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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State of the Best Nation on the Earth

ELIMINATE ILLITERACY

Albany Supt. Makes Chapel Plea for Educational Law

Supt. Boettcher of the Albany schools, who was the chapel speaker on last Friday, took for his subject some of the provisions of the educational bill now pending in Congress. This bill has grown out of the needs of the United States educationally as revealed by the war. It makes provisions for the eliminating of illiteracy, the correcting of physical defects and the inoculating of the future citizens with American ideals. The speaker reviewed the almost unbelievable conditions disclosed during the war and showed conclusively the necessity of immediate remedial measures, such as provided in this bill. Supt. Boettcher is a forceful speaker and his thoughtful argument carried conviction to his listeners. The Oregon Normal is vitally interested in this bill for if it passes it will mean a largely increased field of usefulness for this school.

A committee, composed of Miss Parrott, Mr. Gentle and Mrs. Curran was appointed to draft a letter to be forwarded to our Congressional Representatives urging their support for it. The following is a copy of the letter forwarded:

"Interested as I know you to be in the future development of all of Oregon's resources, I know you will be doubly interested in the educational bill, S. 4987, now before Congress when you think of it in the light of the needs of Oregon.

"Our entrance into the great war disclosed three conditions among our people so grave as to constitute a real menace to our national life. These are as follows:

"An unbelievable illiteracy among our young men of the draft age

"An astounding number of physical deficiencies, most of which, had they been noted in the early school days, could have been corrected.

"An almost criminal indifference to our American ideals and achievements.

"You no doubt noted that these conditions are all easily within the control of our public schools if our teachers can but be trained to handle them. In an educational way we can think of no reform so significant to the welfare of our people as the stamping out of illiteracy, the nurture of more perfect physical development and the arousing of a genuine deep-seated patriotism.

"To this end trained teachers are absolutely essential. The proper training of a teaching force is a work so extensive that federal aid must be enlisted. It is our belief that the bill introduced by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia promises all that we plead for above. And as the committee selected by one of the State Institutions of the State which you represent, we wish to say that said bill is heartily endorsed by the President and Faculty of said institution. Because of our ardent belief in it, we take this means to ask you for your support for the bill, knowing, however, that your own good judgment and interest in the progress of Oregon would lead you to do this without any suggestion from us.

"Yours in the interest of education generally but in Oregon especially."

Mrs. Curran, Head of the Rural Department, visited the Legislature on Tuesday in the interest of the Normal.

The Student Body held its semi-annual election this week and selected the following officers for the next semester: Helen Hansen of Portland was re-elected president; E. Ther Halvorsen of Portland, vice-president; Lenore Kirkpatrick of Portland, secretary; Beth Perry of Houlton, Mrs. Miller of Gresham, Mrs. Krapps of Salem and Rosabelle Smith of Monmouth, Senior members of the Student Council; Shannon Pettinger of Oswego, Clara Scharpf of Portland, Mrs. Brown of Monmouth and Naomi Hagensen of Woodburn, Junior members of the Council.

Lieutenant Ivan Wood '16, was a chapel visitor last week and gave a most interesting and detailed ac-

THREE CHEERS AND A TIGER

Prof. Gilmore Winds Bugle and Bids Natives Rejoice

Dear Editor—In the last issue of the Herald I read with interest the most excellent record being made by the Stump herd of Jerseys. I could not help feeling a tingle of pride when I realized that Monmouth had something more to be proud of. Fair Acres Farm does not need me to herald its praise, the fact that it delivers the goods brings it praise enough. I can not resist the opportunity, however, to call attention to the fact that such performances as Stump's Jerseys draw our town a bit nearer the motto you print at the top of the Herald.

And why can we not be the best town in the best valley in the best state? If we pull together in the true co-operative we will all become boosters. Nor is this heated ozone.

As an all-round breeder of live stock the entire state takes its hat off to Stump and Son. Sheep and goats have made Riddell Brothers and Will Riddell Jr. famous. Loughary, Hembree and Hewitt have brought prestige to the community with their Jerseys. Calbreath goes silently about his business as foremost Andalusian breeder of the state. Evans has a rank ing Percheron stallion, Alva Craven is a breeder of O. A. C. leghorns and barred rocks. Everybody takes his hat off to "Pap" Lorence as a thresherman and all round farmer. When it comes to commercial dairying we can't pass up Jim Gentle, and when it comes to planning ones farm and working the plan, Tom Edwards will match any. If we are looking for men who mix brains, work and horticulture, Harvey is as good as we can find. In the prune business we listen to Stockholm. Why draw the list out.

Incidentally, Monmouth has something else beside farmers to help make her a good town. When it comes to making ends meet and administering under hopeless financial difficulties, Monmouth has one of the biggest of school executives, who has laid a solid foundation upon which a strong Normal is being built. Let us pin the roses where they belong.

And now, brother Editor, why should not the spirit of Monmouth be proud. Why not stand erect when asked, who art thou and from whence comest thou? Let us answer that question as only boosters should—Stranger, I am from Monmouth; the best town in the best valley of the best state in the Union. L. P. Gilmore.

count of his army experiences. Lieutenant Wood made three trips across and his description of the terrific storm encountered, the torpedoing of one of their convoy and his visit to the historic spots of storied England, were all listened to with the closest attention by the Faculty and Student Body.

Those graduating in February are much in demand and several left this week to accept positions. Among them were: Miss Buell who has taken a position in a rural school near Corvallis; Miss Dickie and Miss Warner at Salem; Miss Burgess, in a rural school near Oregon City; Miss Henrietta Henriksen, the principalship of the Borings schools; Miss Knips, instructor in mathematics in the Albany schools; Miss Wanda Sain, at Walla; Mrs. Dear, at La Grande.

Private Floyd Williams was on the campus last week but, much to the regret of the faculty and students, did not arrive in time for chapel. He has promised, however, to return in a few weeks and tell the student body of his life in Uncle Sam's service.

Intramural basket ball has been conspicuously absent at the Normal this year on account of the epidemic. On Saturday evening the Juniors met the Seniors in the first game of the season which resulted in a signal victory for the Juniors. The Seniors, however, are planning to retrieve their lost prestige this week end.

E. H. Hedrick '14 and Carl Bowman '17 write from Camp Lewis that they are expecting discharge

GRADE TEACHER IS DEFENDED

Solons Refuse to Alter Requirements or Lower Standards

A bill that was of especial interest to Normal trained teachers was up in the legislature last Friday and by a decisive vote put out of the way. The bill provided that college graduates could teach in the grades, without special preparation, and, contrary to the popular impression, was not backed by either the university nor the agricultural college. The bill seems to have derived its impetus from a certain woman leader of the state who has conceived the idea that normal training has become obsolete and that what special work in the training of teachers was necessary could be done in the ordinary colleges.

Among other statements made in behalf of the bill was the alleged fact that no new normal have been established in the United States within the past ten years. To Superintendent Churchill much credit is due for a mass of material collected in defense of Oregon's present system. He showed that in the interval alluded to, twentyfive new normal schools have been established. Also that the sentiment for normal trained teachers was growing instead of declining. He showed the importance of normal training in the development of the rural school teacher. Evidence that the case was a strong one and appealed to many legislators was shown in the test vote. The Oregon Journal correspondent gives the following description of the debate in the house.

Insinuations of "well oiled machinery" were met by references to "political footballs" and "hod carrier educational standards" in a wordy discussion of the merits and demerits of Representative Cross' bill amending the present Oregon school law with reference to the granting of teachers' certificates to graduates of standard schools and colleges in the house this morning.

The innocent appearing amendment through which Representative Cross would extend certificates issued to graduates of institutions of higher learning to cover the teaching of grade schools as well as high schools as now permitted, speedily resolved itself into a review of the normal school problem of Oregon.

Speaking against the bill Representative Mrs. Thompson declared the bill a "step backward in educational matters."

Representative Cross, author of the bill, took exception to the statement, declaring that it was a decided forward, inasmuch as it opened the way for graduates of colleges and universities to teach in grade schools as well as in high schools, as now provided under existing laws. Cross insisted that it was his desire to make a normal school out of every college and university of Oregon, whereas, he insisted, opponents of his measure would handicap the supply of teachers until they had forced the adoption of a normal school measure upon the people of the state.

Mr. Cross contends that courses in elementary teaching can be adopted by the colleges and universities of the state in addition to their present college training. In closing, Cross intimated that the opposition to his bill emanated from the "most nicely oiled machine in the state of Oregon."

soon and are anxious to get back into the educational field.

The influenza in the Normal and in the city as well is practically stamped out and both the Monmouth and the Independence Training Schools will open on Monday.

Orin Byers '14, principal of the Junior High at Albany, was visiting the Normal last Friday in company with Supt. Boettcher who spoke at chapel.

There will be Memorial Exercises for ex-President Roosevelt on February 9th in the chapel. The program will appear next week.

Mr. Butler, Mr. Gentle and Miss Smith compose the committee from the Normal which will meet with like committees selected from other organizations and form a Soldiers' Welfare Committee of Monmouth.

SENIORS LOSE TO THE JUNIORS

Normal Students Put up Fine Game of Basket Ball

JUNIORS—33; SENIORS—22
Last Saturday the second game of the series being played by the girls at the Normal terminated in a Junior victory, 33-22. While the marginal difference in the victors favor may appear a bit large, it was in no way due to lack of spirit on the part of the vanquished. The game was remarkable for the vim and "fight" put into the playing. Each team played well and it is difficult to single out stars. However, the play of the Junior forwards and centers showed efficient team work, while perhaps the work of Miss Hoffman shone most for the Seniors.

For various reasons the game was divided into ten minute quarters instead of the usual halves. Scores by quarters—Juniors, 6, 16, 25, 33.—Seniors, 5, 6, 17, 22. The second quarter proved disastrous to the Seniors, all others were evenly contested. It is planned to open the remainder of the series between these classes to the public as soon as the present ban on "The Flu" permits.

Lineup	
Seniors	Juniors
Hoffman	Queen
Lewis	Maddox
Knips	Stern
Jones	
Centers	
Perry	Brookhart
Bradbury	Huddleston
Guards	
Kirkpatrick, Nelson	Havely
Tolle	Edmeads
Everest	
Carter, Miller, Nelson	

Points scored: Hoffman 15, Lewis 4, Jones 1, Knips 2, Queen 19, Maddox 12, Stern 2. Fouls called on Juniors 13; on Seniors 6. Fouls converted by Seniors 4, by Juniors 1. Referee, L. P. Gilmore; Timekeeper, J. B. V. Butler; Scorers, Miss Burgess and Mrs. Brown.

Thrift Day is Monday, February 3 and not Tuesday, as printed on another page of this paper.

C. C. Mulkey is working in the creamery.

Representative Lafferty opposed the bill on the ground that it would wipe out the normal school of this state whereas he hoped to see the day when Oregon would have a system of normal schools second to none in the nation, when "the Willamette valley would have a normal school, easy of access, and Eastern Oregon, whose people have so long been neglected, would also have the benefits of a new normal school."

The necessity for special training for teachers was set forth by opponents of the Cross bill, who declared the present law to have been drafted in the interest of the children of the state.

"I believe the time will come," declared Representative Jones of Lincoln and Polk, "when the people of Oregon will awaken to the necessity of normal school training and when we shall have a normal school in the sunny southern section of the state, one in Eastern Oregon and a third in Western Oregon."

Representative Smith of Multnomah deplored the tendency, so frequently evidenced, to depreciate the importance of members of the teaching profession who, he declared, "devoted their lives to the welfare of the children of the nation at a most insignificant compensation, as compared with men and women engaged in other professions, either in the matter of finance or honors."

The practice of professional politicians in using the normal school question as a football was soundly scored, as was also the attempt to place the teaching profession on a plane with a common carrier.

Smith vigorously opposed the Cross bill on the grounds that it would tend to obstruct the educational advancement of Oregon through the ultimate establishment of standard normal schools.

A motion to adopt a minority report submitted by Cross was voted down and the bill was buried for the time being at least by the adoption of a motion for its indefinite postponement.

CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE

Birchard VanLoan Spends Holidays With Army of Occupation

December 15, 1918. Dearest Mother—Well! I'm writing to you once more. Am awfully sorry but this is the best I could do. We have been on the march for a long time and no time for mail. But now apparently we have arrived at a temporary destination and I am glad.

We are located in Heimersheim which is close to Ahrweiler. We are quartered in the German houses. My partner and I have a room with electric light, stove, table to write on etc., it's comfortable at any rate. Have received three letters from you in the last three days.

I am trying not to learn German for I have such a hatred for the people that with their language—but now and again am forced to try to make myself understood.

We are having nice weather here and expect quite a rest now. We just moved in here today so, it's been a long hard days work. It is late now, mother and will ask you to please accept this as a predecessor of longer letters in a day or so.

December 25, 1918. Heppingen, Germany, Near Ahrweiler. Dear Mother and All—A merry Christmas to you by "wireless," this morning. Though I am several thousand miles away from home this morning my thoughts are with you and the same Christmas cheer is here as there. I must tell you of last evening and about this home where I live and something of the people. The colonel's chauffeur and I are great pals and friends. His name is Arrig Nelson from Goldburg, Iowa. Owns and runs a large garage and repair shop in that place. When we came here we secured a room together in a home.

There is the grandmother and grandfather, the Mrs. and Mr. and two children, Maria and Joseph.

Yesterday afternoon they set up a little tree, not so little either, 6 feet high, I guess, and decorated it with candles, etc. It is standing here now and is surely pretty. We went (Arrig and I) over to the Band Concert in Heimersheim in the car last night and didn't get back until after 8 o'clock. When we came back the people here had a fine lunch for us, apples, cookies, coffee, etc. We enjoyed it immensely. Sat talking and thinking until after 12 o'clock. This morning we had a nice breakfast and I don't know what to expect for dinner. But I feel mighty happy this morning you can bet. The Band paraded this morning and what could be more grand? When we retired last night with those favorite old lines of Christmas spirit on our mind ("Twas the night before Christmas) there was no snow nor sign of it, but this morning at 6:30 I looked out of the window and saw all was covered with snow. It was surely a pleasant surprise and now at 11 o'clock the sun is shining bright and clear making all glisten but what brings more cheer than all is the thought that the war is over and now we are awaiting return home. I feel sure about the place I shall spend Christmas next year—with you as always before. This is two Christmases "over here" for me. I'm not enthusiastic over a third. Ha, Ha. Well, will have to close now and go feed my horses. It's 15 till 12 M.

Birchard Van Loan, Supply Co. 151 F. A. A. E. F.

Clares Powell is home from his war experiences. He enlisted in the aviation department and was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, for training but was incapacitated by sickness soon after his arrival and has been under medical care most of the time since.

Don't Forget

All churches, lodges, clubs and other organizations of the community are requested to appoint a committee of three each. These committees are to meet in the L. O. O. F. Hall, Sunday, 2:30 p. m., February 2, for the purpose of organizing a permanent Soldier and Sailor's Welfare committee for the community. Signed—J. H. Ackerman
Ira C. Powell
Peter Conklin
E. B. Pace

CLUB MAKES PEACE PLANS

With Better Prospects Commercial Club Boosts for City Future

At the meeting of the Commercial Club held Wednesday night, satisfaction was expressed with the manner in which affairs of the club had been conducted during the past year by re-electing the officers unanimously. G. T. Boothby, president and Jacob Smith as secretary and treasurer.

A. H. Parker and G. T. Boothby were appointed a special committee to volunteer services of the club to the Normal in the work of securing needed appropriation.

Secretary Jacob Smith was also instructed to correspond with the county court with a view to urging on improvement of the road between Monmouth and Independence.

A special committee, consisting of J. S. Prime and Jacob Smith was appointed to see about getting suitable meeting quarters. It was also suggested that the club in the future hold occasional dinners at which matters for the improvement of the city will be taken up.

Roosevelt Memorial

Arrangements are being made for a community memorial service in honor of the late ex-president, Theodore Roosevelt, which will be held in the Normal auditorium, Sunday afternoon, February 9, at 2:30 o'clock. Full announcements as to the orator of the day and other features of the program will be made next week.

Under Four Flags

"Under Four Flags" is the comprehensive title of the third of the U. S. official war pictures issued by the Division of Films, Committee on Public Information. The previous war pictures, "Pershing's Crusaders" and "America's Answer", have been vivid illustrations of America's patriotism and powers of organization in preparing for the participation of the United States in the greatest war of all history. "Under Four Flags" goes a step further and shows not only America in the war but also presents the indomitable soldiers of the Allies on the various battle fronts. It is a picture of co-ordinated energy in the prosecution of the World War such as would not have been possible in any other age. In this latest government picture American soldiers are shown at Chateau-Thierry and in the terrific struggle north of the Marne following Foch's tremendous drive of July 18. British, Canadians and Australians are seen "going over the top" and the unconquerable French legions, under the greatest war leadership that the world has ever known, are pictured driving back the Hun hordes, mile by mile, and doing their tremendous part in freeing the soil of France from the feet of the invader. If the horrors of war are shown, its glories are visualized as well and "Under Four Flags" has been called an epic of all the fighting forces for liberty. This wonderful cinematograph will be shown at the Normal Chapel on Thursday, February 6 at 8:00 p. m. Admission is placed at 10 and 20 cents as the Government is anxious to have motion picture houses co-operate in educating the public through these pictures and the price is put within the range of all.

National Red Cross authorities are winding up the active work of the organization throughout the country and are calling in such funds as have been collected in the smaller units, planning to assemble all in a fund with which future work will be financed. The local organization which has over a thousand dollars on hand has been invited to reserve enough for the year's expenses and turn the rest of the sum over. With the conclusion of work it appears that very little money will be needed locally during the coming year. If you have ideas on the subject, you are invited to attend the Red Cross meeting next Tuesday when the same will be discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hoyer motored to Dallas Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Hoyer's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson.