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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Another Band Concert. Excursion to Salem Saturday

The second concert by the Independence-Monmouth Band on the Normal Campus was enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience of Normal faculty, students townspeople and visitors. The last concert of the series will be on Thursday, July 26 at eight o'clock.

The Friday evening Story-Telling-Hour was attended by a large group of students. Van Dyke's "Other Wise Man" (illustrated) was very effectively told by Miss Parrott.

The annual excursion of the faculty and students of the Summer school to visit the state institutions at Salem will be taken on Saturday July 21. A large part of the student body is planning to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the state capital. Any citizens who wish to take advantage of the reduced rates are invited to join the excursion.

Mr. Bingham, superintendent of the Dallas Chautauqua, addressed the student body on Monday afternoon. His subject, "Nuggets of Gold" contained many "nuggets" from the masters of literature which were appreciated by the students.

President Ackerman and Messrs. Pittman, Evenden and Burton attended a meeting at Mountain View school on Tuesday evening. State Superintendent Churchill was also in attendance. A very profitable meeting is reported.

President and Mrs. Ackerman were hosts at a lawn fete on Wednesday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. Evenden who leave for New York at the close of Summer School where Mr. Evenden will enter Columbia Teachers College. Those enjoying the hospitality of President and Mrs. Ackerman were: Mr. and Mrs. Evenden, Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Gillmore, Mrs. Macy, Mrs. West, Mrs. McCracken, Mr. Burton and the Misses McManama, Arbuthnot, West, Taylor, McIntosh, Greene, Dinius, Riecker, Levis, Murphy, Anderson, Parrott, Louise Anne Evenden, Catherine Ellen Pittman, Dorothy and Euphemia Gillmore.

A band concert, the last concert of the series by the Independence-Monmouth band will be given on the Normal campus on Thursday evening of next week at eight o'clock.

All persons having bills against student organizations should send them in by next Tuesday. Otherwise the management will not be responsible for their collection.

C. R. Bookey is working at Nortons on the C. & E. and his family expects to join him there in the near future.

A Plea to Water Patrons

The extended hot, dry spell has led to a very much increased use of water on the part of city patrons and the supply at present is not able to cope with the demand. An appeal is therefore made to water users to be as careful as possible not to waste water nor use it for any other purpose than what is absolutely necessary for the next two weeks. At that time vacation will be with us, the demand will have diminished and a supply stored for fire protection. With a little restriction on the part of each user, the critical time will be tided over and after that there will be plenty of water to meet the demand.

Young Man Drowned

Hillman Strong, son of H. W. Strong, attorney for the Portland Light and Power Co., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Strong of this city, was buried in Portland last week Thursday. The boy thirteen years of age, was drowned in the "Devil's Punch Bowl", a scenic place near Portland. He was one of a party camping out and enjoying a short outing. A porcupine attracted the boy's attention and he threw a stone at it in an effort to make the animal throw its quills. In the adventure he crossed on a log over the stream which eddies around the "punch bowl" and slipping in was drowned. His body was in the water several days before it was recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Strong attended the funeral in Portland.

In fifteen counties of Oregon as well as the city of Portland, there will be no drafted citizens to take their places in the first call for the army, these counties having had enough and more of volunteers to supply the quota asked for. The counties are: Benton, Coos, Crook, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk Tillamook and Yamhill.

A party of friends surprised Mr. A. H. Craven very pleasantly on Monday evening, the occasion being his birthday. The Craven Woods provided a cool and commodious picnic ground, where all present enjoyed a bounteous birthday dinner. A. H. declares that he feels fully a year younger since the feed, and hopes that his friends will continue to remember him each year in a like manner.

A. C. Hampton has changed his mind about being principal of the Eugene high school and instead has accepted the position of superintendent of schools of La-Grande at an advance of \$400 a year. As he had moved his family from eastern Oregon and had leased a house in Eugene, the change of plans will require another move.

Burglars broke into the S. P. depot in Independence last Friday night and secured \$1.98 for their time and trouble.

GEOGRAPHY AND DESTINY

Lecturer Says Location Determines Civic Character

Geography determines destiny. Such was the assertion of Dr. Frank Bohn to a Chautauqua audience Sunday afternoon. He said that leaders and generals of a country might modify its development along geographical lines, but not for long. Inevitably it was the survival of the fittest in the sense of geography plus the current stage of invention and racial development. He named nations which because of geography would be great in the future—Russia, China, South America, South Africa, North America.

As a simple illustration he described three communities located not far apart. One was on the lake front on low, rich land, close to market. Another was called Centerville the soil was thin and had to be fertilized there was freight to pay to market in order to compete with Lakeside. Hardscrabble was back still from Centerville and in the foot hills where there was no soil at all. Hardscrabble was hard up in all its resources, Centerville had a few more of the advantages but the wealth of the people of Lakeside was the greatest because of its geographical situation. These facts made of each community a distinct type of people.

In Hardscrabble they were against the government; In Centerville they were half for and half against and in Lakeside all were for the established order of things. If the populations of the communities could be shifted, each would develop the characteristics of the new place of residence.

Thus by this simple comparison can be explained the reason for the rise and fall of all nations which have had prominence. Greece and Rome thrived because they were surrounded by water and protected by a range of mountains.

America was discovered because the Turks had closed the way to India and a new way had to be found. England had thrived because it was water bound and its people could not get away from one another, France was able to unite because its long coast lines and mountain ranges joined it geographically; Germany had been forced to develop organization in order to unite its separate states. Change the inhabitants of each with the others and in a few years they would develop the characteristics of the land they lived in.

Thus the constant advance of civilization with invention and education had evolved new nations to take the place of old and any one who would take the trouble to hunt up and correlate his history and geography might foretell the development of civilization within the next hundred years and foretell with accuracy and exactness.

Paving Nears Completion

Work on our Main street paving has been resumed this week and the prospects now are that this work will be brought to a speedy termination. The progress of this work has met with a number of exasperating delays. The first car of asphalt secured was found after trials lasting a week to be defective as it contained substances that would not allow the asphalt to be raised speedily to the proper degree of temperature. A new car load of asphalt was ordered and was a week in coming from Portland to Monmouth, but proved satisfactory when tried and the work of laying the wearing surface is progressing rapidly.

Exhibition of Model Farms

Prof. M. S. Pittman and his class in rural education are devoting their efforts at present on an exhibition similar to the one they held last year in the summer school session, only different. Last years exhibition was school houses, ancient and modern. This year model farms are to be arranged in competition, twelve of them and a thirteenth group will model a rural community center. These will include the latest ideas in rural architecture and arrangement and will be judged by experts from O. A. C. Sections in the fir grove on the campus have been staked out where the rival farms are to be arranged. This exhibition will take place next Tuesday, all day, and citizens of Monmouth and vicinity are invited to attend and look over the ideas advanced. A special invitation has been extended to the Elkins and Mountain View school patrons to be present.

Miss Gladys Wade and Warren E. Isom were married at Corvallis, Saturday, July 15, the ceremony taking place in the study of the First Presbyterian church with Rev. Green acting as master of ceremonies. Only a few relatives and friends were present. After a wedding dinner at the Julian hotel the happy couple took the train for Newport for a brief honeymoon. They will be at home to friends on a farm near Corvallis. Miss Wade made numerous acquaintances in Monmouth while she was clerk in the post office and has many friends here to wish her happiness. Her mother, Mrs. D. A. Wade and sister, Miss Lib Wade and Howard Morlan drove to Corvallis to take in the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith held a family reunion this week with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Noble of Heppner, Mrs. Ida Goodnight of Vancouver and Miss Rose Smith. The latter two took Mr. Smith on an auto trip to Sodaville and the Nobles took Mrs. to Alsea to see a brother whom she had not seen in twenty years.

Monmouth defeated Dallas in a slow game at the county seat last Sunday afternoon: score 23 to 20.

A RURAL DRAMA

Strong Cast in Operetta by Summer School Talent

This evening at eight o'clock, the Summer school Normal Glee Club will present "Sylvia" an operetta in two acts.

Miss Grace Boardman who plays the leading role has a rich, high soprano voice of splendid quality. Her charming and gracious manner makes her an artist and you see Sylvia in all her vivaciousness and youth.

Miss Jessie Chestnut, although a stranger in our midst has won many friends during her short stay. She portrays Betty, the farmer's daughter with that particular charm sought by many but possessed by few. Miss Chestnut has a splendid contralto voice of wide range.

Ernest A. Morgan is well known to all. His rich tongue gives elegance and style to this charming operetta. As an actor Mr. Morgan far surpasses the amateur. His future holds much for him.

Carl Bowman as William, the sturdy, honest farmer, demands attention from his first entrance. Although rough and ready he has a heart of gold.

Mrs. Hagar as Arabella, Miss McGee as Aramenta and Mr. Williamson as Prince Tobitum form a delightful trio. Prince Tobitum is one of the main characters of the play. It would be unfinished were he to be withdrawn. Mr. Williamson makes this character real.

Miss Clem McKinney as Molly, Miss Schmuckli as Polly and Miss Griffin as Dolly the farmer's daughters with their ready wit and love of fun, add the touch of lightness to the play.

Miss Loynes, of Forest Grove, the pianist, with her wonderful interpretation will make the production a decided success.

The students have been working with great zest and are sure that the catchy choruses and dances, the clever speeches and solos will prove a delightful entertainment.

The operetta will be supported by the Independence orchestra with Miss Gentle as first violinist. The proceeds of the play will be given to the Red Cross fund. President Ackerman feels that this will be a splendid opportunity for the Summer School Normal students to express their appreciation of the work being done by the Red Cross.

E. J. Himes reports that in his work, locating a logging road in the mountains back of Falls City the party came upon snow and lots of it in the canyons, some banks being three feet deep.

Mr. Blackstone, the new manager of the grocery department of the Miller store went to Corvallis Saturday to make arrangements to move his family to Monmouth. They will occupy the Sturkin house, in which Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler have been living.