daughters; also by four brothers. In early youth he joined the M. E. but united with the Evangelicals when he came to Monmouth. A quiet man, his attachments were mostly within the home circle. Burial was in the K. P. cemetery.

Mass Meetings Awaken Interest

The social hygiene meetings held in this city last Friday afternoon and evening were both numerous attended and a large amount of interest was manifested in each instance. Dr. Emma Wickstrom of Portland addressed the women in the afternoon. There were about 70 present. Dr. Wickstrom is a fluent talker and dealt especially with the psychological features of sex perversion.

President J. H. Ackerman presided at the men's meeting in the evening. Dr. Matthis gave attention to the medical side of the sex diseases, going thoroughly into the matter and presenting a lucid explanation of causes and results. A. F. Flegel, vice president of the Oregon Social Hygiene society, of Portland, then spoke of "Causes" and "Remedies." He arraigned the double standard for men and women, stated that venereal diseases were more destructive to life and health among soldiers than any kind of disease, worse than typhoid, and even worse than tuberculosis. He gave the reasons for the organization of the society and said that Oregon was a

PATRIOTIC ASSEMBLAGE

Memorable Demonstration by United Students of City

The climax of "Patriotic" week in Monmouth came last Friday, which also was observed as "Junior" day at the Normal. A procession was formed at the Normal shortly before noon, the marchers including pupils of the training school, high school and Normal. Something like 700 were in line. Each training school pupil carried a flag, some large and some small and the array of colors was strikingly attractive and the sight calculated to enthuse even the most sluggish. Following were the high school and Normal students, including faculty and teachers. Marching down Main street the column turned on Broad and counter-marched to the band stand where all stood at attention while salutes were given and patriotic songs sung under the direction of Miss Hoham.

President Ackerman then took off his overcoat and warmed up with a patriotic speech, exhorting his hearers to a respect for the flag and loyalty to the government. His sentiments were eloquently expressed, breathing an exalted conception of the duties of citizenship and national unity and his remarks were given hearty applause.

Plant all of the Vacant Lots

L. P. Gilmore arises with the suggestion that a practical way to show one's patriotism in the present time of national stress is to plant a garden this spring. With the prospect of a half million men under arms and with our country already drained of its food, extraordinary efforts must be put forth to grow enough food to carry us through the coming winter.

Monmouth, like every other city in Oregon, is well able to supply planting space for those who wish to put seed in the ground. We have many vacant lots which, grown to rank grass or weeds, are distasteful to the eye but which, if planted to potatoes or corn or cabbage, would very much improve the appearance of the town and also serve a useful purpose.

Attractions at the Norm

Saturday, April 7, "Audrey" 12 reel show.

Tuesday, April 10, "Light that Failed"; Luke Comedy.

Thursday, April 12, The Heart of Paula.

Friday, April 13, "Ramona".

Saturday, April 14, Anita King in "The Race".

leader in this sort of work, detailing numerous instances where the work had secured good results. He said that the society speakers worked without pay, through the desire to further a worthy enterprise.