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STATE SUPT. AT NORMAL

Subject "The By Product" Talks to Students Friday

The many friends of Miss Mabel West, Head of the Library Department of the Oregon Normal School, will be pleased to know that she has fully recovered from her recent illness and will soon take up her usual work in the Normal.

Mr. Pittman returned from his Eastern Oregon trip last Thursday, and reports a very interesting and pleasant trip. He also says that the Normal school has a splendid standing throughout Eastern Oregon.

The program for commencement week at the Normal School is as follows:

Saturday, June 9—President's Breakfast; Junior Prom

Sunday, June 10—Baccalaureate sermon, to be preached by Rev. D. V. Poling, of Dallas

Monday, June 11—Faculty Reception; Class Play

Tuesday, June 12—Last Chapel and Class Day; Alumni Picnic; Alumni Banquet

Wednesday, June 13—Commencement. The commencement address is to be given by Prof. Norman Coleman, of Reed College.

The summer session will begin June 18.

Miss Parrott, Head of the English Department, spent Saturday in Dallas where she gave a talk to the Literary Section of the Women's Club.

Last Friday morning Mr. J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Oregon, delivered a splendid talk to the students and faculty of the Oregon Normal School on the topic "The By Product". Mr. Churchill spoke of the changes in educational methods, the distribution of students in respect to the subjects in high school, and the opportunities open to the school in inculcating moral virtues. With all these things comes the by product in the form of character, patriotism, participation in actual life and the return to society of the pupil through his active endeavor. Subject matter and methods are powerful factors but the invisible, intangible influence of personality and moral force working through the American school system is the biggest contributing power to the production of the finest things in our boys and girls. When Mr. Churchill came on the platform the students rose to greet him with hearty applause. After his heartening speech they again showed him his place in their regard.

Thursday Miss Esther Anderson represented the Senior class with a talk entitled "We are Only Human After All".

The Literary Societies of the Oregon Normal School met Friday evening, April 20, giving a short joint program in the chapel before adjourning to their re-

spective meeting places. The Vespertine program was held in the Training School Assembly Hall, and was most enjoyable. The evening's entertainment was "The Old Peabody Pew", a play by Kate Douglas Wiggin. Miss Leta Bowerman gave a synopsis of the story, telling what had happened before the first act began. She introduced the characters in a most charming manner. The acting was splendid and the actresses, imbued with the quaint wit of the play, caused the halls to ring with laughter.

Miss Margaret Tiffany directed the play, and to her should be given much credit for its success.

The literary societies of the Normal held a very interesting joint meeting April 20th at which Grace Williams and Lyrel Morris of the Delphian Society entertained with an instrumental duet "The Poet and the Peasant".

After the joint program which was followed by the regular business meeting, the Delphians held their annual story telling contest in the Chapel. Two members from each class had been chosen by a system of try-outs. Miss Edith Pentney with the very interesting folk tale "One Eye, Two Eye and Three Eye" and Miss Katherine Springer with Barrie's "Peter Pan" represented the Seniors; Miss Florence Dawson with William Dean Howells' "The Pony Engine and the Pacific Express" and Miss Olga Wickburg with the popular ethical story "Pig Brother" were selected from the Juniors; and Mrs. May Anderson with the myth "Pigmalion and Galatea" and Miss Verna Lucas with the well known fairy story "Diamonds and Toads" upheld the honor of the Sophomores. Each one told her story almost ideally but to Florence Dawson, who won first place, is due much praise for her realistic interpretation of Howell's charming story. Katherine Springer, who won second place, also did exceptionally well as did each contestant. Those who capably performed the difficult task of judging the stories were Miss Todd, Mr. Gentle and Mr. Evenden.

Between the stories several musical numbers were given. A piano solo by Miss Mary Randall, a vocal trio by the Misses Randall, Richmond and Earsley, a vocal solo by Miss Kerry and a piano solo by Miss Lyons were enjoyed by the audience. Every one who attended the contest is looking forward with keen interest to next year.

J. Alphas Boyd

impersonator, will appear in the Norm theater Monday night, at 7:30. Dr. Boyd is formerly of the Bible university, Eugene and a student of Eugene Knox and comes highly recommended. He will give us many excellent readings. His "Man Without a Country" should be heard by all. 20 per cent of the receipts go to the Parent Teacher Association. Mr. Ackerman has consented to excuse all students who wish to attend this entertainment. Admission 25 and 15cts

CITY CREDIT IS AT STAKE

Charter Amendments Favored by Leading Citizens

The Commercial club at its meeting Wednesday evening, adopted without a dissenting vote a resolution endorsing the proposed charter amendments. There was pointed discussion of the subject at the meeting and the opinion prevailed that the adoption of the proposals is necessary for the welfare of the city.

Because there is a well defined underground campaign against them, conducted on the ground that these amendments are a cloak for various preposterous schemes it is deemed wise to make explicit statement as below by the mayor and Mr. Powell.

Mr. Ira C. Powell, President of the First National Bank being asked regarding the proposed city charter amendments said,

"The charter is held to be defective in that it does not provide any limit on the power of the council to incur general debts or issue warrants in payment, and the purpose of these amendments is to remedy this defect.

It should be borne in mind by the voters that these amendments affect only the general fund warrants for such necessities as officers salary, street lighting and incidental expenses. "There should be no confusion as to the amount of indebtedness which the council can contract, and the contention of some that a fifty mill tax can be charged against their property is a mistake. Simply stated, it provides the total indebtedness, including all carried over from back years, can not at any time exceed five per cent of the total assessed value of all property of the city.

"I believe both amendments will pass by a large vote if their effect is understood, but if they should be rejected the warrants certainly will not longer have a market value, leaving the city credit embarrassed with holders of these warrants, who have taken them in good faith, unable to obtain cash, without heavy discount if at all. Public obligations must be made just as good as private debt."

To the voters of Monmouth:—

Realizing the vital importance of the measure to the city and that through a misunderstanding of their purpose the proposed charter amendments may fail in the election to be held next Monday, I feel it my official duty to call public attention to the matter.

The cause for these proposed amendments at this time is not of recent date. They are submitted for the purpose of remedying a defect in the charter which has existed from its adoption some nineteen years ago. Legal opinion holds that under the present charter no warrant indebtedness for any purpose whatever may be incurred. If that opinion should be sustained by judicial decision, present outstanding

warrants would possibly be rendered null and void.

It might be stated here that the matter has no bearing in any way upon present or future street improvements.

The remedy proposed is the common one found in other city charters, viz: By making a provision for a limitation of the indebtedness that the city may incur and thus empower the city to issue warrants within that limitation. The proposed amendment fixes this limitation at five per cent of the assessed valuation of all property within the city subject to taxation. Taking the present valuation as a basis the limitation would be fixed at between \$11,000 and \$12,000. In examining other city charters of the state it is found that in many of them the limitation is fixed at ten per cent of the assessed valuation.

Further, this measure has nothing whatever to do with the levying of taxes; that is provided for in another section of the charter and is not modified in any way by the proposed amendments.

If the matter should be tested in the courts and the legal opinion cited above be sustained, the city would be powerless even to provide such a necessity as the lighting of streets.

The election is to be held next Monday, April 30, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Respectfully,

H. C. Ostien, Mayor.

Highway Commissioner is Coming

Mr. Adams of Eugene, one of the three members of the newly appointed highway commission will be in Monmouth on Friday of next week. This is the commission which will direct the highway work in event the bonds carry in June and the personnel of the commission is therefore of unusual interest. Mr. Adams will speak at the chapel period in the Normal and according to present plans will address a mass meeting at the opera house at two in the afternoon. Several plans are under way for the entertainment of the guest while in the city which will include a short tour of the surrounding country and a luncheon with the business men of the city in the domestic science room of the training school.

The road question is in every body's mind and all will be interested in Mr. Adams' remarks. No one who can possibly attend should miss the meeting to be held Friday afternoon.

The Polk County Observer lists 12 Monmouth boys this week in Company L which is several short of the actual number. Counting enlistments from the Normal, Monmouth has something like 25 in army and navy.

Chas. Plessinger and Robert Thompson were transformed this week from farm hands to marines, leaving for Portland on Wednesday.

GUARDS NOW GARDENERS

Shoulder Arms With Hoe Handle, not Broom Stick

Home Gardeners and not Home Guards is the title of Monmouth's newest auxiliary for the defense of the Nation. At the organization meeting held in the Norm theater last Tuesday evening, in view of the fact that the authorities of state and nation were not disposed to look with favor on miscellaneous military organizations at this time, it was voted as an organization to lay down the broomstick and manual at arms and take up the hoe and the manual of perspiration. As there might be conflicting interests the management of the enterprise was turned over to commercial club. The responsibilities were duly accepted by the latter body at a meeting held Wednesday evening. Jacob Smith was appointed as head gardener and he was given a supporting committee consisting of L. P. Gilmore, A. Parker and G. T. Boothby. An idea suggested was that while every one is encouraged to put in gardens for himself, we should have a municipal garden. The Davidson lots on Main street were suggested as a good location for this project. Just how this matter will be worked out is left to later developments.

Council Notes

The passage of the septic tank ordinance was the most important action of the common council at its regular meeting Tuesday night. The ordinance provides that septic tanks hereafter constructed in the city shall adhere to a certain standard. Different sizes are allowed but the kind must conform to the specifications.

Each builder of a septic tank in the future must apply to the Recorder who will furnish a blue print and specifications at \$1 fee which will cover registration of the tank and inspection when it is finished.

Arrangements were made for the annual hauling of rubbish according to Clean Up Week announced in another column.

Parent-Teacher Association Program, Tuesday Night

Held in the High School Assembly room, May 1st.

Singing by Members,—Led by Miss Hoham

Reading—Del Tedrow
Violin Duet—Hjalmar Gentle, and Donald Skeen

Reading—Fannie Steinberge
Ladies' Quartette—Imogene Richards, Gertrude Rogers, Rosabelle Smith, Hope McDonald

Address—President J. H. Ackerman.

Any one who wishes a copy of the new county fair premium list can secure a copy by addressing the secretary, Mrs. Winnie Braden, Dallas.