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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Singing their class song and flaunting their colors, the members of the Junior class made their first appearance as a class in an enthusiastic display at the chapel hour January 6. A clever "stunt" under the direction of Miss Barbara Hixson was given to announce the victory of the Junior men in basketball. Class spirit was then laid aside and the Seniors joined the Juniors in a group of school songs as a send-off for the Normal Basketball team which played in McMinnville on the evening of January 6.

Having reached Senior rating, Mrs. Beulah Bovingdon, president of the Junior class, resigned her office at a recent class meeting and Miss Dorothy Taylor of Salem was elected to fill the position. Miss Taylor was formerly class secretary, so Miss Muriel LaSpronce was elected as secretary for the remainder of the school year.

President Landers addressed the Parent-Teachers' association of Independence on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Records, Miss Godbold and Miss Syp attended the Schuman-Heink concert in Portland on Monday evening.

The marked increase in enrollment has necessitated the formation of a second class in "General Methods" under Mr. Gentle given at eleven o'clock. Nearly all students who wished to take the course are thus accommodated.

The Seniors found that several of their official family had graduated at the close of last term, hence at a recent meeting they elected the following students to fill the vacant offices: Vice president, Frances Straughan; secretary, George J. Prindle; council members Naomi Hagensen, Dorothy Plake and Eessie Anderson.

A dancing party will be given in the gymnasium Saturday evening January 14. Local friends of the Normal are invited to attend.

The literary societies will initiate their new members on Friday evening. The regular program given by the Vespertines will be presented Monday evening, January 16, at 7:30. So many students are planning to attend the concert by Madame Schuman-Heink at Corvallis on Friday evening that the change in the program seems advisable.

The collection of Posters on exhibition last week in the model library, has been sent to the State Library at Salem. The Posters are to be used there, or sent out further to the county libraries with specially selected groups of books, for which they will serve as advertisement.

These posters are the work of the Art Department. Their great value, aside from the effectiveness of size and color, lies in the extreme simplicity of construction. Anyone with a little ingenuity and patience can make them. The pictures are cut from magazines or advertisements and properly mounted. The lettering is direct, adequate and simple, telling in few words with what subject the group of books deals. This collection is the property of the Normal and will be returned.

There is a plan on foot to make a complete set of such posters for school Libraries, to be exhibited at the county institutes next fall. The purpose is to show teachers how they may, with materials always at hand, attract the attention, not only of the students in school, but also of the reading public to books on special subjects, which every

school library, selected of necessity from the state lists, must contain.

Obituary

Mrs. Monroe Mulkey, who has been in feeble health for some time, succumbed to the infirmities of advanced age and passed away Sunday night at seven thirty o'clock. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Christian church and were largely attended. Rev. H. E. Rossell preached the funeral sermon.

Sarah Malone was born January 5, 1838 in Belmont county, Ohio. She was married October 11, 1855 to David Martin. They crossed the plains in 1871 and settled in Albany where they lived two years and then came to Monmouth where she has since lived. They lived a retired life here and a few years later Mr. Martin died. His widow was married to Monroe Mulkey in 1897. Mr. Mulkey died in 1912.

Mrs. Mulkey had few near relatives, a half-nephew, Woody Vance and a niece living in Iowa. There are also three step-sons and one step-daughter: Dr. S. A. Mulkey of Portland, Melvin Mulkey of California, L. D. Mulkey of McMinnville and Mrs. Elvora Sickafoose of Newberg.

She joined the Christian church at the age of 16 and lived a faithful life to the end. For some years past her constant companion and caretaker has been Mrs. R. H. Simpson. She was buried beside her first husband in the K. P. cemetery.

The "Normal Hymn", the official normal song, has just been published and is ready for distribution among the students and alumni. Although it has been sung frequently at chapel exercises and on special occasions since its adoption several years ago, it has never been published before. The first edition is in the form of a souvenir with words and music of the hymn, and a brief history of the normal school and its forerunners. The cover is adorned with illustrations of the campus.

An unconfirmed report says the picnic place at the Helmick bridge is to be made a state park. Certainly it is a fine place with some magnificent trees and an effort should be made to preserve them.

A Visit, A Banquet And Installation

Like the buzzing of alarmed bees or the rustling of autumn leaves in the gust that precedes the storm was the sound that came from the anteroom of the Odd Fellows lodge at closing time last Monday night. To the loud high protector of the ante room it had a different sound, however. Above the appetizing odor of oyster stew on the range he scented danger and made a rush for the outer portal. Too late. The door had been opened sufficiently to allow the pointed toe of a lady's shoe to gain entrance. With this as a start the door was steadily pushed open and about forty Rebekahs invaded the ante room. They had heard the men folks were preparing a banquet and came to share it. By a happy co-incidence the men found they had prepared ample for all and two tables were laid instead of one.

The Odd Fellows installed officers during the evening as follows: Clarence Grund, N. G.; F. E. Chambers, V. G.; Paul Tacheron, secretary; Walter Brown, treasurer; R. B. Swenson, warden; Wilmer Powell, conductor; W. R. Graham, R. S. N. G.; Claud Boothby, L. S. N. G.; G. H. Partridge, R. S. V. G.; A. L. Miller, L. S. V. G.; O. Kellogg, R. S. S.; E. B. Arnold, L. S. S.; H. K. Sickafoose, chaplain; M. W. Jones, I. G.; J. V. Webber, O. G. As district deputy, E. B. Pace conducted the installation.

The commercial club held its annual meeting Tuesday night with an enthusiastic turnout and despite the declinations of President G. T. Boothby, impressed that gentleman for another year's term as captain of the ship. Clares Powell was elected to succeed Howard Morlan as secretary-treasurer of the club. The club is planning an aggressive campaign for the coming year.

The auditor has been making his semi-annual inspection of the books of the creamery this past week. The creamery has made 288,000 pounds of butter during the past year and a more extended report will be published next week.

\$150 Lopped Off Engineering Bill

The suit of Samuel Houston vs the City of Monmouth was tried before Judge Belt in Dallas Tuesday and Houston was allowed \$100 instead of the \$252 asked for. Houston was represented by a Portland attorney and City Attorney Swope represented the local cause. The original contract had been made verbally between the engineer and individual members of the city council. Mr. Houston testified that he agreed to prepare the plans and specifications only for the job at two and a half per cent of the total cost. On behalf of the city Mayor Wolverton, G. W. Chesebro and M. J. Butler testified they had a distinct understanding that the engineer was not only to prepare the plans and specifications but to superintend the work and report on it for acceptance at conclusion. This work was arranged for in September, 1920. Houston drew up the plans and specifications and they were adopted by the council as one of the steps in carrying out the improvement. A letter was put in evidence, written later by Houston to the city recorder, saying he was moving his office from Portland to Pendleton where he was to be notified when the city was ready to take up the work. When confronted with the letter the engineer was only momentarily embarrassed and later explained that by "work" he referred to the preparing of plans and specifications for Main street of which there was talk of improvement. He testified that it had taken eighty hours of his time to prepare the plans and specifications even though he had taken the data from a blue print in the city recorder's office and had done no actual field work other than to check up certain of the measurements.

H. B. Fletcher of Independence, resident engineer for the highway commission testified that in his opinion thirty hours was ample time to do the work indicated and that fifty dollars might be considered as a maximum amount to be paid for such work; that the time required in making the improvement with the materials assembled could not be longer than twelve or fourteen days and that \$250 might be considered ample compensation for the work done. He considered \$250 per month a fair charge for engineering services, his own wages being \$225 per month.

Houston's attorney made much of the contention that the plans and specifications as adopted by the council provided for an inspector, separate from the engineer to do the work which the council had in mind and presented the phraseology of the document to bear him out in this. He also endeavored to present a schedule of wages from the American Engineer's Association to prove that \$252 for preparing the plans and specifications was a moderate fee.

Judge Belt closely questioned both sides and announced he desired especially to get at the justice of the thing.

At the annual shareholders meeting of the First National Bank held Tuesday the following directors were re-elected: Ira C. Powell, J. B. V. Butler, I. M. Simpson, Wm. Riddell and Robert Steele. Following this the officers re-elected are: J. B. V. Butler, Chairman of Board; Ira C. Powell, President; F. E. Chambers, Cashier, and Clares Powell, Assistant Cashier; Alice Riggs, Bookkeeper.

The regular dividends have been paid and the directors added \$5,000 to the surplus fund.

The Talented Two

The appearance of Miss Janet Young and Mr. Byron Foulger in the second number of the Normal Lyceum course Wednesday evening was a decided triumph. Patronage of the event which was generous indicated a belief on the part of our citizens that the event would be attractive and the production even surpassed the advance notices. It requires considerable talent for two people, without musical accompaniment of any form, to hold the close attention of an audience for an hour and a half, but the two actors succeeded splendidly and so close was the attention at all times that the slightest sound was audible.

They appeared in a group of five one act plays, three humorous and two serious in their nature, with sufficient variety of character to give the actors an opportunity to display a wide capacity in versatility. The first number was a pantomime from the French series of "Pierrette and Pierrot", the second was a midnight interview of a young mother whose son had been condemned to death with the supreme judge who was able if he would to remand her son for a new trial. The third was a comedy detailing how an English lord foiled the ambitions of a young lady who had thrown herself into a lake to attract his attention. The fourth was a touching story of New York's "East End" in which a young tough, a poverty stricken orphan boy and the diamond ring on the finger of the boys' dead mother were the features.

The last number was the farcical account of two members of an old ladies' home who were so cantankerous that no one would room with them and who were made room mates, having a high old time until they hit upon the expedient of drawing a chalk line across the floor making the one room into two; one for each lady.

Miss Young's dramatic ability is beyond question. The ease with which she slipped from one character to another, the clearness of her enunciation, the quick changes in expression, the directness of her appeal to the audience marks the artist. [Mr. Foulger's most outstanding quality as an actor is his great gift of characterization. It is hard to believe there are but two people in the company. Miss Cowan's appearance on the stage was all too brief. Her presence was a material help in the last play. The brief announcements at the end of each play as to the subject of the next one, proved an interesting feature.

The third number of the lecture course will occur the thirtieth of this month. This will be a lecture by Peter Clark MacFarlane.

At a meeting of the highway commission held in Portland Tuesday a Federal agent was present who advocated that roads on which Federal aid was extended should be 18 feet wide instead of 16 feet wide. This matter is to be threshed out in the meeting held by the commission in Portland today. The paving of the road from Holmes Gap to Rickreall and from Monmouth to the Benton county line were projects set aside by the commission for Federal aid this year.

Engineer Fletcher, who has charge of the highway work south of Monmouth says he is of the opinion this pavement will be laid in concrete. Work on the grading around the Wheeler hill, with other state work in Oregon, has been suspended during January and February.

Mrs. Amelia Gooch, a widow of Dallas, died Tuesday. She is survived by three children, Mrs. R. R. DeArmond of Independence, Miss Bessie Gooch of Dallas and Fred Gooch of Salem.

Attractive Features For Farmers' Week

The "farmers week" program announced by Farm Bureau officials to take place in Dallas January 17 to 20, inclusive, indicates a series of meetings that if attended can not but be of general benefit.

Such well known investigators as G. R. Hyslop of the farm crops department of the College, Prof. H.P. Barss, chief of the department dealing with plant diseases, H. E. Cosby, poultry specialist, and Dr. B. T. Simms, head of the veterinary department, are to appear. With a dozen people, specialists in their work, leading the discussions, it is fully expected that every section of the county will be represented in the attendance.

Tuesday, the 17th, is poultry day. The livestock breeders are especially interested in the Wednesday session with Prof. E. B. Fitts, Dr. B. T. Simms and L. J. Allen on the program. Thursday the fruit conference takes place in connection with the county meeting of the Farmers' Union, according to the committee, in the K. P. Hall, Dallas, over the City Bank. In the afternoon, when the meeting is open to every one, Professors H. P. Barss and E. H. Weigand, both of the College, are to discuss the common fruit diseases and some future outlets for fruit, respectively. Crops subjects will feature the Friday meeting. Prof. Hyslop will speak both forenoon and afternoon and M. B. McKay is to outline control measures for the common potato diseases.

The general sessions, except that of Thursday, are to be held in the Commercial Club Rooms, Dallas.

An interesting venture for the Bureau people is the two programs for farm women, each an all-day session and led by a specialist with the College Extension Service. Wednesday, the 18th, is given to a conference on foods, featured by a discussion of foods for growing children. Friday, the 20th, a "clothing clinic" is announced. It has been said that, since woman never is satisfied with her clothes, the Friday session surely should draw a heavy attendance. The meetings of woman occur in the County Library.

A Trip to Japan

The crowd which turned out to hear Rev. L. V. Lewis lecture on Japan Tuesday evening taxed the capacity of the Evangelical church. The audience crowded the main room, filled the Sunday School annex and overflowed into the "amen" corner. A group of children were placed on a long low bench on the pulpit platform. Late comers stood up. The lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, took the traveler from Peking, China, across the sea and through Japan and included about everything from rice planting and tea manufacture to Buddhist temples. He showed pictures of the Japanese giant wrestlers and war scenes in which the Japanese take particular pride. Among interesting views were the Chinese barber, the doctor, the examination boxes in which the Chinese youth were tested in their mental capacity, the manner in which criminals are punished, etc. The lecture was a very enjoyable one.

Oscar M. Lehman, who died in Independence last week was a member of the Monmouth camp of Woodmen of the World and had a policy for \$1,000. He was born in Ohio 62 years ago and had lived in Independence for 14 years.

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Co-operative Creamery is to be held January 26.

CYANOGEN TO KILL PINK WORM



Picture in one of the seven poison plants on the Texas border where trains from Mexico are fumigated with deadly cyanogen gas to kill the destructive pink boll weevil whose home is Mexico.