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Events of Commencement Week at Normal and High School

Self Control the Test of Teaching

Commencement orator at the Oregon Normal this year was President C. H. Lindley of the University of Idaho and president elect of the University of Kansas. President Lindley found in American civilization a characteristic not to be found elsewhere in the world. When the advance of the Germans had threatened to overcome the worn out and under nourished French and British columns, the stand of the American marines in Belleau Wood had turned back the tide of war upon the Germans. And why not, the French and Germans had asked, for their men were worn out through long struggling and the Americans were fresh and strong.

But the Americans possessed qualities which the Europeans lacked and could not understand,—discipline of mind that organized them without the leveling influence of military system, discipline of appetite and body that made them clean and wholesome in their influence.

An Englishman had surprised him by comparing favorably our written constitution with the unwritten constitution of England. While the English system gave facilities for expression to the impulse of the movement it could not have achieved as ours has the adoption after mature deliberation of one of the greatest moral reforms ever achieved by any nation in the eighteenth amendment.

The characteristic of American institutions, he said, which compelled people to think and act for themselves should be cultivated in their pupils by every teacher. The rope which united a party of mountain climbers was not for the purpose of allowing the leader to drag his followers to the summit. It was rather for protection; in case one of the party should fall into a crevice he could be helped back to where his feet were once more on a firm footing.

Features of the commencement exercises were musical numbers by the Normal Orchestra, a series of songs by the school glee club, a vocal number by a young ladies' quartet, a violin solo by Miss Catherine Gentle and a number by a violin quartet. Following congratulations and some felicitous advice by President Ackerman, the diplomas were presented by Vice President J. B. V. Butler.

Normal is out for the week end, the vacation being from the end of the regular session on Wednesday noon to Monday morning when the Summer Session will start. Members of the faculty are mostly taking advantage of the time for recreation as far as the supply of gas will permit.

The weather Saturday was too favorable for out door work and there was only a small attendance at the Grange, there being about thirty at the dinner. Prof. Scudder of Corvallis, who was listed to appear on the program, was unable to attend and sent his excuses. Wm. Riddell, who attended the state Grange at Bend, gave an interesting report of the session. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart and Mrs. Percival were given the obligations of the First and Second degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jenks and daughter Norma Edith of Portland returned to their home Sunday after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baun and other friends.

Mrs. G. W. Baun spent Tuesday afternoon in Independence.

Baccalaureate by Philomath Minister

Rev. Dr. Ferguson who was chosen by the Normal graduation class as baccalaureate orator, is a resident pastor of the United Brethren at Philomath, this being the religious denomination that has maintained the school there. Rev. Ferguson, although a young man, has seen a great deal of the world and has had experiences that many older men might envy him. He was born in England, the son of a member of Parliament who died recently. Young Ferguson came to this country and was here when the war broke out. He went back across the ocean and joined a regiment of Gordon highlanders. When America entered the war he secured a release and came back to enlist under the stars and stripes. Having taken out only his first papers he had difficulty in gaining enlistment, but finally secured a chaplain post in the Great Lakes naval training station. He expects to start for Europe again in the near future, on a visit.

Dr. Ferguson's baccalaureate sermon won him much favorable comment, locally. Thoroughly grounded with accurate historical knowledge he made frequent apt allusions to notables of the past and present. He referred to the time in history of Israel when at the behest of King Ahab more princes assembled than ever assembled before or since. He apologized for talking about princes to an audience of young ladies but nevertheless found in the topic a theme of central interest. He found for the old and young alike a certain future of usefulness where merit and character are applied with faith and practical work.

Chautauqua Dates And Attractions

The following is the program which the West Coast Chautauqua Co. will present in Monmouth from July 13 to 17, inclusive.

On the first evening the attraction is a quartette of lively girls, "The Four Co-Eds".

On the second afternoon there is music and readings by the Merry-makers and a half hour lecture by John Gray. The same attractions will appear in the evening.

On the third afternoon and evening the Handel Orchestra choir will appear and Beatrice Eves Heskett will give a health lecture.

For the fourth day Lawrence Timbers will interpret Walt Mason and give wig and grease paint impersonations; Maude Catren will appear in mimicry and whistling and bird warbling; Stewart Long will appear in two inspirational lectures.

On the fifth day a colored group of singers "The Virginians" will appear in characteristic melodies and Count John Sobiecki will deliver his patriotic lecture, entitled "Day Break".

An old Acquaintance

Nine years ago Sunday, lacking one day Kenneth Williams picked up a turtle and carved the date, June 12, 1911, on the shell of the turtle and released it. Last Sunday Williams was in Airile visiting his brother and in the course of a stroll they ran across the same turtle. In the intervening years the paths of the Williams and the turtle had not crossed but the turtle had become an inch and a half greater in diameter. After a fresh date had been carved upon the shell the turtle was released again.

Alumni Annual Held Tuesday

The annual Alumni program was held Tuesday evening with Prof. J. B. V. Butler as speaker of the evening. Mr. Butler's talk was topical, expressing the opinion that teachers should be alive to the events and developments of national life. He was reminded of that great character in scripture who was taken to a high place and shown the promised land and he detailed some of the tendencies that might be expected in the future.

He quoted Nicholas Murray Butler to the effect that our legislative and executive branches of government had become overloaded with responsibilities and duties and said the people must assume more of this work themselves. A violin solo by Miss Gentle and vocal solos by Mrs. Parrish were warmly applauded and Miss Arbuthnot gave one of her characteristic readings in which she found in a photograph album the familiar faces of faculty and alumni, describing them in a humorous vein.

In the absence of Judge Belt, Miss Neta Waller, vice-president of the association, presided.

Farm Bureau News

A quiet canvass of the Monmouth community was made a short time ago for Farm Bureau memberships.

P. O. Powell, W. J. Stockholm, T. J. Alsip and County Agent Paul Carpenter formed the gum shoe squad. Mr. Stockholm reports that of 24 farmers interviewed during the day, but one failed to approve of the Bureau activities by becoming a member.

While the Polk County Farm Bureau is relatively new, it is already evident that it is not so much an organization as it is a method of getting at and working out the farmer's various problems. According to press reports the "Bureau Plan" has slowly spread to include the greater part of the farmers in the central and eastern states. The state of Iowa alone is said to have 105,000 Farm Bureau members all active in working out their community problems.

No better evidence of Oregon's leadership in the breeding of choice dairy stock is to be found than the decision of Dr. H. W. Hand of Orland, Cal., to ship his herd of Jerseys to this valley for dispersal. The doctor recently took part in the Jersey Jubilee Tour. He said very little commendable or otherwise, at any time. However, Oregon Jersey breeders feel that no better recognition of their work has come than the action of this well known breeder in bringing his entire herd here for dispersal. The sale will be held at the Fair Grounds, Salem, June 12th.

One Train a Day

Agent J. S. Prime had notice Wednesday that among other changes to become effective June 20, the gasoline car to Airile would be dispensed with which will make direct train service to Monmouth as well as Airile limited to one train a day, the combination freight and passenger train which arrives from Dallas early in the morning.

Big Sale of Thoroughbreds

The sale at G. G. Hewitt's last week Thursday was very much of a success and the totals were close to \$20,000. Ed Rogers paid \$1200 for one of the thoroughbred Jerseys and Harry Illiff of Independence paid \$1300 for another. Mr. Hewitt is leaving the farm he is on which belongs to the Hewitt estate and will move onto a farm of his own on the Rickreall north of this city.

Gilbert Addresses High School Grads

We are promised that when the next high school commencement rolls around the exercises can be held in the new gymnasium where there will be plenty of room for all who wish to attend. The exercises last Friday night drew out a large crowd with seats for all who came early. Dr. James Gilbert was the commencement orator and he was introduced by Mr. Tavenner with the announcement that he was the most sought after of the university talent.

Mr. Gilbert said he was not going to compliment the class by saying that it was the brightest looking he had ever addressed. The truth is it appeared no better and no worse than the average class. To him all graduates look alike. Students resembled one another wherever found but when the individuals had worked for a few years at their separate calling, a difference was noticeable which grew more pronounced as each grew older. He compared the revenues which the educated man and the uneducated man received and said the test of a calling was not the salary it paid the first year. A high wage to the beginner, he said, usually indicated little prospect for advancement. The student should consider the future in adopting a profession and usefulness rather than financial returns for success was not to be measured by the amount of money a man could make.

Mr. Tavenner presented the class and O. A. Wolverton, as chairman of the school board, presented the diplomas. Special features on the program were a violin solo by Miss Gentle, a vocal solo by Mrs. M. J. Butler, a piano solo by Miss Driver, all enthusiastically greeted, and music by the Normal orchestra led by Miss Schuette with her usual skill.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

The proposition to close theaters on Sunday was defeated at a recent special election in Dallas by a large vote. The city also voted to increase the general tax levy and to increase library tax.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Guthrie returned Monday evening from Oakland, Cal., where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Dora Chase and family during the past three weeks. While there they incidentally saw San Francisco, Berkeley, Alameda and the various places of interest. They like their home state best although California has many advantages over Oregon. They found many tourists there from abroad.

W. C. Bryant of Moro, regent of the Normal, was a caller at the Herald office Thursday. Mr. Bryant graduated from the Normal in 1901 and is now a prominent lawyer of Sherman county. He was here to attend the meeting of the Normal Board of Regents.

Mrs. Fairfax Parrish of Portland, better known to Monmouth people under her former name of Miss Hoham, is here to direct the music at the Summer School. With her son George, she is stopping with Miss West. Miss Schuette left Wednesday for Michigan where she will spend the summer with her mother.

The gross receipts of the Normal class play were \$165, netting over one hundred dollars for the memorial fund.

Ouija Board Selects Juniors

The Last Chapel has become an annual event at the Normal. President Ackerman, who made the address at the program held last Tuesday morning, expressed the regret of the faculty at the leaving of the class, felicitated them on the progress of the year and expressed the hope that all would prosper in their careers. He also took occasion to express congratulations to the citizens of Monmouth on the completion of the gravity water system. Prof. J. B. V. Butler responded for the Faculty, Miss Beekman for the Alumni, Roy G. Penney for the Juniors and Miss Grace Ayres, president of the class, for the Seniors.

The annual presentation of the key to the Juniors was given a ouija board accompaniment this year. Miss Helen Fish, who appeared for the Seniors, announced she realized the departure of the said Seniors would take talent hard to replace and the board was brought in to determine upon appropriate successors. Various Juniors were then called for by the spirits and passed through the blue and white gates into the Seniors' paradise, the last being Mr. Penney, who was presented with the key.

The Senior class will, read by Miss Jones, provoked considerable merriment.

A Home of Her Own

By a transfer made this past week, Miss Alice McIntosh, head of the Monmouth training school acquires possession of the Beckley property in which she has lived during the past year. Consideration was \$3,000 and Mrs. Beckley reserves the small house on the premises formerly used as a garage. Miss McIntosh has been a resident of the city since the Normal was re-established and our citizens are glad to welcome her as a property owner among us.

Flowers for Derby

R. E. Derby has his new bus decorated with a neat auto flower vase, given him by the student teachers in appreciation of the change from the old bus to the new. The presentation was made in a well worded speech by one of their number. Derby is very proud of his present and can now be seen raiding the choicest flower gardens selecting the choicest flower for his vase.

Marries Myrtle Point Man

Miss Gertrude Hefley and Mr. Wietse De Boer were married Thursday forenoon. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Hefley east of Monmouth and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives. Rev. Peter Conklin of the Evangelical church performed the ceremony. The bride is a popular and talented young lady who for the past year has been a teacher in the Tillamook schools. The groom is proprietor of a cheese factory near Myrtle Point in Coos county. After a dainty wedding breakfast, served immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple left for Coos county where they will live. The many Monmouth friends of the bride extend congratulations and best wishes.

Toss Monkey Wrench In Highway Wheels

That active prosecution of legal measures to change the state highway in Polk county is in progress is

Road to Yesterday Fine Performance

The senior class of the Oregon Normal made a decided hit with its class play "The Road to Yesterday" given in the chapel Monday evening. The play, written by Buelah Marie Dix, was well adapted to the purposes of presentation. It dealt with the transformation of characters from the twentieth to the seventeenth century. A young lady, inclined to romantic ideals, wished herself back to the age of chivalry and in a dream was accommodated.

The boorishness, the crudeness, the lack of common conveniences prevalent in 1603 in England soon dispelled the glamour from the mind of the maid and she was only too glad to wish herself back to modern times. The incidents preliminary to the transformations were cleverly and logically worked out, the play was free from mawkish sentiment and the characters all took their parts well, showing care in drilling and aptitude in the acting.

evident from the two following news items recently appearing in the Portland Telegram. It is to be hoped the legal wheels will move with more speed than common but a long delay in road work in the county might as well be anticipated.

Suit to compel the state highway commission to route the Pacific highway through Dallas and Independence instead of directly south from McMinnville to Monmouth and then to the Benton county line, was filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county this morning by John W. Kaste, representing the cities of Dallas and Independence; Edward K. Piasecki, district attorney for Polk county, citizens of Polk county. The complaint names as defendants S. Benson, E. E. Kiddle and R. A. Booth, members of the state highway commission, and A. D. Kern, contractor to whom the commission awarded the job of paving the Pacific highway south from McMinnville.

The plaintiffs are the City of Dallas, and U. S. Grant its mayor; the city of Independence and W. W. Walker, its mayor; A. B. Muir, W. V. Fuller, C. B. Sundberg, Oscar Hayter, H. Hirschberg, C. W. Irvine, G. C. Skinner, R. M. Walker, Arthur E. Horton, and Edward K. Piasecki, district attorney of Polk county.

The road through Dallas and Independence was declared to be one of the "hard-surfaced highways of first importance" by the 1917 legislature, according to the complaint, which sets forth that the people of the state by popular vote decreed this highway should be paved first.

A petition for an alternative writ of mandamus by which the state highway commission would be compelled to build the Pacific highway through Dallas and Independence, was filed this morning in the circuit court by Attorney John W. Kaste for "the people of the state of Oregon, ex rel E. C. Kirkpatrick", a citizen of Polk county.

The petition is the second step in the contest begun yesterday by the filing of a petition for the restraining order asking that the commission be enjoined from building the highway from McMinnville directly south through Monmouth to the Benton county line eliminating Dallas and Independence.

The writ requested today is made returnable June 22, at which time the members of the state highway commission are cited to appear in the circuit court of Multnomah county.