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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Ackerman made a business trip to Portland last Saturday in the interest of the Millage Bill.

A new member of the faculty in the Department of Science has arrived and taken up his residence at the home of L. P. Gilmore. The President is undecided as yet in just what capacity the young man will serve the science department and Mr. Gilmore's time is entirely occupied just now in receiving congratulations over the lad's arrival.

Miss Senska will give her chapel talk Wednesday of this week.

The Independence Training School enjoyed a unique Valentine party last Friday afternoon. A feature which was much appreciated was the popcorn balls which were served at the close of the entertainment.

On Friday Mr. Gentle made a trip to Salem in his capacity of Chairman of the Faculty's Committee on Courses to confer with Superintendent Churchill, Chairman of the Regent's Committee on Courses. The conference had to do with the certification of graduates of the new special courses recently authorized at the Normal.

As a result of the above conference the Superintendent of Public Instruction announces that he will grant special certificates to those completing the special two year course in Drawing, Music and Physical Training. These certificates entitle the holder to teach these subjects either in elementary or in all high schools and to supervise said subjects in such schools. He also will issue to graduates of the special two year course in Household Economy a certificate to teach that subject in elementary schools and in one, two and three year high schools.

All the above certificates are issued on graduation for a period of one year. After six months of successful teaching and upon recommendation of the county superintendent, a five year certificate is issued. After thirty months of successful teaching and upon recommendation of the county superintendent a life certificate will be issued.

Miss Todd, Dean of Women, and Miss Marvin, State Librarian, have returned this week from a most delightful visit to the Orient. They left San Francisco in October for Japan where they made a leisurely trip across the country by land, then to various points of interest in China. After some time in the Philippines and at various Asiatic ports they returned through Japan, taking the "Inland Sea" train on the return journey and reached Oregon via San Francisco on Sunday, February 15.

The trial of "Dutch Pete" Shroff who was arrested in Portland and indicted by the grand jury at McMinnville, was held last Monday.

An acquittal resulted, because insufficient evidence was found connecting him with the shooting of Jeff Clark, a night watchman.

Charles Gosso, serving a term in the penitentiary from Polk county on a charge of larceny, on whose statement Shroff was arrested, was brought over from Salem to testify. Gosso made the same charges that were formerly made to an officer before Shroff's arrest. It was Gosso's word against the positive denial of the prisoner, and there was not sufficient evidence to convict. Shroff returned to Portland.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray McAllister on January 22, 1920, a daughter, Marjorie Jean McAllister.

BROTHERLY LOVE IN LETTER AND SPIRIT



Brotherly love, both in letter and spirit, has been presented in a war romance which is now interesting the nation. Miss Emily Knowles, a young English girl, was wooed by Lieutenant Parley A. Spiker, U. S. aviation service, while he was stationed there during the war. Lieutenant Spiker was married, his wife living here at the home in Baltimore. Now Emily Knowles comes to America with her three-month-old baby, upon the invitation of Cora Spiker, wife of the aviator. Then enters Guy Spiker, unwed brother of the father of the baby, who offered to marry the English girl and give the baby name and home. The pictures are of Emily Knowles and her baby, Mrs. Cora Spiker, wife of the baby's father, and Guy Spiker, the brother who is making the sacrifice for the girl and baby.

Seeks to Divorce Wealthy Tipton

Altany, Cr.—Mrs. Verd Hill, formerly Miss Frances Helmick, whose parents live in this city, has begun an action for divorce against her husband, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Her complaint alleges that her husband objected when asked by his wife for so small an amount of spending money as 75 cents per month. His reply in this case was, "What did you do with that 75 cents I gave you last month?"

Another example is cited in the complaint to the effect that when she asked for a little money with which to buy a few grapes which she craved, her husband called her extravagant, and vowed that she would ruin him with her outlandish tastes.

An yet the complaint alleges that Verd Hill is a regular money king; that he owns land in Polk county near Independence to the valuation of \$15,000, that he possesses Liberty bonds to the extent of \$20,000, has \$3,000 invested in war savings stamps, and to make him richer he has notes and mortgages to the extent of \$8,500, stock and farm machinery valued at \$1,000 and money in the bank.

Fred A. Koser, brother of the present acting secretary of state, died at his home near Rickreall, February 7. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1866 and came to Oregon about 40 years ago. He was a stock raiser and farmer.

Maxwell Bowersox is home from the O. A. C. this week helping out in the general increase of work at the drug store, caused by the flu.

Burglars Blow Open Bank Vault Door

The rooms of the First National Bank were entered by burglars last Tuesday night and the vault in the director's room was broken into.

It is the vault where the books of the bank are kept for fire protection but it happened that on Tuesday afternoon E. L. Kilen had placed a small leather grip therein. He was about to depart for Portland with the remains of his wife and placed the family jewelry and silverware there for safe keeping. The loss is estimated at \$375. There were also two tin boxes in the vault which were searched for papers of value. The banker's insurance agency and the county sheriff were immediately notified.

The sheriff is inclined to think the robbery is the work of yeggmen. A hole was drilled alongside the combination lock and a small quantity of nitro poured in which tore the small lock to pieces but did not otherwise damage the door. Others think there is room for thinking the thief is nearer home as the vault does not often contain anything of value.

The Affair of the Two Suit Cases

J. A. Moran, local constable, made a hurried trip to Albany Tuesday to intercept an Independence youth who it was claimed was headed to the sacred city of Lebanon with more luggage than he was entitled to possess. The young man by the name of Warner, took a suit case packed with clothing and valued at \$100 which belonged to another Independence young man named Saunders.

The Saunders suit case he expressed to himself at Lebanon. Then he went and got his own suit case and bought a ticket for Lebanon.

Saunders discovered his loss and called in the constable who got out a warrant and started overland by auto for Albany where they arrived in time to arrest the young man as he left the south bound train and prepared to take the train for Lebanon. As Albany is in Linn county and as the suit case wanted was the property of the express company until it was delivered at Lebanon, the resourceful constable was forced to do some hard thinking to handle the matter.

However, Warner proved tractable. He was in an agony of apprehension lest he be called to account for what he had done. He said he was suffering from shell shock, he being a veteran of the war in France, and had committed the fact, if he had done so, without moral responsibility. He agreed to go back peaceably to Independence and to send an order to Lebanon directing the company to return the suit case when it had arrived at its destination. There the matter was dropped.

The Polk County Sunday School association will hold its annual convention in Dallas this year, March 13 and 14. The main speaker of the convention will be Harold Humbert, a general favorite with Sunday School workers in the county.

Thieves stole 14 fat hens from Crosby Davis in Independence one night last week.

While Monmouth has been thickly peppered with the flu for the past week and schools and churches have been closed indefinitely by order of the mayor, there does not appear to be any serious cases, the victims being sure, however, that the very lightest case is severe.

Offer Cash Prizes For Army Essays

Captain F. A. Barker, of Salem, 1st Infantry, visited Monmouth Saturday morning. He is acting as an Advance Agent for a Recruiting Party which will arrive at Monmouth in a day or two. All those who are interested in our New Democratic Peace Time Army can learn full particulars from this Recruiting Party—you don't have to enlist. So many new advantages are being offered young men who desire advancement, that they should not miss this opportunity. There is excellent chance for advancement in the Army. The pay ranges from \$30 to \$121 per month for enlisted men, who have opportunities to become officers; this in addition to clothing, board, medical attendance and the opportunities of travel. Soldiers are now given an opportunity to learn a trade and to secure an education—special hours are set aside each day for this, and men are instructed by experienced civilian instructors.

Captain Barker has spoken to the Superintendent of Schools about the essay which will be written on February 20, on the subject "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the U. S. Army". School children over the whole United States are taking great interest in this essay contest, and thousands of local prizes are being offered. Local prizes for Monmouth have been offered as follows:

First National Bank, Cash, \$2.50
Miller Mercantile Co., Cash, \$2.50
Monmouth Market, \$2.50, Mds order

M. Cornelius, \$2.50 Mds order
Perkins Pharmacy, prize to be designated later.

For the essay contest keep in touch with the Portland Telegram.

Mrs. Martha J. Cooper, a pioneer resident of Polk county died last week. She was 77 years of age, and was born in Illinois. She came to Oregon in 1847.

A freight train ran into Dr. Butler's auto in Independence one night recently when the doctor was returning from a sick call. The car was thrown down an embankment but the doctor was uninjured.

DEMOCRATS NAME WOMAN DELEGATE



When the Democrats go to the presidential convention at San Francisco in June, no doubt women delegates will be seated. However, the Ohio Democrats were the first to name a woman to the place, the honor going to Mrs. A. B. Pike of Lakewood, O., a suburb of Cleveland.

Death of Mrs. Kilen

The death of Mrs. E. L. Kilen took place at her home in this city last Sunday evening. Although she had been an invalid for years and came to this section from the higher altitudes of Idaho in the hope of improvement, announcement of her death came as a surprise. Her body was taken to Woodburn and Portland for funeral benefit. She was cremated in Portland. Mrs. Kilen was forty years of age and was born and married in Minnesota. Her maiden name was Agnes Hoff. She has a sister at Silverton and another sister, Mrs. Hofford lives in Woodburn.

On Wednesday Dorsey Turner of the Pedee country presented a skin of a lynx to County Clerk Moore for purpose of claiming the state bounty. The animal was killed a few weeks ago by his son, Donnie on the Upper Pedee.

The same day another man whose name we were unable to learn, brought to the court house the body of a large lynx, which he stated he had killed above Falls City. As the animal had not yet been skinned, his claim for bounty was not accepted for filing.—Itemizer.

Friendship lodge of Odd Fellows in Dallas paid off the last indebtedness on their lodge hall and held a special meeting and program to commemorate. A feature was the burning of the note which freed the lodge from debt.

Much of Interest In Oriental Tour

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, returned home Sunday morning from four months passed in the Orient. Japan, Manchuria, China, Korea and Manila were included in the travels of Miss Marvin. She is very enthusiastic about the Far Eastern peoples and speaks of this as the most interesting and enjoyable of numerous trips which have taken her to almost all countries of the world.

Miss Marvin and her companions found steamship and hotel accommodations difficult to obtain because of the extremely large number of Americans going into China. Because of the revival of business in that country, Americans and British are competing with each other for the business in this new field, and Miss Marvin said that an immense amount of machinery and supplies is being taken into China by American business firms.

The days in China were very exciting because of the political unrest, and unsettled condition of the country. Miss Marvin spoke of the student meetings in the streets of the Chinese cities and villages as the most impressive thing in the Far East. Hundreds of young students of China each day speak on the streets and call impromptu meetings urging the people for a fixed government.

"Whether these students will ever accomplish anything or not, I can't say, but this movement of 'Young China' is most impressive," said Miss Marvin.

Deeply contrasted with the chaos in China was the beautiful and peaceful Japan where patriotism and unity were the outstanding features. Miss Marvin spoke of the polite courtesy which is shown to all American tourists in Japan, and of the wonderful methods of the Japanese in teaching the younger ones patriotism.

The rate of exchange in the Orient is very disappointing to tourists for nowhere is the American dollar taken for face value, tourists getting from 75 cents to 91 cents on the dollar in the various countries.

In Korea the party visited the American hospital and found its work very interesting.

While in the Far East Miss Marvin found that American books sold cheaper than in the states.

The Philippines were last visited and here the party was deeply impressed and were proud that Americans had accomplished so much with these people to make them a civilized, modern and self governing country.

The party planned to spend some time in Honolulu but were not allowed to leave the ship because of the serious influenza situation.—Statesman.

Philip Boche Dead

News of the death of Phillip F. A. Boche, formerly a lawyer in Portland at his home in Lakeview, Or., was received Saturday night by B. E. Haney, with whom Mr. Boche was associated. Mr. Boche was in Portland a week ago, apparently in good health, but succumbed to an attack of pneumonia the message said. The deceased was for four years in the law office of Joseph & Haney in Portland and was well known among the legal profession of the city. Three years ago he went to Lakeview, where he went into practice for himself. He leaves his widow and a small son residing at Lakeview, and his mother of Monmouth, who has been spending the winter with the family in Lakeview.

MAKING A NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Changing cabinet members is quite an important event—even in Washington. These photos show the cabinet change when Secretary Houston became secretary of treasury and Edwin T. Meredith of Iowa, was made secretary of agriculture. Chief Clerk R. M. Reese is administering the oath of office to Secretary Meredith. Below is a "close-up" of Secretaries Houston and Meredith.