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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Superintendent Bittner of McMinnville and County Superintendent Alderson of Multnomah County visited the Normal this week to secure teachers for their schools for the coming year.

Miss Smith gave an interesting chapel talk on Wednesday.

On Friday evening, March 25, the American Legion of Independence will show a series of war pictures in the Normal chapel. These pictures were taken by the official photographers who were with each division on the front in the World War, and were actually made in the midst of battles. They show the trenches, men going over the top, stretcher-bearers at their work, in short all the details of the front lines of the army. The appeal of these pictures is in their reality as they are truly war pictures in the actual sense of the words. The proceeds of this entertainment will go to the Legion.

On Thursday Miss Hales gave an excellent talk on the work done by the children in the grades in Physical Education and had the pupils on the platform to demonstrate what she said.

Mr. H. C. Seymour, of the County Club work at O. A. C., visited the Normal Tuesday and addressed the students at the chapel hour.

Several students as well as the elected delegates accompanied Miss Godbold and Miss Jennie Carroll, the Normal orator, to Eugene last Friday when the State Contest was held. All report an enjoyable time and a very creditable representation for the Normal on Miss Carroll's part.

Several out-of-town guests attended the dancing party in the gymnasium last Saturday evening. Among these were Miss Eugenia McNaughton of McMinnville, Miss Ruth Johnson of Portland and Miss Genevieve Howell of Astoria, all graduates of the class which finished last June.

Miss Alberta Green of Portland spent the week end with Miss West.

The June class, which numbers about eighty, is ordering invitations this week.

A motion picture entitled "Officer 666" will be shown in the chapel Saturday evening, March 26, at 8:15. The plot of this play concerns a young millionaire who poses as a policeman in order to trap a thief in his own home. The drama from which the picture is made was most popular on the legitimate stage when it was played a few seasons past.

A motion picture, entitled "Jes Call Me Jim", has been secured to be shown in the chapel next Tuesday evening, March 29. The leading part is taken by Will Rogers who has a role well suited to his personality. As Jim Fenton, the simple, rugged woodsman, he is a character one does not easily forget. His bashful conquest of the pretty milliner, his simple code of honor, his loyalty to a friend, and above all his delightful humor are reflected in a picture that will remain long after it has been shown. The Normal Chapel, Tuesday, March 29, at 8:15.

Intelligence tests have been conducted recently in Ballston, Perrydale, a rural school near Hood river, Silverton high school, a few classes in Salem high school and the honor of the four highest grades still remains with the Monmouth high school. Only one perfect was found, a local Sophomore.

OFFERED \$3,000 FOR HER HENNA LOCKS



Grace Nicholas of Evansville Ind. had long locks—beautiful hair of henna shade for which a Chicago actress offered her \$3,000. What would you do? It meant a longed for college education—and anyhow—all the girls are now wearing bobbed hair.—Well she refused.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

T. H. Halleck was over from Newport for the week end to see his mother, who has been quite sick, but is now better. Mr. Halleck reports a busy winter at Newport with many people occupying the cottages. While they have had one of the warmest winters on record, with nothing even resembling a freeze, it has been a stormy winter with one gale following another in continual succession. This has damaged dock and port property. One time the city went two days without mail, the connecting railway being obstructed by slides. The power company also found it hard to operate there and the service was shut off in the day time for a considerable period.

The house of Mrs. J. W. Pember was broken into last Thursday night and silverware to a considerable value was taken. The indications are that the theft occurred at about 8:30 in the evening while Mrs. Pember was absent from the house. It is about a year ago that the Kilen valuables were taken, with appearances that local knowledge of the facts contributed to the theft.

Mrs. Conkin reports that Mr. Conklin who is undergoing treatment in Salem has improved prospects for recovery. His age and the fact that his ailment is of long standing are in his favor but he will have to take months of treatment and must give up active work for some time. Prof. Beattie will have charge of the services in the Evangelical church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

Elmer Chapin of Parker accompanied by his family, left Sturdy for his home in Eastern Oregon. Mr. Chapin is an ex-service man who saw service in France. He was married shortly after his return from overseas and settled on a farm at Parker. Recently he purchased a farm near Prineville, in the Ochoco irrigation project and this is where he will move.

Several bushels gain in production can be made by early spring plowing. Cultivation of early spring plowed land improves the soil solution and increases the yield. Co-operative moisture studies at the Moro branch experiment station have proved this to be a fact.

Mrs. J. C. Rounds has been enjoying a visit for a few days from their daughter, Mrs. B. A. Johnston of Corvallis. She returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Fruit Flourishes in Polk County

Polk county ranks as one of the great prune producing counties in the state. The U. S. Department of Agriculture in making its Oregon estimate of crops for 1920, places the prune crop in this county at 7,668,000 pounds. This crop was harvested from 6,908 acres in the county.

The apple crop last year in this county was 104,000 bushels, gathered from 1,600 acres. The average price per bushel is estimated at 75 cents, and on this basis the crop of apples brought to the county last year the sum of \$78,000.

Polk county did not go strong on pears as the governments experts estimate 150 acres of bearing pears in the county and from this 150 acres, a crop of 18,000 bushels.

Taking the state as a whole, the estimate is a value of \$1.50 per bushel. But on an estimate of \$2.00 bushel for the Polk county pear crop, this places value of \$36,000 for the crop last year.

Although Polk county ranks second in the state in cherry acreage, due to the unfavorable weather conditions during picking time, the crop harvested the past season amounted to a little more than 1,000,000 pounds for commercial uses, ranking fourth in the state.

Marion county had about 200,000 more pounds of cherries than Polk county. On account of favorable weather, Lane county harvested the largest cherry crop in the state, estimated at 2,158,000 pounds.

The crop of loganberries in this county was 900,000 pounds for commercial uses. The price averaged 12 cents, bringing into the county \$108,000.

Plan a Clean Up

The Community Club at its meeting Tuesday night started the ball rolling for a real clean up day in Monmouth this spring. It was decided to ask the other clubs and organizations of the city, the common council and the schools to determine on a single day when a united effort shall be made to polish municipal appearances. At the conclusion the ladies of the city will be asked to prepare a dinner in the grove at the Normal or in some suitable place. Everybody will be asked to lay off for half a day, the city will be apportioned to different leaders and lieutenants to see that a thorough job is done.

L. P. Gilmore, who had investigated the workings of a building and loan association in Salem, reported to the club as to what he had learned in the matter.

Fred Eye of St. Johns has succeeded to the place formerly held by C. E. Wilson at the Monmouth Hardware.

Harmony Pervades Highway Matters

According to different news items published this week Dallas and Independence have agreed that there is nothing to be gained by further fighting of the highway commission and have called off and made settlement in the suits pending last year. The sentiment is especially strong in Dallas that more is to be gained by working with the commission than against it. Independence, however, is restive and may resume on its own hook, says the report. With proper co-operation with the commission it is believed forty miles of hard paving within the county can be laid by the end of 1922, and the ground cleared for further improvements in road making within the county.

Some time since it was published that building the highway south from Monmouth would cost many thousand dollars more than south from Independence. An inquiry to the highway engineer elicited the following reply which we publish at this time. The letter is signed by W. D. Clarke, who is the local division engineer.

"No final plans or exact estimates have been prepared for either of these lines. The preliminary estimates which have been used for comparison show the total ultimate cost of the two lines practically identical but final plans and exact estimates might make a difference of \$25,000 to \$50,000 in favor of the route from Monmouth depending upon the plan of construction adopted at the crossing of the Luckiamute River. The two lines are not greatly different in length or in character of construction except at the Luckiamute. The Independence line is 8.04 miles and that from Monmouth is 7.57 miles. The equality of the preliminary estimates of the two lines applies to the grading work and paving work separately as well as to the total but any difference in cost made by possible change in plans as above referred to would affect only the grading and the entire difference would come in that part of the work."

Of course it is not necessary that the road south from Monmouth cross at the Helmick bridge. This was adopted as the bridge is in good shape and making use of it would save money at this time. Here is what the commission says about the matter in its annual report.

"Surveys for the section of the West Side Highway from Monmouth to Sver have been made during 1919 and 1920. The first survey ran due south from Monmouth, following practically along the existing road for 3.75 miles, then bearing to the southeast to the Luckiamute river which was crossed about three quarters of a mile above Parker. From this point the road ran in nearly a direct line to the junction of the Sver-Airlie road with the road to Corvallis about a mile west of Sver. This route necessitated about three and five tenths miles of new right of way, most of which is

HIS WEATHER GUESS BEAT SCIENCE



Billie Hart, toll-taker at the international bridge at Eagle Pass, Texas, has a national reputation as a weather prophet, being more reliable than Uncle Sam's official scientific department. Billie will not tell his system, but he predicted two great gulf storms—the Galveston and the Corpus Christi floods. Sheepmen and ranchers of the southwest often wire Billie for predictions, while more recently a Wall Street broker wired him about the weather to use as data on cotton speculation.

through highly cultivated land, and an expensive bridge across the Luckiamute.

"In April, 1920, another location was made directly south from Monmouth, crossing the Luckiamute on the present bridge at Helmick and continuing along the existing road to a point 0.75 miles south of the Luckiamute. The survey then bore to the southeast and joined the first survey at a point 1.3 miles north of the Sver-Airlie road. This route is 0.3 miles shorter than the first survey, requires 1.9 miles less of new right of way, and does not require the construction of a bridge across the Luckiamute, at this time, as the existing bridge is a comparatively new structure. The most serious disadvantage is the overflow land crossed just south of the Luckiamute. This will require a long fill, which, however, is entirely practicable and the second route has been adopted by the Highway Commission."

Found Dead in Field

Chas. Walters, a man who has been working on the ranch of Walter Domes near McCoy, was found dead Sunday morning by a neighbor. Mr. Walters did not live in the home of Mr. Domes but was occupying a shack some distance away. He had been employed in blasting stumps to clear up some land on the ranch. He had procured milk from a neighbor and on last Sunday morning when he failed to appear the neighbor thought something must be wrong and went to investigate. He found Mr. Walters lying dead in a field on the opposite side of the fence from where he had been doing blasting. Mr. Walters was 53 years of age and, thus far, only a brother-in-law by the name of Ernest Spindal of Winlock, Washington, has been located. He arrived Monday evening and took the remains to Winlock for burial.

The Mothers' Club and invited guests were delightfully entertained with a St. Patrick's Day luncheon in the Community House last Friday afternoon.

The tables were beautiful with their green and white decorations, and luncheon and program also carried out the scheme for the celebration of the day.

The neighbors of Chas. Newman and wife in their new home north of the city, dropped in on them last Friday night and gave them a welcome to the neighborhood. They had phonograph music and social diversions during the evening with refreshments at 11 o'clock. All report a royal time.

The rains of the winter and spring which are holding back agricultural affairs, are booming clover fields some of which looked very unpromising last fall. It is bringing out an abundance of vegetation. Wild flowers in the wood are rarely so plentiful or rank of growth at this time of the year.

Miss Enid Benson of Corvallis spent the week end at A. F. Hulbert's.

County Odd Fellows Headed This Way

The Odd Fellows of Polk county will visit with the Monmouth lodge of the order on Monday evening of next week. This is one of a series of visits with which the fraternity in the county has been trying to keep up and develop cordial relations during the past winter. Do you hear the rumble? It is the reverberation of footsteps, approaching in tin Lizzies. Several caravans of camels and donkeys (made in Detroit, Mich.) will soon be observed at various turns in the road, traveling in the mud, sand and heading toward Monmouth. Monmouth, known to the initiated as the paradise of pedagogs is to entertain the tribesmen and hillmen from the whole county. As an oasis in the country between Jericho and Samaria the chain gang scouts have seen it from afar and have given hails of encouragement to the plodding caravans. Here where the milk and honey flows they see prospects of dried dates and goats milk and they hear the squawk of the sleek and fattened barred rock as the determined Rebekahs take to its trail. Here even the camels and donkeys may be refreshed for it is asserted there must be gasoline in the water that flows down from Teal creek, for only thus can they account for the pep and ginger of the Monmouth brethren. Again hail the day and may no brother miss the event.

After Booze Venders

John Orr, sheriff of Polk county, is attempting to eliminate the free use of booze in the county and particularly is he taking steps to clean up the beverage scented attendance at dances. Saturday night he had four deputies at various dances throughout the county and he, himself, was on duty in like manner. He arrested Paul Buchanan at a dance at McCoy for having booze in his possession. Mr. Buchanan is a cook in the Beaverton hotel in Independence and appeared before Justice of the Peace, Ed Coad at Dallas Monday and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Seed strains are attracting much attention at present. Growers are realizing that any variety is no better than the seed strain of that variety. There may be a considerable difference in the tonnage of two lots of winter cabbage of the smaller variety. One lot may produce 10 tons an acre and another 15 tons an acre, grown under the same conditions. Just as in poultry husbandry so in vegetable gardening, these high yielding strains affect the crop more than the mere variety selected. The O. A. C. experiment station is endeavoring to collect the higher yielding strains of many different vegetables in order that these may form the basis of future breeding of seed.

The decayed dormant spray is the first apple scab spray. It should be applied just after the leaves surrounding the tiny clusters of undeveloped blossom buds have separated sufficiently so that the spray can reach the bud cluster.

More vegetable seeds were imported from foreign countries during 1920 than in 1919, according to O. A. C. department of vegetable gardening. Prices on these seeds have dropped considerably so that American grown seed will have to be reduced in price in order to compete with foreign grown seed. This shows that foreign nations are getting back to normal in seed production.

A. F. Hulbert and D. M. Hampton were visitors in Salem Wednesday.

NEW TWO-YEAR-OLD WORLD CHAMPION



Katherine's Trizie owned by Walter C. White of Gates Mill, O., and bred by Albert Schieber of Bucyrus, O., is the new world's champion two-year-old cow. She has just set a record by producing 12,475.7 pounds of milk and 79.48 pounds of butter fat, beating out the record made by Lanrwair Hope by 17 pounds who ruled the two-year-olds for eight years. She is a Guernsey.