



## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Landers spoke Monday at the Douglas County institute held at Roseburg, where he went from Pendleton where he was engaged in similar work last Saturday. Wednesday he spoke at the Polk county institute in Dallas.

The many friends of Mr. Beattie will be glad to learn that he is improving, though slowly, from his recent illness.

The first basketball game of the season is to be played in the gymnasium on Thursday evening, between the Junior and Senior men. At this writing, the members of both Junior and Senior class are industriously practicing vells and songs with which to cheer on their respective representatives.

The students and faculty were pleased to hear Miss Ruby Lorence sing at the chapel hour on Thursday of last week. Miss Lorence sang two groups of attractive songs which were much appreciated and heartily applauded.

Friends of Miss Goldie Hufford of Bandon, who was graduated from Normal last year, will be pleased to learn of her recent marriage to Mr. William Wood, also of Bandon. Miss Hufford was a popular student, an officer in various Normal organizations, and has many friends who will wish her much happiness.

Students and faculty members are looking forward eagerly to the recital to be given Wednesday, November 9th, by Mr. David Campbell and Mr. Mutch, both of Portland. This is the first of the regular Lyceum numbers to be given this year.

At chapel hour on Monday, Mr. Butler briefly recounted his experiences at the institutes where he spoke during the past two weeks. He met many former students and had all in all a most interesting time.

A motion picture entitled "Little Italy" is to be shown in the chapel Friday evening, October 28th. This is a Realart picture with Alice Brady in the leading part and will interest old and young alike.

On Tuesday morning at the chapel hour, Mr. Butler read a letter from Miss Olive A. Whipple and Mrs. Leila Schaffer McDonald who are teaching in Hawaii. Both are graduates of the Normal and are doing the real O. N. S. type of work in the far off islands.

Miss Macpherson spent last week-end in Salem.

In the case of the county court vs. the county superintendent over high school money alleged to have been collected in excess of the 6 per cent law, Judge Belt decided the superintendent was right and could not be compelled to refund any money in this fund. The court ruled the excess should be paid out of the general fund of the county.

We have received from the county court a financial statement showing expenditures and receipts of the county and figures explaining the necessity of the proposed \$70,000 special tax to be voted on in November. A digest of the statement will be published next week.

The concert given in the chapel Wednesday evening will be repeated at the Grand Theater in Dallas tonight.

## Award Damages

The committee to whom was assigned the disagreeable duty of apportioning damages and benefits in the newly designated Highway street met last Saturday as advertised. After lengthy deliberation they agreed that Postmaster Parker's land had been damaged to the amount of \$375 and the Chas. Leonard property was awarded \$175. The commission consisted of G. T. Boothby, J. L. Murdock and John Fuller.

## First Lyceum Number

The date for the first number on the Lyceum course will be Wednesday, November 9. The principals for this first concert are a Faculty Duo from the Ellison-White Conservatory of Music in Portland—Mr. Erwin Mutch, baritone, and Mr. David Campbell, pianist.

Mr. Mutch is an Eastern man and has a fine baritone voice at once resonant and rich in color. He sings with an unusual dramatic fervor, adapting himself readily to a variety of styles and altogether demonstrating wide versatility. These natural endowments, coupled with an ingratiating presence and manner have placed Mr. Mutch in the foremost rank of young American baritones. Six times soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Walter Damrosch; soloist for four years at the Cathedral of St. Johns the Divine, New York City, one of the most enviable positions of its kind in America; and successful concert appearances all over the country, is indeed a splendid record of accomplishment. To achieve such success even in this day of young men is in every way remarkable.

David Campbell needs no introduction to a Monmouth audience. Monmouth is his birthplace and his home. He received his early education at the Normal. From this school he went to the Whitman conservatory of music in Walla Walla, and from there to Europe where he studied for several years with Rudolph Ganz. The outbreak of hostilities in 1914 put a sudden check to the auspicious beginnings of a concert career in Europe. Returning to this country he enlisted in the American Expeditionary Forces, was sent overseas, and did not resume his musical activities until the fall of 1919. Since that time his reputation as concert artist has grown steadily and his marvelous playing has already gained him a large following. Last spring he scored a notable success with the Portland Symphony Orchestra in Eugene, and this winter he has been engaged to play with the Los Angeles Symphony in that city. During a vacation spent in California the past summer, he visited and played for the noted pianist Paderewski; that greatest of all living musicians gave high praise to his gifts, asking him to return and play for him again when occasion permitted.

The program which Mr. Mutch and Mr. Campbell will present covers a wide range of musical subjects from Arias and Rhapsodies to Irish ballads and Negro love songs. We many count ourselves fortunate in having secured such versatile and well known artists for our first Lyceum number. The evening of November 9 holds a treat in store.

The Dorcas society of the Christian church met with Mrs. H. K. Sickafosse Tuesday afternoon.

## Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Assessments in Polk county were raised this year over last year by the sum of \$181,666. 2,515 acres of tillable land were reported this year more than last year. Property in Polk county is assessed at 49 per cent of actual value but next year an effort will be made to have the assessment raised to 70. State taxes are assessed to the county, not on local valuation but on what state officers think the proportionate value of county property is.

The W. R. C. of Independence will meet at their hall Friday, November 4th at noon. After dinner a special meeting will be held at 2:30. An inspector will be present from Portland to inspect the corps. All members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. are urged to attend. Don't forget the date, Friday, November 4.

G. T. Boothby reports three real estate sales this week. The Murphy property on Monmouth avenue, north of the Baptist church has been sold to John Scott who desires to get his residence nearer to his work Consideration \$1600. The C. C. Lewis lots at the corner of Powell and Echols streets have been sold to Thos. Boulden, consideration \$300. This consists of a quarter of a block. The two lots on Broad street, belonging to M. H. and Louise Kester, and across from the residence occupied by R. E. Derby have been sold to H. E. White, an employee of the Miller Mercantile who may build thereon.

The fall has been very favorable for farmers on the lower lands and most of them have put in their full acreage of fall sown grain. Heavy rains which have been with us for the past week have loosened up the hills and started the young grain to growing.

Thomas Strain has been seriously sick this week.

## Married in Montavilla

The Wilford Smith residence, 39 E. 72nd St. N., was the scene of the marriage of Mrs. Effie Reason and Mr. Newton Foster. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Wilford Smith, Mr. Andy Nogard acting as best man.

The ceremony was performed beneath a lattice work of peacock blue and white with a large bell hanging over the bride's and groom's heads. Rev. L. C. Haskins, pastor of Montavilla Christian church, officiated.

The bride was attired in a becoming shade of peacock blue and silver and wore a corsage bouquet of pink and white roses. The effective trimming of the room was a pretty contrast with the bride and her attendant.

After the ceremony ice cream and cake was served to fifty guests, all relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster will be at home to their friends at 1664 Has-salo street.

A towel and handkerchief shower was given for Mrs. Reason by Mrs. McQuiston and Mrs. Dozier at the latter's home Thursday afternoon, October 13 in honor of Mrs. Reason's approaching marriage on the 16th. Quite a number of friends and relatives attended. The afternoon was spent with music and best wishes for the bride to be.—Montavilla Times.

## Farm Bureau Head Addresses Grangers

President Mansfield of the state farm bureau was the special attraction of the afternoon at the Pomona grange meeting here last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Mansfield addressed the crowd at considerable length and drove home a series of pertinent truths in a most telling manner.

In his service for the bureau which has taken him through the state and as far east as Washington, D. C., he has uncovered many curious facts. The idea prevailed in some parts, he said, that farmers have no right to interest themselves in their product after it is grown. To expect to follow the food produced until it reaches the consumer, was considered by some to be Bolshevistic. If this is true the Standard Oil is a Bolshevistic concern, for it is accustomed to buy oil bearing lands, to drill for the oil and refine it, to establish depots, to peddle its oil direct to the retailers, and even engages in the retail game itself.

So many abuses have grown up in the handling of the farmers product that it is time the farmer took a practical interest in the matter. Mr. Mansfield told of the agricultural bloc in congress which was non partisan and was accomplishing much that it had sought for. He described "Phantom" freight, an item which he asserted increases unjustly the price of all articles sold on this coast. As an instance he cited the steel industry, where standard prices are set for Pittsburg with freight charges added at every point west. Steel costs \$12 more in Chicago than in Pittsburg and \$30 more in Portland than in Pittsburg. This charge, he said, attaches itself to all commodities, so that articles manufactured on this coast bear the cost in the eastern market plus the cost of the freight that would have been necessary to transport it had it been necessary to ship from the east.

The farm bureau, he said, desires to bring injury to no one. It does not wish to build up the farmer at the expense of his fellows in other callings. He realized that all must work together and that one must give and take with the other. Nevertheless he believed the farmers are taken advantage of unjustly and must be alert to look after their own interests.

Mrs. Landers, whose singing makes her a prominent figure on any program where she appears, rendered two vocal solos for the grange and was given a very appreciative hearing.

The Polk County Pomona Grange in session Saturday elected officers for the coming year as follows: Master, P. O. Powell; overseer, A. R. Ewing; lecturer, Mrs. Pearl Bartlett; steward, Frank Loughary; assistant steward, Arthur Buell; chaplain, W. J. Stockholm; treasurer, Mrs. P. O. Powell; secretary, Mrs. Nellie White; gatekeeper, Willard Buell; Ceres, Mrs. T. J. Edwards; Pomona, Mrs. Emma Carter; Flora, Mrs. Wm. Riddell Jr.; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Jennie Utley.

Fourteen new members were initiated into the fifth degree.

A resolution was passed endorsing the work of the farm bureau in Polk county.

Mrs. J. S. Fuller has been under the weather the past week.

## In Foreign Lands

That the life of an American sailor on those American warships which happen to be stationed in the orient is not all deck scrubbing and coal passing is indicated in a letter received from Ernest Sickafosse, son of H. E. Sickafosse, foot of Miles street, who is a member of the crew of the United States ship Albany. At the time of writing the letter the Albany was stationed at Hankow, China.

When the sailors get shore leave they are entertained by varieties of amusements on shore and when they are aboard they have smokers and boxing matches to pass the time, according to Mr. Sickafosse's letter.

"I like Shanghai for its many different ways of entertainment", wrote Mr. Sickafosse. "One can see old Chinese sights right near the city. Then there are the clubs where there is something doing all the time, the bars, the cabarets and my favorite haunts, the dining rooms and the tea houses. Meals are cheap.

"In this country ashore one hardly has to do a thing. At every turn in a club or public house one sees Chinese to do some little thing that lightens one's trouble. Even in playing tennis one has a boy at his side to chase a ball if it goes out of bounds or out of reach."—Oregonian.

## Getting an Education

University of Oregon—(Special)

Houses are scarce and rents are high the world over, but two boys from The Dalles, Norman Rossell and Guy Perry, who are now freshmen at the university, have shown a resourceful independence of landlords. Their domicile is a tent under a leaning maple tree, about a half a mile from the campus and they do their commuting on a motorcycle.

Their tent home is not a temporary expedient. They expect to live in it for four years. Over a wooden foundation the two men placed an army wall tent. The wooden floor is boarded up from the sides for more than three feet. This wall is neatly covered with tar paper and the tent fits snugly down over the sides. A jointed stove pipe protruding from the south side of the tent and a split pile of wood bear witness that the men are standing by for chilly weather. Electric lights will soon be installed. Norman Rossell is majoring in medicine and Guy Perry in education.

A number of Modern Woodmen from this city attended the enlarged session held by Prune Center camp in Dallas last Saturday evening. Visitors were present from Portland, Salem, Independence and Falls City, also. About 125 attended. A company of foresters from Rose City Camp, Portland, initiated a class of six into the order. Distinguished visitors present were J. A. Tate, of Portland, chairman of the national board of auditors; Fred Currey of Bend, new deputy; the retiring deputy, J. W. Simmons of Portland; Frank Moore of Portland and ex-Senator Walter Pierce, who is at present state lecturer of the Woodmen. All of these gentlemen made addresses. A fine luncheon was served as a part of the evening program.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahman of Ranier are the guests of the latter's sisters, Mrs. N. S. Stewart and Mrs. Short this week.

## Commissioner Gives Reasons for Tax

The proposed \$70,000 special road tax was explained by Commissioner Thomas Graves of McCoy at the Pomona Grange meeting held in this city last Saturday. The court, he explained, has been compelled to call this special election for the purpose of wiping out a deficiency of \$23,000 now existing, to provide necessary funds for the increased cost of administering county affairs and to provide for a continuation of necessary road work in the county, in all of its districts.

The deficiency, he explained, came from a number of causes. Last years estimate in all of the county offices were lowered at the time the actual budget was made out by the court, but time had proved the original estimates were necessary and enough money had not been raised to run the county offices. There had been during the year, two special elections which had not been reckoned on at the time last year's budget was prepared. The balance of the deficiency had been acquired in road and bridge work. Mr. Graves said as far as he was concerned he had been neutral in the highway location squabble but as far as the court was concerned this matter had been settled with the commission last spring. Some of the extra costs had been met in the bridge fund. Two bridges have been built south of Monmouth, one is to be built just north of town. An expensive bridge is to be built across the Rickreall. Another bridge is to be built across the Luckiamute southwest of this city. As for right of way this had cost some money. The net cost of the semi-circle around the cemetery hill was only \$100. The right of way round the Wheeler hill had not yet been acquired.

The total of the tax money was to be distributed among the necessary expenses of the county and the balance will be put in the road fund. The road fund is divided seventy per cent to the separate road districts and the balance to the county bridge fund. A discussion of the tax among the Grange members and others present did not develop any opposition to it. The opinion was that the tax was necessary and would have to be voted.

## A Good Program

The musical program given in the Normal chapel last Wednesday evening was very successful. While in a measure it was home talent, traveling companies of a similar character do not often surpass it. Mr. Launer, pianist, who is a son of Rev. Launer of the Salem Evangelical church, displayed his talent to fine advantage and played difficult selections in a manner which met with the approval of the audience.

Miss Gweneth Davis, the soprano soloist, met with a warm welcome. She has an engaging presence and a well modulated voice and her singing has been received with very favorable comment. J. Powell's baritone selections were very good and Burton Arant as piano accompanist and manager of the company, acquitted himself very creditably. One of the selections sung by Miss Davis, "My Love is like a Red, Red Rose" is original with Mr. Arant and the audience expressed its appreciation of this with special applause.