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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Miss Brenton of the Art Department, spoke in Chapel last Friday on Design. Her talk was very interesting and instructive.

The present term closes February 6th, and with that date so near examinations are imminent, and the various preparations for the new term, beginning February 9th, are going forward. The registrar announces that from present indications an enlarged registration may be expected.

Mr. Oren W. Hays entertained his sister, Miss Hays of Eugene last week. Miss Hays, a graduate of the Normal, has charge of the Teachers' Training Department in Eugene High School.

Mrs. Lenore Trayler and Miss Ruth Nottage, February graduates, have been elected in first and third grades positions in the Marshfield schools.

No one should fail to hear Professor L. R. Bailey who will lecture in the chapel, February 3rd, at eight P. M. Mr. Bailey takes for his subject "The Sweat of Thy Face". No admission is charged and the public is most cordially invited to attend.

Miss Eugenie McNaughten entertained her father of Portland over the week-end.

Miss Mildred Jones's mother was a guest last week-end. She came especially to attend The Yokohama Maid.

Miss Mingus, Senior advisor, gave an informal tea for the Senior II girls last Saturday from three to five.

The office has sent to the printer the proof for the new catalogue which will contain the changes in the course of study, recently planned by the faculty.

The Student Body will have its last dancing party of the term on Saturday Eve, January 31. Those who are on the Social List of the Normal School are cordially invited to attend.

The operetta, "The Yokohama Maid" was presented by the Oregon Normal School Glee Club to a packed house Saturday evening. It was given in a beautiful stage setting designed and constructed by one of the students, R. L. Cayser. Everyone was in excellent voice. Honors went to Miss Mildred Jones, who made a charming Sing-O-Song and to Prof. L. P. Gilmore, Department of Science, who took the part of Fatedo. The Misses Havelly and Dunbar and Messrs. Pimm, Oleman and Cayser also carried off their parts excellently. The principals were supported by a well trained chorus. Especially noteworthy were the Good-By and Wedding Bells choruses. Enthusiastic applause gave evidence that this was one of the best musical performances ever given by the organization. Much credit for its success is due Miss Schuette, Head of the Department of Music and to Miss Taylor, Department of Physical Education.

A representative of the Red Cross from Seattle, visited with local officials Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jacob Smith, who was called from Phoenix, Arizona, to Dallas by the sickness of her mother, was a visitor with Monmouth friends and relatives Wednesday.

A stork shower was given to Mrs. W. W. Miller Tuesday afternoon by fellow members of the Evangelical church and others. A splendid time is reported. Refreshments were served and many pretty and useful presents were received.

Bryan Today



William Jennings Bryan in his speeches at the Jackson Day banquets at Washington showed most plainly that he was going to be a conspicuous figure in Democratic affairs again—at least up to presidential convention time in June—when he came out flatly against President Wilson on the peace treaty stand, favoring compromise or treaty with amendments. He even intimated that he would go to the extreme steps of organizing a new party to this end—following the steps taken by Roosevelt in Republican ranks in 1912.

Edgar J. Saere returned home from over seas Saturday after two and a half years of foreign service. He took part in seven of the largest battles and many minor ones. He served in the trenches for many months, and was decorated for an act of bravery. He was very fortunate throughout the war and came through without a wound; while many of his comrades lost their lives when standing by his side. In one instance he was the only one to escape alive from an explosion of a bomb in the midst of a bunch of soldiers. He saw many of the horrors of the Great War. He will return in a couple of weeks to an Eastern camp where he will receive his final discharge in a few months.

Wm. M. Harvey returned home last week after completing a course at Hemphill's Trade School in Portland. He reports that they give a very thorough and extremely interesting course and considers his time well spent while in attendance there. He says that he is willing to give any information possible to any one thinking about attending a mechanical school.

As work is very scarce at present he has returned home until spring work opens.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Harvey left for Portland Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Van, Mr. Harvey's brother-in-law, who passed away after falling from a five story building.

Tuesday night Mike Wooley night watchman in the S. P. yards, escaped death by a narrow margin when a gun he was carrying accidentally went off. The bullet ripped his trousers from the knee to the ankle only touching his flesh on the side of the foot.—Post

Oscar Hayter of Dallas received the 33rd degree, the highest which Masonry can confer, in Portland recently. He is the youngest man in Oregon to achieve this honor.

Mrs. Carl Bingman arrived Thursday from Honolulu for a visit with her father, C. H. Parker and other friends and relatives in the vicinity. Her husband is in Y. M. C. A. work in the Sandwich Islands.

R. E. Derby, the new proprietor of the Monmouth and Independence bus line has been indisposed this week and Mr. Keeney is driving the bus.

Old Gym to Vanish New One to Arise

The call for a special election in the high school Saturday afternoon to dispose of the old gym and build a new one, called out an audience decidedly friendly to the proposition. Not only was the board instructed to sell the old wrecked structure, but by a large vote, expressed a desire for a new one. In going over the proposal which was done in some detail, it was considered that the new building might cost as much as \$20,000 but the expression was general that the need was urgent and the district was willing to pay the price.

In this issue the board is advertising for bids for the old structure and has consulted an architect for plans for the new which will doubtless be considered at another special meeting in the near future.

The C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. W. H. Mack, February 6th. Mrs. Mack will be the leader.

Mrs. Percival spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Dempsey in Rickreall.

L. P. Gilmore and daughters spent Sunday in Salem with Mrs. Gilmore.

A lady representative of a Portland Chautauqua concern was in Monmouth this week endeavoring to interest our citizens in a five day chautauqua to be held during summer school, and appears to have met with considerable success.

Mrs. Chas. Rohrer of Independence was a visitor in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. Jane Gradke who has been seriously sick, is reported better.

Earl Conkey, who has been working in the timber near Hoskins came home this week with what the boys call "decorated lamps". He has included to give up logging and try section work for a while.

Claud Stouf, a former resident of Monmouth, died in Portland last week.

Dow Hamar is the proud possessor of a new Ford.

Letters from Miss Todd state that she will not be able to take the return steamer originally planned but will arrive home about the middle of March. She is having a splendid trip but is glad that she has America to which she may return.

Wm. Fishback was over from Salem Sunday.

Evangelists Samuel Gregg and Joyce H. Thomas have been secured for revival services in the Christian church which begin February 8. Both men enjoy exceptional reputations in their respective fields, the former as speaker and the latter as singer and interesting sessions are promised. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

Rumored, Reported Asserted, Collected

The sale of Wm' Lettiken's farm is reported this week to D. W. Tilton of Minnesota, consideration \$14,500. This is the farm southwest of Monmouth formerly owned by C. W. Dobell.

A family named Hawxly of Nebraska, friends of F. K. Skeen, are temporarily domiciled in the Wills house on Broad street while they get acquainted with this section of the country.

Mrs. L. Bowman, who sold her farm last week to H. Portwood, is packing up and plans to leave her furniture for the time being with Gordon Bowman south of Independence. Miss Della Brant, who has been visiting in Nebraska, is expected home Saturday when the family will decide on the future. They may settle in Monmouth or Salem.

By negotiations concluded with Miss Julia Iverson in Salem Saturday, ye editor acquires possession of what is known as the Halvorsen house located on the corner of Broad and Jackson streets and ve family plans to assume actual residence there during the coming week. Consideration was \$2,000. Mr. Manning and family, present tenants of the house, will move into Mrs. Nocker's house when it is vacated.

Hartley Mulkey and William Crabtree, who are working at Hoskins on the Siletz road, were in Monmouth a day or two this week, their work being stopped because of high water. A large saw mill is being started at the end of this railroad where by damming a large lake has been created. A big hotel is to be built there and a new town started.

It is reported that Mrs. Patton, who formerly lived in Monmouth but is now in Portland, has been divorced from Mr. Patton and is remarried to her former husband, Mr. Parker.

Rev. E. B. Pace expects to move into Mrs. Richards house when the wrecking of the Maples starts. A. H. Alsip, who formerly occupied the Richards' house has moved into Mrs. L. Johnson's house.

The Golden Rule class of the Christian church served a banquet to members of the Men's class last Friday evening in the dining room of the church. It was considerable of a banquet all right and should the men return it according to the golden rule of equality, they will find the task a big one. An informal program followed the banquet, special mention being deserved by readings from Mrs. G. R. Crofoot and Mrs. C. E. Force.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will serve a silver tea, February 5th, with Mesdames Alderson, Arant, Cornwall and Denney as hostesses.

PLUGS LEAK WITH OWN BODY TO SAVE BOAT



Ernest Brown, a Cornish fisherman, saved a vessel and the lives of others and all because he thought of something a bit different at the right time and had the courage to do it. When the boat had a hole torn in its side in a storm Brown wrapped himself in sails and old cloth and forced his body through the hole to the waist and stopped the leak for four hours while the boat made port.

Buy Pipe and Seek Construction Bids

Two special sessions of the council were held last week. On Friday afternoon a session was held to consider the purchase of pipe. Engineer Jones returned from a trip to Portland and was accompanied by Mr. Long, a representative of the Continental wood pipe company. Mr. Jones reported that steel pipe was at present off the market, the manufacturers being something like three years behind with their orders. They have recently taken an order for one thousand miles of pipe for an oil concern.

Whether the withdrawal of the steel men from competition was the cause or whether it as due as claimed to constantly advancing costs of lumber, is for the investigator to determine. At any rate wood pipe has gone up since the original quotation and as the advances promise to continue the council thought it wise to buy the pipe without further delay. A little less than twelve miles of pipe were bought for approximately \$35,000. The company has wood for this pipe on hand and has started to manufacture it. One hundred feet of cast iron pipe will be bought for the crossing of the Luckiamute which will be at the bed of the stream at a point where it has a rock bottom.

Another session was held Tuesday night when the specifications and plans were given a final inspection, accepted and the recorder was instructed to advertise for bids to be opened February 10. In the specifications the time of starting work was placed at March 1, and the conclusion at June 15.

Work of securing right of way is now in progress and to date no one has been found who is unreasonable in this matter. Many want water and over a section of the route where well water is poor the line will be a positive benefit to farms near enough to use water.

societies; February 14, the Junior reception, and soon after that a leap year party for the entire school. (Signed) Manley Arant.

A delegation of local youths including Herbert Powell, Sam Suvener, Manley Arant and Eric Swenson, and Dell Tedrow, Harold Price and Frank Loughary, Jr. of Elkins attended the Older Boys' Conference in Dallas last week end. While it was rather a wet convention, attended with constant rain, the boys report a pleasant and profitable time. New officers were elected as follows: Dell Tedrow, president; Burton Bell, vice president; Harold Price, secretary and Eric Swenson, treasurer. The Older Boys' council for Polk county has been asked to send a representative to the summer school annually held on the shores of beautiful Lake Geneva in southeastern Wisconsin, this summer and are making an effort now to see if they can afford the enterprise.

Evangelical Church Notes
 Sunday February 1. Morning worship at 11. Subject: "Prayer availeth much." The following will be some of the things considered: "What is prayer? Benefits of prayer, temporally and spiritually. Is prayer a promise on the part of the petitioner? When we pray can we count on denials? Why? How should all our prayers end? What will prayer teach us?" Two of the answers we will give is that there are 16 oz. in a lb. and 100 cents. in a dollar. Does prayer smash the laws of nature?
 Evening worship at 7:30. Subject: "The power of small things, or Little sins." A catalogue of little sins will be given. Sunday School at 10. Y. P. A. at 6:45 Subject: "What does our Pledge require?" Mid-week service Wednesday, 7:30. Ladies Aid, Thursday p.m.

Current Events At High School

On Wednesday, January 21, the Freshmen entertained the school with their class hour. On the following Friday the Sophomores presented a playlet "A Half Yard Off." Pearl Conkey and Harold Price in the leading roles; assisted by Mary Cole, Lowell Kaup, Neal Edwards and Thyra Staats, proved to the school that the class has some excellent dramatic talent.

The following boys from the high school attended the Older Boys' Conference at Dallas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Harold Price, Dell Tedrow, Eric Swenson, Herbert Powell and Manley Arant. They report that the attendance was very poor but that the few who attended profited by going. This is the first meeting of the council that has been held in Polk county but plans are being made for an annual meeting.

The results of the School Meeting on Saturday, January 24, were very satisfactory to the high school students. We appreciate very much the interest of the voters in our gymnasium.

The girls' and boys' basket ball teams of Monmouth High have games scheduled with Falls City at that town, Saturday night. The boys depend on the practice they have been able to obtain at the Normal gym to win for them a victory. The girls have had no real practice.

Several social events are on the high school calendar. On Thursday, January 29, a joint meeting of the Athena and Y. N. O. A.

