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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

The Training Schools in Monmouth and Independence opened Monday morning with a good enrollment in all grades.

Miss Schuette has been organizing the Normal Orchestra and the Glee Club this week. Students are most enthusiastic and the work is beginning auspiciously.

The seats for the concert by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra have nearly all been sold at this writing, which promises financial success for this big undertaking.

On Friday President Roberts of the new normal school at Centralia, Washington, addressed the students and faculty at the chapel hour. He urged the gospel of service in a sincere and pleasing manner.

So many students signed up for the new commercial teachers' course that a double supply of typewriters had to be ordered.

Elkins Rural Center opened Monday morning with Mrs. Seymour, Supervisor, in charge. Miss Florence Hill, who is Assistant Supervisor, is an O. N. S. graduate of June 1920, an honor student, who will no doubt make good in her new position.

The social activities of the year at the Oregon Normal School were auspiciously launched last Saturday evening by the reception given by the president and faculty to the students and the townspeople of Monmouth. The reception proper was held in the gymnasium and refreshments were served across the campus in the Normal building. After a hearty welcoming speech by President Ackerman, Miss Francine Miller responded with fitting remarks. Miss Laura Holliday of the music department then sang a group of songs in a very attractive manner. A unique plan for having the guests meet each other also proved entertaining. The gymnasium and refreshment rooms were all tastefully decorated.

The moving picture, "The Heart of a Child" is announced for Friday evening, October 1, with Nazimova playing the leading part.

At a meeting of the two literary societies of the Oregon Normal School, the Delphians and the Vespertines, held on Tuesday, officers were elected for the ensuing year. Those elected for the Delphians are as follows: President, Helen Fletcher, of Buell; Vice-President, Norma Calbreath, of Independence; Secretary, Lulu Hayes, of Burns; Treasurer, Ella Hattan, of St. Helens; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Zelma Sautvain, of Portland.

The following were elected as officers for the Vespertine Society: President, Goldie Hufford, of Bandon; Secretary, Dorcas Conklin, of Monmouth; and Treasurer, Edith Bragg, of La Grande.

A means whereby the road construction programme for the next two years may be financed without the necessity of discounting bonds or paying out large sums in interest will be provided by a levy of a 3-mill tax on all assessable property in Douglas county for the years 1920 and 1921, providing the voters of the county approve the plan, which is to be submitted by order of the county court at the November election.

In order that every scheme now under consideration by the public and the Dallas City water commission may be thoroughly investigated and approved the services of an expert hydraulic engineer will be secured. There are now three projects under consideration: the building of a dam across Mill creek, piping water from the Deschutes river or pumping water from the middle of the Columbia at a depth of 12 feet.

Big Call for Tickets

Patrons of the concert to be given by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra Sunday afternoon are asked to be in their seats promptly at 2:30 to avoid disturbance after the program has begun. The prospect is the crowd in attendance will tax the Normal auditorium to its capacity. \$1,000 in tickets have already been disposed of and it seems assured the total receipts will reach twelve hundred or two hundred more than the guarantee. Miss Schuette gives a very interesting description of the orchestra in another column of this week's Herald.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Captain C. L. Stidd of Company K of the National guard at Independence, has sold his farm south of Independence and resigned the job of captain. He plans to go to Portland where he has accepted a position with the Union Savings and Loan company. His successor at the head of Company K has not yet been named, that event waiting the next meeting of the company. Company K was organized in April, 1919 and Stidd was largely instrumental in the move. Captain Stidd's farm of one hundred fifteen acres has been sold to F. W. Schilling of Portland.

The open season on China pheasants begins today and hunters who have located the game are on the trail hot and heavy. Farmers who wish a chance at the game on their own preserves have posted notices warning trespassers away.

Wm. Glas who has been tester at the creamery for some time past and who has been on a vacation recently is not to return to the creamery, but leaves this week for Davis, Cal., where he will enter the California agricultural school with a view to further work in the dairy line.

Twenty-five years ago an attendance of four thousand at the state fair was considered big. This past week on single days forty thousand attended. All report the fair bigger and better than ever. The attraction put on by overseas service men Wednesday night entitled The Argonne Battle, drew many from this section.

Miss Emma Kramer starts in next week as principal of the Highland school in Salem. She formerly taught in the capitol city, having charge of the Lincoln school there. For the past two years she has taught in Marshfield. Her sister, Mrs. Beery, will live with her in an apartment during the school week and week ends they will spend in Monmouth.

A campaign is being started at Astoria to secure the necessary legislation for building an interstate bridge across the Columbia river. The point suggested is Wauna and Westport.

The special election at Ashland to vote on an issue of \$100,000 5 per cent 30-year bonds to provide an auxiliary water supply by putting in a dam on Ashland creek near Mount Ashland carried by a vote of 582 to 122.

Mailing of copies of proposed constitutional amendments and measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the general election to be held on November 2 has been completed under the direction of Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. A total of 339,750 pamphlets was mailed to the voters.

Bids for the construction of a bridge over the Malheur river near Vale, lining of two tunnels on the Hood River-Mosier section of the Columbia river highway and the grading and macadamizing of several miles of road in different parts of the state will be opened at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland September 28.

Building of Baptists Ready November 1

Announcement is made that the new Baptist church and community center will be ready for dedication on or before November 1. Owing to conditions incidental to all building operations the work has lasted longer than was expected last spring when it was begun. The cost of the building is also some higher. The total cost of the new home for the Baptists of Monmouth will be about \$8,000. Of this \$6,000 was contributed by the National Baptist association.

The new structure is to have ten rooms, the largest being the chapel at the rear of the new structure. On the ground floor, to the left of the entrance is the social hall and ladies' parlor. The room has a fireplace to give it a homelike atmosphere. The public library and reading room is on the other side of the hall, and leading off the library is the pastor's study where he may be found by people seeking consolation or by young people seeking to be wed.

The upper floor has been fitted up for temporary living quarters for the pastor and family but later is to be used for Sunday School class rooms. There is a small balcony at the rear of the chapel. Under the chapel is the furnace room lavatories and kitchen and banquet hall. The latter room will also be used as a boys' club room. When the church is finished and in running order it will be an agent of service to the community.

An unknown man who was found dead at the foot of a high cliff on the highway west of Goble Saturday evening, committed suicide by jumping off the cliff. At the top of the cliff his hat and a bottle of carbolic acid were found.

A vent which developed a few weeks ago in the bottom of Pamela lake, near Mt. Jefferson and which was draining the lake rapidly, endangering the large number of trout, has been stopped by employes of the United States forest service.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ended September 16, according to a report filed by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Nick Muek, logger of Knappa. A total of 492 accidents were reported.

Twenty new trade unions have been formed in the state during the past year and have joined with the state federation of labor, according to the report of Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, which held a four-day session at Pendleton.

At a tuberculosis clinic held at the Y. M. C. A. by the Bend chapter of the Red Cross 50 per cent of the men and women examined were found to have the disease, but in a majority of cases the condition of the sufferer was improving on account of the dry Central Oregon climate.

The state land board has decided to place on the market 12,000 acres of approved state base or scrip, which can be used for the selection of any government land subject to homestead entry in Oregon. This scrip will be sold at \$15 an acre in amounts not to exceed 320 acres to any one person.

Owing to the apparent growth of liquor stills throughout the state the Oregon Anti-saloon league, in cooperation with other law enforcement bodies, is said to be considering asking the next legislature for an appropriation of \$50,000 to secure better enforcement of the prohibition law.

The state emergency board at a meeting held Saturday authorized deficiency appropriations aggregating \$147,866, with which to defray the expenses of the various state institutions, state departments and organizations and societies receiving state aid until the next session of the legislature in January.

More than six miles of trackage is being laid in the O. W. R. & N. Co. yards at Huntington, and the yards are being extended a long distance west of the present ground occupied. A new 12-inch well is being driven to provide additional water facilities for betterment in every department of the service at this division point.

Symphony Music And Its Orchestra

In view of the fact that we are soon to have an unusual musical treat in this city, it may not be unwelcome to place before you some salient facts about the modern symphony orchestra. Think of the orchestra as being a single great instrument upon which the conductor plays. He has at his command the most wonderful means of musical expression in the world.

The symphony orchestra consists of from fifty to one hundred players. It comprises four divisions: There are three principal groups of instruments and one accessory group. To the musical profession they are known as the "strings", "woodwinds", "brass" and "battery".

The "strings" are the violins, violoncellos, violas, and double-basses. The "woodwinds" include the flutes, oboes, clarinets and bassoons. The various horns, trumpets and trombones belong to the "brass" group. The "battery" has these instruments of percussion—drums, triangle, cymbals, bells, etc.

The violin group is the foundation of the orchestra, and is given the place of prominence in the seating of the players. "On the left of the conductor sit the first violins; their leader who is known as concert-master occupies the first desk on the outside row. Directly opposite the first violins on the right of the conductor are the second violins; next them toward the center, the violas are placed. Contrasted with the violas on the side by the first violins are found the violoncellos.

"Directly back of the violins and cellos are grouped the double basses. This leaves the whole center of the orchestra to the wood-wind instruments. The flutes and piccolo occupy the first row. The oboes, which include the alto oboe or English horn and clarinets, the row behind, and the bassoons and the French horns the next. To balance the "strings" (the cellos and double basses) the "brasses" (trumpets, trombones and tuba) flank the right center of the orchestra.

The tympani (kettledrums) and the percussion instruments occupy the middle center, directly opposite the conductor. Roughly speaking, each group consists like a vocal choir of four parts corresponding to soprano, alto, tenor, and bass". A concert goes ought to be familiar with the personality of each instrument and the emotional effect of its voice.

The modern orchestra is called symphony orchestra because its chief function is to play symphonic music. Only an orchestra of a large size can properly present such music. A symphony is a sonata set for an orchestra. It consists of several parts or "movements", generally four in number. We might think of it as a story with various chapters. The first movement is usually quick and cheerful, and is most often marked allegro; the second movement goes at a leisurely pace, and is marked andante. The third is the humorous one and is marked scherzo, while the fourth and last movement is always rapid and in most cases represents triumphant joyousness. The symphony is the highest form of pure music.

Marie A. Schuette.

The Astoria school board has requested the county board of equalization to increase the assessment roll 50 per cent in order that the port commission may be able to issue sufficient bonds to complete projects in hand.

Frank Minney of Vida has been appointed as superintendent of the state fish hatchery on the upper McKenzie river in Lane county to succeed Matt L. Ryckman, who has been named as superintendent of all state trout hatch-

Another Try at Paving

S. S. Houston, civil engineer, was here from Salem Saturday with plans and specifications for paving Monmouth avenue strips along the highway paving and notices were posted by order of the council that the subject will be taken up at a meeting to be held October 8. At that time property owner will have opportunity to present objections or remonstrances.

Polk County Fair Comes Next Week

Polk county will hold its ninth annual county fair October 7, 8, and 9 at the fair grounds at the end of Clay street, Dallas.

The season has been an excellent one for grain specimens, and the display will be a good representation.

The various booths at the fair will be under the head of schools, industrial clubs, community and individual. Keen competition is being waged between Brush College and Elkins districts. The exhibits at the fair will include sheep, goats, swine and poultry, farm products, grains, vegetables, fruits, domestic science, amateur kodak photography, cut flowers, domestic art and school work.

The second annual automobile show will be put on by the Polk County Automobile Dealers' association.

Big Chief Williams of the Siletz Indian reservation will bring on his band of braves, in full Indian costume, and will entertain with feature dances and music.

Arrangements have been made with the Oregon, Washington, Idaho Airplane company to be in attendance each day of the fair. They will give exhibition flying and passengers will be taken on a flight over Dallas.

The special election called at Ashland on initiative petition to vote for the city to issue \$100,000 bonds for the purchase of Buck lake, 35 miles east, as an auxiliary water supply, defeated the proposition by a vote of 833 to 50. A \$100,000 bond election to conserve the waters of upper Ashland creek for auxiliary water supply, held September 19, carried 4 to 1.

Willamette valley hop growers report that the Oregon crop is about 90 per cent harvested and saved, notwithstanding the recent exceedingly heavy rains. It is believed there will be scarcely any loss in the remaining 10 per cent in the yards. The clusters have been free from lice and mold. The Oregon crop this season will aggregate about 50,000 bales.

The continued fall rains have done great damage to the Oregon prune crop. Allowing for exaggerations in reports, which are usual when a crop is in danger or injured, prune men nevertheless believe that this year's crop has been cut down one-half. If this is true it will mean a loss of about \$3,000,000 to the prune growers of Oregon. There were prospects in the spring of a crop of 80,000,000 pounds of dried prunes in the state. The estimate was cut down to 40,000,000 pounds when the June drop came and now the rain damage has reduced the crop probably to 30,000,000 pounds.

O. R. Hartwig of Portland, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, was nominated to continue in office at the state federation convention at Pendleton. Davie Ellis of Portland was nominated for vice-president and W. E. Kimsey, incumbent, was nominated for secretary-treasurer. Nominations for the executive board were as follows: Portland, Arthur Brock, J. C. Jensen, J. E. Starr; Salem, L. J. Simeral; Astoria, M. M. Lornsen; Pendleton, Charles Keane and Sandy McClain; La Grande, H. T. Dodd; Baker, Alex. Sewell; Bend, C. H. Baker. These nominations will be referred to all local unions affiliated with the state federation, to be voted on by referendum within 30 days. The new officers will take office March 4. Portland was named as the place for next year's state federation convention. No date was set.

Burning of Dryers Entails Big Loss

A \$17,000 loss ensued when fire destroyed the prune evaporating plant of F. A. Kurtz, last Tuesday morning. Fire was discovered at about 7 o'clock in the morning and made headway so fast that nothing could stop it. The dryer which is one of the largest in the country, has been running at full capacity and there were several tons of fresh and dried fruit in the building at the time of the fire and which were lost. About \$5,000 insurance was carried. The Kurtz company, owner of the plant, is associated with others in the ownership and management of the Monmouth orchards south of this city.

According to the Itemizer the total loss in the burning of the Evan Evans prune dryer is \$20,000. The dryer itself cost \$12,000. It had twenty tunnels, four furnaces and a daily capacity of 1300 bushels of prunes. \$5,000 insurance was carried on the building but none on his prunes of which 500 bushels were lost belonging to Evans and his son-in-law, Geo. Kurre. 6,000 bushels of prunes were lost in the fire the remainder the property of E. C. Kirkpatrick, H. L. Fenton, Robert Kreason, W. H. Marsh and others. At the alarm of fire the Dallas department responded but could do nothing as there was no water available. The advantage of locating dryers close to abundant water supply is obvious.

Reward for the Faithful

At the regular Odd Fellows meeting Monday night Claud Boothby was chosen degree work captain and the business of manufacturing Odd Fellows for the coming session will be inaugurated with neatness and dispatch. A candidate for the initiatory will be received Monday night and another will follow on the succeeding week. An interesting event of last Monday night's meeting was the recognition of long and faithful service by Paul Tacheron, secretary of Normal lodge, by increasing his monthly salary from \$2 to \$4. Mr. Tacheron is recognized at headquarters as one of the live secretaries of the state.

Prunes About Picked

With only a few days more work, the prunes for the season of 1920 will be in the dryer and ready for packing. A considerable portion of the crop has been lost the amount stated from a fourth to a half according to the optimism of the owner. The price for picking was first agreed on by the association at 5 cents per box but later because of the spoiled prunes to be handled the price paid was raised to 7½ cents.

A committee of the Minnesota legislature, composed of W. I. Nolan and W. I. Norton, representatives of Minneapolis, and J. T. McIntosh and John I. Levin, senators of St. Paul, were in Salem last week conferring with members of the Oregon Industrial Accident commission with relation to the operation of the Workmen's Compensation act now in effect in this state.

That the taxpayers of Oregon next year will be confronted with a tax levy far in excess of any in the history of the state unless the legislature curbs the demand for appropriations was the opinion expressed by state officials who have received intimations of what may be expected. Besides a threatened increase of 15 per cent in the cost of conducting the state institutions for the biennium starting January 1, 1921, which will add approximately \$248,000 to the appropriations authorized at the beginning of the present biennium, several of the state departments now report funds about exhausted and probably will look to the state emergency board for financial relief.