

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Normal Seniors held their election of officers last Thursday. The following leaders were chosen: Leone Barger, president; Ruth Mills, vice-president; Eunice Tickner, secretary; Wendell Van Loan, treasurer; Andrew W. Johnson, sergeant-at-arms. Council members and a yell leader will be chosen at some later meeting.

Many students as well as several faculty members took advantage of the opportunity to attend the State Fair on Thursday of last week.

A dancing party will be given in the gymnasium on Saturday evening, October 8. Though it is a student body party, general supervision of the affair is given over to the seniors, who must provide the music, decorations, etc., as the Juniors will do at some later date. Local friends on the Normal social list are cordially invited to attend this dance.

President and Mrs. Landers and Mr. and Mrs. Beattie spent last Saturday in Salem.

Mr. Gentle is teaching in the county institute at Astoria this week; Mr. Butler at Tillamook and Lakeview. Miss Smith spent last week in similar work at Gold Beach and President Landers goes to The Dalles the last of this week to speak at the institute there.

The Delphians and Vespertines installed their new officers and initiated new members last Friday evening in the Chapel. President Landers gave the organization a stimulating talk on the value of work in literary societies and the enduring quality of it. The Vespertines initiated about 135 new members; the Delphians, who had more old members returning this year, took in 116. The officers are: Delphians, Florence Davis, president; Ruth Stover, vice-president; Averil McDermott, secretary; Gladys Lurson, treasurer; Vera Carey, sergeant-at-arms; Dorothy Blake, reporter. Vespertines, Wilma Ladd, president; Marguerite Hansen, vice-president; Dorothy Ward, secretary; Gladys Kapp, treasurer; Bessie Anderson, sergeant-at-arms; Leone Parmenter, reporter.

Several faculty members and students attended the concert by Theodore Karle at Salem Tuesday evening.

The school picture which was taken Monday P. M. was rather a pretentious affair and should make a popular souvenir if the negative proves a satisfactory one.

A motion picture in which Wanda Hawley is the star will be given in the chapel Friday evening, October 7, at 8:15. The play is an attractive comedy with many clever situations and should prove a pleasant entertainment.

The girls glee club of the Normal School was organized this week with an enrollment of ninety members, which is almost a fifty per cent increase over last year's enrollment. Miss Helen I. Moore, who is head of the Music Department, is a most enthusiastic leader and it is expected that the work for the year will include some big undertakings. Plans are already being considered for a Cantata at Christmas time, and for a musical comedy in the early spring. In former years the Glee Club has been a prominent factor in school activities and this year it seems likely to be better prepared than ever before to assist in programs and entertainments. The regular meetings are held on Tuesday evenings. The officers who were elected for this

year are: President, Mildred Bartow; vice-president, Marguerite Hansen; secretary-treasurer, Esther Chapman; reporter, Beulah McCord Bovingdon.

Any one who happened to be near the Normal Campus last Friday evening probably saw big girls, middle sized girls, and little girls dressed in gym suits wending their way to the chapel. And had the girls been followed into chapel it would have been found that they were the candidates for initiation into the Vespertine society.

First came the installation of officers with Naomi Haggensen as installing officer and Leone Barger as conductor. Wilma Ladd was installed as president; Marguerite Hansen, vice-president; Dorothy Ward, secretary; Gladys Rapp, treasurer; Leona Parmenter, sergeant-at-arms and Bessie Anderson, reporter.

By the time installation was over the poor candidates were shaking visibly. Why? Well, you see they knew that initiation was next and that meant their time to entertain. However, they met their problems like the good Vespertines they are, and we know by their many clever answers and good sportsmanship that our society will be stronger and better than ever before.

After initiation all the Vespertines gathered in another room for refreshments. Here they became better acquainted with each other while they were served brick ice cream and wafers.

HIGH SCHOOL

The High School began its nine months of work on September 26. The number of students enrolled at present is eighty two. Although the first week of school is always the most difficult, things have been going along nicely.

The work was interrupted last week because many of the students were excused to attend the State Fair, but we are settled down to business now.

In way of introduction our faculty consists of the following: Mr. Gooding of Harrisburg, principal; the teachers, Miss Doughty, Miss Slotboom and Miss Smith. We have a capable faculty and know they will be liked by everyone.

Our student body officers are: Harold Price, president; Theodore Graham, vice-president; Bearnice Stewart, secretary; Horace Butler, treasurer; Philip Partridge, athletic manager; Neal Edwards, yell leader.

The Seniors held a meeting and elected officers for the following year. They are: Carl Tetherow, president; Dorsey Edwards, vice-president; Pearl Conkey, secretary; Carl Dodson, treasurer; Miss Doughty, class advisor; Leslie Young, executive member.

The officers of the Junior class are: Philip Partridge, president; Irving Swenson, vice-president; Nelle Hinkle, secretary; Theodore Graham, treasurer; Miss Slotboom, class advisor; Minnie Keeney, executive member; sergeant-at-arms, Mary Bowersox.

Sophomore officers are: Frances Hinkle, president; Margery Prime, vice-president; Grace Bullock, secretary; Faith McClellan, treasurer; Miss Smith, class advisor; Horace Butler, executive member.

Freshman officers are: Ethel Comstock, president; Silas Coats, vice-president; Hazel Butler, secretary; Lloyd Swearingen, treasurer; Mr. Gooding, class advisor; Hugh Van Loan, executive member.

A meeting of the student body was called by the president Friday afternoon to discuss one of the important problems for the following year: that of joining the State Athletic League. It was decided at this meeting to take advantage of the rate given for immediate action and we are sure we will get the interest and support of the people of Monmouth as we have in previous years.

A reception is to be given for the faculty and students at the Monmouth High School Friday night at eight o'clock. All patrons of the school and everyone interested in the High School activities are urged to attend. Pearl Conkey.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Effie Young's flock of White Leghorn hens averaged 20 eggs each during the month of August and 16 eggs each during September. This makes a total average of over 200 eggs for each hen during the past eleven months. These birds have never been given condiments or stimulants of any kind and for the past month have had very little egg mash as all possible is being done to encourage them to moult at this time and thus put them in good condition for breeding stock.

Rev. E. B. Pace can lay claim to being a man of all around talents. In addition to preaching, while in Moamouth he has qualified as carpenter, painter and architect. This week Professors Gentle and Butler were out of town on educational work when Professor Beattie developed a case of not-quite-wellitis and Mr. Pace supplied the emergency by going into the Normal and helping out by taking a class or two.

The petition of residents of Cooper Hollow for a separate road district has been granted and it is to be known as District 25.

The county court has called on the county superintendent to refund taxes which exceed the six per cent limit out of the fund maintained for the education of high school pupils not in any high school district. If the superintendent does not grant the request the court threatens to proceed by a mandamus.

Rev. Conklin, visiting with relatives in Ohio, is reported to have fallen and broken two ribs recently.

E. T. Evans made a fine record at the recent state fair. In addition to the winning of a lot of prizes he sold a registered Percheron team, the proceeds of all totalling over \$1500.

W. Wamsley is located between the two bridges which are being replaced with concrete on the south road, so when he comes to town, or goes anywhere, he has to walk.

John Steelquist, father of R. U. Steelquist of the Mountain States Power company and the local title company, died in an Albany hospital Tuesday. He was born in Sweden and came to America in 1881.

James Hiltbrand, aged nearly 71 years, died at his home near Airlie, Wednesday, September 28. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiltbrand, pioneer settlers of Polk county, and was born here. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter. The latter are John, of Independence, Everett, of Eugene; Glenn, on the home place and Mrs. Lena Skinner of Independence. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon and interment was in the cemetery at Monmouth.

Mr. J. B. Nunn died at her home in Dallas Wednesday afternoon, September 28, at the age of 68 years and 14 days.

Lucy Jane Fremma was born in Louis county, Missouri, September 15, 1853, and was married to James Berry Nunn at Canton, Missouri, on October 29, 1874. They moved to Dallas on November 3, 1890. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nunn. Ma el died in infancy. The others, all of whom are living are John Andrew of Logan Utah; Gilman Berry of Wheeler, Mrs. William H. Koenigs of Portland and Julia E. Nunn of Dallas. She is also survived by her husband.

Victor, the seven year old son of Louis Murdock of Lane county, is going to school here and staying with his grandparents because there is no school in his home district, which is close to Eugene. The directors of the school explained they would not have any school until some one offered to teach cheaply. Mr. Murdock, who is an old school man, offered to teach the school for a hundred dollars a month but got last reports the directors were waiting for something cheaper to show up.

Gilmores in the East Review Experiences

Williamsport, Pa., September 26. Dear Swenson:—We are at the end of our journey, and glad of it. We will likely take more such trips but when we do there are a few places where we will make changes. For the benefit of those who may be planning trips as long as ours I shall state the next trip will be without a trailer. We will likely make it in a Dodge because it is more roomy. Whatever bedding we need I will place in a double canvas box at the rear of the car. Cooking utensils will be placed in a small box on the side. In brief we mean to travel absolutely light.

We did a few things right, however. We took all the time we needed and seldom traveled after dark. We camped out every night on the road except twice. We had the necessary repairs so that only once were we held up for parts. We soon acquired sense enough in the small towns to have our repairing done when possible by the blacksmith instead of the garageman. We often found the garageman was a half baked mechanic who posed as knowing but charged regular prices. The blacksmiths were usually more honest and reasonable. For instance I broke three trailer springs and had them replaced near State College, Pa., including the work of putting them in, for one dollar. A blacksmith did the work. At Craig, Colorado, a garageman did substantially the same job for the other side of the trailer and charged me \$3.50. I can cite other examples but will do so only on request. Another thing we did that we shall do again—we traveled by blue book and when detailed information was needed secured it as far as possible from the auto clubs or commercial clubs.

As to conditions of times, etc.—I may say that in western Pennsylvania one can back up to the mine and for \$3.50 haul away a ton of soft coal. That same ton costs the blacksmith of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, \$42.50. In the part of Pennsylvania where I picked up this information the mines are running three days a week. Some are shut down altogether. I spent some time in Pittsburg looking for a job and found things opening up. I do not know as yet whether I landed. The company is looking up my references. But the point is, coal is moving in large quantities now for the first time in months. Building is opening. During the week I was there three of the largest contracts since war time were let. I think one was for \$2,000,000. I find clearings for September are running far ahead of August. Business seemed to be at bottom during July. A brother of mine works on the Pittsburg Press. He tells me that the Press ran four pages more of ads a week ago Sunday than it has run in months. The Financial Editor of that paper and I went to see Boston trim Pittsburg. While with him I pumped him dry. He tells me the steel industry is overbuilt 20 per cent and will likely not run more than 70 per cent capacity for years. Building industries will be the money makers during the next five years unless war comes. I find a number of houses and hotels being erected in this part of the state. Building is literally booming in Williamsport. But money is tight. Corn here is good and bringing seventy cents. No fruit to speak of. Farmers claim frost is responsible. Wheat crop fair. So I am inclined to think money will continue to be tight. At any rate I am not piling up any expenses. The Farm Bureau in Pennsylvania is doing much to help the agricul-

tural side of the problem, however. I suppose you wonder about my impressions of the east. I must confess I am very agreeably surprised in what I find. I came prejudiced against the east. I was judging it by the standards of ten years ago. But I find Pennsylvania has the best roads of any state we crossed. They call miles of road macadam which we of Oregon call paved. You see they make macadam and then oil it. In time the surface becomes like the pavement from Salem to Brunks.

I place the roads of Indiana second, Ohio third, Oregon, fourth and Idaho fifth. We were in fourteen states in all and of course, can judge them only from the roads we came over. We are told for instance that New York and some of the New England states have better roads than those of Pennsylvania. We have not seen any road engineering superior to that of Oregon. We think, too, that aside from the Pennsylvania policy of road repairing, that Oregon has the best we crossed. If Oregon could be judged by her roads from Salem to Pendleton, and the road east of there forgotten, she would easily stand at the top of anything we saw. I have a warmer spot for Oregon's roads now you see than I had when I crossed them. Perhaps there is some truth to the saying that distance lends enchantment to the view.

One of the last things I remember of Monmouth is Mr. Keyt kidding Dad Graham about the price of gas. I think I heard him say something about getting gas for 24 cents. I can see Bill Steinberg standing by laughing while Chance Mulkey looks on with his hands resting on his hips. It is a memory picture that I do not care to erase. Many is the hearty laugh I have had at some such prank and who can say that life is not happier for such occasions. But my point is this, some places in Kansas we paid 18.6 cents per gallon while we often got it under 20 in Missouri and Illinois. It seems funny to see the easterner split the cent. Outside Jacksonville, Ill., we bought a watermelon for 27 cents. It cost 1 1/2 cents per pound. I emptied my cash on the counter. I had 26 cents and a fifty cents piece. The man couldn't make change so he ran to a nearby place with my fifty cent piece and returned with the correct change. He did it all for a cent. He risked a sale rather than lose that cent. Don't be misled, I know people in Monmouth who would do the same thing but they are scarce. Here it seems to be more common.

Yesterday was Sunday. Everybody stopped work. Many went to church. I went too. The spirit of worship seems to be different. I can not tell just how, but there is a difference. It would please the ministers of Monmouth were that spirit to prevail in their town. I rather think it would help make a better town, too. But the big thing to me is that the habit of church going seems so much more prevalent here than there.

Oh yes, I almost forgot the unforgettable night when we ran over a skunk just outside Indianapolis. Oh such a sickness as came over our car. Let me caution you while motoring never run over a skunk. We are still suffering.

My race is run, and my story told. Henceforth let me be a pleasant memory, may my family too, be remembered at its best. Monmouth has been good to me and I shall always speak well of her. Lumps come into my throat when I think of much the town, especially the Grange and President Ackerman meant to me. I have not yet recovered from the loss of our President. He was a father to me. But we must use the past for its lessons

High School and City Wrestle With Budgets

The high school board is at work formulating a budget for the present year to be used as a basis for levying taxes. According to law, W. R. Graham, Alva Craven and Wm. Riddell, Jr., were appointed a citizen committee to sit with the directors in the budget preparation. Mr. Riddell, being ineligible, R. B. Swenson was named in his place.

The district this year will have \$1,000 less revenue than last year because of a recent law which abolishes the special aid to small high schools. This provided that the first ten pupils entitled the district to \$100 each from the county high school fund. Not only is the revenue less but expenses are higher. The total salary list this year, including janitor, is nearly \$10,500.

The matter of a new gymnasium is one the district will have to wrestle with. This has already been provided for by special election but owing to technical features of the law the money has not been raised. It is now proposed to put up a wooden building, keeping the expense if possible down to \$5,000 and building close to the present building so as to make the present heating plant serve for the two.

The council prepared to formulate a budget under a new state law at its meeting Tuesday night and Ira C. Powell, P. H. Johnson, H. C. Ostien and J. L. Murdock were appointed as a committee of citizens to assist the council. Claims allowed were as follows: Power company, \$73.28; Recorder, \$15.45; Marshal, \$50; Bonds for recorder, \$5; Ira Williams, \$15; Hardware, \$146.15; C. Stewart, \$65; Recorder (collecting) \$15.28; Water supt., \$50.

"Old Pap" colored shoe artist, who was here three or four years ago, has been working for Swifts while in Portland.

Mrs. J. S. Byrd and children of Vancouver, Wash., are spending two weeks visiting her brother and sister, J. S. Fuller and Mrs. G. W. Baun.

Ed Fuller of Independence spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Baun.

Mrs. Roy Lewis of McMinnville was a Sunday visitor at Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bauns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitcomb and Mrs. Kurre are visiting this week with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Susy Bowers in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

It is announced that the Independence suit in the highway matter will be set for trial within the next few weeks. A point that will be decided will be the authority of the county courts to designate market roads.

Wm. Riddell & Sons won so many prizes on sheep and goats at the State Fair that they would have to hire a special secretary to keep track of the whole. Wm. Riddell, Jr. won four firsts on Romney sheep and Riddell Brothers made a practical clean up on Lincolns and Cotswolds. On Angoras the Riddells won all the firsts but one.

Mrs. Dick Alderson was called to Central Point a couple of weeks ago by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Holmes. The latter is better now, however, and Mrs. A. returned Wednesday.

Mr. Meisel, a son-in-law of Mrs. C. W. Stengel, recently died on Long Island, New York, as the result of the bite of an insect. Blood poisoning resulted and pneumonia followed.

and press forward. Here is wishing Monmouth a boom. Everything is set for a big school. Get behind it and help make it big. Here is wishing the school and my successor the best that can be given them. Farewell, The Gilmores.