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## NEW NORMAL CHAPEL SCENE OF BUSY WEEK

With Fine Weather and Ample Space for All Comers, the Annual Commencement Exercises are Attended by Large Crowds

The benefits which the enlarged chapel have conferred upon Monmouth and the Normal have been abundantly in evidence this week when with an open invitation to all, the commencement exercises have been attended by record breaking throngs of people. The main floor and balcony were both filled on several occasions and the attendance included people coming from all of our neighbor communities.

### Rural School Day

Rural School Day at the Normal attracted a large number of patrons and school children from the three centers that are contributory to Normal training. Automobiles were parked along the campus to the length of a block, placed there by people who came to attend the exercises. A picnic dinner was spread upon tables under the fir trees and in the afternoon the chapel of the Normal was the scene of a characteristic Rural Center program. It had the usual features as was announced in full in these columns last week, working up to the central idea which was the awarding of the flag for the year's honors. This flag has become an institution in the Rural Center work being awarded periodically on a series of counts, such as work done, visitors, punctuality and attendance, etc. The award on this occasion was a general summing up for the year, and the possession of the flag was to last until the end of the first period after the beginning of school in the Fall.

Mountain View had the flag for the past period and when called upon to surrender it, did so with a nice little address by Louis Amert. After announcing the records of the schools and the hard work each had done, Mr. Pittman, who had the awarding of the flag, stated that Mountain View had done just a little bit more than any of its competitors and had therefore won the honors. The Benton county town was already primed for the occasion and had a speaker, Nan Dencham, who did the honors for her fellow pupils and teachers.

Mountain View has not had a critic teacher since last February. At that time Mrs. Tirrell resigned because of the serious illness of a sister in Iowa, and since then the Normal students have conducted the work in lots of two, dividing the critic's salary between them. Miss Snook and Miss Bond had the first period and Miss Griffiths and Miss Gilman have had charge the last period.

Brief addresses were made by Supervisor F. D. Moore, Mr. Cannon of the State Superintendent's office and by President Ackerman. Mr. Pittman also took advantage of the occasion to bid good by to the rural school people in whose work he has had a great deal of pleasure.

There were refreshments and a moving picture play before the program was ended and all agreed that it was an auspicious end of the first year of actual rural supervision in

the Normal. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the day showing the department to be in a healthy state.

### Senior Class Play, an All-Around Triumph

The annual Senior Class Play given Monday evening in the Normal chapel was an original production by a student of the class, Miss Josephine Seger of Portland and it was very successful. Indeed, the play turned out to be a personal triumph and at the close the modest authoress was pulled out in front of the curtain to receive a large basket of flowers, as a tribute from admiring fellow students.

The drama symbolized the war, its contestants as nations and America's entry into it. Before them appeared Industry with her dryads and gnomes of production and manufacture and also the guardians of raw products, wheat, corn, oats, cotton, cane, hides and even a small live lamb was carried upon the stage as a symbol of the wool from which garments are made.

Science then appeared and illustrated in turn by dances and otherwise, sound, light, time, gases, geology and inventions, not to overlook a real aeroplane which with its diminutive gunner blazing away at the enemy, passed over the stage. Other themes were introduced in logical and fitting order, conservation, war work and then Democracy was given the place of prominence, ushered in by the Spirit of the New Day.

The drama was well worked out. The ideas were excellent and the whole showed Miss Seger as the possessor of a high order of talent. She has been warmly congratulated on the success of the production.

### The Last Chapel

The Last Chapel served its time honored purpose of officially closing school and giving the juniors a common interest with the seniors in the last week of exercises which in its nature must naturally belong largely to the latter class of students. This year a military flavor had been worked into the exercises by means of a pretty little drill. The seniors were all specially arrayed with caps and waistcoats of purple and white and with wands for rifles marched in military form to their seats at the beginning of chapel and carried out a drill on the campus at the conclusion of the exercises.

On the program there was a representative for each of the student divisions of the school and one for the faculty. Miss Fish spoke for the Juniors and her witty sallies provoked considerable laughter; Mrs. Clair Grout was orator for the Seniors and returned with ability all the shafts the Juniors had sent. G. A. Hurley of Independence represented the alumni, bringing into his discourse considerable ancient Normal history. He referred with pardonable pride to the seventy six students who were graduates of Christian College up to 1882, many of whom are prominent in Oregon to-

## High School Commencement

High school commencement exercises in the auditorium of the school building last Friday night called out a large crowd and as usual the early arrival stood the best chance of getting a seat. Many of the late arrivals had to stand.

E. L. Keezel of Eugene, former teacher, was the speaker of the evening and was warmly greeted by old friends and former pupils. He took his subject from the war raging at present, referring to a "German peace" as something to be avoided and went into detail as to the causes of the war and the many sided developments which had arisen from it.

Of the twenty four graduates, twenty two were present, and were duly presented to the board of directors by Principal E. H. Hedrick, and received and awarded diplomas by O. A. Wolverton, chairman of the board.

A special feature of the program was the music furnished by the Normal Orchestra, an organization of which Monmouth is justly proud. Other excellent features were the singing by the glee clubs and solo work by Mr. Blackstone.

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Prof. Gentle represented the faculty and with his characteristic keen wit kept the audience in a continual laugh from start to finish. A broad sympathy with humanity and a wide knowledge of everyday things he said must characterize the teacher who would reach the truest usefulness.

President Ackerman was the closing speaker, paying an eloquent tribute to high ideals as the aim of the teacher.

Before the exercises closed, Oscar Williamson, one of the seniors, on behalf of fellow students presented W. H. Burton, retiring member of the faculty, with a handsome traveling bag.

### Alumni Doings

Tuesday afternoon was given over to the Alumni doings, business meeting and reception and in the evening the Alumni program was presented.

Judge A. E. Wheelock was the Alumni speaker taking for his subject "Service Without Price". According to the trend of the times his talk was along patriotic lines and he drew distinctions between the service which is for the wages and the service which through achievement yields satisfaction and pleasure to the server. A man who performed a service well for its achievement sake and who took pride in his work, the speaker looked upon as an ideal citizen. He spoke of the great sums of money being spent for war, yet wealthy people were giving their time and paying their own expenses out of motives of patriotic pride because they felt their work was for posterity and not something that could be recompensed in dollars and cents. E. E. Bragg, Normal regent of La-Grange and B. F. Irvine of Portland were present and occupied places on the platform.

Reuben Hastings of Pedee was a visitor in this city Monday.

## THREE PORTLAND MEN DO PATRIOTIC TALKING

Baccalaureate, Alumni, and Commencement Annual Addresses Bear on People's and Nation's Part in the Great World War

With the presentation of diplomas to one hundred fifty eight graduates Wednesday noon the commencement exercises for 1918 of the Oregon Normal School were brought to a close.

### Commencement Address

B. F. Irvine, editorial writer on the Portland Journal was Commencement orator and in the course of a long address he kept the large audience thoroughly interested. He could crave no higher honor, he said, than a reputation as a friend of the educational institutions of the state for their influence was tremendous and in befriending them he felt he was doing that which was of crowning importance in the development and welfare of the state.

To show the importance and effect of education he traced the bent of the German nation towards militarism to the teaching which had been fed the youth of that nation, deliberately, that all might be welded into a machine to do the wishes of an autocratic government.

In 1860, he said Germany was thirty little nations, with Prussia the strongest, a nation located naturally in a bleak and barren land.

He spoke of the effort to secure appropriations for military expansion by a vote of the representatives of the people, of its failure and of the failure of a second attempt to secure a like vote, when the representative body had been dissolved, the money raised without popular consent and the wars against Austria and France undertaken to cement the thirty nations into one. At the time of the Austrian war, many of the smaller nations of Germany had fought against Prussia for the sake of continuing to lead a life of peace.

Bismark had then gone to work to teach militarism to the youth of the land through the schools of the nation and how well it had succeeded was evidenced in the world of today. Mr. Irvine quoted from the various authorities of Germany in education showing the sentiment relative to war, justice, society and foreign policies which are taught to the German youth.

These are some of the reasons why he felt the need of impressing on the young teacher the importance of the responsibilities she was assuming.

### Baccalaureate Sermon

Dr. Joshua Stansfield of the First Methodist church of Portland was the baccalaureate speaker at the exercises Sunday evening. It was his second sermon of the kind during the day, he having officiated at the University in a like capacity in the morning. The "Honest Doubter" was the subject of his discourse and he held that to doubt was the most natural thing in the world. A doubt, he said could not be removed by argument but it could be removed by a new fact. He showed how the evolution of understanding had kept pace with the revelations of scientific knowledge and how as the occasion to doubt had arisen new facts

had displayed themselves that gave foundation for new faith.

He showed how in the nature of things the scripture could not be taken literally and applied in our direct speech manner but said that it piled testimony on evidence of the actuality of God. Literal people were apt to be puzzled at the working of God. He did not always act on the schedule they had laid out for him. He said that if God would act in the establishment of peace and the end of war as they would have him do, it would make a Kaiser out of him and not a God.

And he showed how God, in His own way, was working through the only agency that could be effective in benefitting civilization. He said that Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was the greatest of national songs with its optimism and deep faith. He spoke of the Civil War and showed how the hand of God worked through the agency of men and expressed confidence that in a like manner the same ideals were being upheld in our present war. His address was strongly patriotic and was closely listened to by a large audience.

The music of the Normal orchestra served to lighten the various programs of the week and its excellence was frequently commented upon. Likewise the singing of the glee clubs and of the Normal quartet did not fail of thorough appreciation. Mr. Blackstone's talent was also noticeably in evidence and wherever heard was sure of hearty applause.

### New Faculty Members

The Board of Regents held its annual meeting in the Normal building on Wednesday afternoon.

The Regents present were: Supt J. A. Churchill, Miss Cornelia Marvin, E. E. Bragg, H. D. Starkweather, C. L. Starr and W. C. Bryant.

The principal business transacted was the consideration of the President's report and his budget for the ensuing year. Perhaps the most interesting part of the proceedings was the granting of a slight increase in salaries to members of the Faculty who have been connected with the Normal for at least four years.

From the financial report of the matron of the Dormitory \$833.00, which was loaned from the Normal fund to the Dormitory fund for the purpose of completing the Girls' Cottage, had been returned to the Normal fund, which means that the entire cost of the Cottage came from the Dormitory fund.

To fill vacancies the following persons were elected: Miss Ida H. Holmes, Department of Mathematics; Miss Lucile Chase, Department of Household Economy; Miss Gladys Boise, Asst. in English; Mrs. Margaret Craig Curran, Head of Rural Department; Miss Margaret Anderson, Department of Art; Miss Bessie Dunham, Third & Fourth Grade Critic; Miss Ida Smith, First

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