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PLAN A VISIT TO THE ORIENT

Miss Todd and Miss Marvin Soon to Start on Five Month Trip

To study conditions in the Orient, Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has been granted a leave of absence of five months and will sail October 10 from Seattle on the Japanese steamship Kashima Maru for Tokio, Japan.

In her five months of travels in Japan, Korea, Manchuria, China, Indo-China, Java, Philippine Islands and Hawaiian Islands, Miss Marvin will be accompanied by Miss Jessica Todd, dean of the Monmouth normal school and Miss Mary Stuart Foster, reference librarian of the historical society of Wisconsin.

Strange as it may seem to the average traveler, Miss Marvin found much difficulty in booking passage of herself and two friends not only from Seattle to Tokio, but in the ocean trips to be taken in December and January, and even in securing passage from Manila to Honolulu and to San Francisco, where the party is scheduled to arrive March 5, 1920.

The heavy ocean travel in the Orient, the steamship companies wrote Miss Marvin, made it necessary to secure passage several months ahead. This travel is in missionaries returning to the Orient and the general expansion of business, now that the war is over.

After spending a few weeks traveling in southern Japan, the party will cross to Korea to study the customs of that country now under the control of the Japanese and then into Manchuria. Peking, the capital of China, will be visited about the middle of December. The famous Shantung peninsula will be visited on the way to Hongkong where the party will spend Christmas.

New Year's day will be spent at Manila. From these American possessions the party will sail early in January for Singapore on the Malay straits, where all vessels stop on voyages between the Indian and Pacific oceans.

From Singapore, passage has already been engaged for next February to Batavia, the capital of Java.

PLUMB DEFENDS HIS RAILROAD PLANS



A new picture of Glenn E. Plumb, author of the "Plumb Plan" for nationalization of the railroads and legal representative for the Brotherhood of railway workers. Plumb has been a close student of railroading.

If steamship accommodations are available, the party will visit the famous island of Borneo, which isn't so very far from the Philippine islands.

Miss Marvin, in her course of studies, has traveled extensively. During the winter and spring of 1909-1910, she traveled in Europe, spending the greater part of her time in Italy. A few years ago she spent the summer months in New England, Nova Scotia and the Province of Quebec. Last August she went into the service of the American Library association, devoting the time between August 25 and November 1 to library work with soldiers in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.—Capitol Journal.

Mrs. Norah Smith and children of Waldport are visiting with her mother Mrs. Lee.

President Ackerman and party returned from their visit to Portland Monday afternoon.

Lieutenant J. Waldo Finn, former road master of Polk county is among the soldiers to return recently from France.

Highway Work Progress

The highway paving between Monmouth and Independence is now complete and travel thereon is without hindrance or obstruction. The pavers finished up last Thursday afternoon and moved over onto Monmouth Avenue which was completed as far as the county road to the north of the dormitory by Wednesday. At present the pavers have gone out to the Mulkey cut-off and are working this way, planning when this is done to move their mixing plant from Independence to Rickreall and finish from that end.

Pittman to South Dakota

M. S. Pittman writes from New York that he expects to spend the next school year at Aberdeen, S. D., an announcement that will be a disappointment to his many friends here who desired his return to our midst. His leave of absence from the Normal was recently extended for a second year. Previous to taking up his duties at Aberdeen, Mr. Pittman will do institute work in West Virginia and Indiana.

One Time for All

The passage of the repeal of the daylight saving act will insure that Polk county citizens will all have the same time next year. Many farmers have during the past two years, ignored the law and have kept their clocks on the old time. It has resulted in confusion but they have preferred to have their own way in the matter. All clocks will keep the same time after October.

While Canadian real estate men are continually succeeding in getting buyers and traders for their lands among American farmers, there is a steady stream of Canadian farmers in the direction of the United States. A company of thirteen from the Saskatchewan district who recently arrived in Dallas say they left Canada because of poor crops.

Messrs. and Mesdames W. L. Phillips and W. M. Bennett are back this week from an extended visit to the sea shore in the vicinity of Yachats. They went by way of the Alsea river and found the going rough and difficult and returned by way of Waldport and Newport where the traveling was easier. They found a great deal of fine fishing.

Millard McCaleb, a successful poultryman of south Monmouth and Lloyd Mason, who owns a fine bunch of O. A. C.—Hansen white leghorns, have planned to join forces for the coming season. They expect to hatch baby chicks and sell to a Portland firm and have assured a market for any number they may be able to furnish at an excellent figure.

Mrs. Neal accompanied her father, J. C. Pickering, to Salem Friday, where the latter started for California on his way to his home in Nebraska. Mrs. Neal's daughter-in-law and two children, who have been visiting with her and with the children's great grandfather, also left for their home in Washington the same day.

Miss Mildred Force was a visitor in Portland last Friday and Saturday.

D. C. Walker came from Buell Monday to attend the session of the I. O. O. F. that evening and to visit with friends in this city.

E. A. Sayre and family moved this week to Clatskanie where the former will teach during the coming year. During their two years residence here the Sayres have made many friends whose best wishes accompany them to their new home.

Much Grain This Year

The string of wagons laden with wheat, headed toward Monmouth continues unabated and the people at the Oregon Mill and Warehouse Company are kept busy and put in long hours caring for and storing the grain brought in. The yield continues good and the prospect is that the territory around Monmouth will thresh out something like 75,000 bushels this year, which is considerably better than the record for many years past.

New Meat Man

J. C. Stombaugh is now one of the proprietors of the City Meat Market having bought a half interest in the same last week. The market at present keeps four men going and all are bending their energies to be prepared to take care of the business incidental to hop picking. They expect a great many of the yards with meat.

No Cause for Alarm

M. M. Houser of the U. S. Grain Corporation sent out a circular letter denying the published article of general circulation that farmers who held their wheat would be held liable for profiteering. This statement arose from the announcement that "No storage premiums would be added to basic prices at the present time, nor until there accumulates in the Grain Corporation's hands, a sufficient reserve of wheat to insure a measure of protection for future home requirements."

State engineers were engaged yesterday in another attempt to locate the route of the highway south from town. This time they worked on Knox street.

Mrs. W. J. Evans has been entertaining Mrs. W. P. Baillie and Mrs. I. A. Inman of Portland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arant are spending a fortnight at Cascadia. Walter Brown and J. S. Prime took them up Saturday afternoon, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wolverton spent the week end visiting with friends and relatives at Eugene and Wendling.

The Misses Coreta and Virginia Wiley of Portland who have been visiting at Albert Sacre's for some time past, returned to their home in Portland this week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mulkey in the hospital in Salem last Friday. C. C. Jr. weighed in at 6 pounds and with his mother is reported as getting along nicely.

A number of local soldiers have joined a company of the American Legion which was formed in Independence last Monday night. Mike Walker was elected president and Mr. Smith, secretary and treasurer.

Gentle Bros. have completed their threshing and on 60 acres of wheat report an average of 30 bushels to the acre.

Mrs. Cornelius and daughter Helen and Mrs. E. Riddell and Miss Larson are back from their outing expedition. They went to Nye beach and report a splendid time.

It is reported that George Sullivan has sold out his butcher interest in a McMinnville shop.

Pev. and Mrs. Peter Conklin returned from their trip to Newport last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Herren are back from a two weeks trip to Newport.

J. D. Stevens was over from Independence Monday afternoon to put in a bid on some of the "Maples" material which the Baptists were selling.

FOR SALE—Mason quart jars, 95c. dozen. Pints 85c. dozen. Miss West. Phone 2103

Married Sunday

Miss Gaynelle Shore of Monmouth and Jay Knapp of Portland were married in this city Sunday morning. The ceremony which was a quiet one took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. Shore on College street. Rev. V. F. Morris of the local Christian church tied the knot. Both of the young people who were parties to the contract are recent graduates of the Monmouth high school, and are well known and popular among the young people of the city. Mrs. Knapp last year taught school at Crane in Eastern Oregon and previous to that was one of the props in the local telephone office. Mr. Knapp is working in Portland. He is a grandson of S. D. Holbrook of this city.

Messrs. Lefever and Swearingen who were working in the lumber mill at Silver Falls where the fire occurred Tuesday, were temporarily thrown out of work by that event.

According to the Observer Dallas is asking the state to pave on the post road from Salem to Dallas, the distance within the city limits from the end of the city paving to the beginning of the postroad paving at the city limits, the reason advanced is the custom of the state to do such paving for towns that are 2,500 or under in population.



Miss Alabama Brenton, head of the Art Department of the Oregon Normal school

Hal Alsip moved into the Richards house this week.

Peter Ingermans has a married sister visiting with him at present.

Miss Brown is enjoying a month's vacation from duties at the Miller store. She is in Portland at present.

Miss Goldie Wheeler of Salem is the guest this week of Miss Neta Waller.

Mrs. Lillian Marshall who has been secretary of the Dallas Commercial club resigned her position last week and on Saturday was married in Portland to Chas. Bilyeu, proprietor of the Hotel Gail. The new Mrs. Bilyeu is the only daughter of Mrs. C. E. Howes of Dallas.

People familiar with the prune crop conditions say the crop will be much larger than was at one time anticipated. The prunes on the trees have stayed on well and have developed to good size.

Bert Evans, who for over a year past was in the radio service on boats plying between Atlantic ports and Europe, has secured his discharge and is now with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Evans in this city.

Floyd Senter who for the past two years has been rural supervisor of Lane county, has been appointed rural school supervisor of Polk county.

Mr. R. W. Tavenner, principal-elect of Monmouth High, has returned from his annual summer outing in the Cascades.

Walter Tooze, Jr., has made connections with Senator Vinton for the practice of law in McMinnville.

James Burns of Bridgeport was born and raised on the same farm on which he died last week, aged 68 years.

FIND PAVING COSTS HIGH

Property Owners Hesitate on Proposed Improvements

The common council has been holding what might be considered a continuous session this week, meeting on Monday night to consider paving bids and adjourning to Wednesday night to get time to consult property owners and then adjourning again to Thursday night for the purpose of further consideration.

When engineer Von Planta of Portland submitted his tabulated figures of costs at the meeting Monday night it was discovered that the total amount of the Warren company bid was \$22,154 as the cost of paving two strips 7 feet wide on each side of the highway on Main street and strips 11 feet and 16 feet wide on each side of the highway on Monmouth Avenue.

The total distance covered was something like 3,140 feet or three fifths of a mile and the total cost was at the rate of \$37,000 per mile. The frontage cost on Main street was approximately \$2.86 per front foot; in front of private property on Monmouth Avenue \$3.15 per foot; and in front of the Normal \$4.83 per front foot.

At the previous meeting Mr. Norris for the Warren company had explained the bid of his company was higher in proportion than it might have been were it not for the fact that the paving would probably have to be done from their Rickreall stand instead of from their Independence stand.

Councilmen reported they had talked with property owners who apparently agreed that they felt the cost too high at this time and on motion the proposal to pave Main street was rejected. On Monmouth avenue, President Ackerman was present and stated that while the Normal people felt the cost was high still they felt the work must be done in front of the Normal property if possible and were agreeable to going ahead at this time. An adjournment was taken to Thursday night to get legal advice on the segregation of Monmouth Ave. work, also the financing of the Normal work; and at this meeting was also taken up the consideration of curbs and the matter of whether it would be better to accept bids offered or reject absolutely, or to reject for the purpose of advertising for new bids for this work.

Manager Joslin of the Mountain States Power Co., of Dallas was a visitor in Monmouth Monday and attended the special session of the council that evening.

Miss Todd and Miss Levis are spending the week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Veal and family of Albany accompanied by Miss Echo Cole of Portland, motored up from Albany for a Sunday visit with E. C. Cole and family. Mrs. Veal is a sister of Mr. Coe and Miss Echo Cole, a niece.

Mrs. Susie Smith and two daughters returned last Wednesday from a weeks visit at Chitwood, over Newport way. The family expect to move to Portland in the near future.

Miss Florence Heffley will teach again this year at Camas Valley and Miss Gertrude has a position at Tillamook.

F. E. Davis, formerly in the hardware business in Dallas, accidentally shot and killed himself at Phoenix, Arizona, recently. He was packing up to return to Dallas and was handling a revolver in the course of the work when it was discharged.

BEANSTALK JACK'S 1919 RIVAL

