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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

New Rooms Occupied. Greater Attendance Sought For

The Normal re-opened last Monday after the Christmas Holidays with practically every student present, and all seemingly glad to be back. All of the rooms of the addition were occupied for the first time last Monday and the instructors and students were highly delighted with the changed conditions.

The contractors are putting the final touches on the building ready for taking it over by the Board of Regents.

Much favorable comment is expressed by every one at the splendid exhibit made at the State Teachers' Association by the Art Department under the direction of Miss Greene and Miss Valk.

President Ackerman is inaugurating a campaign among the members of the alumni and friends of the school for securing a largely increased attendance next year.

It is suggested that every member of the alumni endeavor to secure one new student for September. He reports that he is getting much interest awakened in the matter.

Several students report that they have already succeeded in getting one or two new students for the ensuing year.

The next number of the lecture course will be a fascinatingly interesting lecture "Acres of Diamonds" by Dr. Russell Conwell, the celebrated Philadelphia minister and lecturer of note. His witty comment on life, his philosophy so quaintly phrased, and his winning personality make him a valued addition to any course. This lecture will be given in the new Normal Auditorium, Saturday, January 12, at eight o'clock. Tickets for reserved seats may be had at Morlan's, Friday and Saturday for only fifty cents. A good lecture is a rare treat so that every one should be interested in hearing Dr. Conwell.

Training School Facts and Fancies

"On the Road of Life, one milestone more.

In the Book of Life, one leaf turned o'er.

Like a red seal is the setting sun,

On the good and evil man hath done.

Awake! arise! the hour is late.

Angels are knocking at thy door,

They are in haste and cannot wait,

And once departed, come no more."

Didn't it seem good to hear old Normal bell again after a silence of two weeks? We were up betimes Monday morning. Important business before us. And when we thought of the holiday dissipation, the longer hours at night, the late sleeping in the morning, the meals at all hours, to say nothing of other irregularities, we were glad again to be awakened to our sense of duty; to throw off the consciousness of an idle, useless existence.

Glad to systemize our habits according to the usual routine or order of things. So happy are we to assume our responsibilities in the school-room, that we may heartily agree with Drummond when he says, "Blessed be drudgery."

A little boy walking up the track towards school at least a half hour too early, Monday morning, also says, "Gee, I'm glad to git back to school." And a teacher seated at her desk busily writing, looks up suddenly to find all her girls and boys in their places and every one poring over his books, and so quietly that she has been unconscious of their arrival. Just another proof that it is good to get back to the greatest business on earth, the business of learning.

Standing at the portals of a New Year, we cannot forego the preaching of a little sermon. We have taken for our topic a subject of paramount interest and importance today, and one which is deeply concerned with the welfare of every true American, for loyalty, is our theme. By loyalty we mean a strict adherence to a sound, reasonable sense of justice to one's self, to one's mind, to one's body, to one's associates; an abiding sense of justice in the home, the church, the school, or toward the nation. Loyalty is one of the most potent factors in the development of character; it constitutes the chief charm of personality; it adds to one's self respect. It is procreative of freedom of conscience. The still small voice not so frequently censures a laxity of moral power or of moral standards when loyalty is enthroned in the heart. Loyalty creates a balanced judgment; it dissipates doubt and fear; it will arouse one's finer sensibilities by making him keenly alert to opportunities for working out his material as well as his spiritual advancement.

If New Years' resolutions have become relegated to the history of the past, we can at least keep the faith. Live up to our promises. Stand by our word. Have confidence in those whom we serve, or in those who serve us, and finally be brought to a realization that we have had a part in the maintenance of the great principle of right living.

Passes 81st Milestone

A pleasant birthday anniversary was enjoyed by Mrs. Monroe Mulkey, January 5. She was hostess for a birthday dinner to Mrs. M. J. Kitchen of Albany, Mrs. F. R. Bowersox and Mrs. Simpson. During the afternoon some dozen ladies, unexpected guests, called with gifts or greetings.

These ladies were given delicious refreshments, consisting of fruit cake and coffee. The fruit cake had been a birthday remembrance from Mrs. Stenholm of Marshfield.

Mrs. Monroe Mulkey being one of Monmouth's old and respected residents, was the recipient of many greetings by mail. Her host of friends wish her many more pleasant milestones.

Miss Harriet Rigdon, a high school teacher of Independence, visited friends in Monmouth Saturday.

REGENT SEEKS HIGH OFFICE

H. H. Starkweather of Oregon City, Would be Governor

Harvey G. Starkweather, who has announced his candidacy for governor, is a native son of Oregon of a pioneer family. Wm. A. Starkweather, his father, came to Oregon via California gold mines in 1850—his mother by the Oregon Trail in 1846.



HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER

The father was prominent in Oregon political history, having served in several sessions of the territorial legislature, in the Constitutional Convention of 1857 and in several sessions of the state legislature. His last service being in the state senate the session of 1882. From 1861 to 1865 he was register of the U. S. land office at Oregon City.

Harvey G. Starkweather, who is the youngest of three sons, was born 49 years ago in Clackamas county near where he now resides. Though having only the meager advantages afforded by the pioneer schools he became prominent as an educator. For fourteen years he was active in public school work, and during a part of that time served as county school superintendent for Clackamas county, and also as city superintendent and principal of the high school at La Grande, Oregon.

At the present time he is a member of the local school board in his home district, also a member of the county educational board for Clackamas county and a member of the board of regents for normal schools of the state.

He was a member of the commission which drafted the original Workmen's Compensation act. Was also appointed upon the recommendation of the Oregon State Grange, as a member of the U. S. Rural Credits commission which visited several European countries and investigated that subject. The report of this commission, Senate document No. 214, of the year 1913, was the basis for the Federal Farm Loan act.

During the agitation for the recent Good Road Bond Act Mr. Starkweather took an active part

in the campaign for bonds, both in the eastern and western parts of the state.

For several years past, Mr. Starkweather has been the member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Clackamas county. During the past two years he has been the chairman of the Democratic County Committee.

At a recent meeting of the farmers of Clackamas county, Mr. Starkweather was elected chairman of an organization to cooperate with the county agricultural agent to increase the farm production of the county.

Although born and raised and having lived on a farm practically all his life, his business activities are by no means confined to farming. He has extensive property interests throughout the state, and maintains an office in the Broadway building in Portland, in which property he is interested.

Monmouth Soldier Weds in Portland

Friends of Sumner Ostrom will be interested in the news of his recent marriage to Miss Lola Williams of Portland. The wedding took place on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at eight o'clock P. M. at the home of the bride's mother at 491 Market Street. Rev. Staub of the city officiated, using the ring ceremony. The rooms were prettily decorated with pink carnations and ferns. The bride wore a gown of blue taffeta and chiffon and a corsage bouquet of white hyacinths and brides' roses.

Those who witnessed the ceremony were Mrs. Anna and Master Gilbert Williams, mother and brother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ostrom and Miss Daphne Ostrom, parents and sister of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and Mr. Bimbo, close friends of the bride's family, all of Portland. Sumner is still on duty at Ft. Canby where the young couple expect to live together until further orders from Washington, D. C.

Odd Fellows Install Their New Officers

Monmouth Odd Fellows observed their first meeting in the new year Monday night by installing officers and giving the final touches to membership, the third degree to two candidates. The new members are T. R. McClellan and George La France.

The following new officers were duly installed: D. C. Walker, N. G. James Gentle, V. G.; Paul Tacheron, R. S.; W. E. Smith, Treas.; E. R. Ostrom, R. S. N. G.; J. X. Webber, L. S. N. G.; H. K. Sickafosse, W.; F. K. Skeen, Chaplain; T. K. McClellan, R. S. S.; Geo. La France, L. S. S.; Ed Rogers, O. G.; Frank Moreland, I. G.; W. R. Graham, Cond.; O. Zook, R. S. V. G.; J. N. Webber, L. S. V. G.

The following new Red Cross memberships are reported, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hiltibrand, W. J. Mulkey, Hazel Lorence, J. W. Scott, Mrs. Della Force.

COURT TO BOSS STREET WORK

New Law Gives Power. Council Clears up for Fresh Start

The session of the council Tuesday night was the first of the year, the clean up meeting, preparatory to wiping off the slate and starting fresh. The financial reports of the treasurer and city recorder were read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

The matter of gravel for the streets of the city also came up. The city a short time ago voted itself into a separate road district, and the act was later knocked out in the supreme court. It resulted in no road money coming to the city for the past year which has caused all the work which has been done, to have been financed by the overworked general fund.

Now we have a new law, passed by the legislature by which cities constitute separate road districts which are allowed to expend 70 per cent of taxes levied, upon the streets of the cities, the other 30 per cent going to the county for a bridge fund. Under the law the road money in cities is to be expended under the direction of the county court, which relieves the street committee of the council of the work.

The actual workings of this new law will be watched with interest.

First National has Prosperous Year

Tuesday afternoon January 8th was the date set for annual meetings by all the banks in the Willamette valley and among them the First National Bank of Monmouth took occasion to review the work of the past year and elect officers for the year to come. The election was a re-election, the old officers and directors being returned to their jobs as follows: Ira C. Powell, President; J. B. V. Butler, Vice President; W. E. Smith, Cashier; Miss Emma Parker, Asst. Cashier; Directors: I. M. Simpson, Robert Steele, Wm. Riddell, J. B. V. Butler, Ira C. Powell.

An additional office was created, that of assistant cashier and this was given to Miss Emma Parker as a reward for six years of faithful service. The business of the bank during the past year was the largest in its history and the annual report was consequently a very encouraging one.

Six Tons of Paper \$48 for Red Cross

At the recent paper drive there was 13,300 pounds of paper gathered which brought \$48.50. This amount will be divided between the Monmouth branch of the Red Cross and the Normal auxiliary. The amount was twice as much as was gathered in Independence. The success of the drive was largely due to the work of the Normal girls under the direction of Miss Myra Butler.