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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

Gentle Entertains in Chapel Superintendent Todd Visits

The Chapel appearance of Mr. Gentle was one of the big events of last week. Friday morning Mr. Gentle read a uniquely interesting account of the normal school and teaching adventures of a young man who has many counterparts today. The story, read with fine dramatic effect, portrayed many situations immensely familiar in spirit to many in the audience, if appreciative laughter and frequent applause were true indications. The delightful quaint humor, the keenly penetrating thrust, the wholesome philosophy, and the genial sincerity of Mr. Gentle were all combined in this biography of a teacher who set out both to emulate and achieve. Such biographies, like all other good ones, have great lessons in them for those who hear them and read them.

For next Monday the Lecture Course Committee has been able to secure a wonder picture for grown-ups—"Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp". This is a picture version of the centuries-old story with the extraordinary child actors, Francis Carpenter and Virginia Lee Corbin as the central figures. The picture, which had an unusually successful New York run, is dramatically exciting, highly humorous and most elaborately and beautifully staged. It will be shown Monday night in the Normal Auditorium. The admission is 20 cents for adults; 10 cents for children.

Undeniably those who miss Major Ian Hay Beith's lecture "Carrying On" in the Normal Auditorium, Thursday, February 28 will miss the finest thing of the winter. Ian Hay, as he is more widely known, has an unusually interesting lecture for his tour this year since he comes direct not only from the British trenches overseas, but also from the American troops in France, whom he visited especially. The pictures to be shown with the lecture were taken by Major Beith personally on his latest visit to Belgium and France. People who have heard this lecture say it is the most thrilling and remarkable in its wonderful relation of the real life of the soldier. The advance inquiry for seats in Portland where the lecture is to be given February 27, made it necessary to engage the Auditorium to hold the crowd. Every seat in the Normal Chapel should be filled for this lecture will give the finest insight into just what the carrying on of modern war means under actual fighting conditions. Tickets may be secured at Morlan's from February 23 to 28 for fifty cents.

City Superintendent J. W. Todd of the Salem Schools was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Faculty Club, Wednesday night. Mr. Todd gave a most illuminating discussion on how the school may be connected with the community, citing the success and failure of numerous instances. Spirited informal discussion of the problem, together with the new type of tomorrow's school followed the admirable presentation of Mr. Todd's plans.

Mr. Pittman, Head of the Rural Department, has been busy this week with the Oregon Normal School "Rural Life Week" in the three rural training centers—Mt. View, Elkins, and Oak Point. He reports a large attendance and much interest manifested and that the week is a decided success.

The many friends of Miss Myra H. Butler, Head of the Domestic Science and Domestic Art Department will be pleased to know that she is improving very rapidly and hopes to return to her work in the near future.

The Faculty Club held its regular meeting last Wednesday night. The speaker of the evening was Supt. J. A. Todd, of the Salem Schools, who took for his subject "The Two-Group Plan", which he recently inaugurated in the said schools. His address was very inspiring and helpful one.

Students Star in Musical Concert

At first thought it might seem an impossibility for two hundred and fifty people to get into the assembly room of the Monmouth high school but that difficult feat was accomplished at the concert last Tuesday night. The gross receipts of the evening was \$60 which is indicative of the attendance. The cantata, "The Wreck of the Hesperus" put on under the direction of Miss Lyrel Morris was a splendid performance showing skill on the part of the director and talent on the part of the students. The work of Mr. Blackstone the leading soloist was of his usual high standard of quality, and scarcely less was the singing of Miss Imogene Richard who possesses a voice of unusual promise. The singing of Bruce Rogers and his sister, Miss Gertrude was also exceedingly good.

The appearance of the high school boys' quartette was the signal for demonstrations of approval on the part of the audience, and the operetta, "The Doll Shop" was a show in itself. R. W. Tavenner made a very "canine" salesman of musical automatons and the representatives of his art showed very diversified talent, singing and dancing, and concluding a splendid entertainment.

Chas. Goodman is New Roadmaster

Chas. Goodman has been appointed supervisor of roads for Monmouth under the new law that makes each city a separate road district. He will have charge of improvements on county roads, only within the limits of the city. This, after all is not a very large task for Main street east and west from one limit to the other is no longer a county road and neither is Monmouth avenue from Main street to the north side of the dormitory.

The city of Monmouth comprises Dist. 13 of the county and the amount of money available during 1918 is \$893.75.

The county court proposes to conserve as much of this as possible for the hard surfacing of county roads within the city limits looking to the time when the state highway shall pass through the city. Judge Kirkpatrick thinks the state work may yet be done this year.

TWO MORE ARE CALLED

J. F. Smith and L. Ground Buried During Past Week

Luther Ground who was one of the original citizens of Monmouth, died in the hospital in Salem after a long illness Wednesday. He was born in Monmouth, Ill., in March, 1842 and came to Oregon with his parents when a boy of 11. The party came to the site of Monmouth and most of his life since that time has been spent in this vicinity. He followed surveying as a profession and was for a time county surveyor of Polk county. He was for several years city recorder of Monmouth. A clean, conscientious man he was highly regarded for many admirable qualities.

He is survived by his widow who before marriage was Miss Sarah G. Butler, daughter of J. B. V. Butler, Sr., a pioneer merchant of this city. The children are: Mrs. T. E. Zeibler, Mrs. David Foulkes, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, and Mrs. M. A. Ford, all of Portland. He is survived also by one brother, Frank Ground of Buena Vista and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Shadomy of Los Angeles and Miss Evelyn Ground of Portland.

Funeral services were held in the Monmouth Christian church, Thursday afternoon and were largely attended with many splendid floral tributes. Rev. W. A. Wood preached the sermon.

John F. Smith a well known and highly regarded resident of the Mistletoe district was buried in Monmouth Saturday. He suffered with gall stones and to obtain relief underwent an operation in a hospital in Portland earlier in the week. He did not long survive the shock of the operation but died on Thursday, the body being brought to Monmouth for burial. Mr. Smith lacked a few weeks of being 66 years of age, having been born in Jasper county, Mo., March 23, 1852. He came to Oregon a dozen years ago, living first on a farm south of Monmouth before moving to the Mistletoe district.

He is survived by a widow and four children, two boys and two girls. The sons are C. F. Smith and R. F. Smith and the daughters are Mrs. E. A. Tedrow and Miss Rose Smith. Always good natured and intensely sociable, his tall form will be missed in Monmouth where he was a frequent visitor.

Mrs. Margaret Norton went to Corvallis Tuesday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Mulkey. The latter had been a resident of Oregon for nearly fifty years. She was born in 1835 and came west to Washington in 1864. She is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters.

The state convention of Christian Endeavor meets at Eugene on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week and among those who will be present wearing Polk county ribbons will be the Misses Helen Moore, Neta Harvey, Beth Partidge, Gladys Parker, Ethel Keeler, Bernice McKinney, Eva Hanks and Mary Donaldson.

Fred Smith is building a garage.

Indelible

Where, within our country's border
With its spangled flag unfurled,
We behold that which divides us
From the nations of the world;
Where, upon our institutions,
Rest the stamp of Freedom won
'Tis the outline, 'tis the shadow
Of the face of Washington.

"Ian Hay", An Unusual Attraction

Major Ian Hay Beith who is to appear in the Normal chapel next Thursday night will on his present western trip appear at only three places in the Northwest—at Portland, Seattle and Monmouth.

"As the immortal costermonger observed, 'there ain't no word in the blooming language' for the trenches in Belgium," says Major Ian Hay Beith in "All In It," the continuation of "The First Hundred Thousand," just published by Houghton Mifflin and Company. "In the first place there is no settled trench-line at all. The Salient has been a battlefield for twelve months past. No one has ever had the time, or opportunity, to construct anything in the shape of permanent defences. A shallow trench trimmed with an untidy parapet of sandbags, and there is your stronghold! For rest and meditation, a hole in the ground, half-full of water and roofed with a sheet of galvanised iron or possibly a glorified rabbit-burrow in a canal-bank. These things, as a modern poet has observed, are all right in the summer time. But winter here is a disintegrating season. It rains heavily for, say, three days. Two days of sharp frost succeed, and the rain-soaked earth is reduced to the necessary degree of friability. Another day's rain, and the trenches and dugouts come sliding down like melted butter. Even if you revet the trenches, it is not easy to drain them. The only difference is that if your line is situated on the forward slope of a hill the support trench drains into the firing trench; if they are on the reverse slope, the firing-trench drains into the support trench. Our indefatigable friends, the Royal Engineers, labor like heroes; but the utmost they can achieve, in a low-lying country like this, is to divert as much water as possible into some other Brigade's area. Which they do right cunningly."

Suver Has The Champion Knitter

Suver auxiliary of the Red Cross which was organized by Monmouth branch last summer boasts the champion knitter of the state. Mrs. E. L. Baker, one of the Suver members recently knitted a sock of fine yarn in 3 hours and 1 minute. Previous to that the record was held by a lady of Albany who knitted a sock in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Mrs. Baker announces that she will try again and thinks she can knit the sock in less than 3 hours. Of course if she had used coarse yarn she could have done the work much more quickly. Mrs. Ostien who has charge of the Red Cross work sent off two large boxes Wednesday

HOOK UP FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

Monmouth Fully Represented in County Agr. Council

A meeting to organize the work of the county agriculturist in Polk county was held in Dallas Saturday and a number of Monmouth people attended. The Agricultural Council of the County which has been in progress of formation since Mr. Larson took office, became a reality, the following being elected as county officers: P. O. Powell, president; Mrs. Eldridge of Independence, vice-president; and Miss Hattie Teats of Ballston, secretary-treasurer.

There were something like one hundred representatives of agriculture present and as a preliminary to organizing a program took place in the forenoon.

Mr. Marris of O. A. C. spoke at some length concerning the plan of organization as did also Miss Turley of the Home Demonstration work in Oregon, and Mr. Allen, the assistant boys and girls' industrial club agent.

A constitution and set of by-laws were adopted and following this officers were elected. In addition to these named a council of nine was chosen and of the nine one third or three are from Monmouth. These are W. Riddell, Jr., representing the agricultural section, Miss Maggie Butler representing the home economics section and L. P. Gilmore in the industrial club section. Other members are Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Ulrich, Airlie; Mrs. C. L. Hawley, McCoy; Mr. Garland, Smithfield; and Mrs. R. U. Steelquist, Dallas. After dinner, conferences were held in the three sections of the council; agricultural, home economics, and boys and girls industrial club work.

The council is to organize production and resources of the county and later will take up problems of labor, marketing, and other emergency work.

There are to be 24 centers in Polk county all represented with committee members who will work in conjunction with the council and which will aim to make the most of the services of the county agriculturist.

Prof. Brewster of the O. A. C. who had planned to be in Monmouth to cull poultry flocks on Monday was unable to come that day and instead will be here Saturday. Any chicken raiser, whether belonging to the Grange or not is welcome to his services.

with work which the Monmouth ladies have completed, and Mrs. Lorraine sent off a box of knitted work, Thursday. Since moving into larger quarters attendance at the Red Cross meetings has increased materially to the consequent increase in the amount of work done. The use of two more machines has recently been donated bringing the total available for use by the members at six.

The meeting of the Red Cross, next Tuesday, will be a business meeting and members are requested to bear the fact in mind.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith are new Red Cross memberships reported this week.