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## NORMAL HOLDS HIGH STANDARDS

Never Lowered Requirements of Students for Regular Course

President Ackerman visited the legislature on Monday and reports the outlook favorable for the small appropriation, in addition to the mileage, asked for by the Normal and which is absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the school during the next two years.

An unfounded report that the Oregon Normal has lowered its standards is current in certain sections. The Oregon Normal has not lowered its standard for regular students, but, in order to assist in relieving the shortage of teachers, it did offer a War Emergency Course of twenty weeks which students could enter who were not graduates of standard High Schools. The armistice has eliminated the need for such a course and it will not be offered after next term—no new students are permitted to enroll, however. The Oregon Normal has the same requirements as those of all Standard Normals throughout the United States—graduation from a standard four-year High School and two years' residence work in the Normal. The recognition which the Normal graduates are receiving from County and City Superintendents and Principals throughout the state is indisputable proof of the value of Normal training.

A class census was taken on Tuesday for the new term which opens February 10, in order to arrange the work and be ready to accommodate the large number of new students which the correspondence indicates will enroll in February.

Mr. Ray Baker, '16, who was, previous to his discharge, at the Officers' Training School at Berkeley, California, is the first one of the uniformed alumni to return to the work. He has accepted the principalship of a building at McMinville.

The influenza is practically checked among the students. There are three patients in the Senior Cottage Hospital and one is being cared for at her residence. Dean Todd, who interrupted her duties at the Dormitory to care for the patients at the Senior Cottage, has installed a nurse and is again home much to the joy of Assistant Dean Levis and the girls.

Miss Taylor, who still has the distinction of being the only Faculty member to succumb to the epidemic, will meet her classes next week.

The annual publication of "The Norm" which was interrupted for patriotic reasons is being discussed among the students. Definite action will be taken in a few days.

Miss Greene, Head of the Art Department last year and who resigned to take the reconstruction work at Reed, writes that she was among the unfortunates and did not get to assist at the battle front, but is doing reconstruction work in a tuberculosis sanatorium in New York.

J. B. V. Butler, who with Mr. Powell, forms a standing road committee selected by the Monmouth Commercial Club interviewed the County Court last week relative to the Monmouth-Independence highway. The Court was made cognizant of the urgent need of improvements and promised to attend to the matter as soon as possible. They were accompanied by President Ackerman.

Dr. Margaret Nordfeldt who has

## A HOT BLAST FROM NEW YORK

M. S. Pittman Beats Flu and With Restored Vigor Writes

Columbia University, New York. Editor of the Herald; Please change the address of my paper to Livingston Hall, Columbia University New York. After our recovery from the FLU, our physician advised that Mrs. Pittman and the baby spend the winter in the south. We ALL had the dread malady. The baby was very sick and even Mrs. Pittman and I are not counting more of it. Once is quite enough for us.

Livingston Hall is located at about the peak point of Harlem Heights. From my room on the ninth floor, can see a very large portion of the city of New York. Of course, if I were similarly located in the good old state of Oregon, I could see a large portion of the state. Well, you see, the ATMOSPHERE is not quite so CLEAR here as there. There are some things here that one can not easily penetrate.

I read the Herald with great interest. It takes precedence in my affection and interest over all of the great papers. The New York Times does not compare to it. I get the Oregonian through a friend and it ranks second in my affection. But as a matter of fact, I find my interest in the means of communication and cooperation between Monmouth and Independence and between Monmouth and Portland greater than my interest in the communication between the nations of the world through the League of Nations. I find myself more interested in what my friend Stockholm says about next years prize crop than I do in what President Wilson says about the peace of the world; and the national representatives in the World Peace Council is of mild interest to me compared with who were elected as the officers of the Odd Fellows for the next term.

The ban on the publicity from the Peace Council I accept as a mere incident in the days news but the influenza ban on all public meetings in Monmouth I read with great alarm. What will happen without that daily session of the World War Council, now changed to the World Peace Council, I suppose which meets around the Post Office to decide upon all public issues?

I believe the FLU itself, bad as it is, is to be preferred to the loneliness which that ban must impose.

In behalf of my good friend Steinberg and the rest of us who live out Antioch way and who get into the city only occasionally, I lift my voice in protest. I tell you these facts not to show how little I am interested in world events but to show you how much interested in the doings and sayings of the "old folks at home".

This means that I want my Herald promptly and regularly.

As for the editorials I may say, without joke, that they say more in fewer words, with more sanity and more fairness, than do the editorials of any paper that I read.

Fact is, I believe that their writer is too big for the job he now holds.

Well, enough of this. I have the "mid-year exams" staring me in the face and, reversing the famous Joffre statement a bit: "I Must Pass". That means that I Must Work, much as I dislike to do so.

I have written this letter merely as a morning bracer—the nation has now gone dry.

"Keep the home fires burning" "till Johnny comes marching home". [The boys will be back next year and Monmouth, with the FLU put to rout and the water supply guaranteed, will be perfectly normal again.

With regards and best wishes, I am, Sincerely, M. S. Pittman.

been working with the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities and was assigned to the Social Hygiene Section of Women's Work, is now lecturing to the college women of the Northwest Territory on the "Problems of Sex Hygiene". She is at the Normal this week and gives one lecture each day to the Normal women. Dr. Nordfeldt is a graduate of Vassar

## THE REVOLVER IN HIS HAND

Murder and Suicide, the Current Sensation Along Luckiamute

In the rear room of a farm house among the foothills bordering on the Luckiamute valley, five miles south west of Monmouth, the body of a man and a woman were found Saturday morning. No need of more than a glance to determine that a tragedy had taken place. One hand of the man grasped a revolver and empty shells of 32 calibre in the weapon and scattered on the floor explained the wounds and blood. Later discoveries brought out the details of a sordid tale as old as human nature, revealing jealousy and cupiditas as the motives for premeditated murder and suicide.

The man was Melvin C. Spores, tenant on the John Moran farm, and the woman, Miss Lena Brown, who owned a 160 acre tract adjoining. A few years ago Spores was worth \$36,000. He was of a pioneer family and the money was derived from his father's estate. A man of engaging presence, a ready talker, a good worker, and intellectually acute, he yet lacked business judgment. In the intervening time he lost all his property and descended the social scale from speculator to laborer. From the family home at Eugene he moved to Portland, losing money with every move, until he took up work in the shipyard and then came to Polk county taking up a lease on the Moran farm which his brother had made. His wife, who had followed him down the vicissitudes of business, refused to follow him further. She would not give up her clerking job in Portland to work on the farm. Then Spores saw another chance to recoup his fortune. He would get a divorce and marry Lena Brown and incidentally her 160 acre farm. But Miss Brown had other ideas and with the prospect slipping away the man grew desperate. Therefore the tragedy.

The murder evidently took place on Thursday. Miss Brown had been in the habit of spending many of her evenings with her brother-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones. But she had planned to go to Dallas and they did not miss her until Saturday morning when the discovery was made. When found Miss Brown was dressed for the trip to the county seat. Spores was also dressed in his best for he too had planned to go to the same city.

Coroner Chapman was promptly summoned from Dallas and he impaneled a jury who decided the facts as above. The bodies were taken to Dallas Saturday afternoon.

Miss Brown was a daughter of Chas. Brown, and the latter a son of Joshua Brown, who came to this section in the early days from Indiana and took up a donation land claim. She had lived alone for some time on her farm and sometimes rented the Moran farm, did and has practiced in New York. She is intimately conversant with her subject and is hoping to educate the college women upon these vital questions—looking to them to disseminate this knowledge which means an enlightened and regenerated race.

A fitting campus memorial for the Normal boys who enlisted is being discussed and ways and means of raising the necessary funds are being formulated. It is hoped to have a dedicatory ceremony at the Commencement Exercises in June, when every enlisted man and every alumnus of the Normal will be urged to be present.

## FLU AGAIN IS HELD IN CHECK

No New Cases During Week. Ban May Lift Monday

The flu appears to be held in check in Monmouth. Apparently no new cases have developed during the week past. Quarantine instructions have been rigidly adhered to and nearly all of the houses are ready to be released. Practically all of the last flu wave originated out of the high school from students who came down with it, one exception being L. Ingarm and family who have had quite a siege of it. The two daughters of Wm. Steinberg appear to have been cases requiring serious attention. Otherwise all of the Monmouth sickness has been light.

The proposition of lifting the ban is once more up and it now appears likely that school will resume Monday although this can not be positively stated at present.

A thing that many consider favorable to stopping the epidemic is the storm which has prevailed for ten days past. The rain has come down in torrents, flood conditions prevail and the temperature has greatly moderated.

recting the working of it. She was a good horseman and was partial to stock and had a Jersey herd. Her mother, Mrs. Chris. Marks lives near by and her sisters Mrs. Hanby Harman and Mrs. Jones live in the same neighborhood.

Spores, also is of a pioneer family. His grandfather operated Spores ferry over the McKenzie in an early day. The family is well known at Eugene, although not entirely favorably. A brother, Jack Spores, it is said, was run out of the university city because he refused to buy Liberty Bonds. Another brother, Elmer Spores, a wealthy bachelor of Portland, was the original tenant of the Moran farm. He came out here and made the lease but did not stay long, being succeeded by his brother.

Spores' wife was Miss Ruth Jett, daughter of James Jett, Lane county pioneer. They have a three year old son, named Robert.

Early in December Spores went to Portland to get a divorce and leave himself free to marry Miss Brown. He was apparently successful in his quest for two weeks ago his wife filed suit, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. But if the designing gentleman had found favor with Miss Brown the latter changed her mind. It is told that a returning soldier was at the bottom of this sudden shift of affections. A former attachment had been rekindled by correspondence and with the ending of the war whatever prospects Spores had went glimmering. This was all news to his wife who was shocked at the sudden end.

A letter found on Spores threw light on the event. It was in two sections, the first part written at home and evidently intended for Miss Brown urging her to "come through" and marry him. It does not appear that this letter was ever delivered. Spores may have determined to carry his message in person. The rebuttal to his plea must have been decisive for the murder followed. To the letter was added as a post script "I have killed Lena Brown. Now I will kill myself." He added something about wanting to be buried with her.

Miss Brown's body bore several bullet wounds and Spores had bared his own breast as a preliminary to the suicide. The remains of the victim in the tragedy were brought back to the home of relatives Tuesday and after appropriate funeral services were buried in the Lewisville cemetery. Spores' body was sent to Portland where it was taken care of by relatives.

## JERSEYS YIELD MUCH BUTTER

Stump's Herd, Among the Leaders. Oregon Nears Record

A late bulletin sent out by the O. A. C. gives a record of butter tests with pure bred stock on the dairy farms of Oregon, conducted by the college and it shows there are a number of cows in the state at present which are yielding from two to two and a half pounds of butter per day. Among them there is one cow which undoubtedly will break the world's record for yield of butter in a year. This is the Jersey cow, "Vive la France" owned by O. Pickard of Marion. It is noteworthy also that out of a list of fourteen of the leading Jerseys in the state, three are owned by John B. Stump and Son at Fair Acres stock farm, located on the outskirts of Monmouth. "Rochette's Bonnie" of the Fair Acres farm leads the list for the month and in a test of two days in the 8th month since she was fresh, yielded 5.293 pounds of butter. At her heaviest yield during the year this cow has given milk to produce 125 pounds of butter a month. If you will figure this down to dollars and cents you will find that this cow has yielded \$75 worth of butter in a month, which is quite an income to be derived from one dairy cow.

The last issue of the Oregon Farmer contains a statement of the performance of Sophie's Agnes, a six year old Jersey owned at Bangor, Maine, but bred at the C. I. Hood stock farm at Lowell, Mass. This cow broke the world's record for Jerseys by producing 1000 pounds of butter in a year and was recently sold for \$10,099. She comes from a long line of thoroughbreds raised on the farm established by C. I. Hood who made a fortune with a celebrated brand of sarsaparilla. Sophie's Agnes surpassed the world's record by one pound but it appears now that the Pickard cow at Marion will surpass her yield by at least fifty pounds. When this event occurs you may look for a jollification that will reach from one end of the west coast to the other.

While Holstein cows hold the record for butter with a yield around 1500 pounds, they are or a larger breed and for ratio of butter to amount of food consumed the Jerseys are ahead.

For actual performance Stumps have at Fair Acres a herd that will not be readily surpassed. A table with test of fifteen of the leading cows is given below and to the uninitiated it is explained that the amounts of fat and butter given are for the present milking season. A study of the table will show just what these cows are doing.

Here are a few interesting facts relative to the Fair Acres herd:

Although we have been breeding Jerseys on a small scale for many years, the foundation of the present herd was laid in 1910 with the importation from the Island of Jersey of a carload of two year old heifers and the purchase of a few other

## CREAMERY IS PROSPEROUS

Distributes \$100,000 Among Patrons During Year Past

A quorum failed to appear at the annual meeting of the Co-operative creamery and for this reason an adjournment was taken for a month to February 15 when it is hoped the flu will have relaxed and a proper assemblage be secured. The creamery has had a prosperous year, having paid \$102,577.93 to patrons. This represents 249,000 lbs of butter or 202,152 lbs of butter fat. The gross receipts of the creamery during 1918 were \$118,000. Since the creamery was started it has added equipment to the plant, valued at \$2,553.78.

P. S. Thurston of Airlie, a native of Canada, was admitted to U. S. citizenship in Dallas last week. At the same time Gerhard Kliever and Peter Friesen, natives of Russia and "conscientious objectors" were refused citizenship by Judge Belt because of their beliefs.

choice imported animals at the sales of 1910 and 1912. The present herd is composed of the very choicest of these animals, together with their offspring and a few native bred cows which have been retained owing to their merit.

The Fair Acres herd now consists of about forty five head of cows about thirty head of which are of milking age all of which are either now on test or are already entered in the Register of Merit.

The Fair Acres herd has long been noted for its excellence of type as evidenced by its long list of show winnings, and it has also boasted of some splendid Register of Merit records but it was not until 1918 that eight years of careful selection and breeding began to bear fruit.

Early in the Spring of 1918, after a lapse of three years, we again began Register of Merit work. Three years of careful selection had left us a herd which we believed to be second to none on the coast. The results of those first few months proved to us that we had builded better than we knew.

In July two out of the four classes in the "Jersey Bulletin 50 lb. List" were led by Fair Acres Jerseys and in August these same two were second in their respective classes, a place they held also for the month of September. During July and also in August, seven head of our Jerseys averaged over 70 lbs fat per month each; including in the list one two year old and one three year old.

However the true greatness of a herd is not or at least should not be measured by the performance of its individuals but only by the uniform high quality of its members. There are at present fifteen head of cows and heifers on Register of Merit test at Fair Acres. Their production to January 1, 1919, together with their names and ages is given in the table below:

In connection with this table it should be said here that the first seven cows listed are being milked and fed three times a day the remaining eight are milked twice per day and receive but ordinary herd care. The cattle were in the pasture night and day from April 1 to November 1 since which time they have been kept in a large shed well bedded in straw. Box stalls are not used and the cows are in the barn proper only during milking hours at which time they receive their rations of grain and hay and corn silage.

| Name of Cow                   | Age yrs. mo. | Milk to date lbs. | Fat to date lbs. | Butter Estimated 55 p. c. fat | Time in milk mo.-days |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rochette's Bonnie             | 8-2          | 12,283.0          | 642.20           | 755.5                         | 7-17                  |
| Noble Marigold of Fair Acres  | 5-3          | 11,198.8          | 604.90           | 711.6                         | 9-6                   |
| Diamond of Fair Acres         | 3-1          | 12,656.1          | 595.83           | 701.0                         | 8-0                   |
| Sultan's Elmo                 | 8-8          | 10,356.4          | 548.60           | 643.0                         | 8-21                  |
| Mayone Monine                 | 9-3          | 8,794.8           | 476.36           | 560.4                         | 7-0                   |
| Noble's Emerald of Fair Acres | 5-8          | 6,710.9           | 356.42           | 419.3                         | 5-19                  |
| Stockwell's Dahlia            | 10-3         | 3,767.6           | 202.70           | 238.4                         | 2-26                  |
| Mayone of Fair Acres          | 3-1          | 5,768.7           | 293.00           | 344.7                         | 7-10                  |
| Ruby's Emerald Lass           | 2-7          | 4,944.7           | 282.77           | 332.6                         | 6-18                  |
| Rinda Girl                    | 2-6          | 5,118.8           | 273.47           | 321.6                         | 7-10                  |
| Pearl Marigold of Oregon      | 1-9          | 4,505.0           | 264.54           | 311.2                         | 7-9                   |
| Helen of Fair Acres           | 2-2          | 4,352.1           | 260.10           | 306.0                         | 6-19                  |
| Fair Acres Dancing Girl       | 1-9          | 4,937.3           | 247.19           | 290.8                         | 7-21                  |
| Fair Acres Little Grace       | 1-11         | 4,604.3           | 231.08           | 271.8                         | 6-25                  |
| Miss Comeo of Fair Acres      | 5-9          | 3,400.9           | 198.69           | 233.8                         | 4-7                   |