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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Mr. Gentle and Miss Arbuthnot are scheduled for institute work at Klamath Falls September 1, 2, and 3. Arrangements are being made by which they will return by way of Crater Lake. Mrs. Gentle and Miss Levis are planning to make the trip with them.

Miss Bramberg, Registrar, returned Monday from a vacation which was spent in Southern Oregon and at Bayocean. She reports a very enjoyable time.

President and Mrs. Ackerman are spending the week in Portland and Hood River.

Inquiries are being made relative to the new Commercial Course which will be offered this fall and for the information of such it may be stated that no one will be allowed to take the Commercial Course unless he takes at least four periods per day in the Normal, and a part of the subjects will be educational such as Psychology, General Methods, School Management, etc. The object of this course is to fit students to teach Commercial subjects.

The student body had a picnic at Luckiamute last Wednesday evening. Everyone reports a most enjoyable time.

Mr. Gilmore is supervising the work of putting in a new floor in the gymnasium, the old one having become so weak it was found necessary to replace it entirely. He is also supervising the erection of playground apparatus and a tennis court on the training school grounds.

Miss Arbuthnot has just spent the last three weeks in teaching in the county summer school at Oregon City, and reports a very pleasant and profitable time.

Miss McIntosh and Miss Brenton returned last Friday from Portland where they have been spending a part of their vacation time.

Miss Levis left Tuesday for Bayocean where she plans to spend a week before going to Crater Lake.

Resourceful Traveller

Necessity is the mother of invention, and a bright idea put into practice the other day helped McDaniels, a local stockbuyer out of an unpleasant situation. He got stalled near Airlie one day recently having run out of gasoline. He waited for an hour or more and no one passed and he thought he was lodged for good and all. After a time a traveling man came along, however. He had some surplus gasoline but had no way to get it out of his car. After ransacking the neighborhood, McDaniels finally borrowed a fountain syringe and drained out enough gasoline from the drummer's car to enable him to get home.

Homer Wood, Independence postmaster, has sold his home to Frank Worthington, a real estate man from Corvallis.

Attorney B. F. Swope of Independence expects to resume his old sideline as a chicken fancier. Last week he purchased the M. Merwin property on the corner of 6th and E streets in Independence and this week has added to it an additional acre, vacant lots that lie alongside the newly purchased residence. The Merwin house derives its name from a former Independence postmaster.

Last Tuesday night the pool hall operated by Smith & Son in Independence was raided by Sheriff Orr. Six arrests were made for gambling and the offenders were fined \$10 each and costs.

Before and After

Co-incident with the beginning of Summer School at the Normal the county superintendent holds teachers' examination and annually it is the custom for a large number of the girls coming to Summer School to take the examination for the practice it gives them. As they are just out of high school and have had no Normal training a considerable number of them fail each summer. It would seem as if it would be better to hold the examination at the close rather than the beginning of the session.

Getting Along Nicely

The Scotch anti-prohibitionist who wrote to Governor Olegott for facts to use in combatting the dyes in the land of Scott and Burns, got an earful by way of reply. "There is little drinking in Oregon" said the governor, "business was never better, our people have money, are prosperous and happy, crime has decreased, fewer arrests are made" which might sound like hot air issued by some chamber of commerce were it not the absolute truth. Prohibition has been a good thing for Oregon.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

E. B. Hamilton has changed the name of his mill in Dallas from the Valley Lumber Company to the Hamilton Lumber Company, the change being made because of similarity of name with the Willamette Valley Lumber Company.

Some little discussion has been going the rounds over the advisability of changing the name of Dallas in order to avoid conflict with The Dalles. Now the latter town comes forward with the announcement that its official name is not The Dalles but Dalles City which possibly will offer sufficient change to avoid confusion.

The Oregon Voter presents some statistics about highway work. Under the head of engineering, the following has been expended in Polk county: On the Salem, Dallas line \$1,934.21; from Amity to Rieckreall, \$1,536.45; from Rieckreall to Monmouth and Independence, \$667.27; from Monmouth south, \$1,175.98; on county bridges, \$204.76.

Henry Voth, retired grocer, has been named as manager of the new packing plant which the co-operative association is building in Dallas.

Miss Nellie Bramberg of Independence was married in Salem last Friday to Barney L. Howard of Silverton. The groom is a son of E. J. Howard, formerly of Independence and was in the navy during the war. The bride, of course, is a sister of our own Miss Bramberg, registrar at the Normal.

According to the Post, Peter Kurze of Independence is willing to bet 500 hats with 500 people that work on the sawmill in that city will begin by October 1st.

Here's hoping he is correct. The Post also gives space to a report that the Siletz is to be extended including a bridge across the Willamette.

Travelers through the Hood River valley report that nearly half the fruit trees of that valley were killed or damaged by the freeze of last winter.

A. L. Kuhlander of Independence has bought a house of C. W. Irvine on F. street.

A small son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Becker in Independence last week.

Get-Rich-Quick Plan Meets Usual Grief

Recently John W. Todd resigned as superintendent of schools of Salem and this week Geo. W. Hug of the McMinnville schools accepted the vacant position. Both gentlemen are well known in Monmouth. As director of the Apollo club and in his capacity as Salem superintendent, Mr. Todd has been a frequent visitor and Supt. Hug also is a familiar figure on the campus. While at the university Mr. Hug was prominent as a football player and was considered one of the best in the northwest. While principal of the Eugene high school he devised the plan of punishing students by making them carry in armfuls of wood which proved successful.

As an aftermath of the resignation of Supt. Todd comes the published story that he is connected with an alleged attempt to defraud various citizens of Salem. Todd may have been the innocent victim but the allegation is that he served as sponsor to a man named Byron who secured \$9,000 from eighteen citizens of Salem on the promise that he would locate them on timber claims. \$1,000 each was to be paid for the location, \$500 down.

The Rotary club recently investigated the matter and exonerated the superintendent. He was to have received \$100 for each claim located but never received any money. It is quite likely also that the investors deserved to be stung which is the usual fate of the follower of the "get rich quick" proposition. But they did not see it that way and are bringing suit in the circuit court for a return of their money.

Byron is now serving time in the state of Washington for using the mails with intent to defraud.

Rhodes Scholarship Offered to Students

A Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, England, will be awarded to a college man of Oregon on September 25, by the Committee of Selection to meet in Portland on that date. The scholarship carries with it an allowance of \$1500 a year for three years and is open to all students between the ages of 19 and 25, who have had at least two years of college training. Application should be made at once to the secretary of the committee, C. H. Gray, Reed College, Portland, Ore.

The award is made on the basis of scholarship, character, qualities of leadership, and fondness for and success in athletics. A student may follow any course of study that he wishes when he goes to Oxford. The purpose of the scholarships, two of which are given to each state in the union, is to forward the understanding between the United States and Great Britain through the meeting of representative young men of the two nations in the pursuit of knowledge.

Each college and university in the state selects representatives to go before the committee of selection as its candidates. Thus, any student who desires to become a candidate should apply to the head of his college for this first appointment. Then he should make application on the customary blank to the secretary of the committee. Then, if possible, he should appear in person before the committee on September 25.

Two Oregon men are at present in residence at Oxford as Rhodes Scholars: Paul T. Homan of Willamette University and Frank Flint of Reed College. Stephenson

Kaste Casts Eye Over The Situation in Polk

Attorney Kaste who represents Dallas and Independence in their highway suit, was a visitor in Monmouth Tuesday afternoon looking up evidence to be used in the argument for a permanent injunction which is to be before Judge McCourt in Portland next Monday. On the same score J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general was in Dallas recently on a similar errand, so it is likely that nothing has been overlooked in preparing for the fireworks.

In an interview in Monmouth, Mr. Kaste expressed the conviction that his side of the case would win the permanent injunction asked for. Conversations with Judge McCourt, he said, and his previous decisions rendered it certain that the decision this time will be as stated. Asked if the commission would appeal, he thought it would and the supreme court might take as long as a year and a half to pass on it.

Mr. Kaste, in his mind, has also devised a scheme to combat future legislative action. He says that as the bonds were sold it was for the highway as laid down in the legislative act. To use the money for other road purposes would invalidate the bonds. As he sprung this in court when the commissioners were present the commissioners were stunned, stupefied, seeing how completely they were checkmated, said Mr. Kaste. Now they are hanging all their efforts on the little word "to" he asserted.

When asked if all the bonds provided had been sold he replied "no". Asked if the unsold bonds could not be modified by legislative action, he took pause a second or two himself. But not long.

Mr. Kaste is optimistic about his own prowess. The listener gets the reflected notion that he is a magician weaving a web of legal technicalities about the commission that will leave them helpless in its meshes.

But the future will decide whether or not he is a prophet.

Smith of Reed College will go across this fall. The scholar chosen at the coming meeting will go to England in October, 1921.

President B. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon is chairman of the committee of selection. The other members are A. C. Newell, member of the Portland School Board and president of the Oregon Civic League, and two former Rhodes Scholars, Professor J. B. Harrison of the University of W. and Prof. C. H. Gray of Reed.

RAY CHAPMAN KILLED BY PITCHED BALL



Ray Chapman of the Cleveland Indians, was fatally injured while at the plate, being struck in the head by a pitched ball. The accident happened while playing the New York Yankees at Polo grounds and comes as a great shock to the baseball world.

Taught the Alaskans

W. G. Peattie who is to be rural supervisor at the Normal has recently moved into the house which he purchased of C. E. Force and is preparing for the work of next year. He has the position Mr. Pittman formerly held and for the first half of the year his duties will take him to different parts of the state. Mr. Peattie comes here from Cottage Grove but previous to that was for seven years connected with educational work in Alaska. For several years he was superintendent of the schools of Southeastern Alaska. This is the strip, perhaps a hundred miles long that stretches down in front of British Columbia and to a large extent consists of islands. Travel there is for the most part in small boats and perils are frequent. The natives of Alaska are perhaps the only aboriginals of the United States who have not at one time or another been fed by the government. Of late years the government has been giving them some schooling and some medical attention but this has been the total amount of aid they have thus far required.

Cultivate Hops for The English Market

While the hop crop is comparatively light this year, prices are high and growers have for weeks been making preparations for the harvest to the end that none be wasted. The Independence Enterprise had a write up of the Wigrich ranch last week from which we glean the following facts. The ranch consists of 820 acres with 120 acres of woodland. It has over 400 acres of hops, 12 acres of loganberries, 11 acres of orchard, 2 acres of asparagus and the remainder of the farm in grain.

The ranch derives its name from its owners, Wigan, Richardson & Co., an English concern, and all of its hops are sent direct to England, usually by rail to New York. Major Lewis Rose is manager. He was an officer in the English army for 25 years and the head of the firm, Mr. Wigan was an English brigadier general. Major Rose has had experience in English hop yards and at the close of his military career came to America to cultivate hops.

The Southern Pacific has a switch line running down to the hop yards which are located on the bottoms south of Independence and the stop is called Wigrich. There are on the grounds two large driers and nineteen kilns for curing hops, tenant houses, barns and many other buildings.

The ranch has an attractive manager's residence and the well kept grounds are decidedly English in their appearance.

Work picking the fuggles begins this week. Between six and seven hundred pickers have been engaged and there are in addition about a hundred regulars who will have part in the work. This ranch pays out over \$40,000 during the picking season. An attractive camp ground is provided and the pickers comprise a community in themselves. One of the largest dance halls in the county is provided and it is operated by Buffum & Son of Independence. There is also a store, a butcher shop, and a restaurant on the grounds. To keep order on the grounds, Deputy Sheriff Hocker will be in constant attendance, at the expense of the Wigrich management.

Work on the Falls City School house will begin in September. The building is to cost \$28,000 and plans for it were drawn by F. H. Morrison of Dallas.

Installs Device to Baffle Burglars

Additional protection for funds entrusted with the First National Bank is assured by the installation this week of one of the best burglar alarm systems on the market. The alarm operates by electricity and is so sensitive that the slightest attempt to break into the bank vault results in a clamor that will arouse the neighborhood.

The system adopted is one patented by the American Bank Protection Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is being installed by their representative, W. E. Hushaw. The Minneapolis concern has given this sort of protection to thousands of banks in the United States and Canada and not one of them has been burglarized.

The vault, top, bottom and sides, is lined with double plates of steel. The plates are close together and it would be impossible to work through the two linings without making a connection which would automatically set off the alarm. Top, floor, sides and door of the vault are connected electrically with two electrical timers, or clock-like apparatus through which the protection is secured. The alarm consists of two ten inch gongs on the doors of the vault and a twenty inch gong on the outside of the building, all of which ring when danger threatens.

The timer automatically releases the door at opening time in the morning and will cause the alarm to ring if the vault door is not properly closed at night. Occasionally bankers have been known to go away leaving the vault door unlocked and the burglar system is a reminder that this duty must not be overlooked.

The apparatus is on the inside of the vault and has an open and closed circuit and every part is double. If one part should prove defective and not in good order the other part will keep up the work. Not only are the funds of the bank protected, but books, papers documents entrusted by customers are protected by it.

An additional feature is a system of push buttons in the bank, conveniently situated where in case of a daylight hold up the alarm can be rung with but little effort.

When the system is in place the bank will be pleased to demonstrate it to patrons and interested citizens.

Takes Notes About Goats

Editor Gage of the Angora Goat Journal of Portland was a visitor in Monmouth Wednesday on one of his periodic visits to the goat men of the Willamette valley. With his camera he circulates among the herd owners and secures not only pictures but many points of interest to the breeder. He was wearing a suit of clothes made of goat hair and which sold for \$25 which has attracted interest and secured orders for more of the same thing from people he who have seen it. Riddell Brothers and J. B. Stump and son are the growers whom he visited in Monmouth and from here he went to inspect the Grant herd near Dallas.

Severely Injured

George Swearingen of the Antioch district was badly injured in an accident with a colt Saturday afternoon. He went to his spring with a barrel after water, driving the colt and with the barrel on a sled. On the way the barrel tipped off and rolling scared the colt. Swearingen got hold of the animal's head but in the struggle was knocked down and trampled on, suffering severe injuries.