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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Normal is much pleased to note that Mr. C. L. Starr was appointed a member of the Board of Regents for Normal Schools in Oregon for a term of six years beginning July 1, 1921.

Mr. H. L. Curtis of Oberlin, Ohio, formerly president of the Playground Association of America and a well-known authority on play and playgrounds, spoke to the Normal students at the chapel hour last Thursday. Mr. Curtis took as his subject, "Organized Play as part of the school curriculum," giving an interesting, stimulating discussion of the topic.

Several other interesting speakers have already been secured for chapel talks during the summer school. Among these are people so well and favorably known as Professor Horace A. Eaton, Head of the English Department at Syracuse University, New York, and Professor Trueblood of the Department of Public Speaking at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

A most gratifying feature of the Summer School is the enrollment which Wednesday of this week reached a total of 526.

President Ackerman and Mr. Butler attended a ball game in Salem Monday. It is said that each selected his team, but it is not so definitely known whether they paid the wagers they made or not.

Many students as well as several members of the faculty spent July 4 at their homes and various beach resorts.

A comparatively small number of students, about 60, are taking the Elementary Teachers' Training Course at the Normal this summer. This is a notable fact in that it proves that many have already chosen to spend more than the required twelve weeks at the Normal.

The Misses Taylor, Brainerd, Schuette, Peterson and Mrs. Wolf and her son spent the week-end at Waldport south of Eugene, and report a most delightful trip.

Last week the students of the Summer School were divided into five groups using their geographical location in the state as a basis for the grouping. Each group has already elected a chairman and other officers and all are hard at work planning the various "stunts" by which they will contest for the flag on August 3. The groups and chairmen are as follows:

Group 1. Eastern Oregon, including all counties east of the Cascade Mountains, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Nevada and all other states east of Oregon. Chairman, Cecil Hughes.

Group 2. Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Lane counties. Chairman, Genevieve Thompson.

Group 3. Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Polk and Marion counties. Chairman, Esther Garbe.

Group 4. Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, Washington, Yamhill and Clackamas counties. Chairman, Juneta Wolf.

Group 5. Multnomah county. Chairman, Elsa Egans.

"Black Beauty", a story that has been read by people in all countries for over forty years, has been made into a beautiful motion picture. This book relates the life of a horse, Black Beauty, as told by himself. Interwoven with the autobiography of the horse are a number of human characters whose lives are also tremendously affected by the stirring hare hunt, the burning of the stable, and the exciting race with which the film version closes.

Needs Correction

J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, announced Wednesday that he was preparing a motion asking that the complaint filed by certain residents of Independence asking that the state be enjoined from proceeding with the construction of the west Side Pacific highway, be made more definite. The motion will be filed in the circuit court for Polk county.

The original suit alleged that the county court of Polk county exceeded its authority when it designated certain sections of the West Side Pacific highway as market roads, and also that the county court had no legal authority to incur indebtedness to exceed \$5000.

Contracts for the construction of the Polk county highway were awarded some time ago, and the contractors are now at work. As yet, no formal injunction has been granted by the circuit court.

As soon as the plaintiffs file an amended complaint, should the motion of the highway department attorney prevail, Mr. Devers will file a demurrer to the entire proceedings. This demurrer will be based on the grounds that the allegations of plaintiffs do not constitute a cause of action.—Oregonian.

It Was Hot

D. C. Walker and two sons, Clarence and George, arrived last week from Phoenix, Arizona, having made the trip in a Ford car in six days, distance 1450 miles. In speaking of the journey, George said the first part was the worst and practically all of the hardships experienced enroute were met the first two days out of Phoenix. At the end of the first day they arrived at Parker where they crossed the Colorado. The Arizona roads were bad, sandy with lots of chuck holes, but the Mohave desert in California was worse. They carried with them six gallons of water and on the Mohave the sun was so hot that even though they had been toughened in Arizona their arms blistered in its intensity. When they had emerged from the Tehachapi pass at the close of the second day they found the balance of the journey comparatively pleasant. They were delayed a half day at Sacramento and spent one afternoon and evening in Eugene. George and Clarence plan to go to Eastern Oregon to work this summer and will return to Arizona this fall where Clarence is clearing up on a homestead on which he purchased a relinquishment.

Judging from the way the Normal campus is pitted this morning one might feel justified in the supposition that it is just recovering from a case of small pox. The pits are cherry pits, however, all that remains from four bushels of cherries brought to the Normal yesterday afternoon from the Gentle farm. The five hundred students were told to help themselves and it did not take them long to do full justice to the cherries.

Actual grading on the highway south of this city started this week. By far the greatest portion of the work is close to the Luckiamute and there operations start. The contractor has built a bunk house there and also a loading platform where trucks are to be loaded for the fill across the river. The hill on the north side of the Luckiamute will be cut down and transported bodily across the bridge.

"Black Beauty" will be shown in the chapel Saturday evening, July 9 at 8:15. Particularly all children in Monmouth should plan to see it, though it will be enjoyed by grown people as well as children, as it is a story in which the appeal is really universal.

Independence Man Dies in Portland

James Shelby Cooper, who died at the King Hill apartments in Portland Monday and who was buried in his home town, Independence, Wednesday afternoon, under the auspices of the Royal Arch Masonic lodge, which he helped found there, was one of the builders of Polk county and leaves the imprint of his activity upon the culture of that entire portion of the state.

Born in Lawrence, Missouri, in 1841, he came across the plains by ox team in 1860, going first to California, then to Nevada, where he entered the silver rush that followed the California gold rush. Three years later he came to Oregon from California and settled in Spring Valley, Polk county, near Salem. He farmed and went to McMinnville college, under John M. Johnson, later president of the University of Oregon.

Later he married Frances Graves, daughter of C. B. Graves of Independence, a pioneer of 1844, and eventually they made their home in Independence which city has found Mr. Cooper identified as one of the leaders in every phase of its subsequent growth. The First National bank of that city was founded by him, and he was active in the development of the short railway line that operated for many years between Monmouth and Independence, and later between Dallas and Independence, before it was bought in as part of the present Southern Pacific system on the west side.

In addition to banking, Mr. Cooper was one of the prominent hop growers and buyers in Polk county, and was at all times actively connected with political life of the county and state. He was representative for Polk and Lincoln counties in the legislature in 1905, and was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Harrison.

He is survived by three children by his first marriage: Mrs. C. E. Ireland of Klamath Falls, Mrs. George M. Parker, of Panama and Mrs. W. D. Moreland, of Tacoma. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Jennie McNeal Logan of Dallas, who, with four children survives him. The children are: Mrs. George M. Williams, of Centralia, Wash., Mrs. John Hraus, of Aurora, J. S. Cooper, of Portland and Miss Genevieve Cooper of Portland.

Thanks the Children

The following is a letter received by Miss Ragon of the Art Department of the Normal School from J. J. Hardsaker, State Director for the Near East Relief:

Please pardon me for my seeming neglect in acknowledging and thanking you for the toys which were sent us by the boys in the fifth and sixth grades, to be taken by me in my personal baggage to the children in Armenia.

Won't you please thank the boys for me and in the name of the Armenian children for their thoughtfulness in making these toys for the little ones who have had so much sorrow in their lives and never known the joy of having toys of their own.

Mrs. Melinda Hart sold her residence on the corner of Clay and Broad streets to Geo. Harrington of Myrtle Point on Wednesday. Consideration \$800. Mr. Harrington plans to attend Normal and send his three children to the local schools. G. T. Boothby made the sale.

Rev. Conklin is in Portland this week.

The Fourth in the Luckiamute Shade

While Monmouth people spent the Fourth in various places scattered from the Columbia to the Umpqua, for the automobile makes distances short these days, a great many of our citizens joined with the Grangers in a picnic at the Luckiamute. The rustic attractions of this resort are never seen to better advantage than on a warm day with a clear sky. The giant trees supply plenty of shade and it is so far removed from the road that there is little dust to contend with. All the visitor has to do is to acquire a reposeful angle on a nature cushioned couch and invite his soul to commune with the scenery. A little company helps out with the general scheme of things and on the Fourth there was plenty of company.

If there were any horse drawn vehicles there, we failed to see them. But bikes, bugs, flivvers and the more expensive article known as REAL CARS were there backed under overhanging branches of hazel, maple, fir and ash. There were occasional trucks there too, one of them being the commodious affair with which "Doc" Eggleston conveyed about forty Normal girls to the scene of the day's festivities.

As in every undertaking that reaches the dignity of an event, some one must prepare for it, and preparations for the Luckiamute picnic had been made several days previously. Two bath houses had been erected and a long table was put in place. On this table was deposited the heavily laden baskets. Later when the baskets were unpacked table boards bent with the loads placed upon them. The food was placed on the long table cafeteria style and the people present filed in two long lines and filled their plates with what suited their fancy. To one on the end of the line it appeared miles in length and the time spent in getting within sight of the food, hours at least; but when all had filed by, a miracle must have been worked somewhere for there was enough for as many more.

When a normal person has been ballasted with chicken and salads and beans and cake and pie and whatnot, moistened with coffee made over an open fire, he is ready for some one to trot out a program, although he is not over anxious to help produce it himself. A few brave spirits were found, however. P. O. Powell rendered a solo, W. J. Stockholm told of the adventures of a fat German lady who got wedged within an otherwise empty barrel; a trio of Normal girls sang; Mrs. D. Hoag rendered a brace of clever character readings; Miss Alice Butler also gave a reading. L. I. Bursell philosophized on mar-

Alumni Picnic

Last Tuesday evening the High School Alumni of Monmouth High held their first official picnic and get-together meeting. The affair was staged out on the banks of the Luckiamute and was certainly a success from the standpoint of enjoyment and eats.

The festivities were centered about a huge bonfire. Games were played and the refreshments of buns, weinies and marshmallows, etc., were then indulged in. The achievements of the gathering were, the first official organization of the Monmouth High School Alumni Association, the election of officers and the decision of holding one or more such picnics or parties each year, to be staged at Christmas time or during the first week in July. Those on the committee in charge for the coming year are: Gertrude Rogers, Grace Parker, Ermine Gentle and Birchard Van Loan.

High School graduates out of town are requested to confer with these people relative to next meeting, also any information desired as to the location of any of the former students. Those present at the picnic included the following: Hope McDonald, Wilda Fuller, Helen Cornelius, Josephine Hefley, Fanny Steinberge, Naomi Mulkey, Velma Johnson, Doris Lee Hastings, Neta Harvey, Gaynelle Shore Knapp, Belle McAllister, Gladys Evans, Gertrude Rogers, Grace Parker, Denzel Moore, Hjalmar, Ermine and Morris Gentle, Jay Butler, W. J. Mulkey, Birchard and Wendell Van Loan, Maxwell Bowersox, Burton Bell and Clarence and George Walker. G. W.

Wool Gathering

This past week the greater part of the wool grown in this neighborhood was shipped to Portland to be put in the warehouse of the Wool Growers Cooperative Marketing association. Something like 27,000 pounds, a complete carload, was shipped from Monmouth. A considerably less quantity is to be shipped from Independence this week. There is very little to encourage optimism among the wool growers especially in regard to the past two clips, but they are joining forces to make the best that opportunity offers. A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, is manager of the warehouse which is located in Portland.

Arthur Shandy, wife and grand daughter of Oregon City were guests for the Fourth at G. W. Chesebro's.

ket and crops and tired formers and a few other items that occurred to him and A. E. Esson grasped the eagle firmly about the windpipe and held it there while he yanked out several gorgeous tail feathers. By and large it was a very pleasant occasion.

Second Chautauqua Opens July 15th

Friday next, July 15, Monmouth's second Chautauqua season starts. It is a six day program headed of a five day program. The season tickets cost the same as for the five days. A larger guarantee has to be made but the total receipts of last year were large enough to have financed the six day program had this fact been known in advance. Therefore if the Monmouth district does as well this year as it did last year the six day Chautauqua will be put over. To do this, however, requires united effort and our people are asked to give the project a boost where possible. At the price of a season ticket you can miss two thirds of the numbers on the program and still get your money's worth.

A feature of the Chautauqua this year is a story teller and entertainer for the children who will have charge of a morning's program each day. Many of the numbers of the six day program are featured on another page of this paper. The headliners are: "Ye Olde New England Choir", "Dixie Doll and Company", Concert by Christian Mathisen and assisting artists, Bland's Orchestral Band, An exhibition of electrical science by Glenn Morris and Company, "The Virginians", Georgene Falukner, "The Story Lady" and lectures by Wm. E. Thompson, Thornton Mills, Booth Lowry and Warden Botkin of the Kansas penitentiary.

Burned Barn and Cow

The barn on the Hall place, occupied by A. C. Canterbury, burned last Friday afternoon. With it Mr. Canterbury lost a fresh milch cow, as the fire was not discovered in time to get the animal out. By the time the fire alarm was sounded and the fire department arrived all that could be done was to save surrounding buildings. Mrs. Canterbury was in the house at the time but the rest of the family were away. The board structure, dry as tinder, burned rapidly. It had been the custom to stake out the cow but as all the children were away and there was no one to watch her, that morning an exception was made. The small calf was tied outside and was saved. Considerable damage was done to gardens close at hand by the crowd engaged in putting out the fire. Early this week D. M. Hampton circulated a subscription paper to get money for the purchase of another cow for the Canterbury's and was successful.

Prospects for peace in Ireland brighten and when strife in the Emerald Island is finished, its people may well sit down to wonder why the trouble was ever started.

