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TOLD A TALE OF MARBLED HALLS

Judge Watson Describes Wonders of Southwestern Oregon

The Normal flag which floated at half mast on Tuesday was the outward expression of the shadow that had been cast over the school by the announcement of the death of Governor Withycombe. The Normal feels that it has lost a sincere friend and as an expression of sympathy the Faculty and Student Body sent a floral tribute to the bereaved family.

"The Marble Halls of Southern Oregon" was the theme of the discourse of Judge Watson of Ashland who spoke at Chapel on Monday. These mammoth caves, one of the natural wonders of the United States, were so vividly pictured by the speaker that you could see those wonderful subterranean caverns, pillared with stalactites and stalagmites making them rival in beauty those marble halls of ancient Greece and Rome. Oregon has many natural wonders which are worthy the attention of tourists, said the speaker. He, however, selected three which he considered of paramount interest—the lava beds, the Southern Oregon caves and Crater Lake. Of the latter he said "There are other lava beds, there are other caves but there is no other Crater Lake; and no Oregonian should allow the gray to creep into his hair without having seen this, the greatest of the seven natural wonders of America."

President and Mrs. Ackerman accompanied their daughter Mrs. Lunn of Vancouver, B. C. who with her children has been their house guest for the past few weeks, to Portland on Saturday. Mrs. Lunn left Portland in the afternoon for her home in Vancouver where she will meet Professor Lunn, who, during her visit here, has been inspecting schools in other parts of the Empire, preparatory to making some changes in the University at Vancouver where he is teaching.

Mrs. Miller, Critic of the Upper Grades at the Mountain View Center, outlined at Wednesday's Chapel the work of this Rural Center. Mrs. Miller is enthusiastic over the work at Mountain View and the co-operation between the school and community as worked out in this center is certainly ideal; a condition which makes it a splendid training school for those who are planning to work in rural communities.

Superintendent Hugg of the McMinnville Schools, Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the State Association, reviewed at Friday's Chapel the important educational measures that were passed at this session of the Legislature. The one most vital to grade teachers was the \$75 minimum wage for teachers. This bill, explained the speaker, is not only in the interest of the teacher but of the pupil as well, for it will eliminate the unfit and demand in the future that all teachers be prepared, thus raising the standard of teachers and insuring better instruction for the children. Mr. Hugg's work on the committee was eminently satisfactory and he deserves the commendation that he is receiving from educators throughout the state.

Mr. Hoppes, former Assistant Supervisor of Marion County, who has just received his discharge from the army, was a visitor at Friday's Chapel. Mr. Hoppes' few but pointed remarks were much appreciated by both Faculty and Student Body.

Several members of the Faculty

and some of the students motored over to Independence Monday evening to attend the Negro Minstrel staged by the citizens of Independence assisted by Miss Arbuthnot, Principal of the Independence Training School and some students from the Normal. The entire troupe deserves commendation but Miss Arbuthnot's perfect negro dialect captured the audience and her clever impersonation was encored again and again. The students who assisted with the music were the Misses Kersting, White, Ferrin, Case and Hager.

Miss Ida Mae Smith, Critic of the First and Second Grades in the Monmouth Training School, was called to Camp Lewis this week to attend her nephew who is undergoing an operation.

The entire February Class has been placed, the last ones as satisfactorily as the first. Those not yet mentioned are, Miss Alice Tomkins, who has accepted the principalship at Malin, Klamath County; Miss Eva Mary Beekman, primary work at Wallawa.

At the joint meeting of the Literary Societies, Friday evening, February 21st, Miss Clara Kirsting's mandolin-harp solo called forth hearty applause. Miss Birdell Brooks accompanied by Miss Clara Kirsting (guitar) and Miss Margaret Ferrin (violin), sang a very pleasing solo.

Following the joint meeting, the Vespertine Society held a most delightful installation and initiation. The following officers were installed to carry on the new semester's work: President, Mrs. Ethel Miller; Vice-President, Miss Artie Nettleton; Secretary, Miss Marion Sloop; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Ferrin; Reporter, Miss Ethel Akerson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. Ethel Brown. After the installation came the initiation. The audience appreciatively applauded those new members, who so strictly obedient to Miss Brooks' orders, besmeared their faces from the blackened saucer bottoms; and those who so courageously, in blindness, battered at a puffed bag to find in its place fly-paper. Miss Case's primary class struggled bravely through lessons they were supposed to have known. The climax was reached when the two new masculine members so gracefully imitated Miss Beekman in a butterfly dance.

At the close of the regular society meeting, the new members were entertained at an informal reception. The rooms were artistically decorated honoring George Washington's Birthday. The final test for the new Vespertines was given when they were instructed to carry with them, on Monday, to all classes, a waste paper basket. The time was joyously passed with music, conversation and refreshments.

Hotel Again Open

With the first of the month W. A. Green took hold of the Monmouth hotel, opened up the dining room to the use of the traveling public and blossomed out as a full-fledged landlord. He expects to give the hotel business his exclusive time and by work and attention to the needs of his patrons build up a future for the institution.

Miss Beth Ostrom spent the week-end at Parker with Bertha Ziesch.

Robbie Phillips who has for several years been foreman of Walker Bros. hop ranch, has resigned the position and is moving his family to Monmouth. They will occupy the C. P. Hembree property opposite the creamery.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Smith of Airlie last Monday morning.

MASTER AMONG MIRTH MAKERS

Strickland W. Gilliland to Appear Monmouth Monday Evening

Strickland W. Gilliland, humorist and author of the famous, "Off again, on again, gone again, Finnigan", will be the attraction at the Normal Auditorium on Monday evening, March 10, at eight o'clock. Felix Shay, a co-worker of Elbert Hubbard says, "If Strickland Gilliland is ever billed in your town, take a night off from the Lodge and postpone your party and go hear him. You will get your money's worth. You will not only laugh till you cry, but you will come away feeling that our great humorist-philosophers did not pass away with Oliver Wendall Holmes and Mark Twain. Once during Taft's administration there was to be a dinner given to His Excellency. Of course, all the dignitaries were scheduled to orate. At the eleventh hour the chairman grew panicky for fear the banquet was going to be a funeral affair so he wired for Gilliland. Gilliland came and gave the following toast: 'Mr. President, Mr. Toastmaster, Monseigneur Archbishop and the Unclassified: After you have listened to me and President Taft you will agree that Homer knew his subject when he wrote the "Idiot" and the "Oddity." The gentleman on my right whose displacement is so much greater than mine in so many ways, is to be congratulated. This is a proud night for him. He was never invited before to spend an evening with me. He seems to bear the honor quite calmly. Although Finnigan Farr is quite close to Washington, I have kept almost as far from the President as from the Presidency.' He continued in this strain for some time and then dropped his "cap and bells" and, in that convincing Gilliland voice, paid an intelligent tribute to Taft that was unparalleled even by the speakers of that brilliant assembly. This is the Gilliland charm—one moment you are convulsed with laughter, the next inspired to heroic endeavor. Tickets are on sale at Morlan & Son's. Admission 50 cents.

Senator Patterson, Speaker

Senator I. T. Patterson will be the speaker of the day at the grange meeting Saturday afternoon and he will tell of the accomplishments of the legislature which has just adjourned. Prof. Gentie will also speak a few words on the proposed memorial for Monmouth and Miss Schuette will sing. The regular session of the grange will be held during the forenoon and will include installation of officers and possibly initiation. The afternoon program to which the public is cordially invited takes place at 2:00.

No Fault in Title

Editor of the Herald—Permit me to make a slight correction in a local item appearing in the Herald of February the 21st, in which it was made to say that owing to a fault in the title the sale of forty acres of the Butler property to J. W. Pember was canceled. I wish to say there was no objection to the title, but when abstract was made it showed there was a less number of acres in the tract than was thought to be, and Mr. Pember not being satisfied, the sale was canceled. G. T. Boothby.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clark was taken to a Portland hospital last Wednesday and placed under the care of a specialist. The baby has not been doing well, as so far no food has been found that agrees with it.

BIG DEMAND FOR BERRIES

Salem Concern Sees a Bright Future for Valley Product

For several months we have been conducting an active campaign among growers for the purpose of securing a very large planting in strawberries, raspberries, loganberries, gooseberries and currants. We pointed out the enormous profits to the producer. The response has been very encouraging. We have booked large orders for tips and plants and our stock is almost exhausted. In another month spring will be here and growers should make preparations to get their ground in shape for planting new acreage.

Our jelly, jam and preserve plant is in full operation, but we must have berries of every variety to keep us occupied all the year around. We persistently pointed out to growers the enormous profits to be derived from small fruits, how it would add value to your land and how it was possible to make the Willamette Valley famous as the greatest berry district in the United States. The opportunity not alone to make large profits but to put the Willamette Valley on the map rests entirely with the progressive growers. We are doing our full duty to bring this about. We have already spent over \$400,000.00 in advertising your products have invested \$1,550,000.00 in this business; have established an extensive system of selling jellies, jams and preserves throughout the world and now appeal to the growers to furnish the necessary fruit, which is so essential to mutual success.

Let us briefly outline the market conditions as they exist today and the acreage which we are willing to contract:

Strawberries—We will contract for the 1919 crop at 9½ cents per pound which is equal to \$500.00 an acre at the rate of 300 crates of 18 pounds each of the Wilson variety planted on good soil. The "Etterberg No. 121", a new and very hardy variety has yielded as high as 600 crates per acre, but sets of this variety are limited, and while we have some on hand, we are unable to furnish them in large quantities. This is an ideal strawberry on sandy loam ground and we urge you to get started growing them. We will contract 1000 acres of strawberries commencing with 1919 or 1920 and running through the life of the plants.

Raspberries—We will contract the yield from 1000 acres of raspberries of the Cuthbert variety for 3 or 5 years. To growers who have raspberries in bearing we will pay 9½ cents per pound which is equal to \$500.00 to \$600.00 gross per acre. Beats raising hay or grain. Don't it?

Loganberries—When we speak of loganberries, we think of LOJU, America's famous beverage, and PHEZ, America's famous Pure Juice of the Loganberry, then we think of loganberry jellies, jams and preserves for which there is a constantly increasing demand. We can use the product of 1000 acres for 5 years at prices which will net \$150.00 per acre, when planted on the right kind of land. This is one of the Willamette Valley's best berries on account of its productiveness and long life. There are several patches 18 years old and still producing bumper crops. We can arrange to furnish you with strong, vigorous plants at \$15.00 per 1000 through growers, if your order is placed at once.

Gooseberries and Currants—These much neglected but splendid berries are again being sought after

and growers who have large or small patches should give them careful attention. There will be a good demand for them this year and for years to come.

Let us again impress upon you the importance of the industry. The Oregon Legislature, which just closed, passed an extensive and comprehensive re-construction program to take care of our returning soldiers, sailors, and marines and develop the industrial and commercial wealth of Oregon and the fruit and berry industry is but another link in the chain of wealth and progress to Oregon. We are doing our part and are presenting opportunities which we feel certain will contribute to the well-being and happiness of our people.

We will be pleased to have you write us on the subject. Do it now. PHEASANT NORTHWEST PRODUCTS CO.

Louis Lachmund, Mgr. Green Fruit Department. L. G. Bulgin, Field Representative.

Write us for our new booklet which is full of information on Berries and how to grow them. Sent free upon request.

Are You Coming?

The time of the Booster Banquet planned for tonight has been set at 7:30 instead of 6:00 as originally announced. The committee will make an effort to have it start promptly on time.

The meeting has awakened considerable interest and judging from the number who have expressed their intention to come there will be a large attendance. The committee earnestly hopes that no one who wishes to come will hesitate to take advantage of the opportunity. Bring enough food for your party and a little over.

A special effort has been made to round up the returned soldiers of Monmouth and vicinity and they will be the guests of the evening.

Annual Meeting

On Monday, March 3, the Miller Mercantile Co. held its annual meeting in the parlor of the Commercial Club in Newberg, Oregon. The following officers were elected: G. O. Miller, president; F. O. Miller, vice-president; L. A. Miller, treasurer and U. S. G. Miller, secretary and general manager. The number on the Board of Directors was changed from three to five and the following were elected for the ensuing year: G. O. Miller, F. O. Miller, L. A. Miller, C. C. Murton and B. E. Sisson, the last two being the new members. Many new plans were laid for increased efficiency among the six stores operated by the company.

County Convention

The annual convention of the Polk County Sunday School association will be held in Monmouth, March 19, 20 and 21. The sessions will probably be held in the Christian church although definite announcement has not yet been made.

Mrs. R. L. Derby of Portland is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby this week. She is recovering from an attack of the influenza and is here in the hope that a change of surroundings will be beneficial.

J. S. Prime has been elected a delegate to the national convention of Telegraphers to be held in St. Louis in the spring. He represents the Oregon line of the S. P. from Ashland north. He expects to take his family along, going by way of California, Texas and New Orleans and return by a northern route, starting May 1st.

Mrs. Erickson spent Sunday with her daughter, Miss Lela, who is teaching in Eugene.

ACROSS ATLANTIC IN WINTER TIME

Herbert Evans, Wireless Operator Describes a Rough Voyage

La Pallice, France, February 6, 1919. Dear Mother—We anchored here late last night.

Was surprised to receive orders to come here after we had held our course toward some port farther north. We expected to put in at Brest and later proceed to Havre, or Antwerp, but when we wired that we were coming they sent us back orders to proceed to La Pallice again.

We encountered much rough weather although the storms were behind us and helped us along. The decks were continually awash, the waves sometimes coming clear upon and over the top deck where our quarters are. A strong gale one night caused us a little uneasiness. We fellows on the top deck thought for a while that we were going to be carried away with our quarters but we hung on and finally all was well again. One night the waves broke in two of the officers' quarters and tore everything to pieces, carrying away some of their belongings. Some of the fellows came near being washed overboard. To get from the quarters aft to midships or back one had to go by way of the shaft alley and climb about twenty feet through a hole just barely big enough to get through. Iron ladders on the decks were bent into every shape.

It was one storm, I'll never forget. I received an "S. O. S." from a ship that had lost all its lifeboats and its bridge had been carried away. It was asking for immediate help so I notified the captain right away. But it seemed that we had all we could do to take care of our selves so we continued on our way. About five hours later it wired that all was well again after they had pumped a tank of oil overboard to calm the waves.

On nearing the coast of France we encountered a heavy fog. There was no way to find our position since it was foggy and cloudy. The chart showed numerous reefs so without a true bearing we were taking chances on going ahead and probably find our good ship on the rocks. The same device that helped the German U-boats locate ships at sea saved us from running on the rocks. One of the officers came into the wireless room and said: "Well, it's up to you whether we go ashore or not." So I wired a French wireless station and asked him to tell us where we were. He wired back for me to give him certain signals, so I did and he came back with our position. Not wanting to rely on one man's word alone I wired another station and got the same result with the difference, of course, of a few minutes time. This was repeated every few hours and by the next night we found ourselves here at anchor. I wonder what great things science will give the world next. Do not know when we will dock here. Probably tonight and probably not for a few days. Will write again soon.

Affectionally your son, H. Evans.

At the annual meeting of the Antioch Telephone line held recently, L. I. Bursell was elected president; Arthur Moore, vice-president; Frank Hull, secretary; and H. S. Portland, Chas. Brooks and Mr. Flint linemen.

Mr. Anderson and daughter and Mrs. Lawrence of Clear Lake, Iowa, who have been spending the winter in Southern California are visiting at W. H. Mack's.