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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

### Mrs. Sarah A. Evans of Portland Discusses U. S. Nationalities

All those who are on the Normal Social List are cordially invited to attend the Student Body Dance, in the Normal Gymnasium, Saturday evening, December 14 at eight o'clock.

President Ackerman spent last weekend in Portland attending to Normal business.

Mrs. Sarah A. Evans of Portland, ex-President of the Federated Women's Clubs of Oregon and Chairman of the Women's Liberty Loan Committee of Oregon, gave a very informational talk on the nationalizing of the foreign element in our midst at last Friday's chapel. The inspiration for her lecture was Robert Haven Schauflier's poem "The Scum of the Earth". Mrs. Evans referred to the United States as the "melting pot" that had ceased to "melt" and quoted statistics which proved the startling statement to be a fact. The topic is one of vital interest to all citizens, but particularly to those who are planning to be teachers; for, as the speaker pointed out, the correcting of this alarming condition lies largely with the public school.

Miss Schuette, Head of the Music Department, entertained the patrons and children of the Elkins Rural Center on last Friday with some musical selections. She was accompanied by Miss Ferrin on the violin.

Miss Emma Kramer, an alumna of the school who is teaching in Mansfield, was visiting chapel and classes on last Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Miller, History Instructor in the Marshfield High School.

The Y. W. C. A. held its postponed meeting on Tuesday evening. The evening's program centered around the Christmas time. The music, both the chorus and the solo by Miss Havelly, shadowed forth the season and the leader, Mrs. Krapps, read for the Bible lesson the "Story of the First Christmas." This was followed by Van Dyke's "Other Wise Man Illustrated" told by Miss Parrott. The theme was very appropriate for the last meeting before the holidays and was much appreciated by the members and visitors.

The motion picture for Friday evening, December 13 at eight o'clock is "Skinner's Dress Suit". This is considered one of the best comedies filmed and follows closely the entertaining story which appeared a short while ago in the "Saturday Evening Post". Admission ten and twenty cents.

Miss Radabaugh, Critic of the Fifth and Sixth grades in the Monmouth Training School, was the Faculty representative at Chapel on Wednesday. She demonstrated some history work that was most interesting and suggestive for the students. She presented the life of that great heroine of French history, Joan of Arc. The interest of the children and the marvelous skill evinced in reproducing the

knowledge gained was an inspiration and marked Miss Radabaugh as a teacher of rare ability.

The Training School is looking very Christmasy. Wreaths adorn the windows and green dotted with bits of red are everywhere. The rooms are all very attractive attired in their "holiday finery" but that of the Seventh and Eighth grades is especially artistic.

Mrs. Mayannah Woodward Seeley, Chairman of the Committee on Student Work of the Woman's Board of Missions for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will be the Chapel Speaker for Wednesday, December 18.

The Literary Societies will not have their regular meeting next week but will bend their efforts toward making the Community Christmas Tree a memorable event in the history of the school and town.

One of the most interesting programs of the school year was given by the Delphian Society, Friday evening, December sixth. At the joint program the Delphians were represented with a series of three fetching little songs, very cleverly rendered by six of the Delphian girls. After the joint program and a short business meeting conducted by Marion White, the regular program of the Delphian Society opened by an unusually interesting play conducted under the able generalship of Miss Agnes Sullivan. This very comic play depicted two days of school in a rural center and much credit is due to those taking part. Those participating in this play were as follows: Miss Agnes Sullivan, the teacher; Miss Marjorie Whipple, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Miss Chloe Buell, another member of the Board; Miss Wanda Sain, the mother of "Teacher's Pet"; and Miss Alice Downer, the Swede lady who caused much merriment for the audience. A number of the girls played the part of children in school, some dressed as boys and others as girls. The costuming was very apropos to the occasion and all played their parts admirably. The next number on the program was taken from the well-known story of William Tell, where the tyrant Gessler forced Tell to shoot an apple from his son's head in hopes that it would kill him. Miss Marguerite Brookhardt took the part of William Tell; Miss Daisy Slate, the son and Miss Mell Carter, the tyrant. This play was very different from the preceding one where you were laughing every minute, for it appealed more to the serious side of one's nature. However, it was especially pleasing and enjoyed by all. Last, but not one of the most pleasing numbers was the Critic's report ably given by Miss Esther Halvorsen. After the Critic's report the meeting adjourned all having enjoyed one of the most delightful programs of the year.

The Vespertine Society met in regular session Friday evening, December sixth. At the joint program with the Delphian Society, the Vespertines contributed a vocal solo by Miss Margaret Dickie, after which they adjourned to their respective meeting places. The program presented was exceptionally

## FIRE DESTROYS AIRLIE STORE

### C. V. Johnson, Merchant and Postmaster Suffers Double Loss

Fire at Airlie Sunday night wiped out the dwelling, store building and stock of merchandise of C. V. Johnson, the loss being total except some household goods which were saved. Mr. Johnson was also postmaster of Airlie and mail and fixtures were included in the loss. The fire started late Sunday night and had made strong headway when discovered. The dwelling and store building were close together and the lumber yard of Airlie is also close by but prompt and vigorous work on the part of citizens of Airlie saved this as well as other buildings that were exposed. Property loss was partly covered by insurance.

### New Supervisor

Josiah Wills, well known in Monmouth and a graduate of the Normal, has been chosen as county supervisor to succeed Floyd D. Moore and will assume the duties of his office January 1. He was elected at a meeting of the board of education held in the superintendent's office last Saturday. Mr. Wills is at present teaching in Marion county. He is the owner of the Wolf property on West Main street which he bought two years ago.

Senator Doughty of Portland was the guest of his sisters last week.

pleasing and enjoyable. Mrs. Smith directed the two charming folk plays "The Three Wishes" (French) and "The Foam Maiden" (Irish) and to her as well as to the skilled casts is due much credit. Those participating in the former play were as follows: Grace McCann, Mable Edames and Anita Lewis. The cast of the latter were Kathleen Maddox, Alpha Busick, Josephine Heffley. The dancers in the French and Irish folk dances were delightful in their interpretation of the spirit of their nationality. Miss Laura Taylor and Miss Marie Schuette were responsible for the artistic directing and music, and to them the Society is grateful for the generous assistance rendered. The Irish dancers were Ulla Dickinson, Hazel Calbreath, Vera Johnson, Daisy Wickstrom, Verena Puntenny, Eva Hendrickson, Eleanor Warner. A quartet, Evadna Hager, Helen Coe, Margaret Dickie and Margaret Ferrin, sang a group of familiar and pleasing folk songs in keeping with the spirit and tenor of the program. "The Widow's Daughter", a story by Myrtice Fowler, proved most interesting and was enjoyed by the audience. Efitting the pleasant character of the evening was the last feature, the critic's report by Beth Perry.

Ray Baker, an alumnus of the Normal who has received his discharge from the Officers' Training Camp for Aviators at Berkeley, was a Chapel visitor last Wednesday. The student body greeted Mr. Baker enthusiastically and were thrilled by his recital of the life of an aviator. After over a year of military life, Mr. Baker is ready to take up his professional work again and expects to be in the school room soon.

## A Tale of Tile

Although it has not made a great deal of noise about it the Central Tile company, a Monmouth institution has kept busily at work during the past summer, sawing wood and stuffing it into their kilns in the process of baking tile. One hundred and forty thousand tile were produced this summer and the same are now being passed out to land owners in Polk county.

There is a question of just what Polk county land needs to keep it in top production condition. Some say lime, and the tile company adds "and drainage". It is self evident that in a country of wet winters, drainage is always necessary.

For some time past clay for tile making has been obtained on a piece of land on C. Lorence's farm. This year, G. H. Partridge, manager of the company, has been experimenting with clay obtained nearer the plant and has found abundance that works perfectly. He has been busy with two men during the summer and has worked his two kilns to capacity.

## Community Tree

According to call a number of citizens of Monmouth, representing churches, societies, schools and local organizations, met in the rear room of Morlan's store, Tuesday evening and made arrangements to have a community Christmas tree this year similar to the one we had last year. It is possible some sudden and severe appearance of sickness may cause a postponement, but plans were laid and the indications are that the event will be as scheduled. As planned a program of singing and other incidental features will be held Thursday evening of next week, December 19. This to allow the Normal students to attend and help. Miss Parrott was made chairman of the whole and O. A. Wolverton and Miss Maggie Butler were named as an additional committee to assist. The tree is to be located as last year at the intersection of Main street and Monmouth avenue.

The executive committee met on Wednesday and appointed the following committees: Program—the Misses Taylor, Gaylord, Radabaugh, Boise and Mr. Swenson; Music—the Misses Schuette, McIntosh, Tompkins, McKinney, Richards, Havelly and Mrs. M. J. Butler; Finance—Messrs. Morlan, Butler and Dr. M. J. Butler; Decorating—the Misses Anderson, West, MacDonald, Hansen, M. White, Fowler, Mrs. Fred Smith and Messrs. Clay Moreland, Johnson, Powell and Parker; Tree—Messrs. Craven, Poole, Pace, Gilmore, Harold Haley and Fred Smith.

Miss Della Brant received a letter this week from her brother-in-law, Roy Pitzer, dated New York, and stating that he had arrived safely on his return from England. Mr. Pitzer enlisted in the aviation and was in England since last March. It was a source of disappointment to him that he was not allowed to go to France.

Memorial services were held recently for John Braden of Rickreall, one of our soldiers killed in France.

## DOZEN DEATHS IN ONE WEEK

### Influenza Epidemic Hits Dallas Hard. Seven Die Tuesday

In proportion to population, there are few towns in the country which the influenza epidemic has hit worse than it has Dallas. With one week, from Thursday, December 5 to Thursday December 12, there were twelve deaths in that city caused by the dread disease. On Tuesday of this week seven deaths were reported in the city from the plague. One of the week's victims was Carl Manning, a druggist of the city. There were thirteen deaths in Dallas during the week alluded to but one death, that of an elderly citizen, was caused by other ailments.

Physicians of the city are at a loss to account for the severeness of the sickness and have thoroughly examined conditions without being able to discover a cause. All cases are now being quarantined and Wednesday and Thursday there was a big falling off in new cases which would indicate that the crisis of the disease had passed.

Elsewhere in the county the disease has not obtained a second foothold. Independence reports itself practically free from the disease and there have been no new cases in Monmouth for some time.

In this regard the Dormitory has made a splendid record. There have been no cases of influenza there at any time and only two cases of tonsillitis, which some consider as allied to the flu. The Dormitory situation is a tribute to the strict and careful management of Miss Todd who has watched the condition of the girls closely, insisted that they be properly clothed at all times, and directed that all symptoms of "colds" be treated promptly.

## Keep Your Pledge

The year 1918 is drawing to a close and Polk County faces a failure in attaining her quota in the sale of War Savings Stamps.

Those persons who signed pledge cards for the purchase of Stamps, in reality signed a note, obligating themselves to their Government. Polk County's quota is \$321,000 of which amount, approximately \$50,000 remain unsold. All persons who signed pledge cards are urged to make an effort to redeem their pledges before December 31.

To the peace loving people of Polk County, we make this last appeal in an effort to again put Polk County over the top, a place that we have held in all previous War activities. A. B. Starbuck, Chairman of Committee.

A helmet formerly belonging to a German "sniper" and picked up by Birchard Van Loan on the battle fields of Europe and sent to his parents in Monmouth, was on exhibition at the schools and in the drug store last week and awakened considerable curiosity.

Mrs. Albert Sacre left for Tillamook Saturday where she has a school. M. Sacre went along for a visit.