

## There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

### Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Normal will be well represented at the State Teachers' Association to be held in Portland December 28, 29, and 30. Several members of the faculty will appear on various parts of the program.

The Christmas dance held in the gymnasium last Saturday evening was one of the most attractive parties the Normal has ever given. A large decorated Christmas tree in the center of the room and Christmas greens on the walls, formed an appropriate setting of the festivities. Many out-of-town guests were present.

Students and faculty members greatly appreciate the kindness of the Southern Pacific Company in providing the special train for Friday P. M. Otherwise many would have been unable to reach their homes until late Saturday.

The members of the Lane County Institute have lately presented to the Normal an excellent large picture of the late President Ackerman. The gift is valued highly and will be hung in the library. Mr. Ackerman had been present, generally as an instructor, at the Lane County Institute for fifteen years, and this picture is a fitting token of the esteem in which he was held.

Twenty-six Seniors will receive their diplomas on Friday morning at the chapel hour. Simple exercises will be held in their honor at that time. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Mr. J. M. Hawley, a graduate of the Normal with the class of 1890, visited the school last week and spoke briefly of "good old times" at the chapel hour on Thursday.

Several candidates for the Oratorical Contest to be held next term are working industriously on their chosen themes.

The pupils of the fifth and sixth grades under the supervision of Mrs. Ryehard and her student teachers, gave an excellent program in the Training School assembly on Thursday. One exceedingly attractive feature was an original piece of dramatization worked out during "Better Speech Week" and since perfected, dealing with the subject of Better English.

The first term of the school year 1921-22 will close on Friday, December 16. School will reopen in all departments for the Winter term on January 2, 1922.

In the second round of a series of debates which was held Friday to determine the class championship of Dallas high school, the freshman team won a split decision from the sophomore team. The debate was close, one of the judges declaring that it was the hardest to decide of any that he had ever judged. The subject was, "Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished in the state of Oregon". This is the subject that is being used throughout the series of debates.

The freshmen will be pitted against the seniors in the intervals competition in the local school later. The winning local team will then compete with other county teams. Homer Ellis, Oramel Shreeve and Warren Dunn represented the freshmen, while the sophomore team was composed of Ray Imbler, Eileen Wedekind and Kennedy Warden. The deciding debate for the high school championship will be held next Friday at 1 o'clock in the assembly room of the high school.

A. N. Poole is laying a thousand feet of floor in the basement of the new addition to the dormitory.

### Automobile Trip to Southern California

Bryn Mawr, Cal. Dec. 4, 1921. Bro. Swenson—Will tell you about some of the trials of auto pilgrimage. Our first day was rainy until we reached Drain when the sun came out for a while. We drove to Roseburg and put up at the hotel, the only time on the trip. We found the road very good only one detour at Goshen of about 12 miles.

Next morning we started out from Roseburg on good paved road. The sun was shining and we saw no more rain on the trip. Made Ashland and the auto camp which we found nicely fixed for travelers; gas plates in kitchens and all conveniences. The camp adjoins the park which is fine with three kinds of mineral water piped to fountains. Just help yourself.

I had a tussle with Bro. Chamber's auto bed but came out ahead finally.

Next morning we started up grade which was just a little too steep for Henry so had to kick into low gear to get a start about every half mile. The road was fine, all paved and the best piece of engineering I ever saw. It is paved to the state line and from there it was rock road, but very good for a mountain road.

We camped at Dunsmuir that night by the side of a river. Nothing there but mountain scenery which was great. Castle mountain on our right looked like a great castle of white marble.

The next day we traveled a mountain road most of the way. Reached Corning at night and got our first look at California. They are raising olives. The Heinz people have a pickling plant there. It is a nice, busy little city with a camp covering about one block, with a shower bath and free wood.

The next day we reached Sacramento. Stopped at Willows and visited with Clark Hembree. He seems well satisfied with California. We found the camp at Sacramento crowded. Had to camp on the outside on the roadside. There were 400 autos there and the place was not very sanitary or large. Spent a half day looking over the city and drove to Modesto. This is in the fruit district and it all looks very fine. All the cities in this valley seem prosperous with a number of buildings going up. Our next days drive was on through Bakersfield and the oil district. A strike is on so there is not much doing there.

We made the summit of the mountain and camped at Liebeck, a resort with a \$400,000 hotel for tourists that are rich enough to pay the price. About 4500 feet elevation and 85 miles from Los Angeles and a wide paved road all the way. Next day we reached Puente, the end of our trip for a while. It took seven days and sixty gallons of gas to make the trip of 1165 miles or about 19 miles to the gallon, which I consider good for a Ford.

From Puente we made side trips, one to San Diego and over the line to Mexico, the Mecca for the thirsty ones. However, we did not get over only 2 feet as the road was chained across as there was a revolution over there so the thirsty only got a look, but I understand it was opened Thanksgiving.

We stayed in San Diego for 4 days, but it was cold at nights, one frost, and lots of wind.

We are now located at Byrn Mawr or Redlands Junction. Orange picking will commence in about 10 days. We made a trip to the oil fields at Long Beach and found things booming there. Last month the first derrick was built, now there are 60 and some gushers. One came in and fired and burned

### Talented Rutherford Warmly Commended

The many friends of Mr. Rutherford in Oregon will be pleased to read this report recently published concerning his work as educational advisor in the Atlantic Destroyer Force. This is especially interesting to his friends in the Normal, the University of Oregon as well as Stanford University as he is an alumnus of these schools.

Mr. Rutherford has certainly demonstrated remarkable power in organization for he began a very difficult task and to merit such a splendid report is a rare distinction, one not often enjoyed. Mr. Rutherford has given scholastic education a footing and an impetus in this branch of the marine forces which is bound to be fruitful of permanent good. He spent the summer in the harbor and off the coast of New York but is now at Charleston, S. C. where the fleet will spend a part of the winter.

Navy Department, General Report:—Mr. W. R. Rutherford was detailed by the Bureau of Navigation as Educational Advisor to the Atlantic Destroyer Force, in November, 1920. Upon reporting for duty he was assigned by the Force Commander to duty in connection with the Navy Education System, under the supervision of the Force Education Officer.

During the period of November 15, 1920 to May 1921, approximately 1000 men were enrolled on forty vessels of the Destroyer Force. The enrollment, distribution of materials, and follow up work devolved almost entirely upon Mr. Rutherford and the success of the Educational System is largely due to his untiring energy and tact in handling pioneer work in a new and very difficult field. He has succeeded to a marked degree in gaining the interest and confidence of the officers and men with whom he has come in contact.

I believe that the progress of the Educational System in the Destroyer Force would be greatly benefited by his retention in his present capacity.

C. E. Van Hook,  
Lt. Comdr. U. S. N.,  
Force Education Officer.

The house that J. V. Webber built from bottom to top and from the center to its utmost corner, is not only ready for occupancy but is occupied. Mr. Webber says he got tired of backing out doors in order to turn around and in his new house several can turn around all at one time. He has built the house with the latch string out and his friends one and all are cordially invited to call.

Although there were numerous other attractions that evening, the social given by the Firemen's Ladies' Auxiliary was a very pleasant event. A nice little program was presented and a social time enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Parrish of Jefferson was a visitor this last week with her mother, Mrs. Esther Neal and with her sisters, Mesdames Edwards and Palmer.

The Golden Rule class of the Christian church sent its annual Christmas boxes to various Homes this week. About 90 quarts of fruit were sent out as well as quilts, gifts etc.

150,000 barrels before it was controlled the other day.

We find California fine, but take it all around I think old Oregon is still the best.

With best regards to all our friends in Monmouth.

J. L. Murdock.

### School Boards Meet And Talk Shop

The county unit system was the principal subject discussed Saturday at the annual meeting of the Polk county school officers in the Dallas court house.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, argued at length in favor of the proposed plan, holding that better administrative and educational results will be obtained if the county becomes one big school district, in effect. G. A. Peterson of the Valley View district talked on the same subject, giving arguments both for and against the plan.

G. A. Peterson and C. L. Starr, the latter now from Portland but an old county superintendent here, took the opposite sides on the question as to who should be permitted to take part in school elections. Mr. Peterson contended that as the property owners pay the cost of maintaining the schools they should have the say. But Mr. Starr held that renters really pay not only the taxes, but also insurance, etc., and a profit to the owner of the property, and have as much right to participate in such elections as the freeholders themselves.

County Superintendent Wills explained the new record books that must be used by the clerks, and which are audited each year.

Miss Stroud, sent to the county for three weeks as state health demonstrator and to encourage the county to secure a regular county nurse, told of the work that has been done since she came two weeks ago. She told of visiting a large number of the schools. Her remarks aroused much interest. One speaker was opposed to the hiring of a nurse, holding that she would soon want a number of assistants.

The resolutions committee, composed of Mrs. H. B. Cosper, Holt Stockton, N. A. Lunde, G. A. Wells and L. Price, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

We, your committee on resolutions, would recommend that each school district take up the question of county unit of administration and taxation and discuss this subject, so as to be properly informed, that the subject may be intelligently voted upon at some future date, and submit the result of this discussion to the county superintendent, Mr. Wills.

We further recommend that the several districts also thoroughly discuss the matter of the employment of a public health nurse for Polk County.

We recommend that all schools participating in athletics eliminate all roughness and unfairness and treat opposing teams with due courtesy.

Resolved that the thanks of this convention be extended to Mr. Elliott for his long and faithful services as president.

Be it further resolved that our hearty thanks be extended to all who have assisted in the program today, especially to Superintendent Wills and State Superintendent J. A. Churchill.

Mrs. H. B. Cosper of Dallas was elected president and R. L. Griswold of Falls City was chosen as the delegate of the association to the state teachers' association. The law makes Superintendent Wills secretary. H. J. Elliott, who retired as president, served for the last seven years.

Outplaying their opponents in every department of the game, the fast Dallas high school quintet defeated Falls City high school at the armory Friday night, annexing their second basketball victory of the season.

### Grange Elects and Plans New Years

Last Saturday's session of the Grange was one of the most interesting held in a long time. Two long tables were filled with the hungry at noon. It being time for the annual election of officers the following were chosen: Master, W. J. Stockholm; overseer, Ed Rogers; lecturer, Mrs. T. J. Edwards; steward, H. K. Sickafosse; assistant steward, E. N. Keeney; chaplain, E. B. Pace; treasurer, A. M. Arant; secretary Maggie Butler, gatekeeper, A. M. Esson; Ceres, Mrs. E. N. Keeney; Pomona, Mrs. Frank Loughary; Flora, Mrs. Paul Riley; lady assistant steward, Allie Butler.

The installation of officers will take place the second Saturday in January with Mrs. Minnie E. Bond of Eugene, lecturer of the state grange, in charge. According to new regulations the meeting also voted on state officers. Ballots had been provided with nominees named in October and these ballots were marked and put in a sealed envelope and sent to headquarters to be counted.

Plans were laid for the annual New Year's dinner which by invitation is to be held in the community house, Monday, January 2. Members of the grange are invited and each family is allowed to invite one other family, for which the inviting family supplies the food. A committee was named to look after this event consisting of Mrs. Edwards and Messrs. Rogers and Keeney. They have named the following sub committees: Program—Ed Rogers; Decoration—Mrs. Ernest Riddell; [Placing tables—A. M. Arant; Kitchen help—Mrs. Keeney; Baskets—Mrs. Calbreath; Coffee—H. K. Sickafosse; General—W. J. Stockholm and Maggie Butler.

### Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Ira A. Hooker, father of T. B. Hooker, deputy sheriff, died at his home in Independence Sunday. He was a native of Polk county, having been born on the donation land claim of P. P. Hooker, a short distance from Dallas in 1853. He was married to Mary B. Wilson in 1875 and in 1878 went to Eastern Oregon to live and farmed there several years, but returned to Polk county and engaged in farming. He retired eight years ago. He is survived by a wife and three sons. One son, Walter, is a conductor on the Siletz road. Another is Ira Hooker of Portland, engaged in the lumber business. He was buried Tuesday with funeral services in Dallas.

E. J. Servier, the new owner of the Monmouth hotel, does not expect to assume active charge until January 1st. Mr. Servier, who has interests in the lumber town of Prescott, Oregon, is an old hotel man and plans to make a number of improvements in the hotel property. He bought the hotel property a few weeks ago of E. W. Strong for \$7,000.

Earl R. Bryan, Portland architect, who has supervision of the new bank building, was here one day recently. He brought with him also a tentative plan for the Odd Fellows building with an estimated cost of \$18,000. The Odd Fellows have between ten and eleven thousand raised.

Our correspondent at Corvallis in enumerating the Monmouth students last week, overlooked the name of Miss Freida Powell who is on her second year in the home economics course there.

### New Piano Livens Dormitory Christmas

A most enjoyable Christmas dinner party was given at the dormitory Wednesday evening with Miss Todd and the resident students as hostesses and all members of the faculty as guests. The rooms, attractive in holiday greenery, the dining room especially pretty in the soft candle light, formed a fitting setting for the girls who, dressed in white, entered the room singing the old "carol, brothers, carol".

After an ample dinner the guests were invited to the living room to watch the old ceremony of bringing in the Yule log, in charge of the Misses Gladys Lurson and Edna Denson. Before the log was placed on the fire, Miss Lurson invited anyone present to follow the old custom and, sitting on the Yule log, to wish, in the belief that such a wish would be fulfilled.

After several had expressed desires Miss Godbold wished for a complete realization of the hope of all for a grand piano for the dormitory. She paused, and in immediate answer to her request, the mellow notes of the piano were heard from the hall beyond. It was a complete surprise to nearly everyone present and a most delightful consummation of their efforts and hopes. The piano had been unloaded from the van during the dinner hour and brought into the hall with out attracting attention. To say that all were pleased is to put the matter very mildly. Great praise is due Miss Todd who planned the lovely party and through whose untiring efforts a part of the funds were raised to purchase so beautiful a piano, which will undoubtedly be a source of much pleasure for many years to come.

The evening closed with two solos by Mrs. Landers, some music by Miss Peterson and an eloquent Christmas wish for all from President Landers.

The Independence Legion Basketball team opens its season Saturday night at the High School gymnasium with the GrandRonde Indians.

On next Wednesday evening, December 21, the Legion team will play the O. A. C. varsity team. The varsity team making a tour of the valley during the holidays. This will give the public an opportunity to see one of the Pacific Coast Conference College teams in action.

The annual election of officers of Willamette Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held at Red Cross headquarters, 640 State Street, (Opposite the postoffice,) Salem, Oregon, at 7:30 p. m. of Friday, December sixteenth.

All members of the Red Cross are entitled to vote at this meeting and are requested to be present.

Funeral services for the late John McCaleb were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tate in Dallas last Saturday at 12:30 p. m. Mr. McCaleb was reared in the Mennonite faith, and Elder Hershey of Portland directed the funeral services. Mr. McCaleb was 82 years, 5 months and 1 day old. He was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Oregon in the spring of 1879. He lived at first in Clackamas county in the neighborhood of Oswego. A year or two later he came to Polk county and settled on the farm in the Antioch district on which Clarence McCaleb now lives. He came to Monmouth to live in 1893. Mrs. McCaleb died October 15, 1909.

T. J. Wedekind has bought the 16 foot tract immediately west of the Monmouth bakery property of P. H. Johnson and plans to build on it next spring.