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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

Superintendents J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis and A. C. Strange of Astoria visited the Normal this week interviewing candidates for teaching positions in their respective counties.

The Normal is very appreciative of the efforts of the Southern Pacific to provide for the comfort of students returning to their homes on Friday of this week. Provisions have been made for a special train to leave Monmouth at one-thirty Friday P. M. for Portland by way of Salem. The bus company has also been very kind in providing special conveyances for those who wish to start from Independence.

Governor Olcott visited the Normal Tuesday and spoke to the students at the chapel hour. The Governor is always a very welcome guest and his talk Tuesday, "A Day in the Governor's Office", was a particularly interesting and instructive one.

Miss Mings entertained Miss Martha G. Lane who is a teacher in the high school at Walla Walla, Washington.

Miss Mary Williams, Critic of the Third and Fourth Grades in the Independence Training School, leaves Saturday for her home in Oak Park, Ill. Her numerous friends among students and faculty regret exceedingly that she is leaving the Normal permanently. Her work has been much appreciated and all hope that the lure of the West will bring her back to Monmouth Normal sometime.

Simple exercises in honor of the graduates will be held at chapel hour Friday morning. Those completing the course are: Tina L. Roberts, of Dallas; Irene Williams, of Edmonds, Washington; Mervie Chamberlain of Eugene; Ilda May Hayes, of Burns; and Minnie M. Johnson, of Portland. The program begins at 10:15 A. M., and is as follows:

- Enter by groups
- Songs by groups
- Opening song by school
- Scripture
- Announcements
- Diplomas presented
- Vocal solo—Mrs. Parrish
- Announcement of winning group in Stunt Program
- Talk—President Ackerman
- Last song

The student and faculty members of the Eastern Star enjoyed a picnic on the banks of the Luckiamute last Thursday.

Rather extensive plans for enlarging the library are now under consideration.

Many members of the faculty are leaving Friday and Saturday to spend the vacation period at their respective homes.

About forty students will register for the second six weeks' session of the Summer School, which will begin August 2. This work is given only for those taking the Elementary Teachers' Training Course. President Ackerman, Mr. Gentle, Mr. Butler and Mr. Ostien will conduct the work.

The members of the faculty gave a picnic Monday evening on the banks of the Luckiamute. The affair was in the nature of a farewell party for Miss Mary Williams.

B. B. Sargent and B. H. Wahlford of the Luckiamute valley were in Monmouth and made application for connection with the Monmouth pipe line. Ed Griffa is busy at present putting in connections along the line and a number of other connections have been made.

## Another Pioneer Passes

W. R. Hall was born May 18th, 1846 near Kaw river on the plains while his parents were enroute to Oregon, and died after a short illness at the Dallas hospital, July 27th, 1920.

Mr. Hall's parents located at Buena Vista the following year, 1847, where he grew to young manhood and has spent almost his entire life in Polk county, respected by all who knew him. He was married in October, 1874 to Miss Susan Spaulding who died in 1892. Three children were born to this union all of whom are deceased. His twin brother, R. P. Hall was killed by a falling tree ten years ago. For the past three years Mr. Hall made his home here in Monmouth with his brother, L. M. Hall who died in December, 1919. He is survived by the following brothers, B. F. Hall of Woodburn and A. J. Hall of Buena Vista from whose residence the funeral was held last Sunday.

## Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Dell Tedrow, who has spent the past month and a half in the east, returned to Monmouth Tuesday evening. He has been in attendance at the International session of the Older Boy's Council in Sunday School work which lasted four weeks, and was held on the shore of Lake Geneva, Wis. There were two other young men present from Oregon. But little time presented itself for sightseeing. The boys were kept at work on the course which deals with Sunday School methods and activity. The organization of the school, the chance to get information and instruction as well as the experience of a trip from home combined to make the trip for all a very pleasant one.

E. L. Kilen spent Sunday in Toledo investigating a position offered him there. It was as cashier of a bank in the Lincoln county city and he has concluded to accept, taking up his duties the first of September.

Farmers this year are bringing their tractors into use as motive power for the binder. Heretofore many said it could not be done but now with a single hitch, skilled labor and improved machinery, more acres of grain are being harvested at less expense than with teams. Fred Smith has hitched two binders behind his Fordson and reaps his oats in double quick time. Fred also operated his hayfork with his tractor and sent the hay to the mow a "scouting". So speedy was he that on one occasion Geo. LaFrance, who manipulated the fork, got a leg tangled in the trip rope and as a result tripped the load before it started and was himself hauled up by the hind quarters before the machine stopped.

Mrs. D. M. Hewitt and other members of the family from this vicinity attended the annual reunion of the family which was held on the original Henry and Elizabeth Hewitt donation land claim 5 miles south of Dayton, last Saturday. There were eighty people present, five of them coming from California. There were nine of the Hewitt boys in the original family and of those living all but one were present. Different members of the family were asked to bring information relative to the family tree which is to be gathered and classified. A splendid time was enjoyed by all and many stayed over for a continuation of the visit on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald start this week for an outing at the coast.

## Side Lights on Governor's Job

If the governor of Oregon would issue all the proclamations sent to him with requests for action, asserted Governor Olcott in an address to Normal students, he would be proclaiming something or other all the time. Such requests burden the mails and while many of the subjects are very worthy, still if even a small portion were acted on, proclamations would be so numerous that no one would read them.

Requests for pardon or reprieves for criminals have also been a fruitful source of mail at the executive office but since the rule was laid down that the request for clemency must have the assent of the trial judge and prosecuting attorney, the correspondence on this score has been very much reduced.

The penitentiary, asserted the speaker, is the headache of the governor's office. More perplexing problems come to him from the penitentiary than from all of the other state institutions combined. To handle the prisoners it is necessary that they have exercise. Idle prisoners are ever hatching plots and exhibiting a turbulent spirit. Work done outside the prison walls continually results in the escape of prisoners. [Proposed additions to the penitentiary would help in the handling of the convicts but this is something for which the public appears unwilling to appropriate.

The governor praised the work of Dr. Steiner in connection with the penitentiary which is getting all possible out of the present equipment.

Intense interest was manifested when the speaker related several stories of the recapture of escaped prisoners. When prisoners escaped it was a constant practice to call on "Cherry" James, one of the prison officials. It had become necessary to recapture a cattle rustler, twice paroled, who was plying his arts in the neighborhood of Bend. There was so much underbrush and rocks on the hills where the rustler took his stand, and he had so many friends, even among the organizations that were hunting him, that it was impossible to get close enough to him to arrest him. But James finally trailed him to one of the forest reserves and captured him after a chase at the end of the trip when the convict took refuge behind a fallen log. He also climbed a logging trail in the Santiam country and captured two men single handed.

A feature of the governor's activity [is his membership of the state boards. The state land board controls between seven and eight millions in property and money held for the schools of the state. The loaning and care of this fund is one of the duties of the board. Under the land board public forests have been cared for and sold. Recently the attorney general has had in his charge prosecutions for alleged fraudulent land sales years ago. Because of elapsed time it has been found best to compromise these cases and in a sample instance the state has received \$7.50 per acre in addition to the \$2.50 originally received.

D. M. Hampton returned this week from a visit that took in the greater part of Northeastern Oregon. He saw many evidences of wealth and prosperity there but acknowledges that some saving grace must be offered to offset the necessity of residing there.

G. T. Boothby reports the sale this week of E. B. Hamilton's bungalow to Miss Lola E. Record, new critic teacher in the Monmouth training school. Consideration \$1725

## Halt Highway Work Throughout County

The conflict between the straight route and the zigzag route for the West Side highway across Polk county took on a new angle Wednesday when an injunction was served stopping paving work in the county by the Warren company and in the vicinity of Holmes Gap. With rumors and reports thick as bees at swarming time it occurred to us that a statement of the highway commission's point of view would be of interest to people in this part of the state and a letter to Attorney Jay Bowerman, Portland, elicited the following very interesting reply.

I have yours of the 26th and in reply beg to say that after hearing the Polk County Highway case on July 2nd, as you know Judge McCourt refused to grant an injunction restraining the construction work then in progress and also refused to issue a mandate requiring the construction of a road by Dallas and Independence. The plaintiffs appealed the mandamus case and after further considering the injunction case Judge McCourt rendered a written opinion in which he indicated that he believed that the law intended that the Pacific Highway should run to or near Dallas; thence to a point at or near Monmouth; thence to a point at or near Independence and thence to Corvallis. Immediately upon receipt of this opinion Mr. Kaste served notice that he would apply for an injunction. A number of hearings were held on this question.

Owing to the fact that a temporary injunction at this time of the year would mean tying up a lot of construction work entailing a large loss which would be borne either by the contractors, the surety upon the injunction bond or by the State, furthermore to leave the roads uncompleted for another Winter would mean a large loss to the traveling public. On account of this situation the members of the Commission stayed here in Portland about a week endeavoring to find some solution which would meet with the approval of the Court and at the same time permit the construction of a highway system which would conform to what they believed would be the best interests of the whole state. The Commission offered to locate the Pacific Highway from Holmes Gap to Rickreall; thence to Dallas; thence in a southeasterly direction to Monmouth over a route to be surveyed and located by the State Highway Engineer. This proposal was objected to by Mr. Kaste, Attorney for the Independence and Dallas people on the ground that it would put two paved roads too close together. Commissioner Kiddle made a trip over the field last Saturday and suggested that the present road be continued south about two and one-half miles south of Holmes Gap thence to Dallas thence southeasterly to Monmouth. Presumably the road from Dallas to Monmouth would connect at Orr's Corner with the paved highway now being constructed by the Warren Construction Company. None of the proposals made by the Commission were satisfactory to the Court and the plaintiffs. The Court indicated that he would approve at least two of the locations proposed by the Commission but the Attorney for the Dallas and Independence people stated that other proceedings would be immediately started to enjoin construction over any of the proposed routes. Inasmuch as Judge McCourt was to leave for his vacation and any further injunction proceedings would be before some other Judge, the Commission could not make certain

that any program approved. Judge McCourt would be satisfactory to some other Judge in the further litigation which was threatened. Therefore the Commission determined to leave the road located as contemplated last year when Polk County voted its bonds. That is to say from Holmes Gap south to Rickreall; thence to Dallas; from Rickreall south to Monmouth thence to Independence; from Monmouth south to Corvallis.

An appropriate resolution was drawn and approved by Commissioners Booth and Eenson. Commissioner Kiddle had already left the City and whether he would approve this program has not been determined but from expressions made before he left the City I am confident that it would meet with his full approval.

On Monday morning shortly after the Commission had adopted the above resolution, Judge McCourt signed a restraining order restraining all work between Rickreall and Monmouth and all work between Holmes Gap and McCoy except putting on the top course by each contractor over an area not exceeding one thousand feet, the injunction to become effective on the filing of a surety bond in the sum of \$10,000.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the resolution adopted by the Commission, also a copy of the restraining order.

Inasmuch as the paving of the Salem-Dallas Highway was a part of the complete highway program in Polk county which program was submitted to the people of Polk county and approved in the bond issue, and inasmuch as the remainder of the program is to be tied up by the restraining order, the Commission felt that it would be to the best interests of the whole State to suspend all operations until the Court should determine what powers the Commission had. In other words if it should be determined that the Commission is required to build a paved road to Dallas and a paved road from Dallas, the Commission did not feel that it would be right to add the third road from the east (Salem road). Therefore provision was made for suspending or cancelling the Huber contract on the Salem-Dallas road provided no loss would fall upon the State and if the Highway Engineer is unable to settle the matter without a loss then the facts should be reported to the Commission for further action. The answer in the injunction case is to be filed by the 15th day of August and it is tentatively agreed that the case will be tried on the 30th.

## Local Goats Have National Fame

Drilling for oil in Texas is a very thrilling pursuit, and a new crop of Texas millionaires have undeniably been created by the striking of fabulous gushers over night, but "Eod" Davis, of the thriving little city of Rio Frio, rises to tell the world that oil is not the only great resource of the Lone Star state.

Davis is renowned throughout the United States and Canada as an expert judge of Angora goats, and will come to Portland in November to act as judge in the mohair goat division of the Pacific International Live Stock exposition. He has extensive Angora flocks on his farm at Rio Frio and says that Texas will soon be leading all other states in the production of mohair.

In order that Texas may make good on this prediction, Mr. Davis intends to take some of Oregon's famous Angora breeding stock back with him for the building up of his own and his neighbors' flocks, and in a letter to General Manager

## Sections Compete Stunt Contest

The annual Normal Summer School event known as the stunt contest, developed a well balanced program this year. The contest which was held in the Normal chapel Wednesday night, was between six groups representing different sections of the state. The honor of holding a flag for a year is the laurel offered. Last year the Eastern Oregon counties won the flag and the same group was a close contender for the honors this year. "The Hand of the Whiteman" was the title of this group's stunt, a picturesque presentation of Indians, cowboys and tenderfeet winding up with a feature song emblematic of the wheat harvest which was very pretty.

As usual Multnomah county representatives were in the front rank with a series of moving tableaux, representing the attractions of Portland, the beauty of which was enhanced with colored lights.

Perhaps the most original of all was the stunt which the coast counties presented. They took as emblems, fish, lumber and cheese and cleverly brought out advertising features of the section from which they came.

Two of the stunts were based on Southern plantation events, in which colored people predominated, one for the Marion-Lane group and the other the Polk-Yamhill group. Their antics brought out much laughter.

The regulation satire on Normal life was presented by the northwestern counties "The Rise and Fall of a Normal King" detailing the tribulations of the only young man in a group of girls and the conclusion of events ten years hence.

Judges of the contest were Miss Marvin, Salem; D. E. Fletcher, Independence; and R. S. Kreason, Dallas. The name of the winning group is to be announced in chapel this morning.

O. M. Plummer the other day he announced that he will be in the market for the champion Angora sire of the Pacific International.

"I know the Pacific International will attract the finest exhibits in the country," writes Mr. Davis, and I accept with pleasure the invitation to act as judge in the goat division. Furthermore, after I have picked the champion Angora sire and pinned the blue ribbon on him, I am going to buy him myself provided my purse is long enough."

General Manager Plummer predicts that the Texas breeder will pay in the neighborhood of \$2000 for the champion Angora. Some of the finest entries at the show will come from Polk county, where the flocks of Riddell & Son and John B. Stump, both of Monmouth, are attracting nation wide attention. Riddell & Son recently sold an Angora sire for \$1750 and sales for record prices have also recently been made by Mr. Stump on the adjoining farm. Both of these breeders will have extensive exhibits at the November stock show, and many more fine entries will come from Idaho and Washington. —Telegram.

E. R. Bingman, a brother of Mrs. J. B. Hill of this city is confined to the house at the Hill home in this city because of a broken hip. Mr. Bingman who is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 125, Filer, Idaho, was on his way from Idaho to Monmouth by automobile when the accident occurred. While climbing among rocks during the camping interval, he fell and sustained the injury. The accident occurred in Eastern Oregon and Mr. Bingman was brought to Salem where the injury was treated.