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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

Superintendents Select Teachers. Campus being Groomed

Many of the principals and superintendents are making personal visits to the Normal School for the purpose of interviewing students for recommendation to their respective boards of education. Last week Supt. Hug, of McMinnville, visited the Normal and this week Prin. P. M. Stroud, of the Clatskanie schools, was here with blank contracts in his pocket and the following seniors signed contracts to teach in Clatskanie next year: Miss Flora Bushnell of Portland; Miss Maggie Thompson of Wilderville, Oregon; Miss Reta C. Marks of Summit, Oregon and Miss Martha C. Wikberg of Salem.

The Normal would be glad if more superintendents and principals would take advantage of the opportunity of securing teachers in this way, as a personal interview is always more satisfactory than the method of engaging teachers through correspondence.

The many friends of Miss Myra Butler, Head of the Domestic Science and Art Department, will be pleased to know that she is sufficiently recovered from her recent illness that she is planning to resume her work after the Easter vacation.

Mr. C. E. Force is making the campus look better, perhaps, than it has ever looked before. The Normal hopes to have sufficient funds to be able to employ a man the greater part of the year for campus work. As soon as the earth is sufficiently dry the ground surrounding the Senior Cottage and the rear of the main building will be graded, plotted and placed in shape for lawn and flower gardens. When completed this part of the campus will be one of the beauty spots of the Normal.

Miss Tirza Dinsdale, Y. W. C. A. secretary at the University of Oregon was a speaker at Chapel time Monday morning. Miss Dinsdale's short address was a real greeting of cheer, inspiring indeed to her audience. Later in the day the Normal Y. W. C. A. girls were hostesses at a tea in Miss Dinsdale's honor. The faculty and many students took advantage of this opportunity to meet the charming guest. At the regular weekly Y. W. C. A. meeting Miss Dinsdale also gave an inspiring talk and gave the girls new interest in their fine work.

On last Friday at half past one Mr. W. P. Finley who has a national reputation as a lecturer and as an authority on bird life gave one of his intensely interesting illustrated lectures on bird and animal life. Mr. Finley's pictures are especially fine and when coupled with his original and forceful lecture are more worth while than usual. The students found the hour one of real pleasure.

The coast artillery recently stationed at the mouth of the Columbia river is now in the east having made the passage by boat by way of the Panama canal.

Helping the Bee Men

Ward H. Foster of Boulder, Col. Bee Culture Investigator of the Bureau of Entomology was in Monmouth Monday looking over the local apiaries. In his visit to Wolverton and Miller he found their swarms badly infested with foul brood and recommended steps for disposal of the same. Messrs. Wolverton and Miller had both with the same trouble last year and bought some Italian queens in the hope of disposing of it but the remedy was not effective. They are now going to work to thoroughly renovate and rebuild their swarms to combat the evil. Mr. Foster represents the government and is working for the increase in this particular kind of sweets.

WAR GARDENS IN INDEPENDENCE

Organize to Make it Unanimous in Polk This Season

Independence got into the war garden game last Monday afternoon at a meeting held in the Isis theater in that city when the matter was gone over and plans made for organizing the work. Prof. O. D. Centner, chief of the Extension department of O. A. C. was present and led in the discussion. Talks on the topic were also made by L. P. Gilmore of the Oregon Normal and Floyd D. Moore, rural supervisor. P. O. Powell, president of the agricultural council of the county was also present as was county agriculturist Larson.

Gus Hurley, who in the renovated Monitor is trying to infuse fresh pep in Independence, was chairman of the meeting and Harvey Wright, principal of the Independence high school was secretary. Dallas, Falls City and Monmouth have already organized and now with all four communities prodding on the individual an even better showing should be made than was made last year. The aim is to co-ordinate the work between the industrial clubs and the civic clubs. At the Independence meeting a large proportion of the attendance was young people from the school and the young people can be made important as effective aids in the work.

It will be recommended to all the gardeners of the county that in general gardening only enough stuff be cultivated for family use; the extra space to be devoted to growing beans and potatoes.

Soldier Insurance

S. H. Hinkle was made happy this week by the receipt of two policies of government insurance, one for each of his sons, Grover and James Hinkle. The policies are for \$10,000 each and cost the boys to keep them up, between six and seven dollars a month. Both of the boys are in France, although not together. Grover is a corporal and James is a mechanic, having charge of repairs to the rifles and other equipment in his company.

Among those who have blossomed out with new cars this spring is Wm. Riddell, Jr., who has a Dodge this time.

COUNTY GRANGE O. Ks. the O. A. C.

Also Denounces the I. W. W. and Opposes Corrupt Politics

Pomona Grange which met at Oak Grove last Saturday went on record on several things, all reflecting the traits of common sense and conservatism which are characteristics of Polk county farmers. In the first place, by resolution, the county Grangers endorsed the management of the Oregon Agricultural College and did it unanimously; this resolution being called out by recent attacks on the said management of the college.

In the second place the Grange turned its attention to the I. W. W. It passed resolutions condemning that un-patriotic and un-American organization and urging the authorities to prosecute it wherever the opportunity offered.

A resolution was also adopted, endorsing the move that is taking place to still further limit the tendency to corrupt practices in electioneering for office. It is claimed that now the custom is for candidates to have "friends" contribute financially to campaigns and as this leads to suspicions and charges of evasion of the law, the Grangers are in favor of additional checks to the corrupt practice act.

A Fine Entertainment

The Recital given by Miss Winifred Forbes and Perry Burton Arant at the High School last Friday evening attracted a group of interested listeners, all of whom were music lovers and who made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. The work of Mr. Arant is well known here, he having been commended on previous appearances, but Miss Forbes was new and her violin music played itself into the hearts of her auditors. Each of the players were repeatedly encouraged.

Bright and breezy, the first issue of the Polk County Post, comes to us this week. This is the third paper in Independence and appears notwithstanding the pessimistic predictions of many, that the event would never take place, and in spite of the interested comment, not to say the vicious jabs that the project has received at the hands of fellow journalists. The grit of Messrs. Ecker and Currie is apparent on the surface, and "Long may they flourish."

At last reports Reuben Bowman was still holding his own in his fight for life in the Salem hospital. He was attacked by pleurisy, following a case of the measles and this turned into peritonitis. He was operated on last week but in many respects his case baffles medical knowledge. The sufferer is 15 years old and is a son of Mrs. L. Bowman, living south of Monmouth.

Normal students are busy working and planning for the student body play which is to be given Friday night April 12. Next Friday, April 5 will also be a red letter day at the Normal it being the annual observance of "Junior Day."

Train Takes Auto Wheel

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Mumey and fourteen year old son had a close shave from a serious railroad crossing accident last Friday morning. They had been for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. L. P. Gilmore and had started on the return to Salem. At the Main street crossing of the S. P. line to Airlie the engine of the morning train collided with them. It was raining hard at the time and the noise of the rain on the roof of the warehouse drowned the noise of the approaching engine, and being thoroughly enclosed, with the rain beating against the side of the automobile, they did not see the danger. Witnesses claim that the engine was not ringing its bell. Both auto and engine were going very slowly. The boy who was driving managed to get the car across the track and swung it to the side, so that the engine caught only one rear wheel, which it destroyed. Although badly unnerved none of the travelers was injured.

CAUGHT NATURE IN HER HOME

Prof. Finley Exhibits Motion Pictures of Wild Creatures

The lecture by Prof. W. L. Finley of the state university as given in the Normal chapel last Friday afternoon proved very interesting. Prof. Finley has cultivated such friendly relations with birds and beasts in their natural state that they are willing to act before the moving picture machine. His pictures of birds and fowl in their wild state, of the deer, the elk, bear, and coyote taken in the woods, were calculated to give the spectator a very good idea of the habits and characteristics of these animals. Many of his animal pictures were taken in Yellowstone park. His pictures of salmon and trout culture were also instructive. He suggested that farmers maintain schools of trout just as they do flocks of sheep or herds of cattle, raising and breeding them for market purposes.

A meeting of the captains of in the Liberty Bond drive was held in the Bank Wednesday evening and indications are that all were thoroughly interested and will make a big effort to see that the Monmouth territory does its share in the work ahead.

Home Guards

Irving Stewart was circulating a petition about town last Saturday securing signatures for the formation of a home guard company. He secured 78 signatures which is some to spare for the formation of the company and he has applied to authorities for further instructions.

Red Cross Notes

Miss Bernice Harvey is the only Red Cross member reported this week. The society acknowledges a contribution of \$20 from the Junior Red Cross at the hands of Miss McIntosh.

Memberships to the Red Cross are renewable once a year, and people who took out memberships last year are requested to keep this in

COUNCIL ELECTS NEW TREASURER

Miss Emma Parker to Succeed W. E. Smith in City Office

At the session of the city council Tuesday night the resignation of W. E. Smith as city treasurer was presented and accepted and Miss Emma Parker was unanimously elected to fill out the unexpired term. The office of city treasurer does not seem to be actively sought for in Monmouth and several Main street eligibles are reported to have turned down the proffered honor. As the office is closely connected with banking and the bank, Miss Parker will fit into the needs of the place very nicely.

Aside from the election of the treasurer and the payment of monthly bills little business came up before the council. Supt. Moreland reported that connections were now made so that power could be applied to the new pump and a sample of the water of the well is to be sent to the state authorities for analysis.

Relief For Armenians

Thousands of Armenians, Greeks and Syrians have been driven from their homes in Asia Minor and are now dependents on the charity of the civilized world. During the week following Easter an opportunity will be given Monmouth people to contribute to this benevolent cause. Contributions may be left at the First National Bank in this city. If you feel that out of ample stores, to maintain and care for yourself you can spare some for this worthy charity you are urged to do so.

Endeavorers to Meet Here

For the second year in succession the annual Polk County Christian Endeavor convention is to be held in Monmouth this year, April 13 and 14. The convention this year should have been held in Dallas but because of lack of interest was changed to Monmouth. Falls City has one organization of C. E. as have also Perrydale, Rickreall and Lewisville; but Independence has none. Independence, at present has not a single young people's society in any of its churches.

The presentation of "Thais" at the Normal Thursday night was attended by a large crowd. Many had heard of the opera and of Mary Garden's interpretation of it, and some had seen the original and there was a prevailing curiosity to see it in the movies. The pictures were splendid.

Parent-Teachers Skip April

Because so many other events are taking place in April there will be no meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association during that month. For the next program of the association a dramatization is to be put on by training school pupils under the direction of Miss Parrott.

mind and keep up their renewals when the time comes. These may be paid either to the secretary, Mrs. T. J. Edwards, or to the treasurer, R. B. Swenson. Proper acknowledgement will be made.