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## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Normal is very grateful to the people of the state and, in particular, to the citizens of Monmouth and Independence for the splendid support they gave the school in its financial crisis.

Supt. J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis was interviewing students who wish to teach in his schools, last Monday.

Normal friends were happy to see Mrs. Parrish nee Miss Hoham and Mrs. Maey nee Miss Dunamore, last week-end.

President Ackerman has accepted an invitation to deliver the Commencement address for the graduates of Philomath High School Friday evening.

Miss Cornelia Marvin, member of the Normal's Board of Regents, made a short visit in Monmouth last Sunday.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hays were grieved to learn of the very serious accident which befell them last Saturday near Eugene. Their car was struck by another and Mrs. Hays and the baby were painfully injured. Mr. Hays completed his work at the Normal in April and is now registered at U. of O.

An enthusiastic group of students and faculty members gathered around the bonfire last Saturday evening to celebrate the passage of the Millage Bill. Some "stunts" were given by the losing side in the contest lately closed and the president gave a short talk, thanking the students for their earnest support of the bill. Later all spent some time in dancing in the gymnasium.

Miss West attended the dinner given by the Alumni of Illinois University last Saturday in Portland.

The chapel hour Monday morning was devoted to an expression of the pleasure of students and faculty in the passage of the Millage Bill. Mr. Butler gave a short talk, Miss McNaghten spoke for the students, and Horace Butler for the Training School. All took occasion to thank President Ackerman for his untiring efforts during the campaign. The president himself spoke of the added responsibilities a larger school will bring. The remarks were fittingly closed by Superintendent Beattie of Cottage Grove who was present, and the students enthusiastically sang the Normal Hymn.

Faculty members who visited in Corvallis for Junior week-end included Miss Brenton, Miss Taylor, Miss Smith and Miss Mingus.

An informal dinner was given President and Mrs. Ackerman Monday evening in the Domestic Science rooms by faculty members. This also was in the nature of a celebration of the passage of the Millage Bill.

The motion picture to be given this week, Friday evening, is "The Westerners", a dramatization of Stewart Edward White's book of that title.

An entertaining Chautauqua program opens in Independence on May 27, lasting five days, until May 31. Among the interesting numbers is a recital by Miss Josephine Martino, the soprano who sang in the Normal Chapel in February. Students whose homes are in Independence have tickets for sale.

Joe Tetherow recently sold a team of matched draft horses to Mort Abbey of Newport.

## Howard Morlan Weds

The boys were a little late in getting the news of Howard Morlan's marriage but they raked up enough equipment to give him a small charivari Sunday night. Howard was married to Miss Ruth Brown in Portland Sunday, May 16 at the home of D. L. Williams. Rev. Russell, a Kansas minister officiated. The happy couple are housekeeping this week in the Evenden house on west Main, recently acquired.

Locomotive Number 3 of the former I. & M. railroad has been sold to the Strahorn road in Klamath county and has been sent to the shop in Dallas to be repaired before starting for its new job. J. A. Bewley is to run it to its new owners. The other two locomotives of the I. & M. have been sold but are still undelivered.

## Independence Opens Chautauqua Season

The opening announcement of the Ellison-White Chautauqua program for this year at Independence seems to assure music, lecture and entertainment "fans" a week of thorough enjoyment. The dates have been definitely announced as May 27-31.

A musical event of outstanding interest is scheduled in the coming of Josephine Martino, a noted New York prima donna, on the last night. Miss Martino is one of the most promising singers of the younger generation. She is one of the new Edison artists and her work has attracted the attention and won the approval of Enrico Caruso and he has coached her in the operatic selections she will use on this Chautauqua tour. In company with Miss Martino on the last night appears the Stearns-Gregg Concert Company, a splendid musical organization, with the talented Fay Epperon as an entertainer.

Other musical features of note are: The MacGregor Singers, headed by Vawter MacGregor, Scotch baritone and entertainer; The Fenwick Newell Concert Company and the leadership of Fenwick Newell, tenor, who has won honors in both Europe and the Antipodes with his splendid voice; and The Regulators, two musical entertainers of rare ability.

The third day brings the Overseas Orchestra, eight charming, talented and vivacious young ladies who have been enthusiastically received by the boys of the A. E. F. in France and by Eastern Chautauqua audiences.

A lecture event of decided interest and novelty is to be presented on the fourth night when Dr. C. S. Price brings his illustrated story on "Hunting Big Game in Alaska." It is a lecture of thrilling interest, illustrated with a remarkable series of big game pictures, including views of whale harpooning and of the great seal herds of the Arctic Seas. Other lecture events of value and prominence are scheduled in the appearance of the following well-known people: M. Pirie Beyea, first volunteer American Red Cross nurse, lecturer on community health; Joel W. Eastman, with a constructive lecture built for these uncertain days, "The Unfolding of Democracy"; and Marion Ballou Fisk, noted cartoonist-lecturer, who comes the first night with a highly interesting lecture-entertainment.

The dramatic reading of "Green Stockings", the delightful comedy by A. E. W. Mason, will be a delight for all entertainment lovers. Ruby Page Ferguson, head of the Department of Oratory at the Womens' College of Alabama, portrays every character of the play with consummate artistry.

## Sudden Death of William H. Mack

W. H. Mack, well known and respected citizen of this city died Wednesday night of a sudden stroke of apoplexy. With Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Robinson and daughter he had been to Eugene where the daughter, Miss Beatrice Robinson is to teach school. They traveled in the family automobile. Between Eugene and Corvallis Mr. Mack collapsed. He was taken to the house of a friend in Corvallis. This occurred on Tuesday. From the first no hopes were entertained of his recovery but he lingered until Wednesday. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon in the Christian church at 2 o'clock and burial will be in the Independence cemetery.

Mr. Mack was 57 years of age, having been born in New York state, January 18 1863. He came west in 1890 and has lived in Monmouth or in the vicinity of this city for the past thirty years. He owns a farm to the northwest of town on which he lived but for a number of years past has been a local resident.

Beside his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. M. Bennett of near Independence, his mother in McMinnville and four sisters. His genial, friendly countenance will be missed in Monmouth where he was universally liked. He was one of the pillars of the Christian church, prominent and faithful in all of its activities.

## Off to Grand Lodge

This is the week of Odd Fellow's grand lodge at Baker and as usual the Rebekahs are meeting at the same place. Monmouth Odd Fellows are represented by H. K. Sickafouse and E. B. Pace. J. S. Prime was also a delegate but at the last minute could not get a release from duty as S. P. depot agent and had to stay at home. At the Rebekah grand lodge Mesdames J. L. Muddock, J. Scott and C. E. Force are delegates and Miss Alice Butler and Mrs. Ed Rogers are attending as lay members.

G. T. Boothby reports the sale this week of 83 acres off of the south part of the Lucas farm to Riddell Brothers, consideration \$135 per acre.

## Hatch Highway Plot Commend Co. Judge

The following description of the Dallas-Independence pow-wow, we take from last week's issue of the Independence Enterprise.

The highway situation is becoming intense. Dallas and Independence have joined hands with the avowed intention of fighting to the last ditch for their rights. The authority of the state highway commission to arbitrarily designate that portion of the Pacific highway which passes through Polk county, irrespective of the legislative act designating the route, is going to be questioned with all the vehemence of a public sentiment aroused to the fighting pitch.

The straw which finally broke the camel's back was the announcement from the state highway commission's office that work upon the Rickreall-Dallas highway would be suspended until such time as the county court would sanction the highway south from Monmouth. The commissioners apparently had an idea that this would start something in Polk county, particularly in Dallas and Independence. It did, but perhaps not just what was anticipated. Instead of dividing these towns it has united them, and Judge Robinson is being given the very strongest assurances of support in the stand he has taken in the matter.

The commission has declared that there can be no change in the highway routing and has intimated that the money appropriated to build the Dallas-Rickreall road is to be used in grading the highway south from Monmouth. When this work is started another chapter will be added to the highway story.

Last evening a meeting of Dallas and Independence business men was held at Dallas. It was characterized by a fixed determination to go to the limit in compelling the highway commission to recognize the rights of Polk county. There was enthusiasm, the kind which accomplishes things. The situation was discussed allusion was made to the important part which Polk county had played in the enactment of the act creating the present highway department, and the unanimous sentiment was that Dallas and Independence

## OVERALLS APPEAR IN CONGRESS HALLS



The "Overall" idea has hit Washington and is being supported by members of Congress. It was in the south that the "Overall Clubs" first were organized, town folks resolved to wear overalls, forcing the high cost of clothes to come down. In this picture is Congressman Upshaw of Georgia and Senator Dial of South Carolina who have taken vows to wear overalls, as shown, until H. C. of L. comes down.

have been made the "goat" until a change has become absolutely necessary in order to maintain any semblance of self respect. There was no mincing of words by former County Judge Kirkpatrick, Attorney Hayter, Dr. McCallum, W. V. Fuller, Judge Asa Robinson, C. W. Irvine, H. Hirschberg, W. H. Walker and others.

The result was the selection of a joint committee from the two towns, with full power to act, and assurances of the moral and financial support in any measure which may be deemed necessary. It is composed of Mr. Muir, Oscar Hayter, E. C. Kirkpatrick, C. B. Sundberg and H. A. Joslin of Dallas; R. M. Walker, C. W. Irvine, H. Hirschberg and C. G. Skinner of Independence and E. A. Horton of Parker.

The joint committee met at Dallas this forenoon and perfected an organization by the selection of Mr. Muir as chairman and C. W. Irvine as secretary. The selection of an attorney to handle the legal end of the fight and it was unanimously voted to have Mr. Hayter serve in that capacity. He was reluctant to serve but finally consented with the declaration that there would be no charge for his services. Mr. Hayter is president of the Oregon Bar Association and is regarded as one of the best legal authorities in the state. Mr. Hayter was instructed to prepare petition blanks sufficient for 5,000 signatures, praying the governor as chief executive officer in the state to see that the highway commission conforms to the legislative acts. These petitions are to be circulated throughout the county just as soon as they can be prepared.

Other legal steps were discussed and the purpose is to fully guard Polk county's interests. Another meeting is to be held in a few days for further action.

Those attending the meeting from here last evening were: C. W. Irvine, C. G. Irvine, C. O. Sloper, C. G. Skinner, A. C. Moore, George Conkey, Mike Walker, A. L. Kullader, H. Hirschberg, A. L. Thomas, D. E. Fletcher, M. C. Williams, W. C. Heffley, Charles Calbreath, Glenn Smith, G. H. Wood, D. P. McCarthy, Z. C. Kimball of Independence and Arthur Horton, George Dickenson, Peter Petersen and "Dad" Lacey of Parker.

The last car of wood pipe on the new gravity water system was shipped from Kenton Monday.

## Millage Bill Wins With Big Majority

Election day brought out an exceptionally large primary election vote last Friday in the four Monmouth precincts. Attention, of course, centered on the millage measure, a matter of vital interest to us, and locally it had an overwhelming majority. In the four precincts the vote was 396 to 62. All of the other referred measures carried in the city also. The elementary school tax was sustained 370 to 76; the highway limitation law carried 234 to 93; for capital punishment, 242 to 170; successor to governor, 251 to 150; soldiers' relief, 245 to 146; and the institution for the blind, 299 to 214. All of these measures also prevailed in the county.

Locally Leonard Wood carried the city, 149 votes to 43 for Hoover, 42 for Johnson and 32 for Lowden. Stanfield was given 176 votes to Abraham 67. Starkweather had 12 supporters to Chamberlain 91. Fletcher carried the city over Geringer as did also the county and on commissioner the city vote was Wolverton 188, Teal 40, Hart 27. Ezra Hart of Dallas, R. D., won the commissionership but ran a close race with Albert Teal of Falls City for the place. On the Democratic side C. C. Gardner of Bridgeport won from Bill White of Dallas.

As soon as the news was known that the millage bill had passed, which locally was Saturday morning, the Normal bell rang out the glad news and kept at it until everybody was acquainted with the fact. This act which raises the Normal millage tax from a twenty-fifth of a mill to a tenth of a mill will give the school a fund of a hundred thousand dollars annually which is about what the average Normal in other states requires for its work.

## Main Street Gets New Hard Surface

Work of repairing our Main street paving is being done this week through the maintenance bond given at the time the paving was accepted two and a half years ago. The Warren company is doing the repair work under the direction of Engineer Jones for the city and Fletcher for the highway commission. As left by the Warrens the paving is in much better shape than it was when completed by the contractors.

As a paving job it was never satisfactory and has been the butt of jokes and ridicule ever since it was put in. The surface raveled and deepened holes down to the concrete, leaving it in many places scarred with impressions and bumps. But the concrete foundation has held admirably and on this the Warrens have done work which in some places amounted to an entire resurfacing. They are leaving the street much improved in appearance.

## New Bus on Job

The long expected Monmouth and Independence bus has arrived this week and owner R. E. Derby has attracted attention with it wherever it has been exhibited. The bus is mounted on a G. M. C. truck, is roomy and ample in size with comfortable seats and is altogether very creditable to its proprietor.

Paving on the Salem-Dallas road now has reached the vicinity of the spring and water tank and laying the hot stuff was started this week on the road from Brunk's corners to Rickreall.

