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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

### Training School Assembly in Chapel. Oratorical Contest

A special train bearing over one hundred fifty Normal students left Monmouth last Friday to attend the Oratorical Contest held at Willamette University and incidentally to visit Salem and its places of interest. Properly generalised by Mr. J. B. V. Butler and his able aides Mr. Ide, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Burton, Miss Hoham and Miss Taylor, the whole trip was really delightful. The fine singing of the school group as well as that of the Girls' Quartette was a marked feature of the evening's contest. Mr. Ernest Morgan was the representative of the Normal School with an oration entitled "America's Mission". Although the Normal did not win a place in the contest, the interest in the trip and the opportunity of hearing the contestants was well worth the trip planned. The first place in the contest was won by Mr. Abraham Rosenberg of the University of Oregon, where next year the contest will be held.

Last Thursday morning Miss Hoham held her Training School Assembly in chapel as their contribution to the series of faculty members' days of fame. The whole training school was there seated in big chorus fashion and looking eager to begin the program when the Normal school students took their places. The children sang beautifully and showed that they had been carefully and artistically trained. The morning of song was a real treat and showed Miss Hoham's directing powers at their best. This was the excellent program presented:

- "Oh, for the Wings of a Dove"—All grades;
- "The Whale" and "The First Flying Lesson"—First and Second Grades;
- "Raindrops—A Round", "The Moon" and "The Woodpecker"—Third and Fourth Grades;
- "The Swallows" and "Pussy Willow"—Fifth and Sixth Grades;
- "Gypsy Song" and "Concord Hymn"—Seventh and Eighth Grades;
- "Soldiers' Chorus", "Hail, Columbia" and "The Star Spangled Banner"—All Grades.

President Ackerman's impressions of the High Schools of Southern Oregon are most favorable, and the interest manifested by Superintendents, teachers and students in the Normal is very encouraging. He found, however, that owing to the scarcity of teachers, most, if not all of the pupils in the training classes are planning to teach next year, which is liable to affect attendance at the Normal for the ensuing year. He found many, however, who are planning to attend the summer school.

President Ackerman says that every graduate in Southern Oregon, in so far as he could learn, was making a great success in her work.

The Faculty Club held its regular meeting last Wednesday night, the topic being "How May Art and Literature be Correlated with the In-

dustries?" Miss Greene Miss Parrott and Miss Taylor lead the discussions. The meeting was, perhaps, one of the most helpful ones the Faculty has had during the year.

President Ackerman is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Evenden who is spending the year at Columbia. Mr. Evenden reports that his work is most enjoyable and he wishes he could say the same for the weather. He has been honored by being appointed as an assistant in the department of Dr. Strayer, which indicates that his worth is recognized by those in high positions. He says that this appointment will prevent him returning for the summer school.

The Faculty and Student Body were greatly shocked when they learned that Miss Muriel Paul's father had lost his life through an accident. The sympathies of all are with Miss Paul in her bereavement.

Mr. Gilmore spent the week end at a local teachers' meeting held last Saturday in Springfield. He brings glowing reports of the work done by the Normal graduates in that part of the State.

### Mary Garden in "Thais"

Next Thursday night at 8 o'clock the spectacular motion picture "Thais" founded on the novel of Anatole France will be shown on the screen at the Normal Auditorium. Mary Garden, the famous opera star appears in this Goldwyn picture which has been widely heralded as a master production. Miss Garden, probably the most talked of woman in the world makes her screen debut in this picture which has its plot laid in the city of Alexandria just at the introduction of Christianity. "Thais" tells the passionate love story of a beauty of Alexandria and the outcome is singularly dramatic and vividly interesting in its unexpectedness.

## Training School Facts and Fancies

The children's assembly Monday morning was of considerable interest to those in attendance. Mr. Gentle, after commending the children for their most excellent song recital given in the Auditorium last Friday morning, announced that a little time would be devoted to a discussion of the work of the Junior Red Cross. As nearly all the pupils had for some time been anticipating the organization of the society in their school, they were quite eager to hear about it. Mr. Gentle then called upon Miss McIntosh who is a member of the committee appointed by Supt. Churchill to aid in organization in the county, to tell the pupils of the nature of the work. At the conclusion of the talk, Miss McIntosh asked the pupils what was their pleasure in regard to organizing for Junior Red Cross work. The pupils were unanimously in favor of such organization. Accordingly, a meeting was called at 1:30 P. M. for the purpose. Edward Daniel, president of the grammar school student-body, called the meeting to order, and stated the business before the house. The chair appointed Helen

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## ORGANIZE FOR PRESENT YEAR

### Commercial Club Elects Officers and Prepares for Work

The Monmouth Commercial Club held its annual meeting in the council chamber of the city hall last Saturday night and elected the following officers for the coming year: G. T. Boothby, president; H. C. Ostien, vice-president; Jacob Smith, secretary. As an executive committee the new president appointed A. B. Morlan, O. A. Wolverton and Ira C. Powell. In his address accepting the chair the new president pointed out a number of things which his predecessors had accomplished for the city.

Letters and a map were presented from highway boosters who argued that when the war ended there would ensue a period of depression when highway work could be prosecuted to the profit of all concerned; and arguing that now would be a good time to have the preliminary surveys made and the matter of action taken up with Congress. The proposal was for a series of three National highways along the Pacific for coast defense, one close to the ocean; one through the Willamette valley and another to the east of the Cascades. The local club voted to endorse the move and also sent \$10 to help on with the work.

## Get Ready for That War Garden

Garden work for the coming summer is now engaging the attention of forehanded people and the Commercial Club has named the old committee consisting of Jacob Smith, L. P. Gilmore, and A. B. Morlan to look after vacant land in the city and see that it is all put in. The call is now made for all in the city who can, to put in as much garden as they can, and it matters little what particular form of garden work is attempted, as much should be undertaken as possible. But if there is any one who has vacant land more than he can handle the committee desires that it be notified of the fact and the land will be put to practical use.

Those who have more wood ashes than they can use are also asked to notify the committee. Wood ashes are an excellent fertilizer but not more than 200 pounds should be used to the acre.

Also all who have stable manure and chicken manure that they do not expect to use are requested to notify the committee and the latter will see that the fertilizer is put to use.

The use of ashes in medium quantities is especially urged as our soil is short of potash and it was due to lack of potash and phosphorus that there was so much soft corn last year.

Once more let the request be made that no one overlook gardening for the coming year. Get your seeds early as they will be scarce and high and make a definite plan for your garden in advance.

When the Monmouth Creamery

planned to start making cheese, in order to handle the business properly, they put in an order for a truck. The truck, a one ton Ford, has now arrived, and as ideas of cheese making have been given up for the time being, the truck will be used in the regular creamery line. The first trip out was made Monday taking in Buena Vista and the country between and as the roads improve the circuit will be enlarged, taking in territory as far south as Airlie. With the "black eye" which condensers have recently received the Monmouth creamery is looking forward to a prosperous season this summer.

## Agriculturist Larson Resigns His Job

The feature of the grange meeting Saturday was the announcement of the resignation of J. E. Larson as county agriculturist. It was announced that Mr. Larson had been offered a position by the Portland Seed Co. which promised much for his future and he felt in necessity bound to accept it. As the appointment is handled by the county court with the advice of the agricultural organizations of the county, the court presented the resignation and the matter of appointing a successor to the grange as one of the said organizations.

The new man recommended is Prof. Shea, whose experience has been gained in Minnesota and Nebraska but who for the past year has been attached to the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis.

Since they had known Prof. Larson before and since his appointment had been made largely through their recommendation, the local grange was loath to accept his resignation, but finally did so and also voted to endorse the appointment of Prof. Shea.

It was decided, also, at the meeting to do without pies or cakes in the future grange dinners, in harmony with the Hoover movement, and each family to donate twentyfive cents a month instead to the Red Cross.

A considerable portion of the day was taken up with degree work which was done in two sections, before and after the regular program.

The following were given the first two degrees, Messrs. and Mesdames A. H. Craven, J. A. Van Loan, Clark Hembree and R. B. Swenson and the Misses Reta and Thelma Marks.

## Seven Polk Boys To Be Drafted

Oregon must furnish 369 men for military service and entrain them for Camp Lewis, Wash., between March 29 and April 2, as its share of 90,000 men to be called up throughout the United States on those dates.

No county in the state is to be exempted from this draft call, according to orders just received from the War Department by the Adjutant General of Oregon. The 369 men to be taken from the state on this call will be credited later on the quota Oregon is called to furnish in the new draft, the date of

## BOOSTING FOR THE RED CROSS

### Elkins Nets \$213 in Basket Social. Local Dinner Raises \$80

At a business meeting of the Red Cross held in the high school auditorium Friday night, plans for increasing the finances of the local branch in order to permit it to follow the admonition of the head organization and become self sustaining, were discussed. As a preliminary it was decided to canvass the city with a view to increasing the membership list of the organization and it is hoped to make the Monmouth membership unanimous. The students of the high school will undertake a census of the city with this end in view. In consideration of the fact that he intends to move from the city, W. E. Smith presented his resignation as treasurer of the Monmouth branch of the Red Cross and R. B. Swenson was selected to succeed him. Subscriptions or donations for the Red Cross work can be paid to the latter, or at the bank or to the secretary, Mrs. T. J. Edwards.

Elkins outdid itself in the box social given at the school house in that district last Friday night for the benefit of the Red Cross. There was a large attendance present, filling the school house and coming from all the directions of all points of the compass. Monmouth was well represented with young people and interested business men of the city and there was also present a delegation from Independence. Under the skillful handling of Auctioneer W. J. Stockholm the boxes sold high, none being less than a dollar and a half and some selling as high as five or six dollars. The total receipts, together with subsequent contributions reached the sum of \$213. All present report a splendid time.

A cafeteria dinner given in the basement of the Christian church by the ladies thereof, for the benefit of the Red Cross, netted the local branch about \$80. The dinner was well patronized but so generous were the contributions of food that luncheon on Saturday was served to all who appeared.

The ever popular Mutual Weekly and a good comedy will be features at the Norm Saturday night. The Weekly will include pictures of the Great Halifax Disaster and The Battle of the Aisne. The management promises a good show for Saturday night.

which is yet to be announced.

To fill the present call, the 369 men required will be inducted out of Class I in sequence of their order numbers. Here is the number of men Polk and adjacent counties will be required to furnish:

- Polk 7
- Benton 6
- Marion 18
- Linn 11
- Yamhill 9
- City of Portland 112

Because of the scarcity of farm labor, the President has given orders to make exception in case of young men actively engaged in farm labor.

All citizens should assist in making this expedient and in bringing to the attention of the board cases meriting deferment as well as cases in which deferment is being abused.