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THE WAR AND THE WHY OF IT

Dr. Powers in a Trio of Strong Talks Lays Bare War Causes

Many Monmouth people took advantage of the opportunity to hear the series of three lectures given to students of the Normal Friday and Saturday of last week. Dr. H. H. Powers, the lecturer gave them new view points and a new realization of the fundamental problems out of which have sprung the great world war.

With a knowledge of geography and history at his tongue's end, he showed how the world old struggle of nations toward a place in the sun, the pride of nationality, the glory of the past, the hopes in the future all tended to a patriotism, characteristic even of the smallest nation.

He quoted Admiral Mahan's words to the effect that no nation could prosper without sea outlet and shipping facilities, for the sea was the common highway of all and until it was reached a nation was under vassalage to the power that was between them and the ocean. All nations longed for freedom of trade and this was impossible unless they had a free port on the ocean.

He pictured Russia, six thousand miles across, all tillable land, with a capacity for two thousand million people, but without a sea port available all the year around. The conditions were such, he said, that Russia must continue to hope and strive for a sea outlet until it is secured. Lack of sea communication, he said, had kept Russia backward and retarded its civilization and none realized this more than the Russians.

Serbia, cut away from the sea in every direction, he said, also longed for a port. Pigs were the main export of Serbia and these could not be shipped to market without paying toll to neighbors whose territory was crossed. Austria penalized the Serbians with an excessive freight rate which gave Austrian pig raisers the advantage. This was only one instance of the disadvantage of isolation and Serbia longed for freedom of trade. Out of this came the spark that started the war.

Following bit by bit, the lecturer showed how each nation drawn into the maelstrom was compelled to follow the course it had taken through the irresistible logic of self interest and self protection; how the world had developed until the interests of one interlocked with another and it was not possible once the plunge had been made for outside nations to stand by as spectators. There could be no neutrals. The interests of all were affected.

He spoke of the dominance of England on the sea and explained how that power was necessary. Because of her isolation, he said, that if the line of food carriers to Great Britain should be cut off, one million people would have to leave the island or starve. He spoke of the dominance of the English language, of its steadily increasing use in the business centers of the world. The

knowledge of this was maddening to the Germans. The colonial system of the British as well as that of the French also aroused German animosity and envy.

He told how the Germans had underestimated the cohesive power of the British colonies. They said when Britain was attacked its colonial system would fall to pieces. But it had stood firm. Australia had never adopted conscription. Yet if America had as many soldiers in France as Australia it would have four million there. Canada, also, had proved loyal although before the war it had refused to pledge its support. South Africa, although of German antecedents, had decided to stand by England.

The English colonial system, he said, was not an empire, nor yet a federation of nations. It was the largest corporation on earth with its executive offices located in London. The English colonial system had stood the test of war.

Dr. Powers in his lectures aimed to condense his series of lectures on the war into three but did not get around to the United States. It is announced that he will return taking up Uncle Sam during the present session of the summer school.

Training School Facts and Fancies

We are busy these days distributing diplomas to the eighth grade graduates. We very much regret that this could not have been done in the customary manner at the Rickreall picnic. And think of the disappointment, our eighth grade girls had made the dresses they were to wear—Pretty, Hoover uniforms. While several of the class had won exemptions from examination, upon the recommendation of Miss McIntosh, all pupils wrote upon the subject with the lowest average. The following people have "passed" in all subjects, and have received their diplomas.

Thelma Alexander	Maud Pierce
Mary Cole	Grace Nelson
Pearl Conkey	Gladys Philippi
Helen Cornelius	John Ostrom
Edward Daniels	Joe Staats
Clieve Dunlop	Thyra Staats
Neal Edwards	Kathleen Stone
Dorsey Edwards	John Stump
Doris Henry	

Happy vacation to all the boys and girls. We miss you, and we miss the flowers from our desks. Do flowers grow in vacation time? We wonder.

Those Monmouth staples, the Royal Anne and Waterhouse cherries have been harvested this week and as a rule the crop is larger and of better quality than was expected earlier in the season, in fact it is a good average crop. Last week A. M. Arant delivered 1500 pounds to the cannery in Salem at 8 cts. a pound and growers who have sold to agents here have received 6½ and 7 cents. Bings and Lamberts are also reported as yielding well.

Samuel Conkey carries one of his hands bandaged, the result of an injury to two fingers received from the mechanism of the "speeder" when the fingers got into the same. One finger was nearly taken off but will be saved by prompt doctoring.

SCHEDULE OF ATTRACTIONS

Strong Program for Chautauqua Week Beginning July 17

Wednesday, Evening—Opening exercises and announcements; Patriotic Musical Program—The Old Soldier Fiddlers, under the direction of Col. John A. Pattee, 24th Regt. Michigan Volunteers. A company of Union and Confederate veterans, all over 73 years of age, in a program of instrumental music camp-fire and war-time songs. All veterans, their wives and widows, admitted free. Admission 55c.

Thursday, Morning—Series Lecture—Superintendent; Junior Chautauqua.

Afternoon—Prelude—Fenwick Newell Concert Company; Lecture—"Meaning of the Great War"—Dr. C. J. Bushnell. Admission 39c.

Evening—Concert Prelude—Fenwick Newell Concert Company; Lecture—"Remaking the Kentucky Mountaineer"—James A. Burns. Admission 55c.

Friday, Morning—Series Lecture—Superintendent; Junior Chautauqua.

Afternoon—Entertainment—Morrison-Smith Company; Lecture—"When a Man Marries"—Marshall Louis Mertins. Admission 39c.

Evening—Prelude—Morrison-Smith Company; Lecture—"The Philosophy of Common Sense"—Dr. D. F. Fox. Admission 55c.

Saturday, Morning—Series Lecture—Superintendent; Junior Chautauqua.

Afternoon—Prelude—Zedeler Symphonic Quintet; Illustrated Lecture—Chas. Crawford Gorst, the Bird Man; Admission 55c.

Evening—Concert—Zedeler Symphonic Quintet; Lecture—Entertainment—"The Juvenile Court in Action"—Judge Roland W. Baggott, Juvenile Judge of Dayton, Ohio. Admission 83c.

Sunday, "Music Day", Morning—Usual Services in all Churches.

Afternoon—Sacred Concert—Thaviu's Exposition Band. The Band that opened and closed the San Francisco Exposition. Admission 55c.

E. W. C. S. Vesper Services All invited.

Evening—Grand Concert—Thaviu's Exposition Band; Selections Grand Opera Artists, Accompanied by Thaviu's Exposition Band. Admission 83c.

Monday, Morning—Health Lecture—Edna Eugenia Lowe, "Danger Signals on the Road to Health"; Junior Chautauqua.

Afternoon—Prelude—Treble Clef Club; Cartoon-Lecture-Entertainment—Ned Woodman. Admission 39c.

Evening—Concert—Treble Clef Club; Government Accredited Lecture, "With Our Armies in Europe"—Lincoln L. Wirt. Admission 55c.

Tuesday, Morning—Food Demonstration; Junior Chautauqua.

Afternoon—Prelude—Royal Hawaiian Quintet; Inspirational Lecture—"Grapes of Gold", H. V. Adams. Admission 55c.

Evening—Mother Goose Festival,

By the "Kiddies"; Entertainment—"Hawaii, Land of Music".

(a) Concert—Royal Hawaiian Quintet, (b) Illustrated Lecture, "Rambling Through Paradise", Mildred Leo Clemens. Admission 83c.

A great deal of good hay has been put up in this vicinity during the past few weeks. The weather has been favorable for the work and some well cured hay has been the result. Although unusually dry, the crop has been an average one and the ruling prices make it one of the farmers' important assets. There is a large demand for hay incidental to conducting the war and locally from \$15 to \$20 a ton has been paid for hay in the field.

Candidate W. Pierce at Farmers' Picnic

The annual picnic of the Farmers Union at Elkins Saturday did not draw out a large crowd but a very pleasant day is reported. Secy. Syke of the state organization was present and spoke as was also Walter Pierce, democratic candidate for governor. The latter avoided politics in his talk and made a good impression on his hearers. He also blew himself for the benefit of the Red Cross, starting by buying ice cream for the children who raced; thereafter, that favoritism might not be displayed, bought ice cream for all the different contestants, even to the elderly foot racers. This last was the star attraction of the day and was won by C. C. Marks. Marks explains that he won the race because his opponents were rheumatik and had not limbered up their joints in that sort of exercise for too long a time past. But the losers contend that Marks won because he went barefoot and because he got a rabbit jump at the start that gave them an unfair handicap. P. O. Powell of Monmouth was on the program, rendering a few vocal solos.

Found it Hot in Texas

Ira C. Powell who returned last week from his trip to Texas, states that with all its dryness, Oregon looks much better in its agricultural prospects than any other part of the country he saw enroute. He reports that his son Clares, who is in a military hospital near San Antonio, Texas, is much better of his ailment, and out of danger, but that it will be some time before he is able to travel. He will stay in the hospital under medical supervision until his ailing ankle is much improved when he will either be given a long furlough or an honorable discharge and will be able to return to Oregon. Mr. Powell found the weather in Texas very hot and said the heat worked many ailments among the soldiers, especially those accustomed to the northern climate. He made both trips, going and returning via Los Angeles and the coast line of the Southern Pacific.

The motion picture evening this week was most enjoyable. The little play "Mother O' Mine" contained some splendid bits and the Finley Nature Pictures are always a joy and a delight.

NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Dr. Powers to Give Three More Lectures During Coming Week

Doctor Powers' lectures on "Why Servia, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Germany, France and Great Britain, Are in the War" were most informing and accurately analyzed the world situation past and present. Doctor Powers is a clear thinker and his knowledge of these problems is limited only by the problems themselves. His explanation of the geographical situation of these countries and their needs made it plain that their historical past and present is more than the outgrowth of mere caprice upon the part of the ruling powers. We are pleased to announce that Doctor Powers will be the week-end lecturer again this week, taking for his subject "Why the United States is in the War." The lectures will be given on Friday, July 12 at 8:30 P. M.; Saturday, July 13 at 8:30 P. M.; and Monday, July 15, at 9:00 A. M. It is a patriotic duty for all to be informed upon the present world situation and all are invited to hear them discussed by one who is a recognized authority.

Miss Myra Butler, Head of the Domestic Science and Art Department, who left this week for a brief visit at her home in New Jersey before going to France to take up the Canteen Work, was the inspiration for a delightful evening last week, when the Faculty motored out to the home of Senator and Mrs. Hawley where a buffet luncheon was enjoyed under the loaded cherry trees.

An informal reception was held in the parlors of the Dormitory on Saturday evening honoring Doctor Powers. The entire Faculty of the Oregon Normal took this opportunity to meet socially this gifted lecturer and author.

Miss Chase gave the second of her series of talks on "Food Conservation" on Thursday. These talks are very helpful and should be heard by every housekeeper.

The first picnic of the summer school was given by the Southern and Coast Counties on Wednesday. They motored out to the Luckiamute where a delightful evening was spent.

Miss Lucy Cole, of Seattle, visited chapel on Tuesday and entertained with some selections on the Grafanola. She is demonstrating for the Columbia Grafanola which advocates picturizing the setting for the music. This they feel assists in creating an atmosphere conducive to a proper appreciation of the selection. Both the records and the pictures were much enjoyed by the Faculty and students.

The Summer School Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Hoham, assisted by a Portland soloist, will give on July 25, Tennyson's "The Lady of Shalot." A complete announcement of this much-looked-forward-to event of the Summer School will appear next week.

President J. H. Ackerman made a business trip to Portland on Wednesday.