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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Dr. Conwell Coming. All of Students to Get Positions

The Normal is pleased to announce that its next Lyceum number will be a lecture by Dr. Conwell of New York, who takes for his subject "Acres of Diamonds." Dr. Conwell is one of the best lecturers in the United States and this lecture has received perhaps as strong commendation as could be given a lecture. It is very inspirational and one that every young person especially should hear; therefore it is strongly recommended by the Normal.

The Normal will resume its work next Monday morning. All pupils are expected to arrive, ready for their work, on Sunday evening. The members of the Faculty who attended the State Teachers' Association speak of the splendid time they had, especially in meeting former students of the Normal. More than a hundred students united with the Faculty at a banquet at the Hazelwood on Friday evening, together with several invited guests. Part of the time was occupied by addresses from the Faculty, visitors and students. All voted the occasion a great success, and are looking forward already to the next reunion, one year from now.

The registrar reports that there will be quite a number of students entering at the beginning of the second semester, February 9th. Quite a number of February people have already secured positions, and the probabilities are that places will be ready for all of them by the end of the term.

Training School Facts and Fancies

Why is it that when one returns from a little journey to a neighboring town, that no matter how brief the visit may have been, he is invariably greeted with, "Hello! home again? Are you glad to get back?" Does his countenance seem to radiate a satisfaction in being home again? Is it because he feels he is surrounded by those influences in which he has become identified? Or, perchance there is something in the environment of Monmouth more satisfactory than that of other places. Has this spirit always dominated, or is it because Monmouth is fast taking on that civic improvement to be desired in all growing towns? But even in the days of the dim little lights, at widely remote street intersections, and of walks of moss covered boards fastened in the center but yielding at both ends and not infrequently tripping one and precipitating him into the ditch underneath, did this same feeling—glad to be back, hold sway. "Why is this?" Sometimes we become obsessed with the thought that we are weary of the quiet tenor of things in Monmouth, the fulfillment each day of the accustomed round of duties, and we seek a change. We spend our holidays and incidentally a part of our salary for things to which we are

unaccustomed; the limitations perhaps, of a single room in some hotel where we restlessly toss upon an unfamiliar bed and all night long listen to the incessant, unfamiliar sounds, the noisy street cars, the chatter of the endless traffic. Next day we meet the throngs of people upon the streets, so bent upon the intent of their mission, whatever it may be, that they see us not at all, or perchance glance at us, in such a curiously cold, indifferent manner that we are almost tempted to impede their progress, grasp them by the hand, and talk over the best recipe for making corn bread, for feeding hens or for rearing babies, just to see what would happen. We feel a hunger for something we can't define.

But speaking of hunger—there are numerous eating houses, let us see if we cannot satisfy the inner man or woman? The quality of the food, the variety, to say nothing of the cost of the same, is a novel experience, but it too, becomes monotonous, and we long for the larder at home. We think of the sumptuous meals we have arranged, fit for a king and which if tabulated according to prevailing prices could only be paid for by a king.

We continue our search for happiness. Shall we find it in the places of amusement? We behold the wonderful feats of the rider on a single wheel—of the acrobatic performers—of the trained animals.

We listen to the trials of the newly weds until we become satiated, then we visit the silent drama. The lights grow dim, the curtains move back and the development of the plot begins. By means of much gesture and labored breathing upon the part of the actors, we discern their emotions. At the climax the irrepressible child near us calls out, "What's she going to do, mamma?" etc, etc, until we long for a three reel show in our quiet little burg, where the novelty of some things has not worn off.

We thus review our experiences in our recent visit to Portland. We have tried to combine pleasure with business. Our business was in attending the State Teachers' Annual Association convening in Portland, December 27th to 29th. We have the usual impressions of such meetings. The enthusiasm and inspiration acquired in listening to the various addresses; the helpful suggestions given in the various sectional meetings; but best of all, was the association with old friends. This was the real pleasure and business of the convention. Pleasure in meeting the county superintendents and supervisors who asked, "Do you remember Miss—? She is just a bunch of animation—And Mr.—? He is doing wonderful community organization in his district." And many other similar expressions of satisfaction of the work our graduates are doing. It is needless to say that the success or failure of our students, are matters quite personal, with the Faculty of this school.

Then the pleasure of greeting our former students, some of whom were with us six years ago. Their interest concerning Monmouth folk and doings, showed they had not forgotten us, but that they had idealized much of their experience

CAME HERE FROM MONMOUTH, ILL.

Robert Ground, Buried Sunday, was a Pioneer Settler

Robert Ground, one of the early settlers of Monmouth and the Willamette valley was buried Sunday. Although for years a resident of this city, Mr. Ground was living in Independence at the time of his death, which was due to the infirmities of his advanced years. Funeral services in his behalf were held in the Monmouth Christian church, Sunday afternoon and burial was in the Davidson cemetery, southwest of Monmouth. Mr. Ground was a man held high in the esteem of all who knew him. He was truthful, conscientious and dependable in every way, a man of good instincts and upright character. He was born in Monmouth, Ill., Jan. 14, 1840 and crossed the plains with his parents in 1853. They settled in Polk county which during the greater part of the intervening years has been his home. At one time he took up a homestead in Washington and lived there for a few years and he also lived a few years in California. Two years ago he built him a small house in Independence and settled there. Ground was never married. He is survived by two brothers, F. T. Ground of Buena Vista, and Luther Ground of Monmouth. Also two half sisters, Miss Evelyn Ground of Portland and Mrs. Alice Shadowmayer of Pasadena, Calif.

Death of Mrs. Wade

Mrs. Ezra Wade, widow of a civil war veteran, died at the home of her son D. A. Wade in this city last Sunday. Her death was due to a form of paralysis and she was unconscious for two days prior to her death. She had but recently become a resident of Monmouth, coming here with her son from Brownsville, last summer. Mrs. Wade had been a resident of Oregon for twenty five years coming here from West Virginia, and has lived in different parts of the Willamette valley. Her body was taken to Albany for burial, with services in the undertaking parlor of that city, the Albany Christian minister officiating. Burial was at Albany.

Phebe Cross was born in Monongalia county, West Virginia, in the year 1837 and died December 30, 1917. She became a member of the Baptist church when she was fourteen years of age. At the age of twentyone she was united in marriage to Ezra Wade. To this union was born three children, Lloyd, who died in infancy, Mr. D. A. Wade of Monmouth, Oregon, and Mrs. N.

while with us. In fact, we believe we could fill every column of this paper with their kindly solicitous inquiry concerning Monmouth.

All tending to show, that they counted among their greatest blessings, their sojourn here.

Yes, we are glad to be home again. Glad to assume our accustomed duties. And we hope that in 1918, we may draw closer this bond of friendship that prevails in old Monmouth.

Needham of Turlock, Calif., who still survive her, also one brother in Ohio. Among other relatives who mourn her loss are nine grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, Mrs. A. B. Morlan of this city, her niece and Mr. Bert Cross of Independence her nephew. This is the first death occurring in her family since the death of her husband, who was killed in the Civil war in 1864.

Hampton, Named Vice President

The Oregonian of Sunday gives the following account of the elevation of a former Monmouth man to high office among the state teachers, an item that will be of interest to many Monmouth people.

Educators of the state did politics yesterday, smashed a slate and placed in the office of vice-president of the Oregon Teachers' Association a man not on the list submitted by the nominating committee.

This all took place at the final session of the seventeenth annual meeting of the state association at the Lincoln High School yesterday afternoon. F. A. Tiedgen, of Marshfield, was on the nominating committee for vice-president, but A. C. Hampton, of La Grande, was elected to that position instead.

All other officers were chosen as per program. There was no objection to Mr. Tiedgen personally, as he is popular in the state organization and is in fact, very much liked. It was felt, however, that, geographically, his election would be a mistake, as it is the fixed custom to elevate the vice-president to the position of president in the succeeding year, and a man more centrally situated was desired for the post.

It is the custom to adopt the report of the nominating committee with out question. However, when it was heard yesterday afternoon, opposition was organized as regards the vice-presidential nomination, and the report was adopted with the exception of this office.

Other offices filled without question were H. D. Sheldon, Eugene, president; E. D. Ressler, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer and J. W. Todd, Salem, and E. H. Whitney, Portland, members of the executive committee.

Then nominations for vice president were asked. H. M. Sherwood, principal of the Stephens School, Portland, named A. C. Hampton of La Grande. He said he felt that the selection he recommended would be more representative of the state at large.

Mr. Hampton himself arose and said he was of the opinion that it would be better in every way if the report of the nominating committee were followed without change. He said he did not at all covet the office. His nomination was seconded by Wm. Parker of Portland, who said Eastern Oregon should be recognized. W. R. Rutherford, of Eugene, on the other hand, stood by the recommendation of the committee in favor of the election of Mr. Tiedgen. Upon the ballot being taken, Mr. Hampton was elected, the vote being 76 to 58 in his favor. This is the first time in the history of the association such a step has

PITTMAN FOR U. S. SENATOR

Booster Club Organized at Teachers' Meet to Back Him

An announcement was made in Portland this week that will be of more than usual interest to Monmouth people. During the meeting of the State Teachers' Association a group of delegates formed the "Pittman Booster Club", the object being no more and no less than that of inducing our own Prof. M. S. Pittman to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. senator.

The rural school problem is something that Mr. Pittman takes quite seriously and he has the faculty of imparting his interest in the matter to all with whom he comes in contact. As a side issue, this is apt to be influential in gaining him support when the proper time arrives. With his travels all over the state he has opportunity to make many friends and he has made the utmost of his opportunities.

A fluent and entertaining talker, Mr. Pittman is bound to make a good impression when he mounts the stump. He is not entirely a novice in the game of politics, having had considerable experience in Louisiana, where he formerly lived. Mr. Pittman believes in preparedness so to fortify his vocal powers for the campaign ahead he entered a Portland hospital during the past week and had his tonsils removed. When his throat is healed he will be fine and fit as a fiddle for the struggle.

The annual New Years day get together meeting of the Grange met with splendid success this year. Something like 150 were present including many guests. The dinner at noon was an extra good one and there was a fine program in the afternoon. President J. H. Ackerman and Mr. Patterson of Independence, who were present, were prevailed upon to make short talks as did P. O. Powell. The following are the items of the program:

Piano solo—Miss Bowman
Recitation—"The Apple"—Francis Arant
Vocal solo—Joy Ostrom
Address—W. A. Wood
Piano solo—Miss Nelson
Vocal solo—Mr. Blackstone
Reminiscences of the Philippine War—W. J. Stockholm
Piano solo—Burton Arant.

Mr. Blackstone was prevailed upon to add a second song to his offering for the day and was encored repeatedly.

R. J. Evans is branching out in business, has laid in a stock of shoes and will rent the east end of the Boulden building instead of the room in which he has been quartered. Mr. Boulden will resume his former feed store stand. Mr. Evans starts in modestly and expects to increase his stock as the patronage warrants.

Miss Catherine Gentle who spent her vacation with her parents in this city, left for her school duties at Forest Grove, Tuesday.

been taken, recommendation of the nominating committee always being equivalent to an election heretofore.