

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

### Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Landers gave the students an excellent talk on some outstanding qualities of Abraham Lincoln's character at the chapel hour on Monday.

The students who have completed their rural practice teaching during the past six weeks have returned to the Normal and new groups have gone to the various rural centers to take up the work.

The faculty committee which has in charge the selection of motion pictures announces that the picture made from Blasco-Ibanez's "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," has been secured. It will be shown in the chapel on Friday evening, March 31. It is rare good fortune to be able to see this picture in Monmouth, as it is one of the very best and biggest productions of the film world.

The great event of this week at the Normal is to be the Junior class play to be given Saturday evening, February 18, at 8:15 in the chapel. "Clarence", the play, by Booth Tarkington, deals with the adventures of a returned soldier, who, in seeking a position, becomes involved in the various domestic difficulties of a wealthy New York family. Because Clarence makes some common sense suggestions, the family immediately accept him without question of his past or his antecedents. Some interesting humorous situations result, leading to a surprising climax. Tickets are on sale at fifty cents for townspeople, thirty-five cents for students, and twenty-five cents for children.

President Landers attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents on Thursday of last week.

A program was given by the Vespertine Society, Friday evening. The ideas carried out were a combination of Valentine and Lincoln's birthday. The first half of the program was given over to Valentine numbers. One of these was a little "Valentine Dolls" dance by six girls. An attractive Valentine reading by Charlotte Ballin was given. There were also various musical numbers. The patriotic part of the program consisted chiefly of a plantation scene of darkies and their plantation life. Also a flag drill was given by a group of girls in white costumes.

A motion picture entitled "A Woman's Place" will be shown in the chapel Friday evening, February 17. With Constance Talmage in the leading part, an entertaining evening is promised.

There were thirty four bulls in the car gathered by the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club and shipped to Humboldt county California last week. They brought on an average \$200 each. Ivan Loughary, who as secretary of the association had most to do with the work of gathering them, accompanied the car to its destination. Because of his absence and the absence also of the president, C. O. Lewis, the annual meeting of the Luckiamute telephone company which was scheduled here last Saturday was not held.

A pruning demonstration is to be held on the John Friesen farm south east of town Monday beginning at 10:30. Bring your lunch. There will be coffee on the ground. County Agent, Paul Carpenter will be in charge of the demonstration.

A. N. Poole was a visitor in Portland last week looking over the latest in the way of builder's plans and equipment.

### TRAINING SCHOOL

Homage was duly paid to St. Valentine by the third and fourth grades of the Monmouth Training School, Tuesday afternoon, February 14, with the following cadets acting as hostesses: Mrs. Florence Fink, the Misses Charlotte Ballin, Fannie Steinberge, Violett Denney, Gertrude DeWitt and Mildred Howell.

The guests of the afternoon were Mr. Gentle, Miss Records, Miss Ward, Francis Bennett, Glenn Butler, Wallace Collins, Gordon Ebbert, Mary Newman, Robert Nicols, Jim Pember, Allyn Phillips Helen Robinson, Henrietta Rossell, Mary Sevcik, Sammy Speerstra, Maud Sumpter, Stanley Bennett, Dorothy Bork, Virginia Coats, Paul Doughty, Elizabeth Esson, Elizabeth Gooding, Zola Gooding, Berniece Harvey, Frederick Hinkle, Lloyd Kaup, Nadine Mason, Alvin Poole, Eldon Riddell, Madaline Riley, Glenn Robinson, Herald Sarter, Paul Sevcik and Thelma Wilson.

The class room was gayly decorated with a border of red hearts, artistically fastened together with white bow knots. An artificial ceiling was constructed by festooning red streamers from corner to corner. Suspended from the window shades were tiny red hearts, while occupying a most conspicuous corner reigned supreme the box of the hour which held messages of greeting for all.

A short program which included several short stories, victrola selections, and games was enjoyed.

The dining room where refreshments, consisting of brick ice cream, centered with a strawberry heart, and heart shaped cookies, was festive with decorations of pussy willows, streamers and red hearts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Starikin of Salem were visitors in Monmouth Sunday. Their house which has been occupied by Frank Clark is to be vacated, Mr. Clark moving to Lebanon to enter the garage business. The house will not be vacant long however, as Mr. Hargett of the drug store is planning to move in.

J. E. Winegar and family were in McMinnville Sunday to assist his father, M. Winegar to observe his 82nd anniversary. Some twenty children and grand children were present.

The suit brought a number of years ago by the government to recover unsold lands from the Oregon & California railroad, Southern Pacific and others has been set for hearing May 1, according to announcement by Judge Wolverson in federal court at Portland.

Following action taken by the Oregon Humane society, Dr. Andrews, Marion county agent for the society, left for Gates and other rural communities where he will make an investigation of reports that many horses and cattle are suffering from lack of feed.

The recent cold weather has caused but little damage to loganberry vines in the Willamette valley, according to the reports of experts who have investigated the berry-growing districts of the section. Broccoli has suffered in some extent, as has late-sown grain in the lowlands.

There will be no legal hangings in Oregon until the state supreme court and possibly the United States supreme court have had an opportunity to pass on the constitutionality of the laws relating to murder in the first degree. This was made plain when Governor Olcott extended the reprieves previously granted to Elvie Kirby, alias James Owens; John Rathle and Dan Casey until Friday, July 7. Extension of the reprieves was made necessary, it was said, because of the inability of the supreme court to hand down an opinion in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Kirby before the date set for the executions, and the probability that the case will be carried to the United States supreme court for final determination.

### Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

A mass meeting will be held at the Christian Church tonight at 7:30 in the interest of the boys' and girls' farm home near Corvallis. The following program has been prepared:

1. Orchestra
2. America—Audience
3. Invocation
4. Vocal solo—Mrs. Chambers
5. Duet—Misses Berreman and Williams
6. Solo—Mr. Arnold Morgan
7. Address—Senator I. L. Patterson
8. Address—Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh
9. Orchestra
10. Benediction

A keen interest in the project has been manifested throughout the state, and it is hoped the citizens of Monmouth will turn out en masse to hear about this worthy undertaking.

Local politics has begun to take on form and some argument in regard to the County Commissioner's office as the term of present incumbent, T. J. Graves, expires this year. Several prospects are in the field including George Stewart of the northwest part of the county, George McCulloch of the north part of the west central part of the county. Mr. Leighton lives between Falls City and Dallas, a part of the county which is not represented in the county political circle. He is also well known in Dallas and the north part of the county. It is rumored that A. B. Blair of Dallas will be one of the democratic candidates. None of the aspirants have yet filed and it is expected that within a few weeks the campaign will be well under way. The hearing of the suit brought by a delegation of Independence against the State Highway Commission in regard to the location of the State Highway will be heard the 17th in Judge Kelley's court at Salem, and it is quite evident that the decision of the court and the evidence given at the trial will be one of the discussion during the campaign for County Commissioner in Polk county.

The combination of wet weather and a flu scare served to keep down attendance at the Grange last Saturday, but there were more than enough present to fill one of the long tables at the Grange dinner. Degree work held interest during the forenoon session and in the afternoon a nice program was rendered under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. T. J. Edwards. Arnold Morgan appeared in two of his justly celebrated solos and by way of good measure was persuaded to add a third. The Riddell Bros. entertained with violin and piano and County Supt. Josiah Wills rendered an account of industrial club work in the county. This he said, had proven satisfactory as far as gardening and fruit work was concerned but had not developed the interest it should have in live stock clubs. He thought this could be remedied by getting children to take an interest who are from families where live stock is raised.

Rev. Lewis made his initial bow to the Grange and delivered a short but eloquent address on the benefits of co-operation. Messrs. Stockholm and Rogers, also gave short talks.

The Eugene high school debating team of which Ronald Beattie is a member lost unanimously to Roseburg last week. As the affirmative team of Eugene also lost to Roseburg, Eugene is thus eliminated from the finals in the association.

### Live and Teach School In The Same Building

The recent visit of forty extension representatives to the Mountain View rural center has called attention to the unique position which it occupies among rural schools. Located on the west side highway five miles north of Corvallis, it commands an inspiring view of the mountains and is aptly named Mountain View. The building, constructed two years ago at a cost of \$11,000, is commodious and serves both as a school house and as a home for the teachers. There are four recitation rooms. A sliding door between two of the rooms makes an auditorium available, with stage and piano. The basement contains a large playground, and a dining room and kitchen equipment. The second story is nicely furnished and serves as a dormitory for the ten teachers and housekeeper who live in the building.

Mrs. Inez Miller, the principal, and her assistant, Miss Mary Donaldson, have charge of the 74 pupils in attendance and supervise the work of the eight student teachers from the Normal. The building serves as a community center and Sunday school church services and parties are held there. There are no dances held in the building.

The patrons of the school take a great interest in it and their cooperation has helped to make the project work a distinct success. The mothers' club of the district is alive to the needs of the community, and has made possible the serving of soup to the school children.

The health program which has been so successfully conducted with the pupils has had its effect upon the entire community, and it is said that there is no white bread being used in the district now.

The student teachers put in full time for six weeks at Mountain View before returning to their recitations at the Normal. They are all enthusiastic about their work, and such is their attachment for the school that they shed tears when the time comes for their departure.

Mountain View is a conspicuous example of how the perplexing problem of the rural school can be solved. It is not a consolidated district and has an assessed valuation of only \$135,000.

A letter received this week from L. P. Gilmore indicates that he is now located in Hughesville, Pennsylvania where he has purchased a half interest in the D. W. Osler Woolen Mill and is, to quote his own words "as busy as a boy killing snakes". We wish him all sorts of success in his venture in the manufacturing business.

### HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior Reception given at the high school last Saturday evening was a decided success. The hall was very attractively decorated, thanks to the decorating committee, and a very interesting program was presented. The program was opened by talks from both Mr. Gooding and Rev. Pace. Among the other numbers was an address by President Landers, readings by Miss Allen and Miss Dunlap, songs by the local quartet and other musical numbers. The last number was, of course, the refreshments which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

The school is glad to welcome Mr. Gooding back after his week of illness.

Melford Nelson of the Salem high school was a visitor at Monmouth High last Friday.

Mr. P. H. Johnson gave a very interesting talk to the student body Monday morning. Due to the fact that he has been a resident of Monmouth for a number of years, he chose for his subject "The Development of Monmouth".

The classes have been compelled to adjust themselves to a slight change in schedule in order to meet the requirements of the second semester. But everything is running smoothly and the only new class is that of academic arithmetic.

"Dad" Sickafosse was again summoned to Portland this week, to the second session of the Federal grand jury. Bill Jones is taking his place, however, and is looking after the lower regions as well as furnishing the necessary "hot air" to the upper deck.

The Monmouth High basketball team goes to Airlie, Friday 17 to play a return game. A close game is expected as the Airlie boys put up a hard fight at the previous game.

Carl Tetherow.

W. J. Mulkey, Jr. more familiarly known as "Dubs" was winner in a boxing match the main event of an athletic evening arranged by Company F Salem Wednesday night. W. J. was pitted against Carl Miller, a Eugene man and the match which was to last ten rounds ended in the eighth when Miller found himself no longer able to put up any sort of opposition. According to technical ruling W. J. won the battle two or three times during the course of the evening and his opponent and the ring officials were willing to concede the victory. But the crowd wanted a fight and not referee's decision and Miller tried his best to do his share but was at no time a match for the clever youth from Monmouth.

John X. Webber of Salem was a visitor here several days this week and it is reported plans to take up the garage work where Frank Clark laid it down.

### Commercial Club Eats and Talks

Plans for a park in Monmouth, which have been considered a number of times here, were given another boost at the meeting of the Commercial club last Tuesday evening. President Landers of the Normal was the speaker who brought up the matter and he volunteered to donate one or more trees to get the work started. He proposed to take the lot on which the band stand is located and beautify it. Another proposal which he made was that the city consult with the landscape and architectural department of the O. A. C. in getting advice as to development of the city along these lines; advice that would tend to harmonize new buildings as erected and to beautify the streets.

Mr. Landers detailed at some length and most interestingly his ideas of national economic progress and gave a few reasons why he believes business conditions are on the high road to improvements. An interesting fact that developed from his talk was that the Normal might ask the legislature for an appropriation for a training school in Independence where the facilities are beginning to be cramped.

His address was the feature of the evening at a luncheon enjoyed by fifty club members and associates in the dining room of the hotel and served to bring the new landlord and landlady, Mr. and Mrs. Sivier to the acquaintance of the business men of the city and vicinity.

President G. T. Boothby of the club, presided and other talkers were Ira C. Powell, who spoke on highway decoration and the benefits therefrom in increasing the good opinion for the state not only of our visitors, but the people who live in it; and R. B. Swenson, who detailed a few facts about the proposed state income tax especially from the view point of a former resident of Wisconsin.

While the failure of the State Bank of Portland announced yesterday, creates a sensation it has small local interest as the Monmouth bank was not connected in any way with it. Neither was the State bank a member of the Federal Reserve system the value of which is always exhibited in times of financial stress.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wild of Portland the same being a granddaughter of C. G. Griffa, formerly of this city.

J. T. Guthrie and wife of Dallas was a visitor with his brother, H. E. Guthrie and wife in this city Sunday.

### MOMENTOUS MOMENTS

