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

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Normal has been observing "Better Book Week", November 15-20. The great national campaign to arouse new interest in juvenile reading is sponsored by every library and school in the country, by the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Miss West has emphasized children's reading in various ways for the Normal students. Perhaps the most appreciated features of the week were the special exhibit of children's books arranged in the library and the talk by the Children's Supervisor of the Public Library from Portland.

Miss Allie F. Bramberg, who has been the efficient registrar in the Normal for some years, has been granted a year's leave of absence. She left Wednesday to spend the year with her sister in New York City. Miss Bramberg will be greatly missed by students and faculty but all wish her a pleasant vacation and a safe return next year.

The program Friday evening will be given by the Delphin society and will be in the nature of a Thanksgiving observance. The public is invited to this program which will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Bertha Brainerd of Portland will take Miss Bramberg's place in the office during the latter's leave of absence.

Several members of the faculty are doing institute work this week. The Misses McIntosh, Schuette, Records, DeVore, Brenton and Mr. Beattie appeared at Dallas, and President Ackerman, Mr. Gentle and the Misses Smith, Arbuthnot and Houx at McMinville.

The Training School Orchestra played on Wednesday P. M., appearing on the program of the Polk County Institute.

The first basket ball game of the series between the Junior men and Senior men was played in the gymnasium on Monday evening. The Junior and Senior girls played their opening game Thursday evening.

A student-body dancing party, managed by the Juniors, will be given in the gymnasium Saturday, November 20. Local people on the social list are invited to attend.

The new school building at Mount View will be dedicated next Saturday evening, November 20. A program, to begin at eight o'clock, will be given. This new building is commodious and comfortable, consisting of four rooms and an assembly hall on the first floor with living quarters for the teachers on the second floor.

The boys of the Normal played a basket ball game Tuesday afternoon which resulted in a decided victory for the Juniors. At the end of the first half the score was 15 to 10 in their favor and the final score was 27 to 19. The Lee boys got most of the baskets, M. Lee having 9 to his credit and Guy Lee 5. The game was umpired by Geo. Fetzer with L. P. Gilmore and J. B. V. Butler, Jr., as scorekeepers. Following is the lineup:

Seniors—Forwards, G. Lee and Moreland; Center, Nitzel and Guards, Oleman and Chute.

Juniors—Forwards, M. Lee and Johnson, Center, Muender; Guards, Turner and Stover.

Daniel Calbreath, Andalusian specialist of Monmouth Heights, was under the weather last Saturday and Sunday.

The Miller Mercantile company plans to get a small truck and do its own delivery work.

Grange Meeting

Saturday is Men's Day at the Grange; men being given the special privilege of preparing the dinner. For the afternoon program County Agent Paul Carpenter will be present with matters of active interest to the grangers. Miss Radabaugh of the Training school will also give a reading, a play which is considered to be extra good by all who have heard it.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Rev. E. B. Pace is in Portland the last three days of this week conferring with state officials of the Baptist church and making arrangements for the dedication of the local edifice which is to take place in the near future. The new church and social center is about done and is admired by all who have seen it. Mr. Pace who conceived the idea and despite many discouragements, carried the plan through, is entitled to much credit. He has been chief architect of the structure and has supervised the work from beginning to end.

There was a good attendance and an interesting program at the C. E. Convention held last Saturday and Sunday. The banquet on Saturday evening called out a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Miss Bramberg, who started for the East Wednesday afternoon, has been registrar at the Normal for the past three years. She is of the efficient type who can accomplish a great deal of work with very little fuss and that she will be missed goes without saying. She expects to spend the next year with a sister in New York City and on the trip is accompanied by a friend from Portland as far as Nebraska.

The local branch of the Co-operative Fruit Growers' Association held a business session Tuesday afternoon in the rooms of the Commercial club.

Three road districts which include the districts north and south of Independence and the district of Independence will hold a special election on Saturday, November 27, when they will consider voting a ten mill levy on all three districts in the interest of better roads. In each of the north and south districts the sum which a ten-mill tax will raise is a little over eight thousand dollars and to this the county court has already promised to add \$12,500 which will make twenty thousand dollars in each district. The ten mill levy in Independence will make a little less than five thousand dollars and to this no county money will be added. If the projects carry it is planned to spend practically all of the money on hard surfacing.

P. D. Quisenberry, who has worked for some time past in Salem, has bought an interest in the drug store in which he has been employed.

Carl DeArmond of Suver and Miss Beatrice Pierce of Ten Mile, Douglas county, were married November 3 and are spending their honeymoon in California.

The body of Newman Dennis who died in the service overseas was returned to Dallas last week for burial.

Wallace Newman was submitted to the state reform school last Saturday by the county judge.

Mrs. Evans' daughter, who has been visiting with her for some time past, left for her home in Korea Tuesday.

Mrs. Alderson has been spending several weeks with her daughter in Portland.

Census Statistics and Assessment Figures

Census statistics were made public this week to show that there are this year 1761 farms in Polk county as contrasted with 1557 farms in 1910, an increase of 13 per cent. Thirteen of the farms are operated by Indians and the remainder by members of the pale face race. 1421 of the farms are operated by the owners; in 1910 the number being 1222. There are 340 tenants on farms in the county. According to the census the total number of farm acres in the county is 239,621. The valuation of the farms is \$25,356,308, an increase of nearly ten millions in ten years.

There are in the county 6027 horses, over three hundred less than in 1910. There are 112 mules, 10,687 cattle, 12,731 sheep and 10,185 swine. In 1910 there were 37 mules, 10,476 cattle, 21,563 sheep and 8,190 swine.

In 1919 we had 689,213 bushels of wheat on 32,126 acres; 659,682 bushels of oats on 25,395 acres, 39,011 tons of hay on 23,408 acres, 1,274,540 pounds of hops on 1576 acres.

In 1909 we had 254,594 bushels of wheat on 13,089 acres, 896,579 bushels of oats on 23,408 acres, 36,941 tons of hay on 24,173 acres and 3,949,426 pounds of hops on 4,497 acres.

According to the records of the assessor's office, about one thousand acres have been cleared annually for the past four years and added to the tillable acreage of the county. In 1916 there were 134,478.68 tillable acres on the assessment rolls and in 1920 the number of tillable acres was listed at 18,256.77. The total assessed valuation of Polk county in 1920, exclusive of public utilities is \$11,992.40.

During four years the number of dogs in the county has increased. In 1916 there were 763 assessed and in 1920 the number has grown to 927. The 1920 assessed valuation of the dogs was \$10,170. To discourage the keeping of curs and encourage the keeping of good dogs the law insists no dog shall be assessed under \$10. There are dogs in the county assessed as high as \$50 and which their masters would not sell for twice that sum. These are dogs that have been specially trained and to their owners the assessment has a use as it places a

HE BET AND LOST



Many freak stunts were staged as a result of election bets. This fellow had to gallop down the street yelling "fire" and pulling a toy fire engine after him. To make it still more conspicuous he was obliged to ride a broom.

Benson Resigns from Highway Commission

Accompanying his resignation with rather sensational charges, S. Benson, chairman of the highway commission asked to be relieved from his position Wednesday and in his place Governor Olcott has appointed Eric Hauser, proprietor of the Multnomah hotel in Portland. Mr. Hauser is in the east and has not yet accepted the position.

Following are extracts from Mr. Benson's letter.

"I am impelled to this action by finding myself in total variance of opinion with Messrs. Booth and Kiddle regarding policy and administration of the highway department."

"When the people by their votes last June authorized the issuance of \$10,000,000 of highway bonds, it was an implied understanding that this money was to be used for the completion of the main trunk lines and the Pacific highway, in particular, 159 miles of which is yet unopened. I have attempted to induce Messrs. Booth and Kiddle to agree to take up such sections of the Pacific highway as are ready and submit them for final improvement, but upon some pretext consent was refused and now another year will pass and the Pacific highway, the most important road in the state, will be far from completion. From the very first time it was proposed to expend state money upon the road from Eugene to Lake creek, I opposed it on the ground that it was not, is not, and never will be a state road. To me it is a criminal waste of public funds to expend them upon a road that begins and ends in the same county over which no traffic of state nature or importance will ever pass, and as an economic proposition the amount to be expended will never bring proper returns upon the investment. Benton county realizing that it is purely a local county road is providing for the construction of a thoroughfare from its boundaries from its own funds and even offer to pay part of the construction in Lane county. At this time when highway funds are at a low ebb and when every dollar is needed to complete the main highways it is nothing short of calamitous to divert them to the construction of a local road, the cost of which should be defrayed by the community directly benefited."

"The construction and improvement of Oregon's highway system has been to me of intense interest in fact this form of development has to me seemed to be the most important proposition for the progress, prosperity and advancement of the state of Oregon and my every action has been dictated by a desire to be of some service to the state. I had no other interests to serve and local considerations were not thought of in my decisions. My one and sole object was to serve the state as a whole so when I find that work will be retarded, local interests given preference over those of the state, public funds wasted by inaction and a backward step taken, am impelled to step aside before matters reach such a state that my fellow citizens will enter a protest that will call for an explanation."

value on the dog and a basis for collecting damages in case the dog is abused or killed by some one else.

Miss Dorcas Arrell of Independence and Harris M. Ebbe of Dallas were married last week. Mr. Ebbe is an employee of the Mountain States Power Company.

A Day Earlier

Next week as press day falls on Thanksgiving Day the Herald will be issued one day early. Correspondents, and this includes those kind friends most valued in a printing office, who bring or send or phone in news items are asked to bear this in mind and be a day early.

Ordinance of 1886 Regulates Evenings

Some of the youth of the city consider their rights have been infringed on when the marshal has suggested that as the hour is nine o'clock p. m. it is time to seek that sequestered spot alike renowned in song and tale as "Home Sweet Home". They have mentally disagreed with him when he has intimated that he is grateful to them for standing around during the early evening and assisting him in keeping an eye on things, but that at nine they may retire with his unqualified permission to the domestic scenes that suggest that more or less universal custom known as "hitting the hay". In a spirit of remonstrance the boys sought the recorder to know the city regulations in the matter and the latter acknowledged ignorance of the details of this particular feature of his job, soon happily to be shifted to other shoulders. A search of the ordinances and regulations of the city, however, reveal that this matter is fully covered by existing law.

Ordinance No. 27, passed October 25, 1886, with L. Bently, president and Ira E. M. Butler, recorder, Section 1, reads as follows: "It shall not be lawful for any minor under the age of eighteen, to be or walk upon the streets, lounge about the stores or buildings, after the hour of seven o'clock p. m. during the months of November, December, January and February; after 8 p. m. during the months of March, April, September and October; and after 9 o'clock p. m., during the months of May, June, July, August, unless accompanied by parent or guardian or going to or returning from any public meeting."

About the only one who can take a glass too much nowadays is the fellow who steals a mirror.—Boston Transcript.

TO PHOTOGRAPH MARS FROM HUGE DIRIGIBLE



Professor David Todd, America's greatest astronomer, will endeavor to prove that life exists on the planet Mars by ascending as high as possible in a gigantic dirigible and taking photographs. By making a great ascent of, perhaps, many miles, two purposes will have been accomplished; rising out of the small particles of dust on the surface of the earth that are such a hindrance in photography and also by getting that much nearer the planet which will be closer to the earth in 1922 or 1924 than at any time for the next 600 years.

Came in 1853 from Monmouth, Illinois

Rufus M. Smith was born April 25, 1842 in Monmouth, Illinois and died at his home in Monmouth, Oregon, November 12, 1920.

He crossed the plains with his parents in 1853 and located in Polk county, near Monmouth where he has resided ever since. He was married to Irene M. Wren in 1867 at Corvallis, Oregon. They had six children: Ida M. Goodnight, Vancouver, Wash., E. M. Smith of Corvallis, Myra I. Noble of Heppner, Rosa E. Smith of Portland, Roy M. Smith of Monmouth and Cora M. Smith who died in 1891. He left also a brother, Ira S. Smith of Marshfield, a sister, Mrs. R. M. Humphrey of Vale and two grandchildren, Lillian and Irene Goodnight of Vancouver.

Mr. Smith was a G. A. R. veteran and during the war was stationed at Vancouver. He was a typical American having the nation's interest at heart.

He was buried in the Davidson cemetery west of Monmouth, with many friends and relatives attending.

Rev. Ballantyne, retired Evangelical minister of Dallas, preached the funeral sermon of R. M. Smith.

Elkins News Items

The Parent Teachers Association held its monthly meeting Friday evening, November 12, at the Elkins School house.

The Boy Scouts of Elkins have been making cider for different parties at 50 cents per gallon. This money goes to increase the Scout fund.

School was dismissed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to make it possible for the teachers to attend Institute.

The board of directors have been looking into the matter of the lack of heat in the school rooms. If the furnace we now have can not be repaired a new heating system will be installed.

Frank Loughary and son went to Portland last week with seventeen head of their registered Jersey cattle which they will exhibit at the Livestock Exposition.

The new high school equipment has arrived and been installed. This completes Elkins' equipment and makes it a standard school.

Miss Hill, her mother, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Seymour motored to Salem with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones Saturday, looking for a piano for the school.

E. H. S. played her first basket ball game of the season at Airlie Friday night, defeating A. H. S., 12 to 6. Splendid work of the center and guards of Elkins prevented Airlie from scoring any field goals, but getting everything from the foul line. Elkins started basket ball early this season because it will be its first real year of basket ball. Only two games were played last year, one of which was lost to Airlie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tetherow were in Eugene Saturday and Sunday where they visited Mrs. Tetherow's sister.

Miss Hill's mother was a visitor at the Elkins School Monday.

There was a large turnout at the free moving picture show at the Normal Tuesday and all enjoyed the program. As a preliminary Miss Schuette led the audience in chorus singing, doing full justice to "Juanita", "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" and other favorites. The Normal orchestra led in the singing.