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

NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Red Cross Benefit Meets with Fine Patronage. Receipts \$90

Tuesday was indeed Red Cross Day for the Oregon Normal. At chapel time Miss Taylor represented the faculty in a most splendid way by outlining the history of the Red Cross movement, its scope of work and the desperate need for money and members at the present time. Miss Taylor's graphic presentation of the subject added to her intense interest in the work itself combined to influence the whole audience to a more thoughtful attitude toward the magnificent work. Miss Taylor's talk was the opening feature of the real drive for members which was later carried on at the evening benefit.

The Tuesday evening motion picture program planned by the lecture course committee of the Normal to aid the Monmouth branch and the Normal auxiliary of the Red Cross was a splendid success. Besides the two films "Little Miss George Washington" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" there was a varied program of music by the Normal Orchestra and the High School Glee Club; some spirited community singing and a pithy address by Mr. J. B. V. Butler. Ushers were girls dressed as Red Cross nurses. At booths in the lower hall were displayed various types of Red Cross work from socks to pajamas; Red Cross stamps were also sold by representatives from Monmouth High School. The drive for members brought about forty new names, while the cash returns were between eighty and ninety dollars, every cent of which above the actual expense of the films will be donated to the Red Cross in Monmouth. Prominent people in the community who were patrons and patronesses for this entertainment were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone, Dr. and Mrs. Bowersox, Mr. and Mrs. Winegar, Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Lightfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Ostien, Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. V. Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. Gentle.

To Mr. Nelson and Mr. Henkle of Independence the committee is indebted for the loan of the moving picture machine.

Friday morning Miss Philbrook represented the faculty in chapel by a very well selected and splendidly played group of violin numbers. Miss Philbrook won her audience completely by her sympathetic interpretation and her delightful playing of the Concerto in A minor by Accolay; the Adagio Movement from De Beriot's Ninth Concerto and a Serenade by Drdla. The serenade was so intensely enjoyed that Miss Philbrook graciously consented to play it a again. Miss Philbrook's artistry on the violin was charmingly echoed in Miss Hoham's beautifully played accompaniments.

The Christmas dancing party which was the feature of the winter season was a delightful event of Saturday night. The gymnasium was fragrant with attractively arranged fir boughs, huge clumps of mistletoe and brilliant crimson streamers. Everyone was in festive mood so that a real spirit of the holiday season was abroad. The Christmas special was a unique feature dance with its dozens of glowing incense sticks eerily lighting the dancers. Punch was dispensed from a prettily decorated booth. All together this was a really enjoyable party which will be delightfully remembered.

Vacation at the Normal will begin on Friday, December 21st, and

will last until January 7th, 1918. A special train will leave Monmouth for Portland on Friday, at 3:30 P. M., returning January 6th, 1918, leaving Portland at 6:30 P. M. for Monmouth.

L. V. Macken was over from Salem for a visit Monday. He is now a representative of the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., and has in his district parts of Marion, Linn and Polk counties where the Pennsylvania institution has something like 100 students. Technical instruction appears to be the most popular branch of education with their students although they have many students in Spanish, French and German which they teach with the aid of phonograph records.

Christmas in the Training School

The "Spirit of Christmas" was early made manifest in the Training School. Monday morning the children's assembly presented a scene of unusual interest, the occasion being the singing of songs taught the various grades by the student-teachers in charge of the work in music. The classes vied with one another in the production of their parts. It was interesting to note the gradation in the ability of the pupils from the lowest to the highest grades. Miss Nellie Bramberg of Independence assisted as soloist in the rendition of the chorus by the grammar grades. The teachers and pupils were honored by the presence of some of the mothers. The department of music is continuing its efficient work with the children, in order that their part in the celebration of the Community Christmas Tree, may add pleasure to the occasion.

Christmas parties are in vogue in the lower grades. The pupils will be at home to their parents Thursday afternoon. On Friday afternoon all the grades will present a program in the Assembly at 1:15. Santa Claus has promised to be there, and will be welcomed by the children even though they may not be the recipients of his generosity this year.

Decorations are occupying the interest of the children this week. Teddy Graham, imbued with the right spirit, installed a fine tree in the grammar department. Other grades caught the spirit. The credit goes to the primary this year for the prettiest tree. The children decorated it themselves, and with the products of the labor of their own little hands. The Art Department is doing its part too. A fine exhibit will be sent to Portland.

The 7th and 8th grade boys have a creditable part in the exhibit, as well as the girls.

"Let Independence be our boast" we sing, but not when it comes to playing basket ball. With the two games of the season in our favor, we have bright anticipations for the future.

"Elementary Science"—Small Boy to Miss M. in the boy's playroom early one morning—"Miss M., have you a dead dry battery to give away?"

Miss M.—"Yes, I think so, but what do you wish to do with it?"

Boy—"I want to make a bell ring."

Miss M.—"But how, with a dead battery?"

Boy—"Oh, I'll just pour some PNEUMONIA into it and that will make it alive."

Merry Christmas to all our friends and patrons.

The receipts of Red Cross day at the Normal Tuesday were over \$90.

WILL ADVISE THE DRAFTED

Personal of Board to Consult Men Called to the Colors

Pursuant to the Selective Service Regulation prescribed November 8, 1917, by the President relative to the selection of the National Army, a Legal Advisory Board has been appointed for Polk County, composed of the following:

Permanent Members: Oscar Hayter of Dallas, Chairman, L. D. Brown and Claude W. Barriek, Independence.

Among the associate members are: from Independence, D. E. Fletcher, Cecil Swope, Homer S. Wood, R. R. DeArmond, C. W. Irvine, Fred Young, H. Chas. Dunsmore; from Monmouth, J. H. Ackerman, J. B. V. Butler, C. H. Ostien, Ira C. Powell, W. E. Smith, Archie Parker, Jacob Smith; from Airlie: C. V. Johnson, Geo. A. Conn, Geo. H. Bronson, V. J. Love; from Suver: Fred N. Stump, G. A. Peterson;

The duties of the Legal Advisory Board, as stated in the Questionnaire sent out to each registrant, are to advise registrants of the true meaning and intent of the Selective Service Law and of the Regulations, and to assist registrants to make full and truthful answers to the Questionnaire and to aid generally in the just administration of the Law and Regulations.

Registrants who desire advice or assistance may feel free to apply to any member of the Board, who will render such aid as he can, without charge. Headquarters will be maintained at the County Court House in Dallas, where registrants may apply at any time, but it is suggested that where convenient application should be made to the nearest member. Any member of the board giving advice or assistance will enter upon the left hand margin of the front page of the Questionnaire of the registrant so assisted the following: "Aid given by me," and sign the name of the member, followed by the words: "Permanent Member" or "Associate Member Legal Advisory Board," as the case may be.

The occupational qualifications of every registrant must be set forth with precision in his Questionnaire. Therefore, registrant's answers to Series 1, Question 2, page 4, must without fail specify his particular job within his industry by answering, for example, not merely railroad man, but track layer, or train man, or car shop repairer.

The Legal Advisory Board does not decide questions, classify registrants, nor grant exemptions. Its only functions are, as above stated, to advise and assist. The Local Exemption Board, composed of the Sheriff, Clerk, and County Physician, will pass upon the Questionnaires when returned and notify registrants of the action taken.

Carefully study the Questionnaire and the instructions contained therein, and also bear in mind that none of the printed portions of any of the questions shall be struck out or erased; that if the registrant cannot read his signature shall be made by mark and witnessed by the officer who administers the oath to him; that supporting affidavits are required from every person over sixteen years of age named as dependents; that every person making a supporting affidavit must read every question and every answer of the particular series of which he is supporting, and that all blanks in the supporting affidavits must be filled out in the handwriting of the person making the affidavit; that the only change to be made in the printed matter in the affidavit is to strike out the word "affirm" or "swear", as required.

The Herald wishes all a Very Merry Christmas.

The man who had to look long and hard to find water in his well in September now is wading around in hip boots, poking with a stick, trying to find his well in the water.

This joke is officially credited to G. W. Baun.

Typesetter is an Ingenious Machine

This issue of the Herald was put in type by a Unitype, of which previous mention has been made and which arrived on Wednesday of last week. C. O. Metzker of San Francisco, representative of the Unitype Co. of Jersey City, N. J., arrived Friday morning and by Saturday afternoon had the machine in running order. The first work done with the machine was the composition for three songs, destined to be sung at the Community Christmas tree exercises and the first line "Joy to the world, the Lord has come."

The Unitype is a typesetting machine, setting from foundry made type as distinguished from the linotype, the intertype, the monotype, etc., which set matrices and casts their type. It is fully as ingenious as any of them, however, and not only sets type but distributes it, taking the columns as they come from the paper, and sorting out the types in their proper places, even to apportioning the different thicknesses of spaces.

The Unitype is an improvement on the Simplex, which in itself was an improvement on the Thorne, the original type setter. It was the invention of the Thorne machine that financially "busted" Mark Twain and sent him on that last lecture tour of the world in which he raised enough money to clear himself. An interesting story of Twain's experience with the invention is told in Albert Bigelow Paine's biography of the humorist.

A great deal of money was spent before the invention was a success. It had barely become established in the printer world when the linotype was invented and with it the type setter can not compete in a large sense. The original Thorne required three persons to operate. One to put in the lines to be distributed, one to operate the keyboard, and one to "justify" or arrange the set type into column widths. With the Simplex a mechanism was perfected that loaded the lines for distribution automatically. The unitype has been still further perfected and simplified. While in no sense a rival of the type casting machines the type setter has certain distinct advantages for a small office.

It is cheaper to own and cheaper to operate.

It sets from foundry made type, which are of a harder metal and have a better printing surface than the slugs, which are apt to have their surface marred by allowing the metal to become too hot or too cold.

It is instantly available for use; can be turned on and turned off at will while the casting machine has to wait the heating or cooling of the metal pot.

Monmouth people, and visitors in the city are invited to come in and see the machine in operation, and incidentally, the machine "eats" copy and people who have news items and who desire to contribute to the Herald columns are invited to do so.

For some time past, the Herald office force has been hard put to accommodate all copy that was available, but this is altered now and everything of a legitimate nature can be handled.

STUDENTS STAR ON THE STAGE

Dicken's Christmas Carol Given Before Parent-Teachers

The meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association held Tuesday evening was unusual as regards its program. A play, Dicken's "Christmas Carol" was the entire feature of the evening. The play was put on by high school students under the direction of R. W. Tavenner, who also took the part of "Scrooge". As an amateur production it was exceptionally good, ingeniously staged and with novel ideas in the presentation of the "spook" scenes with which the play abounds.

One half of the stage was portioned off into Scrooge's cubbyhole of an office and a small curtain was rolled up on the other half of the stage to display the visions which were seen through a fine netting. The cast of characters was given in these columns last week. Without exception, all did nicely, showing the effect of skillful and painstaking drill. The ghosts and the spirits were nicely portrayed, the Cratchits, the street people were good, Tiny Tim was excellent.

As good a scene as any was the one where Scrooge played his little joke on Bob Cratchit. As acting, it was first class.

There was a large attendance and during the evening the girls of the school sold Hooverized candy for the benefit of the war relief fund of the school.

It's Wet

Over four inches of water in two days was the record at Oregon City and Salem Monday night and Tuesday night and Monmouth probably fared about the same. It was a heavy and continual rain and its effect was most noticeable along the channels of natural drainage. The Willamette raised more than ten feet in a short time and the smaller streams such as the Luckiamute, fairly went wild and flooded the surrounding country.

Airlie went without train service Wednesday, water covering the tracks of the S. P. making it dangerous to cross. The Portland mail which comes around by way of Albany, was missing in Monmouth Wednesday and Thursday because of delays due to the flood.

Thrift Stamps

The government's war savings plan is a plan by which you can lend small savings to the government at four per cent interest, compounded quarterly. You lend to your government by the purchase of war savings certificates and thrift stamps. A war savings certificate costs \$4.12, if purchased this month or next—the cost to advance one cent each succeeding month during 1918. On January 1, 1923, the certificate will mature and the government will pay you \$5 for it.

A thrift stamp is a stamp costing 25 cts. to be applied in payment for a war savings certificate. It does not earn interest, its purpose being to help purchasers to accumulate in 25 ct. pieces, the amount necessary to pay for a war savings certificate. War savings certificates and thrift stamps can be purchased at your postoffice, from your city or rural carrier, at your city bank, and from your merchants and other authorized agents.

The manager of the corn show this year will be Mrs. Winnie Braden of Dallas. It is expected that Professors Bishop and Larson of O. A. C. will be the judges. Mr. Flavelle of the Western Farmer, will be one of the speakers.