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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Senator Huston of Portland Here for an Address December 13

The Faculty and students are all back from their brief Thanksgiving vacation and are taking up the work in a manner that augurs well for the term's record.

Dean Todd and Assistant Dean Levis entertained at dinner on Thanksgiving all of the students who remained in Monmouth for the vacation. The tables were arranged to represent a huge Red Cross which was appropriately centered with chrysanthemums and trailing vines. After dinner the guests were entertained with conversation, music and dancing.

Senator S. B. Huston, of Multnomah County, will be at Chapel on Friday, December 13. Senator Huston is a compelling speaker and will discuss some of the problems of readjustment. The public is invited.

The French Club under the supervision of Mrs. Gilbert MacGregor of Dallas, will hold its first meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday, December 11. The members of the club are: the Misses Taylor, Bramberg, Radabaugh, Schuette, Levis, Anderson, Holmes, Chase, Smith, Parrott and Mrs. Curran. Anyone who is interested in the study of French is invited to join.

The Faculty Club held its first regular meeting for the year on Wednesday, December 4, in the Library. The President, Mr. Gentle, called the meeting to order and, after briefly stating the purpose of the club, introduced President Ackerman who was the speaker for the evening. The topic was the "Bolsheviki Movement" of which President gave the history from its inception in 1903 to the present day. The talk and general discussion, which followed, were thought provoking and viewed from many angles one of the great sociological questions of the twentieth century. Other movements of moment in the readjustment of society from a war to a peace basis will be discussed from time to time.

Training School Facts and Fancies

How do you do, friends and patrons! It has been some time since we have had the pleasure of greeting you. However, we have not been unmindful of your interest in us, we have just been busy night and day making up for lost time. The enforced vacation could not be called lost time for all of us, though, since we were kept busy making up the assignments for work during the vacation. And the record? All except four pupils of the advanced grades solved and handed in every one of those difficult eighty problems in the "miscellaneous" list. We think it may not be necessary for our fathers to take their strenuous course in grammar grade arithmetic this year.

There is a goodly attendance in

our grades this year. It will be necessary to put in extra seats if there are any more additions in the four upper grades. The outsiders who have recently joined our ranks are making a splendid showing in their attitude toward their work, and in their ability.

Our boys and girls are taking an interest in trapping these days, and some have made a creditable record in helping to rid the vicinity of rodent pests. One of the teachers was inspired to join the sport and has trapped four (mice).

We are in receipt of a letter from the chairman of the United War Work Campaign congratulating our pupils upon their success in raising \$34 in cash, for the fund. Miss Mayda Huber of the eighth grade, solicited. There were many heroic efforts put forth in earning the amounts which were from 4 cents up to \$1.50. One little fellow earned his two bits "by taking bitter medicine".

President Ackerman is inspiring considerable interest in the grammar grades at present, in the subject of current events. The pupils under his direction, are studying some interesting problems, and look forward with much pleasure to these recitations.

The assembly periods have been well filled out thus far. The last assembly was devoted to a Thanksgiving program consisting of these numbers:

Song—Your Flag and My Flag.
Flag Salute and Pledge.
Star Spangled Banner.

Four minute talks as follows:

The origin and history of the first Thanksgiving—Genevieve Elkins.

What we have to be thankful for today—Rosa Chamberlain.

What the soldiers have to be thankful for—Donald Skeen.

This part of the program was followed by a series of action songs by the Primary. As it was the initial appearance for several of the participants, the effect was most pleasing. The third and fourth grades had a song and recitations, by Nada Johnson and Illa Huber. The fifth and sixth grades were represented by Velma Strain who delivered an apostrophe to a turkey.

Pupils are now rehearsing songs for a Christmas program. That they appreciate the sentiment may be verified by the following incident: Miss S—"This song tells about the Star of Bethlehem, you all know, the eastern star?"

Small Second Grader—"My mother is an Eastern Star."

Our pupils are surely imbibing the spirit of the times, for two very small boys were talking as follows: 1st Boy—"You didn't comb your hair."

2nd Boy—"And you didn't wash your face. You must be trying to 'Hooverize' on soap and water."

Have you visited our school this year? If not, one thing will surely impress you when you do, and that is the absolute cleanliness and orderliness of our buildings. Mr. Force may follow after you with the mop, but not intentionally, just force of habit or the habit of Force, you know.

E. W. Staats and H. Portwood and families ate Thanksgiving dinner together in Monmouth.

ADDING "PEP" TO THE SOIL

County Agent Discourses on Methods of Restoring Fertility

One of the most serious problems confronting the farmers of Polk County is the well-known depletion of the soil and accompanying reduction in the yield of all kinds of crops. The re-building of the soil through the application of barnyard fertilizer is slow, and is denied to all but the owners of dairy herds which are becoming fewer in number with the constant decrease in the number of cows, which has been taking place in the county for the past year. The problem is becoming more and more vexatious.

Some form of commercial fertilizer must be substituted if we are to get the large crops which the old settlers procured in the years gone by. Nitrogen, potash and lime are needed in most parts of the county.

But the success of these new forms of fertilizer has not been fully demonstrated. The benefits of lime and the method of its application are not well known.

It is the purpose of the County Agent to carry out a large number of demonstrations in the use of lime and fertilizer in the county, first to determine the merits of the various types being advertised by commercial firms, and second, to spread this information to other farmers who are vitally interested in the experiments.

With this object in view, orders were taken for over 65 tons of lime to be used by a group of farmers around Dallas. The total number cooperating in the lime and fertilizer work is over forty. The material was tried under a variety of conditions in order to approximate conditions in the county at large. The work is being watched with considerable interest not only by general farmers but also by prune growers as well.

Sudden Death of Mrs. M. Sacre

Mrs. M. Sacre, a well-known resident of Monmouth was buried from her home here Wednesday afternoon. News of her death which occurred in the Willamette hospital in Salem, Monday morning, came as a surprise to her many friends in the city. Although she had suffered with the fatal ailment for years, she did not give in to it, and seemed well until a week ago Sunday when she was taken seriously sick and later was taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Sacre was in her youth known as Nancy Jamison and she was born in Calloway county, Mo., July 23, 1866. She was married to Martin Sacre in 1887 and they came to Oregon 19 years ago, settling in Monmouth and have lived here continuously since. Beside her husband she is survived by three sons, one boy having died in youth. The three are Albert B. Sacre of Monmouth, Edgar J. Sacre, a member of the engineer corps in France and Guy E. Sacre, recently of the artillery school at Camp Taylor, Ky. There are three grandchildren, Ewing, Inez and Olga Sacre and two brothers and a sister: Geo. Jamison of Portland, Ewing B. Jamison of Hollywood, Cal., and Mrs. Lucy E. Renoe of Fulton, Mo.

First Aid to the Wounded Soldiers

After the most strenuous ten days of my life I am back a little way from the battle front (but only a little way, for just now as I write I hear the explosion of bombs from a Hun plane rather too close overhead for comfort) for a little rest and sleep. Two weeks ago the army division to which I am attached went into action at a pivotal point and are still pounding away. Some 30 "Y" men are working with the division and all are busy day and night. I have been at advanced dressing stations serving chocolate, canned fruits, cakes, smokes etc., to our wounded boys as they are carried in on litters, or come in as walking wounded. I suppose I have served nearly a thousand of our wounded lads as they were brought in, some of them having been without anything to eat for two days, lying in the open, in shell holes or dug outs. And how the boys appreciate what you do for them! They are the real heroes. I've had many a "God bless you" from the brave lads, and if I should do nothing more in France, I'll feel that I've done something of real service.

Ten days under almost constant shell fire of high explosives and gas gets on ones nerves, and he's ready for some rest and sleep. I've stood it well—feel fit and am ready to go back tomorrow. But the war can't end too soon to suit me. I've seen enough of the destruction, horror and suffering of such a war to last me the rest of my days. Words cannot describe the scenes, or the feelings aroused by such terrors—destruction and suffering everywhere, and in its worst form. I'll not even attempt to write about it. One of our "Y" men received two wounds from a machine gun and several suffered from gas and shell shock. But they are a fine lot of fellows. Just now our headquarters are in soldiers' barracks—12 of us are here tonight, some writing letters, one at the portable organ and the rest singing "A long trail", and "Pack up your troubles". As they say: "It's a great life if you don't weaken."

With regards,
H. C. Ostien.

A number of Grangers from Monmouth and other places in the county attended the session of the county court in Dallas Wednesday. The annual budget was being prepared and the farmers protested against leaving out the maintenance of the county agent therefrom. Several statements were made giving reasons why the agent should be retained and in reply Judge Kirkpatrick said he had taken pains to ascertain sentiment in the county and believed a large majority would be against it. He told of the resignation of Mr. Larsen from the work and said the reasons which actuated him would prevent any agent from making a thorough success of his work.

FOR JUSTICE DONE AND BATTLE WON

Rev. Conklin Voices Gratitude of Community, Thanksgiving

That considerable interest was manifest in the union Thanksgiving service in the Normal chapel was evidenced in the attendance. Singing for the day was furnished by a special quartet consisting of Mrs. M. J. Butler, Miss Hope McDonald, A. N. Poole and L. P. Gilmore.

Rev. Peter Conklin preached the sermon, a splendid effort that held the attention of the audience through its entire duration. He found many things to be thankful for and as by request of the authorities the theme was patriotic his talk centered on the results of the war and on kindred topics. "The battle is the Lord's"; he quoted Marshal Foch and went on to show in how many ways the assertion was true. For the valor of the soldiers, the sacrificing spirit of the people, for the wealth of the nation and the liberality of its bestowal in a common cause, for the morale of the people of the nation, for the splendid triumph of right; for the success of prohibition; he found abundant reason to be thankful.

J. B. V. Butler presided at the meeting and Revs. Pace and Morris assisted in the services.

Community Christmas Tree

In accordance with the custom established last year, it has been thought advisable to call a meeting of representatives from the various churches, schools, clubs and lodges of the city to meet to discuss a Community Christmas Tree. I, therefore, request that each organization select two members to represent them at the meeting which will be held at Morlan's Book Store on Tuesday, December 10 at 8:00 o'clock. The organizations to be represented are: the Baptist, Evangelical and Christian churches; the High, Training and Normal schools; the Leisure Hour and Commercial Clubs; the Grange; the Red Cross; the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Woodmen and the Circle.

O. A. Wolverton Mayor.

The Council Meets

Only a few people were interested enough in the adoption of the city budget to turn out at the meeting of the council Monday evening. The budget was duly adopted raising a sum for city purposes, equal to 10 mills on the assessed valuation of the city. Bills were read and passed on; being the regular monthly accounts and C. G. Griffs, who was present, proposed to the council that if the city would furnish six sacks of cement and a yard of gravel, he would put in a cross walk over the defunct I. & M. right of way on Jackson street on the Broad street crossing. After some discussion the council decided to allow \$5.

Howard Morlan writes that he recently visited Washington for the third time. The work of demobilization has already begun, discharge papers are being issued to the men and he expects to be home by Christmas.