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Monmouth is Located in the Best Section of the Best Valley of the Best State in the Nation

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Miss Katherine Arbuthnot gave some very entertaining readings at the chapel hour on last Friday morning.

Many Normal students spent the week-end at their homes or various resorts nearby. Those who remained in Monmouth enjoyed various social activities here.

Much interest is evident among the students regarding the Monmouth Chautauqua and tickets are selling rapidly.

Miss Emily DeVore of the Training School Department, who is spending her vacation at Stanford University writes that she finds the work there very helpful indeed. All who know Miss DeVore are sure she will get the most possible good out of it.

Mr. Gentle spoke last Friday before the students in the Extension Summer School at Pendleton. Mrs. Gentle accompanied him.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Edna L. Mills to Mr. Max W. Ricker on July 1, at Forest Grove, Oregon. They will live in Portland. Miss Mills was Head of the Home Economics Department during the first half of the year and has many friends among the students and faculty.

The president and faculty are much gratified at the thoroughly workman-like spirit evidenced among the Summer School students. Almost every individual has made it his business to "get into the game" and the work is going forward splendidly.

It has been found by canvas that there are thirty-five students who will remain for the second period of six weeks to complete the training required by law.

"Evangeline", the motion picture which will be given Saturday evening, July 10, in the chapel, is a most artistic production. The setting and costuming have been very carefully worked out and many quotations on the screen keep the audience reminded of the apt way in which Longfellow fitted the cadences of his verse to his theme. Mrs. Parrish will play appropriate musical selections so that an entertainment finished in all respects may be expected.

The Normal calendar shows the following special entertainments for the remainder of the season:

- July 14—Father O'Hara—Chapel Hour
- July 15—Dr. Barnes—Lecture—Evening
- July 16—Miss Taylor—Chapel Hour
- July 19—Governor Olcott—Chapel Hour
- July 21—Miss Cornelia Marvin—Chapel Hour
- July 23—Mr. Gentle—Chapel Hour
- July 24—Motion Picture—"Heart of a Child"—Evening
- July 28—Pres. Commercial Club, Portland—Chapel Hour
- July 29—Stunt Evening
- July 30—Last Chapel

Wm. G. Beattie of Cottage Grove and Eugene, who is to have charge of the rural work at the Normal, has been in Monmouth for the past week or more seeking a location for himself and family. He finally concluded to buy the C. E. Force residence and attractive lots which go with it. The purchase price was \$2,000 and the sale was made through G. T. Boothby. Mr. Force, who is recovering from a spell of sickness has not announced his future plans yet.

Chautauqua Tickets

Next Tuesday marks the opening of Monmouth's first Chautauqua. It is to be regretted that the days set apart for the local Chautauqua should be the same as the ones which are regularly held in Dallas. The local management tried hard to get a change of dates when it was known there would be a conflict but as the schedules are arranged a good ways in advance, it was not found possible to change.

Owing to lack of help it has been hard to place the Chautauqua tickets before all. It is urgent that tickets be placed before Saturday night as the conditions of the sale make this to the interest of the local organization. If you have been overlooked call at the stores where a supply can be purchased. Remember that three performances, single admission, will pay for the whole and it is economy to buy a season ticket.

Weeds, Rubbish and Water Rates

At the session of the council Tuesday night the schedule of rates as previously announced was adopted without material change. The new rates are: Minimum \$1.50, on which the following are basic charges: Sink \$1; bath 25c; toilet 25c; live stock 20c per head; pigs, 10c per head; water meters 25c; for irrigation 25c minimum for each 5,000 sq. ft irrigated, additional sq. ft. prorata. For each lodger, with an allowance of five to the family, 30c additional, for each roomer, as above, 22c additional; for each table boarder 3c additional.

For ice cream, soda water stands each \$2 per month. For dentists and barbers \$2 per month; and other business places of a general character \$1.50 per month; for each fire hydrant \$3 per month. Meter rates fifty per cent higher than prevalent rates.

At the meeting of the common council Tuesday night the resignation of D. M. Hampton was handed in and duly accepted. Mr. Hampton feels that his years entitle him to a rest. This is his second resignation tendered, one handed in a year or more ago was not accepted.

The usual number of claims were allowed at the meeting and a weed and grass ordinance was given two readings and will probably be passed at the next session of the council. The bill provided that property owners must keep the weeds and grass cut on their property and to the center of the street abutting. Failure to do this, the marshal may cut the grass and cost will be charged as a lien on the property. The ordinance also forbids the piling of wood on the streets and forbids accumulation of rubbish, sawdust, splinters, etc., on the paving as well as sweeping refuse on the paving.

Prof. and Mrs. T. H. Gentle were recent visitors in Pendleton visiting with Miss Catherine who is a member of the faculty of the Normal Summer School there. Mr. Gentle was much impressed with the miles and miles of wheat fields which spread out around Pendleton and at the fine automobiles which the rich ranch owners possess. Many of these fine cars are owned by Indians whose wheat land holdings have made them well-to-do.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven returned Monday from a months outing at Cascadia where they had a very enjoyable time. That they found the fishing good is evidenced by the generous sample with which they remembered friends on returning.

Court Compromises Highway Contest

The West Side highway case came up before Judge McCourt in the circuit court in Portland Friday. A number of people from this vicinity attended as witnesses: Wm. Riddell, Jr., Harvey Dickenson, R. O. Dodson and R. B. Swenson. Commissioners Booth and Benson were also on the stand.

Commissioner Booth's testimony was especially interesting. He said the intention first was to pave from Holmes gap to Rickreall and Dallas as a highway project and from Salem to Rickreall as a postroad project, but that to expedite matters Dallas people had urged that the road from Salem to Dallas be made one project and built at one time. He also stated that at the time Commissioner Kiddie was appointed last spring he had, with Mr. Kiddie, visited Independence and had gone over three proposed routes including the regular route south from Monmouth and a proposed route south from Independence. Even though longer they had favored the Independence route if as stated it could be built for less; but the engineer's estimate had shown it to be more costly as well as longer as a long and expensive trestle would have to be built where the route proposed to cross the Luckiamute. Notwithstanding previous printed statements, neither Oscar Hayter nor E. K. Piasecki of Dallas were professionally connected with the case. The following is from the Oregonian.

The decision of Judge McCourt sustains contentions of both sides in some degree. Though he did not issue a mandatory order to compel the highway commission to commence work on the Pacific highway routing it through Dallas and Independence, he did rule that no road could be known as the Pacific highway that did not include those places, and that money raised by bond issues had to be spent on that particular route. A five-year period was granted the highway commission to construct the Pacific highway and for that reason the judge did not rule that it was necessary to begin at once on that particular segment.

On the other hand, he would not permit Dallas taxpayers to enjoin further work on the straight route now being followed, if the highway commission wished to carry it out provided only that no money raised by bond issues for the construction of roads named in section 6, chapter 423, laws of 1917, could be used on that stretch. Jay Bowerman, who, with J. M. Devers, assistant attorney-general, represented the highway commission, asserted that there was plenty of money available from license and gasoline funds to continue the work started.

Argument for the petitioners was by John W. Kaste. The mandamus action was brought by the "State of Oregon ex rel. E. C. Kirkpatrick," the injunction suit by the "City of Dallas, et al."

The present plans of the highway commission were to construct the short cut and a "stub" road to both Dallas and Independence. Judge McCourt said: "No road can be properly regarded as the Pacific highway unless it runs through Dallas. I don't think a stub is equivalent to building a road thru a city. Apparently for all practical purposes it would serve the city of Dallas as well commercially, but the road from Amity to Monmouth could not be designated properly, as the Pacific highway."

"I am strongly of the notion that the highway commission is better qualified than the legislature

to designate the best commercial road, but the legislature did designate Dallas on the route and the highway must run to that town and from there to the next point. But I do not think that the commission can be compelled to pave this particular road at this time and a writ of mandamus does not properly lie.

"As to the injunction, the law designates roads to be built first shall be roads of commercial importance, contributing most to the growth of the state and development of its resources. The highway commission has a right to use available funds to build roads other than the Pacific highway and other designated highways, if believed to be of first commercial importance, but it could not use any part of the Pacific highway funds raised from the bond issues to build any branch road."—Oregonian.

Sang the Songs the Cowboys Sing

Prof. John Avery Lomax of the University of Texas entertained a large audience in the Normal chapel last Wednesday evening. In the days of cowboys and cattle kings it was the custom to breed cattle in Texas and when they had attained their growth to drive the herds across country to Montana to fatten. It was a trip that occupied six months time and was attended with many dangers. The journeys were made over certain well defined trails and to quiet the restless cattle, especially at night, it was the custom of the cowboys to sing. The sound of the human voice had a restraining effect upon the herds.

Numbers of original songs thus sprang into being and Prof. Lomax has collected many of them. These songs formed the theme of a very interesting lecture. Many of them he read to illustrate the mood and incident of the trail and some he sang. As the cowboys gathered around the fire at night perhaps one would sing the refrain and the remainder respond with the chorus. The professor quickly taught the audience the choruses of several songs and while he sang the refrain himself gave a realistic exhibition of camp life and a very pleasing to the audience.

Representatives of the state chamber of commerce met the business men of Monmouth at dinner at the hotel Wednesday and explained a drive which the chamber is putting on for a three years budget, after which Monmouth was canvassed for its share of the work. The dinner was a pleasant affair and suggests the thought that we should have more of them.

Weds a Badger Maid

Plattville, Wisconsin papers received here this week announce the marriage of Miss Olive Schmitt of that city to James Gentle of Monmouth. The ceremony took place June 28. After a few weeks visit in Wisconsin the young couple will return to Oregon and will take up residence in this city. The acquaintance which led to a life union began back in Wisconsin when both were schoolmates in Plattville. Mrs. Gentle, however, spent a year in Oregon and taught in Corvallis. We extend congratulations and a cordial welcome to our midst.

E. C. Cole, Herbert Powell, Irvin Stewart, John Hinkle, members of Company K are among the dozen members of that company who are attending the summer encampment of the soldiers of the northwest at American Lake, near Seattle, this week. They expect to be absent two weeks.

Seeing the Sights In London Town

Following is a letter from Mrs. Alma Leask to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller, describing an interesting visit in London just before they started back to this country.

Dear Father and Mother: I am going to write you a letter today so as to have one to post to you when we reach New York, which we expect to do some time Friday. We have had bad weather and a very rough sea until today. Now the sun is shining and the sea is glorious. We have both been sick but got over it and hope to enjoy the rest of the trip.

We left Felling, June 10 for London. We had a very busy time there. The first thing we did after getting located in our boarding house was to get a guide book of London. The first place we visited was St. Paul's Cathedral, but since service was going on we did not get much of a look around. Went from there to the monument erected in memory of the London fire. It is 202 feet high. Climbed to the top and got a bird's eye view of London. Then we crossed the London Bridge and walked along until we could cross the Thames River by the Tower Bridge. This is a very beautiful bridge. Just as we were crossing it, it was lifted to let a boat pass. Each side that lifted weighed 1080 tons. We crossed over to Tower Hill and purchased tickets to the different places of interest at the Tower. Went through the White Tower first. It contained a grand display of armor, guns, swords etc. We then went on to the Beauchamp Tower but were not much interested there. In the Bloody Tower, which we next visited, we saw the oldest gate in the world that is still in working order. It is made of oak and is 882 years old. Were in the cell where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned 12 years during which time he wrote the history of the world. Were in the chamber where the princes were murdered. Anne Boleyn (Henry VIII's wife) and Lady Jane Grey were executed in the Tower yards. We then went to see the Crown Jewels. Saw the crowns that were used during Coronation.

We left the Tower and walked past the Mansion House (where Lord Mayor lives). The next day we went to Regents Park and went through the zoo. After our dinner we walked along to the church yard where Charles Wesley (John W's brother) is buried. Were invited to have a look at the church. It has high box pews. Was first built in 1400 and rebuilt in 1741. Charles Dickens had worshipped here and it is still used for services. In these old churches and cathedrals people were buried beneath the floor and the floor is made of stones with the epitaph of the person buried beneath inscribed thereon.

From here we went to see Madame Tussaud's famous waxworks. This is a very large display of wax figures of important people of today and the past. A very interesting place.

Sunday morning we went to St. James Castle to see the change of guards. Passed Queen Alexandra's home and went on past Buckingham Palace where the Royal Family live when in the city.

King Edward was born here and also died here. We then walked along through Hyde Park and sat awhile on Rotten Row where the "quality" usually drive, but not many were out, so we went on to see the Kensington Mansion, Al-

bert Memorial, (a beautiful statue and memorial). In the afternoon we took a bus out to Hampton Court to see the Castle and Gardens there. Here we saw some of the oldest and largest pieces of old Flemish tapestry there is in existence. There is a very fine collection of pictures here in the art gallery. There are some rooms here with paintings done on the walls and ceilings that were painted in Ann Boleyn's time and she and Henry VIII are the principal characters in the paintings. The gardens are beautiful also and we went to see a grape vine planted in 1763. It is in a greenhouse about 30x70 feet and the vine is trained along the roof, which it completely covers. It is full of grapes. In 1909 the stem measured 5 feet in circumference at the ground.

Monday morning we went to Westminster Abbey but were too hurried here to suit me. Here is where the most wonderful people are buried and their tombs. In the afternoon we got a train to Windsor where we were invited to visit a boy friend of Jack's and his wife. He sings in the king's choir, and married the Mayor of Windsor's daughter. He got a permit to take us through the Albert Memorial Chapel. All around the walls are pictures made of inlaid marble and busts of Queen Victoria's children. It cost \$1,000,000 to do this room out in the marble. Then Mr. Watson took us to the chapel and gave us seats to hear the afternoon service. Our seats were just a little way from the seats the King and Queen occupy when there on Sunday evening. They were at Windsor Castle so we could not look around as we would have been able to do if they had been away. We went for a walk where the Royal Family usually drive and could see the mausoleum where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert are buried. We had a very nice tea at Mr. Watson's. They are living in a house 800 years old. Tuesday we spent a little time in the National Gallery and there looked up the "Old Curiosity Shop" immortalized by Chas. Dickens. In the afternoon we went to the Parliamentary Buildings, and were admitted into the House of Lords but could not get into the House of Commons. We walked along the embankment to see a very old obelisk called Cleopatra's needle. After supper we walked out to Kensington Gardens to see the Mansions. Here we saw a statue of Queen Victoria which was done by her daughter, Princess Louise.

Next morning we left for Southampton where we came on board the Adriatic about 10:30. We were tired enough to enjoy a rest after all the tramping around. We are both glad to get back to the U. S. A.

Before L. P. Gilmore and family left to spend the Fourth at Yaquina bay they threw a can of spoiled asparagus to the chickens. The stuff had evidently acquired poison qualities as when they returned they found a number of chickens dead and more sick. To date 20 of the chickens, all pure bred Oregons, have died. One of the chickens to die was a pedigreed rooster belonging to the agricultural college which had been loaned to Mr. Gilmore for the summer.

Monmouth people, with no Fourth of July celebration conveniently close, spent the day for the most part quietly. With two days to rest up everyone took advantage of the opportunity and there was no business transacted on Main street until Tuesday. A number of congenial friends joined for a picnic on the Luckiamute and report a fine time.