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## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Mr. H. G. Starkweather, member of the Board of Regents, will speak to the faculty and student body at the chapel hour Friday morning. The public is cordially invited to hear this talk.

Miss Taylor spoke last Saturday at the local teachers' meeting at Dallas on Physical Education. Miss Smith, who also attended the meeting, spoke on Primary methods.

The regular joint program by the Literary Societies given at the close of each quarter, will be presented in the chapel Friday evening of this week at seven thirty o'clock.

President Ackerman has accepted an invitation to address the School Officers' Convention at Dallas next Saturday.

The next motion picture is to be given in the chapel Monday evening, February 9th. This is an Alaskan picture, really a very wonderful piece of work quite belying its rather sensational title "Back to God's Country".

A simple exercise in honor of the February graduates will be held at the chapel hour next Friday.

A dancing party, which the students pronounce the very best of the year, was given by the student body in the gymnasium last Saturday evening. A scheme of Japanese decoration made the gymnasium unusually attractive. The pagoda in the center of the room was an effective feature as well as a beautiful one. Attractive music put the guests in the proper mood and a most enjoyable time was had.

Miss Schuetz chapel talk last Friday was a source of much pleasure to her hearers. Her subject, A recitation of Music, is always an instructive, as well as a pleasurable theme.

Miss Laura Holliday, the faculty member who is recovering from typhoid fever, has been granted a leave of absence for the rest of the year. She plans to leave Friday of this week for her home in Detroit, Michigan.

The Oregon Normal School will close its second term, February 6th, at which time the following students will have completed the Standard Course: Alice Armstrong, Richard H. Cayzer, Florence H. Dawson, Sadie Havelly, Celia C. Lundeen, Gladys L. Perkins, Helen Peck, Frances G. Tousey, of Portland, Oregon; Louise Hodgkin, Ruth Nottage, of Newberg Oregon; Veri Burkhart, Harrisburg, Ore.; Elda Gail Bristow, Pleasant Hill, Ore.; Elizabeth Dunbar, Joseph, Ore.; Mrs. Dorothea Euchave, McDermitt, Ore.; Bertha Emmerich, Waterville, Ore.; Dora C. Gebers, Medford, Ore.; Hester M. Gram, Aurora, Ore.; Myrtle J. Grant, Drain, Ore.; Louise Jewel, Clara Landon, Kansas City, Mo.; Chadwick C. Newhouse, Hood River, Ore.; Ethel Powell, Loraine, Cre.; Varena M. Punttenney, Camas, Wash.; Margaret J. Shotwell, Hermiston, Ore.; Helen W. Straus, Parkrose, Ore.; Blenda I. Samuelson, Gladstone, Ore.; Mrs. Lenore Trayler, Hillsboro, Ore.; Ruth Wilson, Kent, Ore.

Practically the whole of the class have secured teaching positions at salaries ranging from \$100 to \$150 per month.

Miss Elsie Snyder, a Normal girl who was injured in an auto wreck in Salem a few weeks ago, is here today to get some of her belongings. She is recovered from her injuries but will not return to the Normal for some time but will go to her home in Willamette.

## Important Meeting

On Saturday night a meeting has been called in the Maples, a public assemblage to consider the question of the help which the public will render the Normal in its effort to secure a larger millage revenue, an increase which is necessary for the success of the school. Men and women are invited, in fact, all who are interested in the future welfare of the city. This will be the last meeting held in the Maples as the work of dismantling has already begun.

## Income Exemptions and Tax Credits

Unmarried men and women who are bread winners for others are granted special exemptions on their earnings before figuring the Income Tax now being collected. Although a return must be filed by every unmarried person, and by every married person living apart from wife (or husband), who had a net income of \$1,000 or more during 1919, recognition is made in the law of the home burdens carried, and relief from excessive taxation is especially provided.

In addition to the ordinary personal exemption of \$1,000, an additional exemption of \$1,000 is granted to "heads of families"; and there is also provided an exemption of \$200 for each dependent under 18 years of age or who is mentally or physically defective. The \$200 for each dependent may be claimed by any taxpayer who is the chief support of such dependent. This is not confined to dependents who are members of the family or relatives.

It does not include others who are earning their living, and it does not apply to the wife or husband of the married taxpayer, even though such person may have become a total burden.

The person who claims exemption as "head of a family" must qualify for it. Two single persons who divide between them, more or less equally, the financial and other responsibilities of a household cannot claim that either one is the head of the family. But if a single person actually assumes the total responsibilities of a household and is aided by having one of his brothers or sisters support himself and contributing an amount that could not practically be considered more than his board, such trivial assistance must not be allowed to interfere with his clear claim for exemption.

## Tax Levies

The county tax list has now been prepared and the taxpayers of the county are scheduled soon to be the recipients of correspondence of the genial Mr. Orr of Dallas. Monmouth's tax rate is as follows: County and state .016; roads .0053; city .0182 and school district No. 13 .0103. Making a total of .0498 on an assessed valuation of fifty per cent.

## Artful Dodger

The Monmouth and Independence stage met with another mishap this week when it was run into and ditched. The occurrence took place in the outskirts of Independence and although the stage was driven into the ditch and lost a front wheel and suffered other injury, it remained right side up. The colliding auto did not stop to make inquiries but hastened away before its number was identified. Another auto came by opportunely but the fugitive car made a number of quick turns dodged around the Independence high school building and finally was lost in a number of cars in front of the Hotel Beaver. The stage was soon repaired.

## Current Events At High School

Friday, January 30 was Senior class day at the high school and proved a great success. A short comedy "Rooms to Let" was given and the Senior room was dedicated. The Seniors have curtailed this room and made it a most attractive resting place.

Final examinations will take place Thursday and Friday of this week and the students are busily preparing for them.

Thursday, January 29th a joint meeting of the Athena and Y. N. O. A. societies was held. The Athena's put on an attractive little act featuring Fannie Steinberg, while the Y.N.O.A. tried in regular court and convicted Mr. C. Winegar for beating his wife. Some startling facts concerning his affairs were revealed.

The Alumni is reminded that it has an invitation to the Junior reception on Saturday evening, February the fourteenth. (Signed) Herbert Powell.

## Seniors Take Game

The basket ball game played last Thursday night at the Normal gym between the Seniors and Juniors was one of the best of the present season. The Seniors won 17 to 15 but at the close of the 3rd the Juniors were ahead. Misses Dunlap and Phelps who played forward for the Junior team made the best combination the Juniors have had thus far this year. Misses Carr and Labare, guards, gave a fine exhibition. For the Seniors, Misses Hedrick, Means and Edmeads did exceptional work. It was very largely the good work of this combination that won the game.

At the close of the game an informal meeting was held and the Misses Taylor and Hales and Mr. Gilmore were the guests of honor. The Seniors served refreshments. The Senior girls presented Miss Hales with a banner in school colors and the Juniors gave Miss Taylor a table cover in school colors with the school seal. Mr. Gilmore was remembered with a box of candy.

County Clerk Moore is busy these days providing dog license receipts and the official collars that go therewith. The collar is a plain leather strap and buckle and to this is attached an oval shaped piece of leather on which is stamped "Polk, 1920" and the number of the tag which are issued consecutively.

## Council Meets

The council held its regular meeting Tuesday night, the time being taken up mostly with claims. The following were allowed: General Fund: J. F. Moreland, marshal, \$25; R. B. Swenson, recorder, \$12.50; Monmouth Herald, printing and advertising, \$9; Power Co., \$69.62. Water Fund: Power Co., \$84.72; J. F. Moreland, \$75; R. B. Swenson, \$15. Road Fund: W. Rasmussen, street work, \$56.50; Spaulding Co., \$16.78; M. H. Pengra, \$34.13.

Mrs. Staats appeared to protest over unsanitary conditions in her neighborhood and the council agreed to call the same to the attention of the health officer.

The Chas. Jackson house and adjoining real estate just north of the high school was sold this week to V. L. Butler, consideration, \$2,500. The place was sold by Mrs. Ira Powell for the estate and included not only a large house, but a good orchard and two acres of land. J. L. Willard, who moved here from Idaho last fall, is the present tenant of the property.

## Citizens Ask Court About Road Work

There was a gathering of citizens interested in road and highway matters Wednesday morning to attend the session of the county court in Dallas. Something like fifty people were present and they were from Airlie, Suver, Elkins, Monmouth, Falls City and other places. All were interested in roads and the subject was brought up as soon as the two members of the court put in an appearance.

Wm. Riddell, Jr. led off as spokesman for the visitors. The assemblage was present, he told the court, for a matter of information. They were interested in the construction of the Pacific highway south of Monmouth and a delegation from Elkins and vicinity had visited the highway commission last Monday. Engineer Nunn had told them that the road south from Monmouth had been definitely located except the exact place where the Luckiamute was to be crossed. This was to be east of the Helmick bridge and the department was now watching the course of the river in winter that they might be better able to judge where the bridge could best be built.

But the commission would not have any money for the necessary grading until after the May election. People interested in the highway believed some of the preliminary grading should be done at once. There were two or three hills to be cut down and if this was done at once, it would have time to settle and be better fitted for traffic during the coming winter and would be ready to pave a year hence. For this reason they were appealing to the court.

The court replied that it did not know the road south of Monmouth had been definitely located, that no official information to this effect had come to them from the commission. Also that the road between Rickreall, Monmouth and Independence had already used up about \$32,000 which would have to come out of the \$40,000 to be provided when the bonds which the county had voted had been sold. True, they admitted in response to questions, the commission had not asked them for the money, therefore the bonds had not been sold and they were saving for the county the interest on the money.

Ira C. Powell suggested to the court that this is the season of the year when a road program is formulated and asked if the court did not deem it proper for the court to balance up their credits and assets and formulate a program on what they had to spend for the year. Harvey Dickerson of Elkins said the

engineer had assured them that while they could not go at the work until later in the year, if the county would take up some of the grading the commission would set the grade stakes and do what they could to help. J. H. Ulrich of Airlie said he had been over a considerable part of the county during the past few weeks and had found everywhere an intense desire to have the roads improved in accordance with promises that had been made. It was said that the state highway should come first as it was a feeder to the other roads and for this reason he urged the work be undertaken this month if possible.

Rolph Dodson of Elkins also addressed the court, saying the people had paid taxes for roads and if they had not paid enough were willing to pay more but they wanted roads and wanted them badly. G. A. Peterson of Suver told one or two good stories and detailed his experience with a section of road near his farm where automobiles stalled three or four at a time. He said his instinct was to keep as far away from that particular road as possible for inevitably as soon as he neared it he was called on for assistance.

Falls City people inquired into the status of the Dallas, Falls City road. The court replied that it had made application on this road identical with the application for the Dallas, Salem road and expected it to be paved as a post road in due time.

Responding to the appeal for work on the road south of Monmouth as well as north from Rickreall, the court promised to take this up with the commission and do what they could.

## Marion Butler Weds

Marion Butler, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Word Butler of Independence was married in Portland on Wednesday of last week to Miss Leona Sperling. The wedding ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents and Dr. H. C. Dunsmore officiated. Mabel Clair Ground played the wedding march and Mrs. M. J. Butler of this city rendered a group of solos. Following the ceremony the happy couple left for a trip that includes the cities on Puget Sound and on their return will live in Portland where Mr. Butler has employment as salesman for an automobile concern.

The new Mrs. Butler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sperling formerly of Independence and the groom was formerly a familiar figure on the streets of Monmouth while he attended the Normal school here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Davidson went to Portland Tuesday for a visit of several days.

## Pleasures and Profits of Ordinary Work

Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, lecturer at the Normal, was greeted with a large and appreciative audience Tuesday. Mr. Bailey said his subject could be found in Genesis "By the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread" and said he might as well conclude as the whole of his lecture was in that one sentence. However, he would take an hour or so with explanations. His talk was along a line calculated to combat the unrest prevalent at this time and a number of time he referred to the eight hour day saying that he had no objection but rather approved of limited work hours if they were spent in work, not in waiting on the clock.

The hours of leisure were most important, he said, and just as serious a problem as the hours of work. As one pastime he suggested that at least one book be read each year that is hard to read and forces the reader to think. People, he said, could not enjoy anything, even leisure unless they earned it. He met a lady in Europe at one time he said who was traveling in order to take in the sights who asked if there was anything to see in Switzerland. She had just been through Italy and was disappointed, as there was nothing to see there.

This desire for leisure and dislike for work led to procrastination and the postponement of duties. As an example people constantly got up later in the morning and went to bed later at night. There had been countless eulogies written about and pictures painted of the sunset, but comparatively few of the sunrise, because few people got up early enough to see the sun rise. When it was thought desirable to get more hours of daylight a law was passed shoving forward the hands of the clock, which he compared to the ostrich sticking its head in the sand and imagining it was hidden from view.

There was no way to acquire knowledge without work. Even plowing could not be taught in a school. A good plowman is only made by long hours of practice and the place for this is on a farm.

Mr. Bailey's talk was stimulating and at the same time absorbingly interesting and was much enjoyed by the audience.

Arthur Burkhead, who was a visitor in Monmouth Monday with his mother, has given up his work in the schools of Olympia, Washington, and gone to Oakland, California to reside. He was offered a good opening in the Standard Oil works at Richmond, Cal., and has accepted, leaving school work for prospects of greater advancement.

## Bullock Still the Speed Steed in Carolina Hills



Twelve-cylinder motor cars, airplanes and submarines are three of the more advanced methods of travel in this great inventive era, but that does not mean that they have been adopted every place. For instance—right here in America, down in the hills of Carolina, the oxen or bullock are still the steeds of speed for the more "well-to-do folks." That buggy is a "vehicle of absolute luxury, according to the mountaineer's version—and this is a new picture—taken within a fortnight.