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Commencement Time At Oregon Normal

The faculty and students are very glad to note that the new water system has been completed and that the mountain water is now in the pipes. They greatly appreciate the splendid work of the city council in their management of the whole matter.

President Ackerman delivered the Commencement address to the graduates of the Salem High School last Thursday evening.

After faculty club last Friday evening, the members adjourned to the living room of the dormitory where an informal "family" party was held in honor of Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Stombaugh and Miss Senka who are leaving the Normal this year. Cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

The Normal very much appreciates the improvements which are being made this week in the street in front of the buildings.

The various churches of the town are invited to join the Normal in the baccalaureate service to be held in the chapel next Sunday morning at ten thirty o'clock.

The Commencement festivities will open Saturday, June 12, with the President's Breakfast to the class of 1920, held in the Dormitory. The complete program for the week follows:

Saturday, June 12, 9:30 a. m., Dormitory—President's Breakfast 8:00 p. m., Gymnasium—Junior Prom

Sunday, June 13, 10:30 a. m., Chapel—Baccalaureate Sermon—Dr. Ferguson

Monday, June 14, 2:30 p. m., Dormitory—Faculty Reception 8:15 p. m., Chapel—Class Play

Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 a. m., Chapel—Last Chapel and Class Day 8:00 p. m., Chapel—Alumni Program and Panquet

Wednesday, June 16, 10:00 a. m., Chapel—Commencement Address, President Lindley, University of Idaho.

The play selected by the class, "The Road to Yesterday" by Beulah Marie Dix, is a modern comedy of the best type with the principal scenes laid in England at the present time. If rehearsals and hard work on the part of the cast mean a finished production, the work should certainly be well done. It will be given in the chapel Monday evening June 14, at 8:15 p. m. Music by the Normal orchestra will be given between acts.

Aspeth Tyrrel, an American girl, on her first visit to her married sister in London, finds the relics of the sixteenth century so interesting she wishes she had lived in that age. Accordingly, when she falls asleep, after a most strenuous day of sight-seeing, she dreams of walking down a road on a June day in 1603; and of meeting, to her intense surprise, the prototypes of all her relatives and friends as they were in that far-off time. Instead of the kind, considerate, generous people she has always known, she finds them cruel, scheming, selfish individuals. After several amusing and exciting incidents she awakes and solemnly declares that now she "knows all she wants to know about things and people as they were three hundred years ago".

The heavy rain of Sunday and Monday was given a hearty welcome by all interested in agriculture in this vicinity. We have had a dry spring and signs indicated a repetition of last year's condition. The rain was worth thousands of dollars to this section of the valley. Crop indications were rarely brighter.

Gasoline Gone

The gasoline lid was clamped down hard Saturday, it being announced there would be no more during June. A schedule has been worked out for tractors, trucks, the M. & I. bus, etc., by which they get a supply for their imperative needs and no more. The bus has had to cancel one trip to Independence.

On the Move

The Baptist church is monopolizing Main street just at present and the fact calls for the presence on the spot of linemen for the telephone and power companies whose wires have to be cut or raised to allow the building to pass.

Poultry Yields Profit at Oak Point School

Mrs. Collins and the pupils of the Oak Point School have not only put in a profitable year in an educational sense but they have made the year financially profitable as well. Not only are the pupils of this school able to pass satisfactory examinations in the science of fractions, penmanship and English as it should be but isn't, but they are wrestling a few of Nature's secrets from her as well. One hundred percent profit is the record of the school in maintaining a chicken yard. They deal in fowls which have 300 egg ancestors and have sold a number of roosters in the Oak Point community helping to improve the grade of poultry there. Three or four chickens were stolen from them during the past year, but this has been the sum total of their losses, ordinary chicken diseases and ailments having been met and treated with skill and success. Surplus chickens have been canned and helped with the hot lunches which the domestic science branch of this one room country school serves to its pupils at the noon hour and the sale of eggs has helped to buy other requisites for this luncheon. The pupils are planning to erect a new and larger chicken house and increase the number of chickens handled next year.

Another activity of the children is a garden in which last year they grew potatoes and sweet corn successfully for their lunch-ons and for sale. Surrounded by woods the greydiggers have bothered them a great deal this year but with the rain of the past week they hope their troubles are over.

There are now three rural schools handled as training centers from the Normal school and it is expected that several more will be added within the next year or so.

Miss Mabel Kennedy of the 1919 class was visiting Normal friends this week end. She received congratulations on her approaching marriage to Dr. H. McCreadie Bracken of Marshfield.

Mrs. Halleck who has been quite sick, is reported better. Her son, T. H. Halleck of Newport has been here to see her and also her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Sellers of Banks. Mr. Halleck who was thrown from his wagon last week, is recovering.

The W. A. Wood farm, northeast of the city, recently owned by C. M. Coffin of McMinnville, was sold by the latter this week to Sam Kennedy of Dallas. The latter is deserting prune growing for a general purpose farm and would have to look a while before finding anything better in this line. The farm has 38 acres with buildings and sold for \$7500. G. T. Bostby handled the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucas of Portland were visitors Sunday at W. J. Mulkey's.

T. R. Hampton, wife and daughter of Pendleton visited his brother D. M. Hampton Thursday.

Mountain Water in City Mains Teal Creek Reaches Monmouth

Teal creek has reached Monmouth. A portion of the waters of that stream at least, is not longer required to make the detour of the Luckiamute to reach the Willamette but instead takes a short cut over the hills. It took the first drop something like three days to reach the city after it had been turned loose at the intake. Owing to the presence of air in the pipe in the elevations along the line which had to be automatically released by the special valves provided for the purpose and to the further fact that workmen along the line had released the water through a blow out valve to see it flow, water was along time in reaching its destination. The blow off valves are provided in the low places for the purpose of flushing out the dirt and sediment that will accumulate there just as the air gathers in the high spots.

But Sunday night the water reached Monmouth and immediately began to fill up all possible vacant corners in the city reservoir. Soon the one side of the reservoir was filled to overflowing and as the new inlet made on the west side of the tank is lower than the new outlet on the east side made by the Stumps to take care of the overflow the water soon began to flow on top of the pipe back toward Falls City. To relieve this the old city outlet was opened allowing the water to run down along the Main street gutter until it reached a drainage ditch. The contractors then set to work to make the inlet watertight with concrete. This was done, Teal creek water was turned into the mains Wednesday and with increasing pressure the waste water rushes through the Stump pasture like a mill race.

While complete settlement has not been made, enough facts appear to warrant granting the complete cost of the gravity waterproject as \$56,000, \$4,000 less than the amount of bonds voted to take care of the proposal. The estimate made by Engineer Robert W. Jones, December 9, 1919 was \$65,398.70 for the completed work which must strike the layman as a remarkably accurate forecast considering the pipe to be bought and the labor to be hired with the fluctuations both of these have been subject to within the past year.

The complete route is 12 miles long and longitudinally is in the shape of a drawn out letter "s". Starting from the intake which is located in the northwest quarter of section 32, two and a half miles south and nearly a mile west of Falls City, the line proceeds northeast to the Joseph Gage place where it strikes the county road. From there it angles to the southeast to the Bartek Sergeant place where it turns again to the northeast, passing around the Monmouth Heights group of hills. The line reaches its farthest north point between the Mack and Riddell farms, there turning directly southeast to the reservoir.

6 inch wood pipe comprises the line which it is promised will yield a maximum flow of 340 gallons per minute. The intake is 680 feet above sea level, the highest point passed enroute is 480 feet and the reservoir is 320 ft. above sea level which is approximately 100 feet above the city level.

The acquiring of the gravity water system is the culmination of a series of events that has made the securing of the system imperative. In 1911, shortly after the Normal was re-established the city bought out a small system, privately owned, then in existence and through \$25,-

000 in bonds built the reservoir, put in adequate mains, dug a deep well and put in a large pump. This well yielded an abundance of water when it had been made to yield at all but the amount dwindled during the summer months each year until in 1917 the city was forced to drill a second well and put in another pump. Last summer the supply of both wells was considerably short of the city's needs.

Agitation for a gravity system was given an impetus when F. E. Pepin of Chitwood appeared trying to sell the city a water right he possessed on Teal creek. This was a continuation of a water right secured by H. Hirschberg and others which had been allowed to lapse. Although investigation at the office of Engineer Copper of the state water board showed that the city could get the water right as well without Pepin's consent as with it, nevertheless to him is due the credit for getting the move started.

At first it was attempted to get Independence interested on a combined system. This failing, Monmouth determined to reduce the size of the pipe from eight inches in diameter to six and go it alone. The \$60,000 water bond election was carried October 21 by a ratio of 20 to 1. The bonds were promptly sold for par.

Wood pipe was bought from the Continental Pipe Manufacturing company of Portland and Seattle for a sum approximating \$36,500. Chas. T. Parker of Oregon City was awarded the contract for installation at \$15,625. For the intake on Teal Creek, five acres of land were bought from the Falls City Lumber and Logging company.

Mrs. Harriet Henkel for many years a resident of Independence and Monmouth, died in Portland last Saturday night. Mrs. Henkel was the daughter of Dr. Harris, a former Monmouth physician. She was a sister of Mrs. J. B. V. Butler of this city and had one daughter, Miss Emma Henkel a teacher in Portland, with whom she resided. Mrs. Henkel was recently a visitor in Monmouth and was then apparently in the best of health. She was buried Tuesday with funeral services in Independence and burial in the K. P. cemetery.

Miss Hunter and Miss Swallow of Birnamwood, Wis., who for the past nine months have been teaching in Tillamook, accompanied Miss Gertrude Heffley to her home here and were entertained with a dinner party given at the Heffley home Sunday. Those present were Miss Hunter, Miss Swallow, T. R. Heffley family of Independence, Thelma Nixon, Helen Owsley, Ruby Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith and U. G. Heffley and family.

The Dallas-Independence highway petition with 3,000 names instead of the 5,000 planned for, was presented to the governor last week Thursday and as might have been expected, the governor refused to interfere and referred the matter to the highway commission. The combination now has the alternative of legal action and whether this will be resorted to remains to be seen. The matter will probably be dragged into the fall election and that the direct route through the county has many warm friends, no one familiar with the facts can for an instant doubt.

The Foster Lumber company of Lincoln, Neb. is erecting a lumber mill in King's valley with a capacity of a hundred thousand feet daily.

To Night's Program

March—"Athalie"—Mendelssohn
Overture—"Lisette"—Andam
O. N. S. Orchestra
Mandolin Solo—Hazel Avery
Invocation—Rev. E. B. Pace
Vocal Solo—"Break of Day"—Wilfred Sanderson—Lora Craven Butler
Commencement Address—Dr. James Gilbert, University of Oregon
Piano Solo—"Saltarelle"—Scotson-Clark—Edythe Driver, Oregon Normal School
Violin Solo—"Ave Marie"—Shubert Wilhemj—Catherine Gentle
Presentation of Class of 1920—R. W. Tavenner, Principal of Monmouth High School
Presentation of Diplomas—O. A. Wolverson, Chairman of School Board
"Spring Morning Serenade"—P. Locombe—O. N. S. Orchestra
Benediction—Rev. Peter Conklin

Grade Your Wheat Improve the Product

In order to bring about a better understanding of the grading of wheat to the end that the grower may get a larger part of the consumer's dollar, the Polk County Farm Bureau has arranged for a two-day grain grading school to be held in Dallas, June 11th and 12th.

Professor G. H. Hyslop of the O. A. C. and a number of assistants, as well as representatives from the State Grain Inspection Department, will go into every detail of the whole grading system:

Dockage determination and the limits permissible under the grades
What constitutes damaged grain and how it is determined.

The identification and grade importance of mixed grain.

The production of wheat in order to meet the grades as they are at present.

The need for changes in the grades and their administration.

The use of the State Grain Inspection Department in the marketing of grain. Full testing equipment as used at the mills is to be used in the testing of samples submitted.

C. I. Ballard of Rickreall, who is chiefly responsible for this school states that it is vitally essential that every grower understand the principles of grain grading; that he know what his grain grades and that he know this before it is sold. He is able then to market his grain more intelligently and with more profit to himself.

Farm Bureau officials feel that this is the one meeting of the year that no grower can afford to miss. It will mean good dollars in the pocket of every one who attends. They urge every farmer to arrange to be at the opening at 9:30 Friday morning the 11th and to take in every session both days. Each one is asked to take at least one two-quart sample of wheat for test.

Christian Church Notes

Communion Service at 3 p. m. instead of 9:45 as previously announced.

The following Children's Day program will be given at 8 p. m.

Song—Congregation
Prayer
Introductory Remarks
Playlet—"God's Flowerland"
Solo—Zella Landon
Scripture Reading—Boy's Class
Duet—Gladys and Violet Denney
Talk—Mr. Morris
Offering
Song—Congregation
Benediction

Mrs. Jessie B. Grab of Dallas died at the home of her father, A. H. Bennett, near Rickreall Monday. She was a young woman and death was caused by a growth in the brain.

Elkins Concludes Successful Year

The Elkins Parent Teacher Association will meet at the schoolhouse, Friday evening, June 11 at 8 p. m. A program will be furnished by the school children and will be given out of doors. This program will consist of a Maypole dance by the primary children and a series of Athletic stunts by the older children. This is the last meeting of the year and every one is urged to be present. Come early in order to see the entire program.

The local Farmer's Union met last Saturday evening. Subjects of local interest were discussed and Fred Scholl and Fred Huber were admitted as new members.

The members of the Elkins Co-operative Threshing Association are lamenting the loss of the magnet belonging to their threshing machine. This machine has been stored thru the winter in the barn of Mr. Frank Loughary.

Thursday is set aside as a holiday for every one in the community, for all are planning to attend the cattle sale at Guy Hewitts. School is to be dismissed at noon in order that the children may attend.

The old Burns mill is soon to be torn down for lumber.

Road Supervisor P. O. Burbank, assisted by Fred Smith, has been working roads near Lewisville.

The barn of Mr. Levi Oleman is now nearing completion.

The residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bedwell and belonging to the Monmouth Orchard Co., is now being remodeled.

On Saturday, June 12 will occur the annual Sunday School picnic at the grove of Elkins School. A good program is guaranteed. Each class of the School will present some Bible scene and an address will be given by Rev. C. J. Benny of the Christian Church of Dallas. Good music will also be a feature of the program.

The Basket Dinner at noon will be a "joy forever".

Afternoon events scheduled are: Athletic stunts and races followed by a ball game between the Up Streamers and the older men of the Community. Everyone is invited. Bring your dinner and come.

Tom Ostien has secured work as an assistant engineer in the employ of the highway commission, being employed on the Mt. Hood loop.

C. E. Force was found in an unconscious state Wednesday morning, having been overcome when at his duties in the Training School. He was taken home and a doctor summoned. He had not suffered a stroke but is badly run down and is recovering.

Evangelical Church Notes

Sunday, June 13. No preaching services at 11, on account of Baccalaureate union services at the Normal.

Sunday School at 9:30, a short session. C. E. at 7:15. Subject: "Common mistakes in every day life".

Wednesday eve 8 o'clock, prayer service. Ladies Aid, Thursday p. m. A very enjoyable business meeting and social was held at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Edwards on last Friday eve, attended by about forty of the young people of the Evangelical church and Normal students.

After the business meeting games of an amusing nature were enjoyed followed by a delightful "feed" which Mrs. Edwards principally furnished. While the games were in progress two young men played an undesirable joke by getting away with one of the ice cream freezers. This ice cream was paid for by Misses Marion Hanson and Dorcas Conklin out of their own pockets. These young men should reimburse these young ladies to the amount of \$1.75. The freezer was found the next morning at the Johnson House. Circumstantial evidence clearly proves who these young men are.