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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

An important faculty meeting will be held Friday evening at seven-thirty in the library. Mr. Gentle will speak on "General Methods".

The Vespertine program, postponed from last Friday evening, was given in the chapel on Wednesday evening at seven twenty. The officers for the term in both societies were installed by Mr. Butler before the program. The program was based on French sources, and the details were well worked out, reflecting credit on the committee. The officers installed in the Vespertines were: President, Esther Chapman, Portland; Vice-President, Ruth Jenkins, Portland; Secretary, Bessie Hunter, Tillamook; Treasurer, Carolyn Berry, Corvallis; Sergeant at Arms, Lucile Carter, Portland, Reporter, Iris Akin, Toledo.

The Delphian officers are: President, Hazel Harris, Portland; Vice-President, Geraldine Purdy, Tillamook; Secretary, Frances Eckert, Portland; Treasurer, Mary Cole, Monmouth; Reporter, Elvira May Dyer, Eugene; Sergeant at Arms, Mildred Howells, Astoria.

President Landers spoke to the Commercial Club of Independence on Tuesday evening.

The Juniors have selected their play and set February 18th as the date on which to give it. The play chosen is "Clarence", an attractive comedy by Booth Tarkington, entirely up to the author's high standard in the matter of clever characterization and dramatic situations. Try-outs were held early in the week and daily rehearsals, under the direction of Miss Godbold, are now going forward. The cast chosen follows: Mrs. Wheeler, Hazel May Louks; Mrs. Martyn, Violet Bowden; Violet, Violet Damon; Cora, Kathleen Skinner, Della, Cecil Daniels; Rosie, Corinne Hill; Bobby, John Dickson; Mr. Wheeler, George MacAdoo; Mr. Stem, William Harvey; Dinwiddie, Landon Regele.

Honorable W. V. Fuller of Dallas, who has many times represented Polk county in the state legislature, addressed the students at the chapel hour on Thursday morning. Mr. Fuller gave a most interesting discussion on timber, a subject on which he is very well informed, and illustrated his talk with attractive lantern slides.

The cause of the "Student Friendship Fund", a fund for needy students in Central and Southern Europe, was presented at the chapel hour on Wednesday morning.

Several students and some mem-

"MY FATHER!"



When "Tennessee's Partner," one of the great Bret Harte's most brilliant stories, was filmed in the insane asylum at Ogdensburg, N. Y., a patient shrieked "My Father! My Father!" It was Bret Harte's daughter, Mrs. Jessamy Bret Harte Steele, who disappeared years ago. Friends of the great American author are moving to take care of his daughter, who was sent to the institution from New York, many years ago.

Members of the faculty attended the concert by Madame Schuman-Heink at Corvallis last Friday evening.

Mrs. Sadie Singleton, who was operated on in the Emanuel hospital in Portland recently, is reported to be recovering nicely.

C. C. Atwater has bought the building on the corner of Main and Knox streets of Thomas Boulden in which Atwater Bros. have their shoe repair business. Mr. Boulden retains the building to the west in which he has his chicken and feed store.

Mrs. Fell and son and daughter of Salem were visitors with Mrs. Fell's brother, L. W. Waller Sunday.

Mrs. T. J. Wedekind was a visitor in Dallas a few days last week to assist in giving a welcome to an eight pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ragsdale of that city.

A number of Masons from Monmouth and Independence attended lodge in Dallas Friday night where Denzel Moore was given the Fellowship degree. Among those present were M. J. Butler, B. F. Wolf, Harvey Dickenson, R. Baker, O. A. Wolverton, J. S. Prime, A. L. Miller and R. B. Swenson.

The Odd Fellows put on the initiatory degree Monday night for a class of three, David and Edward Riddell and E. G. Peterson.

Attorney B. F. Swope was here from Independence Sunday afternoon visiting with some of the city fathers.

A. J. Richardson, aged 87, a resident of Buena Vista is to be buried today. He was a charter member of Lyon lodge of Free Masons and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Gray.

Elkins Community Raises New Flag

Elkins held open house to the patrons of the district Wednesday in a session that lasted from 11 in the morning to late in the afternoon. It was featured as a reception to President and Mrs. Landers of the Oregon Normal who were the guests of the day. It was also the occasion for the flying for the first time of the school flag, recently purchased. For the last event Captain Groves of the Independence company of the national guard and Sergeant Godfrey of the Legion Post of the same place attended to help with the ceremony. Lieutenant Ivan Loughery directed the flag raising and made a fine address on the history of the nation's standard and its significance. Miss Ruth Tetherow led the gathering in repeating the "American's Creed".

A community dinner was served in the basement of the school house at 12:30 and during the afternoon a fine program was held in the school rooms.

Miss Godbold of the Normal faculty gave some of her clever character readings. A number of the Elkins pupils had a share in the program and President Landers and Prof. Beattie delivered addresses on themes appropriate to the occasion.

Especially mention must be made of the Elkins orchestra which, although few in numbers, produced some very excellent music whenever the occasion demanded.

A new play shed is to be built at Eola. It is to be 24x50 feet in dimension and is the first practical evidence of expanding influence the school has experienced since it came under the direction of the Normal.

HIGH SCHOOL

President Landers of the Oregon Normal School, gave a very interesting and inspiring talk Friday morning in the High School assembly. His subject was, "What Have You Under Your Hat?"

The seniors are planning to give a reception on February 11, 1922.

Two or three seniors expect to have completed their fifteen credit course by the end of this semester, and if their hopes are realized, some of them may enter the Normal School.

Reverend Lewis, pastor of the Evangelical church, gave a much appreciated talk in the High School assembly, Monday morning. His theme was, "Pressing Forward".

By Silver Philips

Francis Arant stopped off to visit the home folks a few hours Monday on his way back from Castle Rock to Eugene.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Miss Grace Hawley, well known in Yamhill and Polk counties, died in Boston, Mass., January 8, and the funeral was held at the Ladd parlors in McMinnville Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with entombment in Riverview Abbey mausoleum, Portland.

Miss Hawley was the daughter of Mrs. A. C. McKinnon of McMinnville and is survived by her mother and sister. Her father, who has been dead many years, was Horace G. Hawley, a brother of C. L. Hawley, state dairy and food commissioner. Miss Hawley was well known both in Monmouth and Corvallis where she was educated. She was a student for three years at the New School of Design in Boston and was a graduate of the Harriet Neal school of Boston. She was an active worker in the Red Cross in that city during the war.

The social event of the season in Independence was the wedding of Miss Adeline Kreamer and Wayne W. Hanna which was solemnized Wednesday night at a church wedding held in the Methodist church in that city. Rev. H. E. Russell of the Monmouth Christian church officiated as minister. The ring ceremony was used. The groomsmen was Claud Brown and the bridesmaid Miss Gretchen Kreamer. Ushers were Mrs. May DeBaul and Beulah McCord Bovingdon. The ceremony took place promptly at 8 o'clock and following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kreamer, at which there was a large attendance. Many friends of the young couple were there from distant places. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna will live on the U. G. Heffley farm just east of Monmouth which was bought by the groom last fall.

Through the efforts of the Monmouth Commercial Club, butter from the Monmouth Cooperative Creamery is to be featured on the tables at the opening day of Home Industries Week, Monday, January 23, at Portland. There will be representatives from all over the state at the banquet, so some valuable advertising will be given the creamery and town. Twenty pounds were required, which was donated by the Creamery and Commercial Club jointly.

The Commercial Club is starting on a program of activity which will at frequent periods include some enterprise for the benefit of the community. Several propositions were discussed at the last meeting and are under consideration, among them the question of putting in a public rest room. Also rules regarding social activities and membership are to be strictly enforced in the future.

W. M. Meeker has received word that his uncle, R. W. Stow, died January 8 in the soldiers' home at Sawtelle, California. He was 84 years of age, a veteran of the civil war, and is survived by two daughters and one son. Mr. Stow will be remembered by many people here as for a number of years past it was his custom to spend his summers here with his nephew and in Elk City with a friend there. Mr. Stow was the twin brother of Mr. Meeker's mother. The body was buried in California.

The East side of Monmouth is perking up a bit, thank you, and a number of improvements are in progress among its progressive citizens. Albert Sacre has graded his parking space, a decided improvement to the Sacre property. Mrs. C. E. Herren and E. W. Staats have

IRISH STRONG MAN



Michael Collins, the great Irish leader, who is leading the fight for the agreement with Britain. He will probably be the first premier of Ireland.

just finished painting their residences; U. G. Heffley is grading for what is to be one of the finest residences of the city. A. N. Poole has the contract for the six room house with concrete basement. The house is to have all of the latest modern improvements and is to cost about \$4,000. Another improvement for this part of the city is the enlargement of the Evangelical church. This contemplates putting Sunday School rooms in a basement to be put beneath the church which is also to be widened sufficiently to accommodate another row of seats. These plans have not been adopted as yet, however.

E. J. Himes was here from Dallas Wednesday to survey boundaries for J. W. Howell and C. J. Stanton. The latter has recently bought from Miss Mattie Neeley, the one quarter of a block across Knox street to the east of Mr. Howell's property. Mr. Stanton is building a chicken house large enough for 1000 hens and plans to raise chickens. While Mr. Himes was here he staked out the tract where Ira C. Powell will build his residence. It is to face Jackson street at the top of the hill in his walnut orchard.

Installation of officers was the principal item of business at the regular Grange meeting last Saturday. The list as published in the Herald recently was installed publicly by Mrs. Minnie Bond of Eugene. The usual large mid-winter crowd was present for the Grange dinner. The crowd filled two long tables and there were some who had to wait until after the first groups were served. During the forenoon session there were three candidates for the 1st and 2nd degrees and after the installation the secret session took up again and the 3rd and 4th degrees were put on for two candidates.

Mr. Ragsdale of Rickreall recently killed a Berkshire hog that dressed 525 pounds.

Howard Sickafosse and wife and son Melvin were visitors at H. K. Sickafosse's Sunday. Melvin is in the navy service and stationed on the battleship Texas.

Dr. W. J. Johnson of New York, associate secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare is to make a series of addresses in Oregon the latter part of the month and will appear in the Normal chapel, January 31.

A new road district has been created in the Antioch section and G. Newton has been appointed by the county court as patrolman of the district. The four election precincts in Falls City have also been reduced to two.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker of Ridgefield, Wash., were visitors at F. E. Chambers' Sunday.

Falls City Saw Mill Is To Quit Business

On February 15 Cobbs & Mitchell sawmill at Falls City will close indefinitely, announcement having been posted in the mill to this effect.

Just what this means is uncertain, as all the men employed there have been notified that they can have work at the new mill in Siletz Basin. Major W. A. LaLonde, local manager, and Frank Horn, chief engineer, are ordered to report for duty at the new property, and leave late this week. H. E. Starr will remain in charge of the Falls City mill until the close down, and likely for some time thereafter to look after the plant and yards.

This property is operated under the name of the Falls City Lumber and Logging company, and is the big institution of the town giving employment to many of the people making their homes in Falls City. The announcement, in fact, has proven sad news to all local business men, many of whom have their all invested in local property and stocks of goods. It is believed that something will happen to relieve the situation, but just at present the business men are decidedly hopeless.

This mill has not run regularly for the last few years, and rumors have been spread that it would close permanently. After each shut-down, however, the mill has reopened, the company finding it to their advantage to operate again. It may easily be that such will prove to be the case again. There is plenty of timber within reach of Falls City, and it is possible that some other concern may acquire holdings and secure the Cobbs & Mitchell property.—Observer.

While the above is self explanatory, it is whispered there is more of it. According to the wise ones the Valley and Siletz railroad is shortly to get its connection with the Southern Pacific in Independence and a large saw mill is to be built in that city in the region where Ash creek joins the Willamette.

There was a small scarlet fever scare in town last week. A girl at the White Hall had a light case but strict regulations were taken at once and no further developments have appeared.

W. L. Dalton of Albany stayed all night with his mother, Mrs. Irene Wolverton, Monday night, on his way to the Spaulding logging camp west of Willamina, where he went to run a donkey engine.

Samuel Edgar Owen of Independence died January 17. He was 56 years of age. His funeral occurred yesterday with services in the Presbyterian church in Independence.

Young Brothers have begun a wholesale and retail milk business in our city.

Ieslie Young, who has been running a small dairy for some time, has formed a partnership with his brother who came from the Middle West last spring. They plan to enlarge their herd and conduct a modern dairy. Having recently installed electric lights and a litter carrier in their dairy barn, it is one of the, if not the most modern, sanitary, and up-to-date dairy plants in Polk county.

Their herd consists of pure bred and high grade Jerseys, and the average butterfat content of the milk from their cows is 5.5 per cent, which is considerably richer than the general run of bottled milk.

They sell milk and whipping cream, wholesale and retail, making deliveries morning and evening.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

