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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Spring is surely here, evidenced by the number of people enjoying the tennis courts lately.

At the regular meeting of the faculty club last Monday evening, talks were given by Mr. Gilmore and Mrs. Collins. Mr. Gilmore spoke on County Club Work from a general standpoint while Mrs. Collins treated it from the particular phase of the work she has found most useful in her school, the Oak Point Rural Center.

County Superintendent G. B. Lamb of Tillamook County spent Monday at the Normal interviewing teachers for the schools of his county. Mr. Lamb is a graduate of the Normal, class of 1898, and finds things greatly changed since his school days. However, he expressed much pleasure in his visit.

President Ackerman is taking time this week to visit high schools in the various parts of the state. He spent the major part of last week in much the same way and reports great interest in the Normal among high school seniors throughout the state.

Mr. A. G. Jackson of the Federal Forestry Service gave a most interesting illustrated lecture at the chapel hour last Friday. He dwelt particularly upon the beauties of the National Forests in Oregon, the pleasure it affords visitors, the great value of it from many standpoints and its preservation.

Mrs. Miller, critic from Mountain View, gave an entertaining talk at the chapel hour last Wednesday.

The interest in the Summer School is already very encouraging as Miss Todd reports that every room in the Dormitory has already been engaged and many of the houses about town are filled.

The Normal will be in regular session on Saturday, May 8, to permit teachers in service to visit classes. Regular work will be given in the Training School on that day. A cordial invitation is extended to all neighboring teachers to visit on that day. The students will be recompensed by an extra holiday a little later in the month.

The President brings home the news that the millage bill is beginning to be considered much more favorably in many localities and high hopes of its passage on May 21 are entertained.

Miss Todd spent last Thursday and Friday in Portland.

The Normal students some time ago voted to give up their traditional May Day festivities this year, owing chiefly to the proximity of the day to both Junior and Senior Class Days. Therefore, the only attraction at the chapel on May Day will be a picture show at 8:15. The picture, however, is an attractive one, entitled "Heart o' the Hills." The scene is laid in Kentucky where a party of land thieves try to steal a little mountain girl's home. With all the defiance of her clan she stands guard over her heritage with a gun and the intruders are frightened away, as they know she shoots to kill. Throughout, the story is full of interest and spirit.

Dr. J. O. Matthis who moved here from Salem about a month ago has concluded that his interests will be best served by moving back to Salem, which he is doing this week. He plans to move household goods Saturday. The doctor has many friends in Monmouth who regret that he is leaving and who wish him the best of success in Salem.

Ninety Years Old

Thursday, April 29 was "Aunt Jane" Powell's ninetyeth birthday and to properly observe the occasion the Ladies Aid of the Christian church made their weekly meeting on that day a reception to commemorate the event. Mrs. Powell, who for years has been one of the faithful workers of the church as well as an earnest seeker for the good of the community was born in Illinois and crossed the plain in 1852. At present she is enjoying her second sight and can read or sew without glasses. She has five children, twenty three grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. A celebration by members of the family occurred at the home Thursday evening.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Within the past week the annual run of smelt on the Big Sandy took place and people from a wide stretch of territory took advantage of the event as usual to get some cheap meat. A Mr. Anderson, former Normal student, is postmaster in a town convenient to this run and as is his annual custom, he sent Postmaster Parker of Monmouth a box of the smelt. Mr. Parker remembered his less fortunate friends which accounts for Sunday being a smelly day in numerous homes locally. The Herald family for one expresses its appreciation.

The play "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy" given by the older high school pupils last Friday and Saturday evenings was very much of a success. The parts were all well taken and none of the humor with which the play abounded was lost in the rendering. Some of the young actors were exceedingly good in parts portrayed and none were poor.

G. T. Boothby reports two sales in real estate this week. C. P. Cornwall has sold his two acre tract with house and barn, etc., located east of the prune dryer, to E. Pagenkopf. Consideration \$1500. The latter recently sold his place at Talmage. J. L. Murdock's house on the corner of Knox and Clay has also sold to J. E. Larson. Mr. Murdock will concentrate his activities on land he has recently purchased and Mr. Larson has decided that buying is more desirable than renting. [Mrs. Ellis returned to her home in The Dalles last Friday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chesebro.

C. P. Cornwall plans to move with his family to Sherwood where he has a nephew and where he plans to locate. Mr. Cornwall retains some property here still and may return if he finds the bushes of that part of the valley not over prolific with greenbacks. He is one of the old residents of the city, leaving here occasionally to do saw mill blacksmith work at which he is an expert.

The Oregon Growers Cooperative Association will erect a prune packing plant and a prune dryer in Dallas this summer.

A. M. Roop, aged 76, died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Barnett last week. He was recently from Mosier and had been in the valley only a few days when he died.

The petition of the Sunrise company to discontinue switching service in Airlie will be heard by the Public Service Commission Wednesday, May 5 in Salem. On the same date the petition of the Independence Telephone company for a raise of rates will also be heard.

Pian Entertainment of Breeder Visitors

The Grange, Farmers Union and other organizations who are behind the luncheon which will be served to the visiting dairymen May 5th have perfected plans and appointed committees and taken hold in a manner that promises to make the event a conspicuous success. The luncheon, which individuals will contribute, will consist of cold meat and salads suitable to serve with the same, baked beans, cake and in addition bread, ice cream and coffee have already been provided for. Following are the heads of committees:

Elkins, Mrs. Laughary; N. E. Monmouth, Miss Maggie Butler; S. E. Monmouth, Mrs. Heffley; S. W., Mrs. J. B. Stump; N. W., Mrs. Haley. committee on serving: Mesdames Heffley, Lorence, Hewitt and Jones; on coffee: Mrs. Stockholm; serving ice cream and cake, Mesdames Powell and A. Tetherow; Plates, spoons, cups, ice cream plates and spoons and tables: Messrs. Stockholm, Pace, Larson and Morlan.

Home in California

Sunbeam Circle, No. 570, Neighbors of Woodcraft, report that a site for a woodcraft home has been purchased at Riverside, Cal., a 22 room building, bungalow, with out-buildings, stock, machinery and family orchard, valued at \$53,000. Additional buildings are to be built for adults, juveniles and a hospital to be financed by bonds sold to members. The Neighbors of Woodcraft is a fraternal organization operating in the mountain and west coast state with home office in Portland. It was twenty three years old the first of April.

Registered Voters

Registration of voters ended at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, when the books in County Clerk F. D. Moore's office were closed until after the primary election on May 21st. The last few days taxed the capacity of Mr. Moore and an extra force of clerks to record the names of voters who had neglected to register earlier. Figures given out by Mr. Moore show that the total county registration is now 6,752 divided as follows: Republicans, 4,140; Democrats, 2,189; independents, 318; miscellaneous, 318. Of the total Dallas has 1,126, Independence, 1068, Monmouth, 936, Falls City, 617, West Salem, 300.—Itemizer.

The Monmouth Transfer changed hands again this week. A. H. Alsip sold his interests to Pollan Brothers, Ben and Carl, who are investing in a new truck and plan to go after business in a modern way.

Work on the digging of the pipe line will soon be completed. Next week should see the end of the work. The supply of pipe however is held up because of the strike on the railroads and may delay the work on the line for a time.

A magazine agent called at the home of Mrs. Casteel in Dallas one day this week and was so persistent that the lady of the house was forced to hit him over the head with a rifle to convince him that she did not want any of his wares. The agent tried to have a warrant issued for the lady's arrest but was not successful.

The new publisher of the Independence Enterprise, Z. C. Kimball, takes charge May 1. He was recently in business at Klamath Falls. Ray Chute and wife of Dallas are the proud parents of a 7½ pound son born Sunday.

Thoroughbred Cattle Shipped to Idaho

The last of the dairy herd of John B. Stump & Son was disposed of this week. Two gentlemen from Idaho were here and made the purchase. They were F. R. Commack, field dairyman of the University of Idaho at Boise and P. A. Fortner, county agent from Payette, Idaho.

In addition to the Stump Jerseys they bought four of J. M. McDonald and have also bought some more in Albany. In Idaho they plan to hold a sale, disposing of the cows to the highest bidder and any profit will be used in a fund to buy more thoroughbred stock. This is the means they take to improve the breed of live stock in Idaho.

The Stumps retain one or two milk cows and also reserved six head which are entered in a sale of thoroughbreds in Portland within the week.

The Stump herd now scattered was started in 1910 with the importation of a car load of two year olds from the island of Jersey.

Power Company Expands

The Mountain States Power company is planning to spend \$75,000 in increasing and enlarging its equipment in the county. The power plant in Dallas is to be made double the capacity of the present plant and work is to start soon. An additional generating unit consisting of a 750 kilowatt turbine steam engine has been shipped from the east. The company's business is expanding in many ways. The fruit business which is developing fast in the county requires much power in the dryers and, where they are situated to take advantage of it, farmers are learning to use the convenient and inexpensive electric power.

Joint Sunday School Event

Following is the program to be presented by the three Sunday Schools of Monmouth at the Christian church, Saturday evening, May 1.

- Invocation—Mr. Conklin
- Welcome song—First grade
- Talk—Mr. Morris
- Primary Department—Baptist church
 1. Song
 2. Piece—Pauline Morlan
Justa Johnson
 3. Verse, Dorothy Canterbury
Song—"Jesus Bids Us Shine"—
Primary Dep't Evangelical S. S.
- Number—Girls class Baptist S.S.
- Class Exercise—Primary Dep't Christian S. S.
- Instrumental Number—Mildred Scott, Evangeline Davidson, Georgia Crofoot
- Story—Ewing Sacre
- Talk—Mrs. Edwards
- Piano Solo—Mrs. Robinson
- Number—Boy's Class, Evangelical S. S.
- Reading—Grace Parker
- Duet—Eddie Grimes, Laverne Wilson
- Number—Baptist Boy's Class, Benediction—Rev. E. B. Pace.

Hanna Brothers, former hardware dealers in Independence may appeal to the supreme court to have a verdict against them set aside. This case which was tried in the circuit court awarded John Wood for \$1703 a tractor which he claimed was not as represented.

J. W. Stevens, second hand man of Independence, was doing business in Monmouth Friday. He says when he went to Independence he made the third second hand man in the city but since he has absorbed his two rivals and now has a monopoly of the business.

Coast Country Trip

Miss Neta Waller, teaching near Marshfield, enjoys her work there and also a few of the opportunities incident to living in the coast country. In a recent letter home she describes a Saturday trip to the Falls of Allegany. To reach it they took a motor boat trip. She says: "The trip up the river was grand. The maiden hair ferns hang thick along the banks and the myrtle trees are so pretty. We arrived at Allegany at 10:30 and changed clothes for the hike. All of us girls wore our bloomers and so did not get at all tired. The falls are magnificent, and we spent almost an hour watching them. The place where we stayed was a mile beyond and we arrived there in time for supper. In the evening we sat around the fire and visited. The next day we tramped all the way back to Allegany and on the motor boat we rode on top of the cabin and sang nearly all the way."

The Offices and The Candidates

Following is a list of the candidates who have filed for the contest in the primary election that is to take place May 21.

- For Sheriff—John W. Orr, Republican.
- For Treasurer—A. V. R. Snyder, Republican.
- For Clerk—Floyd D. Moore, Republican.
- For Assessor—Fred J. Holman, Republican.
- For Superintendent of Schools—Josiah Wills, Republican.
- For Coroner—R. L. Chapman, Republican.
- For Surveyor—J. J. Sammons and Edgar J. Howe.
- For Commissioner—Albert Teal, Extra Hart, O. A. Wolverton, Republicans; W. J. White, C. C. Gardner, Democrats.
- Fillings for district officers are: For Circuit Judge—H. H. Belt, Republican.
- For District Attorney—J. N. Helgeson, Republican; E. K. Piascki, Democrat.
- For Joint Representative (Polk and Lincoln counties)—George T. Gerlinger, D. E. Fletcher, Republicans.
- For Representative—P. O. Powell, Republican; L. D. Brown, Democrat.
- For Justice of the Peace, Dallas precinct—M. L. Boyd, Democrat.

Mark E. Hibbard, a pioneer citizen of Independence, died at the Beaver hotel Sunday. He had been ailing for a year and overworked on a hop ranch last fall. He was 69 years of age and was born in New York. His only relative in this state is Mrs. Fitchards of Independence.

W. G. Grant and family who moved from Independence to Tennessee a while ago, are back again and plan to stay.

Wm. Riddell Sr. and T. J. Alsip have been hauling pipe this week for a combination water system. They plan to tap the Monmouth pipe line and thus supply themselves with running water in their farm homes.

Evangelical Church Notes
Sunday, May 2. 11 a. m. Subject "Necessity of a Noble Resolution." 7:30, Subject "The Great Surrender." Reception of new members at the morning service. Sunday School at 10. Christian Endeavor at 6:45. This will be the last Sabbath preceding the annual conference. The Pastor leaves for conference May 5, to be gone over Sabbath, May 9. Ladies Aid, Tuesday and Thursday, p. m. Prayer services Wednesday, 7:30.

Independence Seeks Change of Highway

For some time past rumors have been rife here that active work was in progress in Independence and the country south of that city to get another change in the route of the West Side Pacific highway. It was said that \$30,000 had been raised to further the project. The following Independence correspondence to the Salem Capitol Journal will doubtless awaken a ripple of interest locally.

"In an effort to get the west side Pacific highway built from Rickreall to Independence and on south to Corvallis by way of this city, H. Hirschberg went to Portland yesterday to consult with members of the state highway commission. The original plan is mapped out by way of Monmouth from Rickreall. Farmers south of Independence and in the vicinity of Parker and Saver have offered to contribute approximately \$4000 and do the necessary work if the plan can be changed to include these points on the improved road. Other inducements, it is said, will likely be made to have the road built through Independence and it is believed that the commission will accept the liberal offer that has been suggested.

"A paved road has been built from Independence to Monmouth and north part way to Rickreall. By way of Monmouth is a shorter route from Portland and way points, but from Salem the more direct route is by way of Independence. Inasmuch as most of the traffic will be on the east side of the river to Salem it is contended that the best route to southern Oregon is through this city. The result of the conference is looked for with much hope on the part of Independence people."

In connection with the above Commissioners Booth and Kiddle were in this section yesterday going over the various phases of the routes. Mr. Peterson of Parker and other people of that neighborhood who are interested were with the commissioners when they were in Monmouth. A meeting was held in Independence last night when the advocates of a change in the road had a hearing.

According to the Post, a meteor weighing two hundred pounds fell within the city limits of Independence a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Louisa Jane Smith, aged ninety, for years a resident of Independence, died in Oregon City last Friday.

H. Hirschberg of Independence is renewing his annual offer of free seed corn to all boys and girls in Polk county who will plant from a half acre to one acre of corn and exhibit at the corn show next fall.

Theodore Berg, overseas veteran and resident of Dallas who was killed in an accident at Mills City, was buried April 17. He was born in Wisconsin in 1895 and is survived by a widow, formerly Mildred Chapin of Falls City.

Baptist Church Notes

All the regular services will be held Sunday and a full attendance of all interested is expected. The church social evening Wednesday was attended by 78 persons young and old, representing the school, the Endeavor Society and families of the church and congregation and friends. The lunch was furnished by the Ladies Society.

The trustees let the contract for excavation to Albert Sacre and the contract for moving the old church building to F. K. Arrell of Independence.