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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Nation

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The students who attended the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest at Forest Grove last Friday evening report a most enjoyable time. Several attended besides the delegates and helped to show by their spirit that Monmouth is "on the map". Though the Normal orator, Miss Bunch, did not win the contest, she made a very creditable showing and lost to most worthy opponents. Mrs. Stambaugh chaperoned the representatives from the Normal and Miss Hager, President of the Student Body, responded for them on the toast program.

President Ackerman spent last Saturday in Portland in conference regarding the Millage Bill.

Mr. Butler, Department of History, accepted an invitation to judge the Oregon-Washington debate on Friday, March 5. He gave an entertaining account of his visit at chapel hour one day last week.

The Juniors are entering with real O. N. S. spirit into the preparations for Junior Class Day, March 26. A most elaborate program is being prepared, the exact nature of which is still a secret.

The chapel hour Monday morning was devoted to a round-table discussion of the private reports from which the President makes up his recommendations for teachers. Miss Brenton and Mr. Gentle as well as the President explained features of these reports, giving the students all in all a clear, definite view of the nature and purpose of these reports.

Miss Ida Mae Smith has accepted an invitation to teach in the Lincoln County Institute at Toledo on April 21, 22 and 23.

Mr. Gilmore, Miss Gladys Carson and Miss Florence Hill were among the faculty members who attended the Convention of the Polk County Sunday School Association and spoke on the program.

Mr. Butler's generous offer of his home as a meeting place for the various social groups into which the student body was divided some time ago, has been most enthusiastically accepted by the students. An enjoyable "get-together" party was held there by one group last Saturday evening and another by a second group Wednesday evening.

At the meeting of Householders called by Miss Todd the following prices were agreed upon for the summer school:

per week
Room and board in house—\$8.00
Room—two in room—each—1.00
Meals—7.00
Housekeeping rooms,
each girl—2.00

Not enough people have reported to provide for the number of girls expected in the summer school. This applies particularly to the furnishing of meals. Any who desire to take students either for rooms or for board should report to Miss Todd in writing by April 1, unless they have already reported.

The following resolution was passed at the State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution held in Albany on the 5th and 6th of March.

WHEREAS, the greatly increased attendance at the three state educational institutions, namely, the Oregon Agricultural College, the Oregon State University and the State Normal School, together with the increasing cost of administrations makes it imperative, if the growth and efficiency of these institutions is to be maintained, that more financial support be given than is possible under existing laws;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that we, the Daughters of the American Revolution in State Conference assembled, endorse and urge the voters of the State to support at the special election in May the millage tax for these schools.

A Pleasing Entertainment

The play "Under the Lilacs" given in the high school assembly room last Friday and Saturday evening met with good patronage, something like \$65 being the total receipts of the two nights. The play was presented by the younger pupils, mostly freshmen, and they did very nicely with indications that they will develop into amateur actors of note before their school years are concluded. The lighting and staging of the play were fine.

Architect for Gym

Progress is reported on the proposal to erect a high school gymnasium. Architect Berggraff of Albany, the man who designed the bank building, will be here shortly to examine the site and prepare plans. Mr. Berggraff recently designed a gymnasium for Tillamook and thinks a suitable building can be put up for the money available. According to state law only \$5,000 in bonds can be issued by the school district and the proposal is to put up a \$10,000 building and pay half in taxes and the remainder in bonds.

Arousing Interest

Manager Joslin of the Power Company was a visitor in town Tuesday. He reports that the company campaign to sell stock to finance development work of the company is meeting with success. They are receiving inquiries and making sales of stock in a gratifying manner.

Hit Telephone Pole

A commercial traveler coming down Monmouth avenue from the north Wednesday miscalculated in some shape or other in making the turn to Main street and ran squarely into a telephone pole at the corner of two streets. Damage to the amount of \$25 to his radiator was the result.

Elkins Rural Center

Prof. J. C. Almack of the University of Oregon will give a lecture at Elkins schoolhouse, Friday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock. Prof. Almack will lecture on "Mental Measurements"—a subject of great importance in progressive school work today. This is the March meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association and everyone is invited.

On Sunday morning, March 21, the Elkins Union Bible School meets in the schoolhouse. Harold Humbert of the Oregon Sunday School Association will be present at that time and will give an address. Elkins is fortunate to secure Mr. Humbert at this time. Everyone is urged to come.

Preparations are now being made for the Easter morning program. Decision Day in the Sunday School is to be observed upon Easter this year.

The Contest between the Up Streamers and True Blues is close and both classes are wondering about the entertainment which is to be given soon by the losers.

The Elkins School Literary Society gave a Thrift Program at their meeting last Friday afternoon.

The Student Teachers from the Normal who are doing their practice teaching at Elkins are: Miss Alice Lake, Gresham; Miss E. O. Walker, Reedsport; and Miss Alice Comstock, Monmouth.

Mr. Frank Loughary who has been ill for the past week, is improving.

Reasons For Support of the Millage Bill

When he is asked to vote a tax levy the taxpayer naturally desires to know some excellent reasons for voting the measure. The following facts anent the Millage Bill to be voted on May 21, are offered:

The crisis of their lives confronts the higher educational institutions of Oregon. During the seven years since 1913, when the present millage support bills were passed, the following four things have happened to them:

1. The buying power of the dollar has fallen to 45 cents.
2. Their operating costs (except salaries) have more than doubled.
3. The number of their students has increased 150 per cent.
4. In spite of all these facts their revenue from the state has practically stood still.

The World War piled burdens on all colleges and universities that have made them stagger. It enlarged their scope, intensified their work, whipped up their speed. It made prices jump month after month. The experience of every family in Oregon is exactly the experience of the State University, Agricultural College and Normal School. The World War, furthermore, taught hundreds of thousands of men the great value of a college education. When they had won the war, these men hurried to school. At the University and Agricultural College are nearly 1500 of them. They were thrice welcome, but they made maintenance costs take another big jump. The high schools sent up big classes. University, College and Normal School have 5400 students.

The situation demands consideration, really thoughtful consideration.

Let us reason from the beginning. Does every citizen of Oregon know—do you yourself know: That few institutions of similar grade in the United States spend so little money per year per student as the Agricultural College, the State University and the Normal? That few institutions of similar grade pay such low salaries to their faculty specialists? and that faculty members in Oregon are fast resigning to take much better offers elsewhere, or because they actually cannot live on their salaries?

Few institutions of similar grade have so little money invested per student in buildings; in fact, the few buildings put up in the last several years have been financed by extra appropriation, or actually begged from people through gifts. The present income does not even meet maintenance costs, let alone build classrooms and laboratories, or provide other necessary buildings.

Unless relief is voted on May 21 the Agricultural College, the University and the Normal will have to close the door on 1000 students in the autumn of 1920 alone, while the 5400 young men and women, mostly from Oregon homes, now in these institutions will get only an unsatisfactory education. No business man, farmer, working man, or housewife is able to get along on the same money as in 1913, especially if their families are three times as large. It seems a very obvious conclusion therefore that the Agricultural College, the University and the Normal, whose "families" are three times as large, cannot get along either.

E. K. Piasecki, district attorney, was in Monmouth on business Wednesday. Mr. Piasecki is getting up a credit rating bureau for use of the merchants of the county by which he plans to assist them in looking after credits.

War on Greydiggers Bureau's First Aim

The Grange program Saturday afternoon was notable for the number of and kinds of agricultural agents present. There was Mr. Carpenter, the Polk county agent, and Mr. Maris of the O. A. C. who has charge of the agent work for Oregon. Mr. Gilbertson of Washington, D. C. who has supervision of agent work in five states in the northwest, was also in attendance. All three were speakers on the afternoon program.

Mr. Maris described the farm bureau plan and told what it is doing for farmers. It is an organization with annual dues of a dollar, designed to effect by combination, improved conditions for farming in the way of increasing yields of crops and improving market conditions. Mr. Gilbertson went into details to show how this is done, first by listing the needs of the particular farming centers dealt with and by organizing plans for mutual betterment.

In Polk county a number of needs had been given prominence and to each was assigned a general chairman. Following are some of the assignments for the Monmouth district: Greydiggers, W. J. Stockholm; Breeders' Association, Wm. Riddell, Jr.; County Fair exhibits, Mrs. Edwards; Marketing, T. J. Alsip; Poultry, A. H. Craven; Drainage, C. Lorence; Industrial clubs, L. P. Gilmore.

Mr. Carpenter explained the plan for handling the greydiggers, a rodent pest that can only be handled by a crusade in which all unite.

Single individuals can not handle such a matter for they will develop faster on neighboring lands than the one farmer can dispose of them. The state has provided for dealing with them and directs the county court when application is made, to turn over a certain sum of money, known as a revolving fund. With this, strychnine is purchased and parceled out to the districts where it is mixed and delivered to individuals at cost, and when this sum is collected the money is returned to the county. The farmers set a certain date when they go after the squirrels and feed them the poison. According to Mr. Carpenter, this work should be done immediately. He planned to ask the court to hold a special session to grant the needed money on Wednesday of this week, when with the time required to get the stuff and mix and deliver it, would make the poison day about Saturday of next week.

The Monmouth Grange is prospering at present and is taking in new members so fast that the regular meetings are not sufficient to allow all to be received and special meetings are being held.

Death of Aged Woman

Mrs. Margaret Ann Wells died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Towre, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Wells, who was eighty seven years of age, has been weathering the infirmities of age for some time past but the end came suddenly. She was born in Missouri, November 30, 1833, and came to Monmouth with the Townes when they came here from Gardiner two years ago.

Revival Starts Tonight

Evangelical services, interrupted by the flu, will be resumed at the Christian church tonight to continue indefinitely. Rev. Samuel Gregg will preach and Joyce H. Thomas lead in the singing. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Pipe Being Laid

Mayor Wo'verton and Councilman Chesebro were visitors in Falls City Wednesday inspecting progress made on the gravity water system. Two cars have been unloaded, each containing over a mile of pipe and a force of workmen started laying the pipe yesterday. The diggers have got across the private land from the intake eastward and are now working along the highway in the vicinity of Bridgeport, between three and four miles from the intake. At the latest reports, Contractor Parker was at his home in Oregon City threatened with the flu.

Rumored, Reported Asserted, Collected

Mrs. W. L. Phillips has given up her work as cook for the Parker Brothers saw mill crew and her successor is Mrs. Hanson. Mr. Phillips and another man have taken a summer's job with the Spaulding Lumber company at K. C. and Mrs. Phillips goes along to keep house for them.

W. J. Clark, publisher of the Independence Enterprise deals in wood as a side line. Or perhaps it is the publishing that is the side line. At any rate, with James Winters he was awarded the contract to furnish the Oregon Normal School with sixty car loads of slab wood.

Miss Marie Griffin who is known to many Monmouth people and who was an employee in the office of the Mountain States Power Company in Dallas, was married last week to Laird V. Wood who is a veteran with overseas service.

Rev. Benne of Dallas was elected president of the Polk County Sunday School association at the annual convention held in Dallas Friday and Saturday. Choral Howell of Falls City was elected treasurer. A very pleasant and profitable session was held.

Bob Hinkle was here from Bremerton to spend the week end with his parents. He is in the U. S. navy being in the wireless on the flagship Wyoming doing instruction work. On Saturday evening a company of friends, some forty in number, gave him a surprise at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hinkle on Monmouth Ave., and had a pleasant time. Ice cream and cakes were served by way of refreshments.

Mrs. A. N. Halleck was taken seriously ill Wednesday and her daughter, Mrs. A. N. Poole, who was visiting with a sister in Banks, was called home to take care of her.

J. L. Murdock is back this week from Yamhill where he has been for the past fortnight taking care of the work on the farm while his son was incapacitated by an attack of the flu.

After April 1st the postoffices of Polk county will report direct to Portland instead of to Dallas as has been the rule in the past.

Mrs. Violet Bedwell Kodak, born in this vicinity in 1900, died in Tillamook last week. She was the youngest daughter of Viola and Edward Bedwell and was married in 1919.

The infant daughter of A. Stauff of Rickreall died of the flu last week.

Vick Brothers distributing agents for the Samson tractors have opened a branch office in Dallas.

There are 1,250,000 dependent wage earners in the United States because they could not or would not save during their working days. The support of these costs \$220,000,000 a year. Save.

Mrs. Rickard's Death Mourned in Corvallis

Mrs. Edna M. Rickard, wife of Mark Rickard, well known business man of Corvallis, died Wednesday night at 10:40 as a result of pneumonia following an attack of influenza and scarlet fever, and the news brought sorrow to a very wide circle of friends made in the course of activities incident to prominence in the Pythian Sisters, Rebekahs, Commercial Club and Firemen's Auxiliaries, and as a church worker and singer. Mrs. Rickard was ill scarcely more than ten days, and the progress of her difficulty was watched with widespread interest and hope, that finally came to naught.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie of Monmouth both of whom have been seriously ill and had not been informed of her illness. A brother, Hugh Guthrie, resides here, and a sister, Mrs. T. E. Chase, resides in Oakland, California.

The funeral service will be held from the porch of the Bovee parlors at 2:30 p. m. Thursday afternoon and the interment will be in Crystal Lake cemetery beside the grave of the babe laid to rest there in the not far distant past, Rev. Bert Powell of the South Methodist church officiating.

Mrs. Rickard was noted for her energy and ability in directions in which she was interested and was particularly active in most public endeavors. She gave some time to vocal music and had appeared many times as soloist at functions of varying character. She was associated closely with her husband in all of his affairs, was a jolly, happy individual whose absence will be severe to him, and those others with whom she was intimate—Gazette-Times.

Mrs. Clanfield Dead

Mrs. Martha Jane Clanfield, wife of Henry Clanfield, a retired Dallas farmer, and mother of Mrs. Ralph Dodson of Elkins and of Mrs. Jacob Smith, formerly of Monmouth, died March 9. She had been afflicted with heart trouble for several years. She was born at Arlington, Minn., June 12, 1858. Her father was John Palmer and she came to Oregon with her parents, settling in the Waldo hills in Marion county. She is survived by her husband, two sons and four daughters.

Humbert Here Sunday

Rev. Harold Humbert, secretary of the Oregon State Sunday School Association and a local favorite, will preach in Monmouth Sunday. At present the plans are for a joint service of Baptists and Evangelicals at the Evangelical church in the evening, but he may preach in the Christian church at 3 p. m. This will likely be Mr. Humbert's last appearance in Monmouth for some time as he resigns his Oregon work soon to attend Boston university as an instructor and to do post graduate work. Sunday morning he will give an address at Elkins.

Since the above was put in type, word comes from Mr. Humbert that he will be in Monmouth only in the afternoon, speaking in Perrydale in the evening. In Monmouth he will speak in the Christian church in the afternoon. All are cordially invited to attend.

A large, new barn, belonging to F. L. Tubandt, 2 miles southwest of Airlie, burned to the ground on Tuesday forenoon. About 15 tons of hay and \$500 worth of grain were burned. The barn cost about \$1000 when built last summer. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.