

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 great event of last week at the Normal was the Junior Day celebration which was all that had been promised and much more. The morning festivities which took the form of a "take-off" on the faculty at chapel hour was much appreciated, particularly by the members of the faculty themselves.

The great feature of the day was the presentation of the pageant, "Pilgrims' Progress", in the afternoon. This pageant which was an elaborate affair, conceived and staged under the direction of Miss Taylor, of the department of physical training, was in commemoration of the 300 anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers in New England. Beginning with the scene on board the Mayflower, when the compact was signed, the theme was enlarged in a series of scenes setting forth the development and progress of the nation along the various lines of government, industry, science, arts and education. The audience particularly liked the scene showing the development of playgrounds filled with happy children.

Further celebration of the class day took the form of a frolic in the gymnasium in the evening where general good time was had. It was, all in all, a beautiful class day program, one giving evidence of the great amount of time and energy put upon it.

President Ackerman and Mr. Butler are attending the Inland Empire Teachers' Association at Spokane this week.

Superintendent W. R. Rutherford of Eugene and Superintendent J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis have been visiting the Normal lately, interviewing candidates for teaching positions in their respective school systems for next year. Both men gave interesting talks in chapel.

Miss Taylor entertained her sister as a guest for the Junior Day festivities.

The students are thoroughly organized to campaign for the Millage Bill in their home towns during the Easter vacation. A rally was held Wednesday evening at which plans were discussed and matured so that every student left on Thursday full of enthusiasm and determined to win over numbers of voters in his home community.

The Normal is pleased to note that the Pomona Grange, Polk County, has endorsed the Millage Bill.

The Juniors were especially pleased to have as guests at their program last Friday P. M. the children from both the Monmouth and Independence Training Schools.

Among the visitors on Junior Day from out of town, though by no means a complete list, were the following: Miss Laurel Canning, Miss Clem Cameron, Messrs. Sacre, Portland, Burkhead, Evans and Gentle of U. of O.; Miss Minnie Ambler of Willamette; Miss Esther Sweek, Messrs. Coons, Max Bowersox, Herman Gillam, Henry Cassidy of O. A. C.; Mrs. and Miss Poley, the Misses Irene Williams and Rose Hahn of Corvallis; Mr. Templeton of Brownsville; Miss Jones of McMinnville; and the Misses Myrtice Fowler, May Borquist, Esther Peterson, Helen Calbraith, Mrs. Claire Hoskins and Mr. Cayzer, all of Portland.

C. C. Mulkey has installed hitching posts in the alley between the post office and the old picture show building for the benefit of the visiting public.

FROM AGRICULTURE TO REVENUES



The Department of Agriculture has lost one of its most efficient officials. It is Mr. William Martin Williams of Alabama, who has been appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to succeed Daniel Roper. Williams is the man who next year will get your income tax.

Candidate for Commissioner

O. A. Wolverton filed as a candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket as county commissioner Tuesday, for the vacancy occasioned by the death of Moses Manston. As mayor of the city Mr. Wolverton has made a good record. He has spent his whole life, practically in Polk county, has a list of acquaintances that extends over the county and should make a good run and a competent official when elected.

Rumored, Reported Asserted, Collected

Word has been received from Miss Dora Hall that she found a new boy at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nat. Wither in Monterey, Cal. He tipped the scales at 64 pounds and is the third son in the Withers household.

The Co-operative Shippers' association is rapidly gaining a monopoly of the shipping of stock from the territory adjacent to Monmouth. The association ships two or three times a week by truck to Salem, where the stock is handled by the Valley packing company, located there. The association marketed \$6,000 worth of hogs during March.

Ed Griffa, who has been connected with the logging business at Hoskins for the past two years, has given up his work there and visited friends and relatives in town during the past week. He is troubled with various ailments and is going to take treatments at a hot springs establishment in Washington.

Dr. J. O. Matthis of Salem has rented the Remington house and plans to occupy it in the near future. Chas. Newman has been at work this week decorating the rooms of the doctor's former office in the post office block which he will resume.

I. H. Fream says he has not resigned as section boss for the Southern Pacific in Monmouth but has laid off because of ill health, and if he recovers his strength again will take up the work at a future time.

Mrs. Marinda Simmons, for thirty four years a resident of Independence, died in Portland March 17 and was brought to Polk county for burial. She was 83 years of age.

A telegram received by Mrs. T. J. Edwards Thursday states that John Palmer was seriously ill in a hospital in Redlands, Cal., that he was unconscious and slight hopes held for his recovery. Mr. Palmer has been sick for some weeks past.

Edward Nissen of McMinnville has located here for the purpose of buying stock wool and mohair.

Reach Agreement On Paving Repairs

A special session of the council was held Monday night which was attended by H. M. Hoskins of Newberg, Attorney Jas. Burdette of McMinnville and Attorney B. F. Swope of Independence. The conference related to the suit which the city has started in Yamhill county to get action on the maintenance of our Main street paving. At the instance of the defendants the suit is being held in abeyance. At the conference it was agreed the work of repairing should be immediately let to the Warren company and a contract to that effect filed with the city officials. The repair work can not be done until the weather is warm and dry and the Warren people reserve the right to do it when they find convenient time for it. Mr. Hoskins explained that conditions of war and post-war work had been such that the delays could hardly have been avoided but expressed a desire to have the repair work thoroughly done and as soon as possible. It was agreed that Engineer Jones should act for both parties.

Aged Pioneer Dead

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hembree and small daughter came up from Willows, California, last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Hembree's father in McMinnville last Thursday. Wayland C. Hembree, the father, was 91 years of age, was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, and came across the plains in an ox wagon in 1843. His father took up a donation land claim five miles north of McMinnville and he, himself, took up a similar claim near Carlton. He was a member of the Christian church and a veteran of the Indian wars.

Thirtynine Candidates Enter Encampment

The Independent encampment of Odd Fellows which has laid dormant for some years, was resurrected last Saturday evening and from now on may be expected to resume its old time activity. Twenty one Monmouth men had a part in the re-establishment of the encampment, two of them old members and the other nineteen new members. There were thirty nine candidates in all and the three degrees of the rank were put on during the evening for the benefit of all, a team from Corvallis doing the work. Grand Scribe E. E. Sharon of Portland was present as was also the Grand Senoi Warden, Paddy Nolan, also of Portland.

Officers for the ensuing year for the encampment are, C. P., H. K. Siskafoose; H. P., W. Huntley; S. W., R. Richardson; J. W., P. O. Black; I. S., Mr. Chown; O. S., H. McElmurry; Treas., W. Craven; Scribe, D. D. Good.

Friends of the Oregon Normal School are much encouraged by news of the many endorsements that the Higher Educational Relief Bill is receiving throughout the State. The commercial club of Baker, Or., has taken action similar to that of the Dallas Commercial Club. The executive committee of the American Legion of the state has given a whole-hearted endorsement. Multnomah County Pomona Grange, the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, the Portland Labor Press, the Portland dailies, and in fact the press of the state generally are supporting the bill. Endorsements from smaller groups, such as women's clubs, parent-teacher associations, and welfare organizations are coming in every day.

Farm Bureau Work Covers More Ground

Guidance for the new fruit growers was provided for at a meeting of the Farmers of the Dallas Community under the auspices of the Polk County Farm Bureau, March 24th. It was agreed that many mistakes were made by the inexperienced grower in cultivation and fighting pests; especially is there a lack of knowledge of the importance of early cultivation of prunes. H. S. Butts was named Committee-man to care for this work.

Among other projects for active work this season are: Vigorous prosecution of the County wide, Grey digger Poisoning Campaign; staging a grain grading school; demonstration on poultry culling and feeding; standardization of potato varieties; the organization of two boys' corn clubs; a community exhibit, and forty individual exhibitors for the County Fair; fifteen entries for the Corn Show at Independence.

The committee-men named to care for the program: Fruit, H. S. Butz; Grey Diggers, Frank B. Brown; Grain School, C. I. Ballard; Poultry, Glen DeHaven; Potatoes, W. Elliott; Corn, J. Wills; Exhibits, committee to be named.

The lack of suitable silage crop is holding back the development of dairies in the Airle district, according to decision reached by farmers of that section, meeting in connection with Farm Bureau work Tuesday, March 26th, three present agreed to put in plots of Sun Flowers for a thorough trial as to yield and feeding value. It is expected by J. F. Ulrich, Committee-man, that a minimum of six plots will be planted.

The County-wide Grey digger poisoning campaign being supervised by the Polk County Farm Bureau was heartily endorsed, and Percy Hadley named to see that Airle co-operate with the rest of the County in that work. Other projects agreed upon for the 1920 season are: A lime demonstration by Percy Hadley; Poultry meeting on culling and marketing, A. Staats, committee-man. Twenty individual exhibitors for County Fair and eight entries for Corn Show at Independence Emory Whitaker in charge, a careful investigation of a County wool pool, and co-operative livestock shipping, W. E. Williams.

Detailed plans for covering the district with Squirrel poison were worked out at a meeting of the Rickreall Farm Bureau Committee in Session Tuesday evening, March 26th. H. T. Harris, Chairman, has worked out plans for getting poison on every acre of land in the Rickreall country.

A supply of County poison was delivered to the Deery Warehouse Monday, by County Agent Carpenter. It is expected by Mr. Harris that the greater part of the stock will be bought and placed, this week.

Poisoned Barley Ready

Poison for the greydigger extinction is here and mixed ready for use. It is not good policy to put out this poison in wet weather as it soon loses its strength through moisture, but when the weather is favorable a drive will be put on. At present the poison may be obtained from W. J. Stockholm who has charge of the work for this district or at Boothby & Chesebro's where a supply is held. It should not be forgotten that the poisoned barley must be kept out of reach of children and stock. If a horse reaches a bag of the barley he is killed just as surely as is a greydigger. It is preferable to spread a few grains outside the

RACED ACROSS U. S. TO AID SUFFRAGE



State Senator Jess E. Bloch of Wheeling, W. Va., raced from his winter home in California to Charleston to cast the deciding vote which ratified suffrage and made his state the 34th to adopt the measure.

borrow along the runway of the digger. The poison will stand some rain but it is only good judgment to place it in clear weather.

More Pipe Received

Word from the scene of activity on the pipe line states that three cars of pipe have been received and unloaded at Falls city and two cars are enroute or have arrived at Bridgeport. One car is yet to be sent to Bridgeport and another to Fern after which five cars will be sent to Monmouth, completing the shipment. At present work on the line is being held up because of unfavorable weather.

Eastern Oregon Wedding

Announcements were received here this week of the marriage of Mrs. Edna Lee Tooley to Norvin C. Coulter at Baker, March 12. The bride is a daughter of C. P. Ragsdale, prominent sheep man of Malheur county and nephew of D. M. Hampton. The groom is a nephew of M. D. Coulter who lives south of Monmouth. Mr. Ragsdale is a former Monmouth resident and while here built the house at present occupied by F. K. Skeen.

Hat in the Ring

D. E. Fletcher, member of the school board and a prominent attorney of Independence, has filed for the Republican nomination as member of the legislature for the joint district of Lincoln and Polk. It is understood that W. E. Fuller of Dallas, at present member of the legislature from Polk county will also file for the joint representative job, a position he filled in the previous legislature.

A Shower

Miss Ruth Brown was the recipient of a shower given her by friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler on Broad street last Saturday afternoon. The bride to be was given many useful and appropriate gifts and the guests included a number of her Normal girl friends, local people and some visitors from Independence. A most delightful time is reported.

In Ancient Israel

The special program put on by the revivalists at the Christian church last Saturday evening called out a large crowd and was enjoyed by all very much. In costume, King David's court was shown, with the rites of sacrifice from the outer and inner courts of the temple to the holy of holies. While there had been but little time for preparation all went off smoothly and the different parts were well taken.

"Pilgrims' Progress" Attractive Pageant

The Normal students have in times past put on some good programs but the exercises that featured Junior Day, Friday afternoon, will rank with any of them. The fact that this year is the three hundredth anniversary of the year which saw the landing of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts, suggested to Miss Taylor, physical director of the Normal, the idea of a pageant which she styled "Pilgrims' Progress". The program was divided into four parts, one each for the three centuries that are past and one for the present century. The 17th century saw the signing of the compact in the cabin of the Mayflower, the landing of the Pilgrims and the hardships encountered by and the characteristics of the early settlers. The 18th century exhibited the pioneer stage culminating in the signing of the constitution, the 19th century the development of the nation along many lines, especially that of production and the 20th century, its promise of humanity and brotherhood.

Some of the stage settings were very pretty. The wood scene through which the Pilgrims traveled on their way to church, and the time of spring time blossoms, where the children played, were especially good.

Carl T. Moore of Portland presented his usual Junior class song which this year is entitled "The Century Maid".

Current Events At High School

March March went out like a lion and April, not to be outdone, came in in the same manner. Consequently the High School Picnic was taken indoors. The picnic lunch was converted into a banquet and under the able leadership of Toastmaster Russell Kildee, many toasts were given. "April Fool" jokes were frowned upon by the committee and were kept in the background.

On Thursday afternoon the H. S. had as its guest Mr. Joseph Lancaster, the eminent Highway Engineer, who is now devoting his time to raising Oregon's quota for the Armenian Relief. His address struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the students, who now hope to be able to raise more than their quota for these stricken allies.

In order to do this the girls of the High School will have a sale of cakes, candy and salad at the Monmouth Bakery. We hope to have the patronage of our friends and patrons at this sale and can promise good quality and service.

Wm. Riddell, Jr. recently has purchased a large cedar tank to improve his farm water system which will increase his domestic supply and place it in his barns convenient for use. He will put up a windmill to do the pumping.

Thinks Well of Us

W. H. Winship of Kansas was in our midst this week looking over prospects in town and in the vicinity. He found things here very much to his liking and announced that he will return here later and may induce a number of families to accompany him. He finds the Normal school a decided attraction for location in Monmouth.

The Normal students treated the business section of Monmouth to a demonstration Wednesday afternoon with marching and cheering and a few other pleasantries on behalf of the millage tax proposal.