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NEWS NOTES OF NORMAL

Faculty Entertains Senators. May Queen Chosen. Elkins Visits

The annual musical concert of the Normal given by the Orchestra, Lyric and Glee Clubs assisted by John Claire Monteith, dramatic baritone of Portland, under the supervision of Miss Marie Schuette, musical director, with Miss Anderson of the Art Department as accompanist, was one of the most enjoyed musical events of the year and reflected great credit upon the Music Department of the Normal. The stage was transformed into a colorful bower of spring flowers, from which appropriate setting the Lyric Club sang L. Denza's "Garden of Flowers." John Claire Monteith, who is a favorite in Monmouth as well as in other parts of the state, charmed the audience with his solos and responded to repeated encores. The climax of the evening came, however, when the Glee Club assisted by Mr. Monteith rendered Paul Bliss' "The Mound Builders." The entire evening, from the opening number, Luigini's "Ballet Egyptian", by the Normal Orchestra to the concluding cantata, was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and was a fitting conclusion for the year's work of the Music Department.

The Faculty Club varied the regular routine and on Monday evening entertained at dinner in the Domestic Science Department honoring Senator Patterson of Polk and Benton counties, and ex-Senator and Mrs. Hawley. The tables were attractive with spring blossoms and the place cards were suggestive of the season. The dinner which was prepared and served by the beginning Domestic Science Class under the direction of Miss Chase, Domestic Science Instructor, evidenced the splendid work that is being done in this Department. Following the dinner, Mr. Gentle, President of the Club, introduced in his inimitable style President Ackerman who in his happiest manner told how he managed those august individuals, known as Senators, and succeeded in getting them to inveigle the legislature to appropriate money for the benefit of the Oregon Normal. Ex-Senator Hawley was the next speaker and gave some reminiscences of senatorial life. Ex-Senator Hawley is a staunch friend of the Normal and many of the improvements on the campus are due to his untiring efforts in behalf of the school, although he was too modest to include them in his reminiscing. The last speaker was Senator Patterson who gave a detailed account of the Educational Legislation enacted by the last Legislature. The talk was informational and much appreciated by the members of the Faculty who all agree with Senator Patterson that, when the educational laws enacted become effective, Oregon will take her place educationally among the leading states of the nation.

Superintendent Kirk, of The Dalles, who was the Chapel speaker on Friday, took for his subject "The Teacher's Guide to Success." He gave three—Loyalty, Preparation and Self-Confidence. These three things he pointed out in his clear, forceful manner are absolutely necessary to the success of a teacher and gave illustrations showing that their lack spells failure. While here Superintendent Kirk interviewed teachers for The Dalles schools for the coming year.

May Day is the theme of absorbing interest among the Normal students at present. Miss Arty

Nettleton, of Corvallis, has been elected Queen and the events have been scheduled and practice begun.

At Friday's Chapel, which ended the third term of the year, eight students received their diplomas, totalling 102 graduates for the year. The students finishing were: Mrs. Mabel Robbins, La Grande; Miss Anna Taylor, Reed; Miss Marian Howe, Hood River; Miss Ruby Workman, Wasco; the Misses Eva Anderson and Eva Hendrickson, Astoria; Miss Grace McCann, Kerby; and W. E. Buell, Falls City. Several have already secured schools for the remainder of the year and all have been placed for the coming year.

Miss Gladys Carson, Principal of the Elkins Rural Center, was the Faculty representative at Chapel on last Wednesday. Miss Carson introduced the pupils of her school and announced that they would give her Chapel Talk, and tell something of the Activities of the Rural Center. The President of the Literary Society, who presided, told of the work of this organization at Elkins and then introduced the other speakers who, in a series of Two-Minute Addresses, told of the various activities of the school which make Elkins one of the model rural schools of the state. The speeches were suggestive and will no doubt inspire many of the Normal students who go out into rural schools to combine work and play as is done at Elkins.

The Senior Class is looking toward Commencement and has selected Josephine Hammond's "Every Woman's Road" as the class play. This play, the theme of which is service, is in harmony with twentieth century ideals and is one of the most spectacular and ambitious ever staged at the Normal.

President Ackerman in company with Mayor Wolverton spent Monday in Portland looking after paving business.

"America's Answer"

"America's Answer" the second official war picture taken by the United States signal corps will be seen at the Normal Chapel on Thursday, April 24 at eight o'clock. "America's Answer" is a tremendous correlation of pictured facts of America's participation in the Great War. There is no fiction about it. It is truth—graphic, startling, pulse-stirring truth. The U. S. Government will take from its archives, in future years, the pictorial narrative of "Following the Flag", of which "America's Answer" is the second stimulating installment, and generations now unborn will have re-enacted for them—just as it is pictured for you—the glorious part that the Land of Liberty took in strangling the greatest menace that the free peoples of the world have ever known. But, it is not alone in its military aspect that "America's Answer" is so absorbingly interesting to you. This comprehensive picture visualizes just what has been accomplished in a physical way in France, in order that your armies may be supported and made effective. Gen. John J. Pershing has aptly termed it a "pictorial accounting of my stewardship during the first year of America's participation in the war". It shows how the billions that you and other millions of patriotic free American citizens have loaned or given or paid to the Government, have been expended. It silences unjust criticism; it shames Pacifism; it deals a staggering blow to reptile propaganda; above all, it makes you proud to be able to call yourself "American". Admission 10 and 20 cents.

Warren Company Gets the Contract

At the meeting of the state highway commission held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday the contract for the paving from Rickreall to Monmouth and Independence was let to the Warren Construction Company; 8.3 miles, \$204,122. The distance from Amity to Holmes Gap, 8.3 miles was let to the Oregon Independent Paving Company at \$244,170. In accordance with a move by Commissioner Booth 1.5 miles north from the Benton county line in Polk county, is to be paved as part of a Benton county project.

Distinguished Lecturer

Arthur Walwyn Evans, Nephew of David Lloyd George, the British Premier, is considered the most eloquent, the wittiest, the liveliest, the most enthusiastic lecturer on the platform today. He is a man of marvelous promise, sure keen, penetrating and original. The blood of English and Welsh intellectual giants commingle in his veins. He is real, full of action, a man of pleasing personality. He is humorous without being lured, verbose or lofty. His stories are fresh and bright. They fetch a hearty laugh each time. This man of unequalled ability will appear at the Normal on Wednesday, April 23 at eight o'clock. Admission 50 cents.

Bennes Makes Sketch for Memorial Hall

The architect, John V. Bennes of Portland, has sketched a design of the proposed memorial building and the same is on exhibition in the store fronts of Monmouth business houses where it is attracting much attention. Mr. Bennes who is the architect who designed the Training School and the new Chapel in the Normal and whose work is uniformly of a high character, has not failed to do ample justice to the new project. There is a hint of Independence hall in Philadelphia in the outline, which is to have a brick veneer front and the rear to be stucco or plaster on a metal lath foundation. The proposal is for a building in which Monmouth can take pride and if you have not seen the sketch do not fail to take advantage of the first opportunity to do so.

Burglars Break into Miller Mercantile

The Miller Mercantile store was broken into some time Tuesday night and goods valued at from \$275 to \$300 were taken. No clue as to the burglars has presented itself to date. The burglars evidently came in an automobile for tire tracks show that an auto turned around on Broad street, and stopped at the entrance to the alley back of the store. Entrance was effected through a back door. The burglars broke a pane of glass, reached through and loosed a bar that held the doors closed and thus made an entrance. They evidently used suit cases stolen from the stock to pack other articles, ladies' shoes, silks, dress goods, men's hats, etc., and carried them away. That the burglary was carefully planned was evident from the manner in which it was done and nothing was left by which the marauders could be traced.

Mr. Fletcher and a gang of survivors worked in and around Monmouth on the Pacific highway preliminaries during the early part of the week.

Victory Loan Drive Here Next Week

Polk county is asked to raise \$194,850 in the Victory Loan which starts April 25 and the total quota for Oregon is \$26,747,550. The total national loan is four and a half billions. Two kinds of bonds are to be sold: one tax exempt, bears 3 1/2 per cent and the other at 4 1/2 per cent has partial tax exemptions.

Unregistered May Register

Walter Brown has been appointed registrar for the four election precincts of Monmouth and Andy Wilson will look after Independence. Mrs. Frank Loughary will accommodate voters in the East Luckiamute precinct; W. C. Williams, 3rd and 4th Independence; C. E. Staats, West Luckiamute; V. J. Love, Pe-dee.

Tavener Again School Principal

At a meeting of the school board this week R. W. Tavener was elected principal for the ensuing year. This is the position to which he was elected last year and resigned when called to the colors. Miss Doughty, who accepted the principalship as a war measure, voluntarily resumes her former position in charge of the history department. She has made good but feels that she does not care for a principal's responsibility. The Misses Hislop and Gaylord who have given good satisfaction in their respective positions are also retained on the faculty for next year.

A Parent-Teachers County Convention

Following is the program to be given at the meeting of the Polk County Parent Teachers Association which will be held in Independence, April 19, 1919.

- 10:00—Music
- 10:15—Address—President J. H. Ackerman
- 10:30—Response—Mrs. Kirkland
- 10:40—Discussion—Miss Emily DeVore
- 10:55—Round table discussion:
 1. Relation of P. T. A. to school.
 2. How to get everyone to work with P. T. A.
 3. Interesting and beneficial programs.
- 11:20—Business Session:
 - Reports of Associations
 - Election of Officers
- 1:00—Music
- 1:10—Reading—Miss Katherine Arbuthnot
- 1:20—Address—Frank K. Welles
- 1:50—Address—Prof. John C. Almack, Director of Extension Division, U. of O.
- 2:30—Music
- 2:40—Address—Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson
- 3:00—Health Contest—Mrs. Margaret Curran.

A light lunch will be served at noon.

The sound of hammer and saw comes from the meat market these days where Howell and Fisk are making improvements to the interior. Mr. Howell recently finished a smoke house for the market. Another evidence of enterprise at the market is freshly painted signs on their auto truck which much improves its appearance.

Mrs. I. L. Patterson, wife of the state senator, and a member of Monmouth Grange, has been endorsed by Oregon members of the D. A. R. for the office of vice-president general of the national society.

Polk County Citizens Unite for Good Roads

Gathering in Dallas Saturday Afternoon Plans to Supplement Work of Highway Commission. 110 Miles Paving in County

Polk county initiated a movement last Saturday the accomplishment of which will see sixteen hundred thousand dollars spent on the roads of the county. A mass meeting of good road enthusiasts was held in the court house in Dallas on that date and conflicting interests harmonized themselves into an agreement which so thoroughly accomplished its purpose that it was adopted by a rising vote of the five hundred people present, unanimously.

The agreement was the outcome of conferences held previously by representatives of the different sections in which the needs and desires of each section were presented, trimmed and fitted to meet the limitations of the amount available. \$260,000 is the limit of the county's ability to bond itself at this time for this purpose.

The time for the meeting was set for one o'clock and before that hour arrived the street in front of the courthouse was closely packed with automobiles and the sidewalk crowded with groups all with a common topic of discussion.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Starbuck of Dallas and Senator I. T. Patterson of Eola was unanimously chosen chairman. The senator made a nice little speech on taking the chair, saying that it was unfortunate that it was not possible to run paved road past every home in the county, but that any road built was a move in the right direction; that he felt it probable that the interests of the county could be harmonized and that any plan which the convention could agree on he would agree to.

E. K. Piasecki was elected secretary and in obedience to a motion, the chair named Messrs. Butler of Monmouth, Starbuck of Dallas, Irvine of Independence, Ulrich of Air-lie, Baird of Falls City, Elliott of Perrydale and Comstock of Red Prairie to retire to another room to draw up a scheme of road improvement.

While the delegates were conferring, the chair called on Congressman C. N. McArthur who had come over from his stock farm at Rickreall to attend the meeting. McArthur responded with a rattling good roads speech, holding closely the attention of the audience for half an hour. Good roads, he said, was holding the attention of the whole country as a means of accommodating the labor situation which is now made complex by the return of soldiers from the war and as a means of reconstruction to help the business of the country readjust itself from a war to a peace basis.

Road improvement, he said, is making big strides in the east where hundreds of miles of paved roads have been laid during the past few years. Roads, he asserted, were indicative of the enterprise of a commonwealth and instanced Maryland where paved roads made riding a pleasure and the marketing of produce easy as contrasted to Virginia where the winter roads were a mire of red mud. Oregon was famous throughout the union as a leader in response to war calls and Polk county was the blue ribbon county of the state. If this county should turn down a proposition to bond itself to secure roads under the terms set forth, it would deserve to become the laughing stock of the counties of Oregon.

Ex-County Judge Kirkpatrick was also called upon and despite hoarse-

ness from the effects of a cold, he kept the floor until the committee returned. The judge has been one of the most earnest champions of good roads in the county and has given much thought and study to the problems incidental thereto. He said that no one in the county would be entirely satisfied with any proposal the committee might make. He, himself would not be, for the road would not come within three miles of his farm at Polk station but he believed in working for paved roads in the county and would give to any move in that direction his whole hearted support.

He said the highway commission had promised to grade as well as pave the distances from the county line to Holmes Gap and the road from Rickreall to Monmouth and Independence had been accepted by the highway engineer and would need very little work so it might be eliminated from the proposition. But allowing \$60,000 for preparing the main line through the county it would leave \$200,000 to be expended elsewhere. He thought the best way to improve the roads would be as postroads. Under the Shackleford act, if the county will raise the \$200,000 the state is obligated to give an equal amount and the United States government will appropriate a sum equal to the total of both state and county appropriations which would make the amount thus secured four times the amount of the bond issue, or \$800,000.

When, in addition to this it is estimated the state will spend \$800,000 on the main through highway it will be seen that \$1,600,000 will be spent in the county for good roads, during the next two years if the bond measure passes.

He also called attention to the measure on the ballot to be voted on in June, known as the market road bill, which will bring a substantial sum into the county to be used in the development of the lateral roads which connect with the paved roads.

A benefit of the paving proposals he said was that these roads then would be relieved of the necessity for the same amount of care as at present. Now he said these roads, as main traveled roads, take 80 per cent of the road expenditures, and when they are paved it will leave much more to be done with the lesser used roads which extend to the farms and homes of the county.

Dr. Starbuck was spokesman for the steering committee which reported at this time. He said that the proposal had received considerable attention at the hands of citizens previously and a tentative agreement had been reached. This had had to be revised however, to accommodate the Independence representatives and a compromise had been made that peace might dwell among them. The decision of the highway commission had left some sore spots. Both Dallas and Independence were aggrieved because they had been both "snubbed and stubbed". Independence was especially hurt because of the decision and because it had even been proposed to change the name of that town, therefore the change in the original proposal had been made, which change as it afterward appeared was the leaving out of the road from Independence to Brunk's corners and the substitution of a paved road from Suver. Mr. Star-

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