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

A Fine Patriotic Program Features Monmouth Fourth

Pageant, Pittman and Parrott Center of Unique Event

The Oregon Normal School acted as host to Monmouth and citizens of the surrounding country on the Fourth of July and gave a patriotic program in the afternoon that was unique in several respects. There were no greased pig contests, no pole climbing feats or fat man's race. Nor yet was there any concessions with wheel of fortune or African dodgers. The only parts it had in common with the usual Fourth of July celebration were: the reading of the Declaration of Independence, which was effectively done by Miss Parrott; and a patriotic address by that eminent live wire, M. S. Pittman.

A detail program of the event can be found on another page of this paper. The central feature of the program was a series of pageants detailing characteristic views of life among the allies arrayed with the United States in the great war. The scenes acted showed features of central interest in the different countries, and also historic events.

A central figure connected all the pageants, the Spirit of Progress charmingly portrayed by Miss McCord, gave a unity of aim to the ambitions of all the nations. The costumes were life-like and gave a very cosmopolitan appearance to the throng. Possibly the most cosmopolitan figure of the afternoon was Mayor Ostien, who for the time being impersonated a Japanese runner, furnishing motive power to a jinrickisha.

Numerous dances were given during the course of the pageant, the dancing by the Russian, Irish and Scotch girls being especially notable. There was also much good singing in various parts of the presentation.

An especial favorite with the crowd was the pageant representing America, given by the eastern Oregon counties. All of the states of the Union were represented, the flag was effectively used and the presentation of the Statue of Liberty by France was very nicely done.

The program was given under the shade of the trees of the campus at the southern end of the grove. A stage was erected and a space seated so that the auditors faced the east.

M. S. Pittman as orator of the day delivered an exceedingly good and eloquent address. Coming on at a trying time, when the audience was tired because of sitting through a long program, he held close attention during the course of his remarks and at its conclusion was roundly cheered. Naturally the world war, which was the theme of the afternoon, received greatest attention from him. The war to make democracy safe for the world, met with his earnest approval and he believed that the close of the present struggle would usher in a time when wars would cease.

He hoped to see a time when the money spent on war and preparation for war would be spent on education and on other features, characteristic of peace. He referred to Bernhardt's book "The Next Great War" and said the ideas there advanced which were typical of the German government were opposed to the spirit of civilized progress.

He believed there were a few other things needed beside war to make the world safe for democracy. There was a financial tyranny to be met and overcome, the accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few, a tyranny which had already been shown to be evil and which would steadily grow worse unless adjusted. The tyranny of poverty he also thought to be equally bad. People who were poverty stricken he believed, made poor citizens. A man who owned nothing did not have proper outlook upon life, and anything that tended to deprive a man of the right to own and use a just equivalent for his labor was bad for democracy. The tyrannies of poverty and when their power was shattered. These were a few of the things on which he thought the people of this nation should think seriously at this time.

A band concert was given in the evening with the Monmouth-Independence furnishing the music. At least a thousand people were on the grounds and many automobiles were parked along the side of the street. The weather of the day and evening was very pleasant and there was nothing to distract from the pleasure of the event, a celebration that will be long remembered by those in attendance.

The Pageant of the Allied Nations was originated, composed and directed by Miss Taylor of the Normal faculty. Its harmony coloring and consistent development of an idea to a proper climax is a tribute to her talent in work of this kind.

Normal Notes

The Normal was specially favored last Tuesday night by an address given by Mr. Aley, who is president of the University of Maine and of the N. E. A. Mr. Aley made a strong plea for the individual child, especially for the child who is above the normal in natural ability. Practically every student was out to hear him, and they were well repaid for taking the time.

The Fourth of July was celebrated by the Normal with special exercises fitting the day. The program was divided into two parts: First, a pageant in which the United States and its allies were represented by different groups of the summer school students. This pageant was under the immediate direc-

Compete for Walk Work

It developed at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, that there was to be some competition in the matter of bidding for sidewalk work. A. L. Tallmon and Bramberg, Johnson and Coquillette were the rival bidders and their bids were close together, so much so that the council took a week to have the same tabulated to help determine where the business should be placed. The water supply question came up again and it was reported impractical at this time to connect with the Independence water supply. The alternatives of putting down another well or of seeking a supply in the high land which could be obtained without pumping were discussed and both prospects will be examined into.

tion of Miss Laura J. Taylor, head of the Department of Physical Education. Each nation was splendidly represented. Perhaps no program ever given by the Normal was more fitting for the occasion than was the one given last Tuesday. Great credit is due every one who took part in the program.

The second part was a patriotic address delivered by M. S. Pittman of the Normal. His address was a splendid effort, and well received. We were glad to have Miss Cornelia Marvin, a member of the Board of Regents, present during the day.

The Normal will not be in session next Monday and Tuesday, as it will adjourn for the N. E. A. which convenes in Portland next week. No special train will be run for this occasion, but any one can go by the regular train at reduced rates.

Every one is looking forward to an operetta, which will be given on the evening of July 20th, under the direction of Miss Nell L. Sullivan, the director of music for the summer session. A small admission fee will be charged for this entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to the Red Cross fund.

Ray Thomas, formerly of Monmouth, was received at Princess Patricia Canadian Red Cross Special Hospital in Ramsgate, England, suffering from gunshot wounds in hand and right leg. He is a private in the Canadian Expeditionary Force sent to France some time ago.

Hugh Guthrie and family of Corvallis were visitors at H. E. Guthrie's over Sunday. Mr. Guthrie, who was among those taking the try out with the Officers Corps at the Presidio in San Francisco and who was once passed and received a commission was later rejected because of a defective arch in one of his feet. This was an ailment acquired while in the cavalry in the Spanish war and was supposed to be healed but developed again in the strain of the severe exercise given to the officers.

Miss Rose Smith, teacher in a Portland high school is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

President of N. E. A. Visits and Speaks in Monmouth

Makes Strong Plea for the Bright Pupil in talk at Normal

Robert J. Aley of Orono, Maine president of the National Educational Association and also president of the University of Maine, was the speaker at a meeting at the Normal last Tuesday evening. Mr. Aley, who is in Oregon to arrange for and preside over the annual meeting of the N. E. A., had been making a visit to the educational institutions of the state and was at Eugene and Corvallis previous to his visit to Monmouth.

He spoke for an hour to the Normal students, and in the course of his remarks made an able plea for educational advantages in proportion to his capacity, for the unusually bright student. The highest paid teachers, asserted Mr. Aley, are hired for the sub-normal and defective children; which he thought was all right, but thought equal attention and effort should be given abnormal children.

He gave a number of illustrations in the realm of agriculture and stock raising where success had been achieved by paying particular attention to the best. The Canadians had developed a variety of barley, a record grower of corn had achieved surprising results, breeders of live stock had developed record breakers all by way of picking the best and paying particular attention to it to bring it to its fullest height of development.

He spoke of the achievements of invention and science and in various lines where abnormal minds had developed ideas that had been for the benefit and financial profit of the world. Education costs money but he asserted that it brings returns, and returns to the proportion of money spent and intelligence exercised in the spending of it.

He spoke of the average person and said that the common tendency of schools was to turn out average persons; the effort was to brighten the ignorant and the unconscious result often was to retard the bright and hold them back to the level of their companions.

He closed with two effective anecdotes illustrating the point that special ability should have special training. One referred to an artist of splendid capacities, whose life had been shortened and usefulness limited because of a bad start secured through the unresponsiveness of teacher and parents.

The second anecdote related to

a youthful experience of the poet Riley, of the division line as the latter saw it in his life, when a school teacher had expressed sympathy with talents that were out of the ordinary, and had praised such talent as it had been manifested.

Both anecdotes were vividly told and brought Mr. Aley's excellent address to a close.

Odd Fellows Install

The Odd Fellows installed officers with the refreshing accompaniment of ice cream at the finish Monday night. The following is the new list of officers.

Noble Grand—H. E. Guthrie
Vice Grand—Ed Griffa
Secy.—Paul Tacheron
Treas.—D. C. Walker
Warden—H. K. Sickafoose
Conductor—W. R. Graham
R. S. N. G.—S. U. Gwin
L. S. N. G.—J. S. Miller
I. G.—James Gentle
O. G.—W. A. Bressler
R. S. S.—Oscar Zook
L. S. S.—Irving Grund
R. S. V. G.—J. V. Webber
L. S. V. G.—E. B. Hamilton
Chaplin—O. A. Wolverton

Back in Iowa when E. R. Ostrom was a printer's devil, it was customary to send to the editor certain products as a means of gaining publicity for the grower and the stuff grown. Mr. Ostrom still clings to the good old custom and on Tuesday brought in to the Herald office a plentiful supply of strawberries which were in size and quality as fine as any ever grown. Many thanks E. R., come again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ostien were of material assistance in the starting of Red Cross auxiliaries at Buena and Suver last week. E. S. Evenden accompanied them to Buena Friday night and gave a talk on the work and on Saturday night T. H. Geetle accompanied them to Suver and gave a similar talk. Sixteen members signed at Buena and twenty six at Suver. This work is done under the direction of the Red Cross organization in Salem.

W. E. Haynie and son Harold have resigned their positions with the Miller store. Mr. Blackstone of Corvallis, an efficient grocery man has been named in charge of that department.

Dell Faulkner and family of Granger were guests of A. L. Tallmon Sunday.

Chautauqua Next Week

The Chautauqua at Dallas this year is one of the best booked by the Ellison-White system. Guy M. Bingham is the morning lecturer. Other attractions are: Lecturers, Dr. James Whitcomb Brougher, Dr. Henry Smith Williams, Chauncey Hawkins, (illustrated) W. I. Nolan, (humorous) Lybarger, Dr. Frank Bohn.

Entertainers, The Australian Manikins, The Daveny Festival Quintette, Smith-Spring-Holmes Co., Boston Light Opera Co., The Ongawas, Elias Day, impersonator, Musical Arts Quartette, Annie Therese Davault, James Goddard bass baritone of the Chicago Grand Opera Co.

A season ticket buys admission to all for \$2.50