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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Faculty Changes for Summer School. Young Actors

Mr. Gentle accepted an invitation to speak at a local institute held at Stayton last Saturday, and reports a very pleasant time.

Quite a number of the Normal School faculty will not teach during the summer session. Miss Hoham's mother is to visit her during the summer and she has decided to live most of the time in her little Ford which she has recently purchased. Miss Nell Sullivan, Director of Music of the Eugene schools, has been selected to take Miss Hoham's place. Miss Sullivan visited the Normal last Friday and conferred with Miss Hoham concerning the work to be offered.

Miss Myra Butler is going east to Vermont to spend the summer with her mother. Miss Kennon will spend the summer vacation with her people at Baker. Miss Lillian Dinius expects to be called to her home in Indiana on account of the serious illness of her mother.

The many friends of Mrs. Jean McCracken will be pleased to know that she has accepted a position as a member of the summer school staff, and will present second and third grade methods. Another new member of the summer school staff will be Mr. W. H. Burton, who will offer sixth, seventh and eighth grade courses.

Miss Rosa B. Parrott represented the Civic Club of Monmouth at the Federated Club Luncheon which held at the Multnomah Hotel on Saturday, April 29.

The Vespertine Society of the Oregon Normal School met in regular session in the Chapel, Friday evening, April twenty-seventh. There was no joint program and the members of the Normal and Delphian Societies were guests of the Vespertines. President Showalter of the Cheney Normal School was also a guest of the evening.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Mamie Radabaugh sang a delightful number, after which a charming play, "The Silver Thread" by Constance Mackey, was given. This play was very cleverly staged, directed and interpreted. Miss Leta Bowerman and Miss Elizabeth Griffin were responsible for the stage; Miss Meda Angel and Miss Corrine Pennington were the capable directors. During the play and between acts, Miss Madeline Barlow played music descriptive of the story.

Those taking part in the play were,

Cuthbert—Blanche Shelley
Dame Norma—Rita Olson
The Woman from Beyond the Hills—Sylvia Sturgill
Princess Gwenda—Alice Wilson
King Radnor—Eudelle Bethers
Mabina—Zina Byers
Alicie, castle guard—Minnie Mil-

ler
Solberg " " —Marian McCauley
Gundred " " —Minnie Nolan
King Shadowcab—Leta Bowerman
Prince Slumpkin—Marietta Shinn
Mottlesnout—Lois Osbourne
Troll—Winnie Edwards
Knoll—Daisy Crocker
Ratkin—Edna Guard
Clawfoot—Zella Follet
Mole's Ear—Ruth Damon
Shag—Etta Lamson

The Cornish folk dance, directed by Beryll Cox was a charming number. Those taking part were Anna Nelson, Elvira Anderson, Grace Ayers, Esther Plank, Edith Fitts, Grace McNickoles.

Miss Kennon gave a very favorable critic's report.

Friday morning Miss McIntosh was the faculty member who was represented in chapel. The Eighth grade girls presented under the direction of student teachers in Miss McIntosh's department, Kate Douglas Wiggin's charming dramatization of her own story "The Old Peabody Pew". The quaint story was excellently acted by the pupils cast for the parts and afforded much real entertainment not only for the faculty and students but also for a number of interested parents.

The cast of characters follows:
Nancy Wentworth—Althea Evans
Mrs. Burbank—Mary Rice
Maria Sharp—Romaine Nickelson
Mrs. Baxter—Naomi Mulkey
Mrs. Miller—Una Winegar
Lobelia Brewster—Zeta Smith
Widow Buzzel—Velma Johnson
Mrs. Sargent—Jessie Keyt
Justin Peabody—Laura Shipley
Reader—Ethelva Elkins
Ezekial, the cat—Pewee (Mulkey)

It might be of interest to add that the work was done as a part of the regular reading work and showed what can be excellently done in the way of dramatization with children.

A collection is being made locally of canned fruit to be sent to Company L at Vancouver. The soldiers are allowed potatoes and tomatoes for vegetables and prunes and rhubarb for fruit. The present collection is to supplement the menu. Contributions should be handed in to Miss Hazel Lorence at the hardware store as soon as possible for it is planned to make the shipment next week. This work is done in connection with the work in Dallas.

To Organize Red Cross

A meeting to organize a local Red Cross society will be held at the high school on Tuesday, May 8 at 8 o'clock. The great work the Red Cross is carrying on now will be discussed and the need of the assistance of every patriotic man and woman to assist. All are invited and urged to come.

To Patriots

Thanking the girls who have assisted them the Home Garden committee asks all who have unused land or seed or who are willing to help to list with A. Parker, postmaster.

The high school boys are drilling 20 minutes a day under the direction of Mr. Tavenner.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Normal President Gives Detail of Things in Prospect

President Ackerman took the Parent-Teachers association into his confidence Tuesday night and gave the assemblage his idea of the future of the Normal and of Monmouth. It was an optimistic picture for Mr. Ackerman has faith in both. It was twenty years ago he said that he first visited this city. It was on the occasion of a teacher's institute and he thought then that he had never seen a prettier place. He had never had occasion to change his mind since. He had cast his fortune with the city and planned to stay with it as long as he lived. He had built his home here and had built it with the idea of a permanent residence.

He was familiar with the school during the time elapsing since his first visit and mostly in an official capacity, when he was state superintendent and a regent. He had several times met with the displeasure of some who thought they were better friends of certain actions of his but time had demonstrated that such moves had been for the betterment of the Normal.

For instance, when superintendent he had helped to have the school discontinued. He was familiar with the sacrifices which through donations and the willingness of the faculty had helped to keep the school going, and had said that as long as such sacrifice was kept up the rest of the state would allow it. He thought it was better to shut off the school and thus cause the state to realize its importance when proper arrangements would be made to put it on a basis where the same self sacrifice would not be necessary. Events had proved the truth of this judgment.

He said that a course might have to be taken in the future which would in a like manner be misunderstood by many. While attendance at the Normal was constantly increasing the millage with which the administrative functions were financed was growing smaller, due to decrease in assessments. This rendered it impossible to hire more teachers to keep pace with the expanding needs of the students. The faculty was working hard and was willing but found the tax of classes of from eighty to a hundred and thirty to be too large to do justice to all. In view of the fact that it was impossible to keep on increasing the number of pupils if the faculty was not increased in proportion it was probable that at the meeting of the Board it would be decided to limit the attendance of the school during the regular sessions to 500. Some of the regents thought the limit should be 350 but the president thought 500 would be fixed as the limit.

This would mean that when 500 were enrolled, no more would be taken until some pupil stepped

out. The limit would probably be reached next fall. He believed this would forcibly call the attention of the state to the fact the faculty was too small in numbers and more money would be forthcoming for an increased faculty. Some day he expected to see 1,000 students at the Normal, just as there are at present in the Cheney, Wash., normal, from which classes of students go to the surrounding towns for their training.

Mr. Ackerman also entered in to an explanation of the new building plans at the Normal. The chapel as enlarged is to have a seating capacity of 950 and with chairs in the aisles the room will be capable of holding 1100. There is also a cottage to be built as an addition to the dormitory to be known as the Senior's cottage, capable of holding 25 students.

At the time the dormitory began operations, said Mr. Ackerman, it was decided that the rates for board must be fixed so that they might be competed with by citizens of the city who would have to take care of the overflow of students, otherwise there would be dissatisfaction. By buying their food wholesale, by dealing in large quantities and through the fact that no rent had to be paid, the dormitory could have given a cheaper board rate. The consequence is that a considerable sum of money was accumulated as profit for the dormitory board and it was this money which was to be used to build the cottage.

With the price of food as at present, said the president, the dormitory is about breaking even in expenses and income and may in the near future, have to raise rates.

Concluding the president again expressed his faith in Monmouth and the Normal. He expected to see the Normal greatly increased in scope and prestige and Monmouth likewise made to take full advantage of its natural opportunities. The campus at the Normal could and would be transformed into one of the beauty spots of Oregon. He believed that just as is the case with the Cheney Normal the Oregon Normal school would have its students in surrounding rural and city schools and in view of the future did not see how any one in the city could vote against the road bond proposition. He did understand how some one miles away from the highways would be apt to vote against them for their benefit to him would be less. But how any one on one of the proposed roads could say "No, I want to stay in the mud. I don't want hard surface roads" was more than he could see.

He believed in the future of Monmouth and the Normal but felt it the duty of every one in the city to boost for the success and influence of both.

The dust storm of last Friday afternoon was one to be recorded reminding many of Eastern Oregon experiences.

John Tate of Dallas visited at C. C. Lee's Sunday.

NEW CHARTER ACTS TRIUMPH

Both Proposals Carry in the Special Election Monday

After one of the most hotly contested elections ever held in Monmouth, the proposed amendments to the city charter carried at the polls, Monday. There were 174 ballots cast which comes close to being a record vote. Much interest was manifested in the contest. The voters turned out early and stayed with it until the last name was on the poll list.

The proposition to limit municipal indebtedness carried by a vote of 103 to 68 and the amendment validating outstanding warrants carried 100 to 74. A bitter contest was carried on against both projects. The subject, which was purely ethical and designed to remedy a defect in the city charter, was variously misrepresented until even now, it is likely there are people in the city who think the adoption of the amendments has laid them liable to increased taxation. Others were told that the project would cause the cost of the Main street paving to be assessed against the city as a whole while still others went off on another amazing angle, cultivating a belief that the amendments were in some nefarious way, designed to nullify the effect of the state six per cent limitation law.

Had the election occurred a week earlier it is likely both projects would have been lost for mistrust and doubt, were strong in the city. But the specific statements published in last week's Herald had a wholesome effect. Mr. Powell's clear statement of fact convinced many and Mayor Ostein's concise presentation cleared the mind of many a doubting Thomas.

When it became clear that the adoption of the amendments was only in furtherance of the principles of municipal honesty, that it would not affect present conditions a particle, except to make legal the common practice of issuing warrants, that the project did not affect the tax raising functions of the council at all, there was a decided movement to the band wagon and the election was carried with ease.

As good a piece of news as has been made public in Monmouth in many a day is the announcement that Geo. Sullivan has bought the interest of the Dallas Meat Co. in the local market and will run the same on his own account. Mr. Barnhart of Falls City, one of the company, has been managing the business since the first of the year and now retires to a ranch where will devote his time. The out of town ownership and direction of the meat market has never been satisfactory to local citizens and although meat is very high and considered by many as a luxury, all are hoping for better conditions under the new management.