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

GRADUATION NEXT WEEK

End of Year's Normal Work Comes Next Wednesday

The Senior Class Play which is always looked forward to with interest is attracting unusual attention this year. The large Greek Theater in which they will stage Sophocles' "Antigone" is nearing completion. The final dress rehearsal will be tonight and everything will be in readiness for the public performance at eight o'clock on Monday, June 11.

The proceeds are to be added to the Liberty Bond Fund of the Class to which has already been subscribed nearly \$150.

The persons of the tragedy are: Antigone — Miss Radabaugh
Ismene (her sister) — Miss Richmond

Creon (the king) — Mr. Bowman
Haemon (son of the king) — Mr. Hoppes

Eurydice (wife of the king) — Miss McCourt

Teireisias (a blind seer) — Miss Wolfer

A Boy (guide to the seer) — Miss Hock

Theban Elders — Messrs. Paul Brown, Lund and J. Brown
Messengers — Messrs. Baker and Burns

Guards — Messrs. Connell and Forsythe

Chorus: Misses Foster, Craven, Karcher, Delahunt, Childs, Williams, Rea Allen, Hammer, Rasmussen, Howitt, Wilson, Sherman and Helen Hall.

Assistants: Messrs. Dykstra, Butler, and Dobell and the Misses Gleam, Dunton, Ruth Damon, Dicken, Dalton, Gilbert, Holdredge, Kellogg, Pennington, Redford, Laufman and Anderson.

Tickets may be had at Morlan's. Reserved seats, 50 and 35 cents. General admission 25 cts.

The faculty was represented in chapel Friday morning by Miss West whose very cleverly interpreted philosophy of living was illustrated by readings from poetry and prose to emphasize some of the fundamental human qualities without which life is much less fine. By her interesting choice of appealing poetry and attractive selections of prose as well as by her own telling comments Miss West made the morning memorable.

Registration Day was made peculiarly significant in the Oregon Normal School by appropriate chapel exercises the most prominent feature of which was a fine address by the Reverend Mr. Elkins who in a splendid manner showed the fine democratic significance of the day. His talk was well received and left a deep impression on all who heard him.

Miss Alice Webster was the Senior class representative on Wednesday. Her subject was "Making Art Practical in Rural Schools".

Plans are now perfected for the commencement exercises, and the program for the week is

as follows:

On Saturday forenoon the President's luncheon, which will be served on the lawn at his home. This will be followed in the evening by the Junior Prom.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. will be the Baccalaureate services, and the sermon is to be preached by Rev. D. V. Poling, of Dallas.

Monday the faculty will give a reception to the Senior class and alumni, and the Senior class play will be given Monday evening.

Tuesday the Last Chapel will be observed at 9:30 a. m., at which time the class representatives will speak. The alumni program will be rendered on the evening followed by the alumni banquet in the dormitory.

The graduating exercises will be observed on Wednesday, and Prof. Norman F. Coleman will deliver the address. If the weather permits the commencement exercises on Wednesday morning will be held outside, and if so the public is cordially invited to attend these exercises. The exercises will begin at ten o'clock.

The usual invitation is extended to the townspeople who have been regularly invited heretofore to attend the Junior Prom.

Let Normal Contracts

Hoover & McNeil of Albany were awarded the contract for both buildings at the Normal in the new work to be done there. The regents opened the bids and awarded the contract Wednesday. Such has been the increase in cost of material, labor, etc. since the original specifications were made out that some items of construction and furnishings will have to be omitted although the frame work will go up as originally planned.

All bills against any class or organization of the Oregon Normal School to insure prompt payment should be in on or before next Tuesday, June 12. If they are not in by that time the Normal is not morally responsible for their payment.

Prof. Hedrick returned to his home near Drain Wednesday, having registered as among those subject to conscription. He closed his first year as principal of the high school with credit and will be at the helm in September if spared by the government.

F. A. Hobson arrived in Monmouth Monday from Spring Brook and announces that he will stay on the job until the work of paving Main street is completed. He is getting material and equipment in readiness and expects to begin work sometime next week.

All of the high school students who were available gathered at the depot when the early train left Wednesday morning and gave Prof. Hedrick a few high school yells by way of good by.

The wedding of Miss Lorain Johnson and Jas. Kenneth McWilliams took place at Klamath lake May 24th. The happy couple after June 12th will be at home in Ashland. Mrs. McWilliams is a grand daughter of D. M. Hampton and has many friends in Monmouth to wish her happiness.

How Monmouth Voted

Election day called out a very light vote in Monmouth, Monday but such as it was, was favorable to the road bond issue which carried in the city two to one. It had the closest rub in the southwest precinct which also had the biggest vote of the day. This precinct gave 83 votes for the bonds and 66 against them.

The port question carried in the city 212 to 132: higher legislators' salaries lost by 215: Constitutional repeal lost by 138: One day elections won by 124, New penitentiary lost by 47: Road bonds won 291 to 137

The total registration for conscription in Monmouth was 78 divided as follows: Northeast 29; Southeast 14; Northwest 12; Southwest 23. There were very few claims for exemption among them, not more than one in ten.

A Fine Demonstration

It was a large and interested crowd that gathered in Monmouth Tuesday night to take in the patriotic program. The evening was faultless as far as weather was concerned and numerous autoes were parked on both sides of the street within listening distance of the band stand. A chorus of Normal students under direction of Miss Hoham furnished vocal music which was enjoyed by all.

A special feature was the music by the Monmouth-Independence band. It was fine. The band played a variety of selections and kept it up until a late hour and as long as there was music the crowd stayed to listen.

Rev. MacKenzie of Dallas was the speaker, his talk being on patriotic lines fitting to the occasion.

In this glad commencement season we must stop to make the belated announcement of the arrival of a young lady at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ebbert, Saturday, May 26, whose commencement may be said to be most auspicious. Dr. Price acted as examining board and granted a diploma with high percentages especially in health, amiability and vocal talent.

Wet weather interfered with the ball game at Airlie Sunday. At the end of the 2nd the score was two to two and then the rain came. Although the game was kept up for a short time, there were many runs on both sides due to the wet but the game was called before the end of the fifth inning. Something like 20 fans went down from Monmouth to see the game.

Miss Opal Whitely of Springfield will lecture on the attractions of Nature in the Christian church, June 27th. Miss Whitely who was a visitor in Monmouth Wednesday, although a young woman, is widely known as a naturalist. Her collection of over 15,500 various specimens pertaining to nature is considered a wonder and is visited by many people in Eugene where it is located. She has the faculty of making nature interesting and will be deserving of a large audience when she appears here.

In Memory of Honest Abe

The closing meeting of the Parent-Teacher association in the training school auditorium Wednesday night was perhaps the most notable of the series. It was made the occasion for the unveiling of the statue of Lincoln. There were preliminary features: the retention of the old officers in place for another year, with the exception of vice pres., in which position Mrs. Elkins succeeds Mrs. Ostrom; and musical numbers presented by students of the Normal and High School.

The statue, a replica of St. Gauden's famous masterpiece in Lincoln Park, Chicago, is of heroic proportions. It is a little over seven feet tall exclusive of the base. A round of applause came as with the drawing of the curtains the work of art was disclosed to view. Mr. Gentle's address, which followed, was in his happiest style.

He showed a familiarity with the character of Lincoln and of the incidents of his career that could only have been acquired through a close and intimate study of the subject. The patience of Lincoln, his charity, his broad and prophetic vision, were all well brought out by illustrations. The whole attitude of the speaker showed a strong and reverential affection that thrilled the audience with the same emotion.

It was as though they were in the presence of divinity and were privileged to see as a mental reality the ideals and rugged character of the man portrayed in plaster.

The meeting was in a measure a triumph for Mr. Gentle. He had conceived the idea of getting the memorial, had done the work by which the funds were acquired to pay for it; and now all rejoiced with him in the happy achievement.

At the conclusion of the address, pupils of the seventh and eighth grades presented Mr. Gentle with a handsome bowl of roses which he accepted with words of grateful appreciation.

President Ackerman responded to a call and paid a tactful and graceful tribute of personal appreciation to the work of Mr. Gentle whom he characterized as a great teacher. He said he believed in handing flowers to the living and the verbal bouquet he handed to Mr. Gentle was one any one might be proud to receive.

A special session of the Odd Fellows will be held Saturday evening for the purpose of conferring degree work on M. S. Pittman and John Webber. All Odd Fellows take notice.

At a regular meeting of General Gibson Post, G. A. R. of Independence, Oregon, held on June 2, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the State Normal School and the Independence public schools for the grand reception and entertainment given the Post and W. R. C. on Decoration Day.

M. L. Butler,
T. J. Fryer,
Committee.

SUPREMACY OF BRAINS

Lecture by Dean Straub an Inspiration to Graduates

According to Dr. John Straub who addressed the graduating class of the Monmouth high school last Friday night, the conclusion of the war in Europe will not be determined so much by gold or brawn or blood as human brains. The brightest minds will triumph through science and invention by creating devices that will overcome devices which have been created and invented in the past.

"The Supremacy of the Mind" might well have been the subject of Dr. Straub's discourse. He went back to primitive things and showed that while man excelled physically neither in the air, the earth or the sea, he had been given a mind that enabled him to triumph in all these elements.

He gave statistics showing the small number of high school students who persevered in acquiring higher education and asserted that the majority of the wealth of the world was held by that small percentage which had stuck to the school. He also gave figures to show how cheaply an education could be acquired at Eugene. The average cost in boarding clubs, for light, fuel and food he said was \$10 per month and one student, a future preacher had even lived well on \$6 per month.

Preliminary to his talk, Dr. Straub paid a tribute to the soldier boys, two of whom, Birchard Van Loan and Harold Olson were on the platform.

Featured with the dean's glowing words which were an inspiration to students and the large audience which packed the high school assembly room, the graduating exercises of the school were most successful. Especially good were the numbers presented by the Normal orchestra under the direction of Miss Hoham. Several selections were given and were enthusiastically received. O. A. Macy contributed a vocal solo which was much appreciated by all.

A vocal solo by Miss Gaynelle Shore with violin obligato by Miss Gertrude Rogers was warmly applauded as were numbers by the girls glee club and quartette.

Prof. Hedrick presented the class and W. A. Wood, president of the school board, presented the diplomas. Prof. Hedrick is entitled to much credit for a successful year. Quietly and with little stir he has constantly persisted in the task of bringing out the best there was in the students and his work is a tribute to his success.

We have some rye on exhibition sent in by E. A. Rice, grown by him, that is nearly eight feet tall. Who can beat this?

The Gibson W. R. C. of Independence will give a cooked food sale, June 14.