

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

### Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Classes were resumed at the Normal on Tuesday after the short Easter recess. Nearly half the students spent the vacation at their homes.

All efforts are now being directed toward the Junior Week-end festivities which occur on May 5-6. The Juniors will present a variety program in the chapel Friday evening, May 5. On Saturday, May 6, the regular May Day celebration, for which the Normal is so well known, will be held on the campus. This includes the crowning of the May Queen, various drills and dances, and the contest events in tennis, volley ball, etc. in the afternoon. It is hoped that many people from the surrounding country will plan to spend that day at the Normal. Lunch will be served at noon on the campus by members of the student body. The proceeds from this lunch will be added to the children's Farm Home fund to which the students pledged \$200.

Miss Taylor spent the week-end at her home in Tacoma.

Mr. Butler is planning a visit to the state institutions at Salem in the near future for the students who wish to go.

Superintendent Strange of Astoria visited the Normal last week to interview prospective teachers for the coming school year. Mr. Strange gave an excellent talk to the student body at the chapel hour on Thursday.

Arrangements have been made for the Salem Women's Club Chorus to give a concert in Monmouth on Sunday afternoon, May 7. They will bring with them three soloists—soprano, violinist and pianist—and will present a most attractive program. This concert will round out the May Day entertainments and furnish an excellent musical appropriate for Sunday afternoon. Arrangements for the concert are in the hands of the student body committee on the Children's Farm Home Fund. A small admission fee will be charged and all proceeds over actual expenses will go into that fund.

D. M. Hampton, who is putting in his time these days on the federal jury in Portland, assisting to dispense justice to bootleggers, counterfeiters and other reprobates, spent the week-end at his home in this city.

#### Christian Church

Subject of morning sermon, "God and the Sparrows". Evening subject, "Make Room for Jesus".

The Choir has prepared special music for each service.

Every chair was filled at the prayer meeting Wednesday eve. Grace Parker led the Class in Training for Personal Evangelism and did it well.

#### Evangelical Church

"The Homelike Church"

11 a. m. "The Blood of Christ"

7:30 p. m. Mr. Schuster, the Presiding Elder, will preach and will also conduct communion service. All are invited to participate.

10 a. m. Sunday School. How do you spend your Sundays? Riding out into the country or setting your children the proper example by bringing them to the church? Think about it.

6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor. Tuesday and Thursday Ladies Aid at the church. Come and bring your needle.

Wednesday afternoon the Home-like Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Fuller. You are invited.

7:30 Wednesday, Prayer meeting. If you will come once we know you will come again like numbers of others are doing.

6:45 p. m. Saturday Choir Practice. Please be there. We have some important matters to discuss.

### Visitors

As the political season grows warmer the evidence that we are really to have a primary election grows a little more convincing. Wednesday Editor Ingalls of Corvallis and Mr. Miller of the same place called at the Herald office. They were on a general scouting expedition in an effort to locate the goal for which destiny is headed. They find considerable sentiment in favor of Senator Patterson's candidacy. Benton county has the rival candidates for state senator this year, the candidates being Mr. Johnson, a Corvallis banker and Mr. Belknap, a farmer from Monroe.

Yesterday the Herald office was visited by Senator Norblad of Astoria who seeks the seat in Congress now occupied by Mr. Hawley. Lew Cates, former editor of Dallas, now operating a moving picture show at St Helens, was with Senator Norblad, who is his son-in-law. The Astoria man finds many favorable to his candidacy.

The science of breeding dairy cows is the subject of three sessions with the Polk county dairymen this week with Prof. Fitts of the O. A. C. pointing the way. A meeting was held yesterday at the T. J. Werth farm near Grand Ronde and at 10 o'clock this morning a meeting is to be held at McCoy on the Porter Frizzell place and at 2:00 this afternoon, on the John R. Loy farm near Buena Vista.

At the Evangelical conference held in Dallas last week V. A. Ballantyne was re-assigned to Airlie and Lewisville; J. L. Burns to Rickreall and A. L. Lonsberry to Dallas.

Emmett C. Forsythe of Hood River and Miss Bessie Swope of Independence have been licensed to wed. Thomas E. Campbell of Dallas and Ida E. Wahl of Polk county have also been licensed.

Albert Sacre is here from Eugene this week clearing up the Sacre premises and doing some timely farm work.

### Obituary

Mrs. Henry Constance, a resident of the Oak Point district, was buried in the cemetery south of Independence Tuesday afternoon. She was born in 1849 and had been a resident of this section for years. Mr. Constance has been a paralytic for some time and a few weeks ago his mental condition became so bad that he was placed in the state hospital for the insane. Mrs. Constance, who had worn herself out caring for him, sank in health steadily until death released her.

Henry C. Constance, husband of the above, died in the state hospital in Salem yesterday. He was born in Wisconsin but had lived in Oregon for some years. Mrs. Constance was also a native of Wisconsin. Their only heir is a grandson 13 years of age, Charles Wilson.

G. H. Partridge received word this week of the death of his father which took place at the family home in Evansville, Minnesota, April 7. The father, George Partridge, was 91 years of age and was born in Fingal, Ontario, coming to the United States when about twenty one. He enlisted with the 30th Wisconsin regiment and served through the civil war. After the war he took up a homestead in Minnesota in Douglas county. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

### Christian Science

Subject for Sunday, April 23, "Probation after Death".

### Baptist Church

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse vs. the Fifth Horseman, (after Ibanes—a long way after); and, "When the Sun Sets in the West"; are the subjects for Sunday morning and evening, respectively.

Bible School and the Endeavor meetings as usual.

### Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Harold Dickey, a young man of Sheridan who has been operating a for-hire car from that place for other parties was taken into custody Saturday evening at Buell, where he had taken a party of men to a dance at that place. The arrest was made by Sheriff John W. Orr and his deputy, Rea Craven. The young man was brought to Dallas and confined there over night. On his appearance before Ed F. Coad he was held for trial Wednesday under \$250 bail on a charge of bootlegging. The bail was furnished by his father.

County Superintendent of Schools Josiah Wills has mailed from his office to the teachers of the county a requisition blank for the eighth grade questions, with a request that they be immediately filled out and returned to his office. No pupils will be sent questions unless their names appear on the blank. In the same letter was enclosed a program for the Polk county field meet which will be held at Independence Saturday, May 20. According to the program every school is entitled to not more than three entries for each event.

J. A. Larson, who is manager of a farmers' creamery in Marshfield, was a visitor in this city Saturday. Prospects in Marshfield, he says, are looking up. The lumbering industry is once more hitting its stride and most of the mills in Coos county are at work. Mr. Larson, who owns a house in this city, says he plans to come back some time to occupy it.

According to Portland announcements the highway commission will order advertised for its May meeting contracts for paving the highway south from Monmouth and from Rickreall to Holmes' gap.

Fred Lockley, correspondent for the Portland Journal, who makes a specialty of reminiscences of the pioneers, was in Monmouth last Friday interviewing people who could furnish material for his articles.

Deputy Sheriff T. B. Hooker on Monday made a turnover of county tax money to A. V. R. Snyder, county treasurer amounting to the sum of \$27,366.69. Mr. Hooker estimates that about 50 per cent of the total amount of taxes have been collected to date.

Kullender Brothers of Independence are mixing and laying concrete for J. W. Pember this week. They are doing work for a new garage, curbing and other improvements.

### Your Nose Knows

The sense of smell is the most acute of all the five senses. Men and women often have defective eyesight; defective hearing; sometime their feelings are too easily hurt, and some are entirely without this sense. The sense of taste is rather well developed in the race, some more so less.

We have all kinds of schemes and devices to help the dairymen get a better price for his cream; mostly they are a failure. Every dairyman and each member of his family is provided by nature with the above mentioned sense of smell and the use of this valuable, though little used, gift every dairyman can procure the highest price for his cream or milk.

It has been the custom of people for ages upon the departure of friends to give the final hand shake and kiss. Now you dairymen don't let a can of cream leave your possession without giving it a final "sniff". If you are not pleased with the sensation received, it is nature telling you in the plainest language that you have put off this parting too long. The oftener you part with your cream or milk the better the creamery man will love you; the more money you will get for your butterfat; the happier we will all be, so please use your nose.

### Tax Investigators and Plans Proposed

The tax investigation committee which was appointed by Governor Olcott in compliance with an act of the last legislature, and which has been in action in Eastern Oregon, will reach the Willamette valley in the near future and is scheduled to hold meetings as follows: At Medford April 24; at Roseburg on the 25th; at Eugene on the 26th; at Albany on the 27th; at Salem on the 28th; McMinnville, the 29th and in Oregon City May 1st. The commission has found it impractical to visit all county seats and has made the meeting points as central as possible so as to give all a chance to be heard.

Membership of the committee is I. N. Day, chairman; Henry E. Reed, Coe S. McKenna and C. S. Chapman of Portland, E. H. Smith of Lakeview, Charles A. Brand of Roseburg and Walter Pierce of LaGrande.

The duty of the committee as expressed in the legislative act is "To gather information, formulate recommendations, prepared proposed legislation and report to the governor upon the question of whether or not it is feasible to raise from other sources a substantial portion of public revenue."

Reports from Salem indicate that the deliberations of the Tax Reduction League is about to culminate in an initiative measure to be placed on the ballot designed to repeal the 1.2 millagetax voted two years ago to the university and agricultural college and also to put into effect other taxation reforms. They propose a penalty for the non-assessment of property that now escapes taxation such as money, notes, mortgages, etc., and they also propose that assessment of property shall be on a profit basis. This contemplates that property will be taxed on what it can earn and not on what it will sell for. Thus a business property or farm which earns six per cent profit will be assessed at full value while property which according to past experience earns only two per cent, will be assessed for only one third of its real value.

In discharging the duty imposed by the legislature the committee has made a study of tax economies and investigated the systems of other states. It is now gathering statistics on assessment and taxation in Oregon and making a critical examination of them.

The preliminary study of the commission has thus far disclosed that under present conditions real property seems to be bearing the greater part of the tax load. Intangible property, represented by money, notes, accounts, bonds and shares of stock, carry but a small per cent. The shifting of the burden from personal property to real property and the gradual decline of intangible property on assessment rolls appears to be a progressive movement.

It has also occurred to the committee that there is undue undervaluation in assessment, resulting in inequality. To reach the intangible wealth, which is now avoiding taxation, the committee has under consideration the imposition of a tax on personal incomes as a new source of revenue from which to derive a sufficient sum to carry a portion of the expense of state administration, thereby relieving general property of a corresponding amount.

It is realized by the committee that experience has shown that the tendency following the increase of revenue is toward legislative extravagance. To forestall this it is suggested that there be enforced

constitutional limitations on taxing bodies in order that the slack produced by shifting the burden from general property to personal incomes remains permanent, and that additional sources of state income lead not to increased expenditure.

Other phases of the problem being investigated include the raising of the schedules of specific or privilege taxes, such as fees and licenses, and the reduction of the cost of state, county, city and district administration.

The committee has not yet reached any fixed opinions and is very desirous before doing so of obtaining, as far as possible, concrete suggestions from taxpayers which will aid in reaching final decision.

### HIGH SCHOOL

The base ball game between Independence and Monmouth High Schools, which was to have been played last Friday afternoon, was called off on account of weather conditions.

If the weather permits, Monmouth High will play Falls City High on our field Friday afternoon.

The baseball diamond was given its final working and rolling down Tuesday afternoon.

A large number of students, who are interested in tennis, have been busy clearing the grass and weeds off of the tennis court this week.

There was a large "turnout" for the girls first baseball practice Tuesday afternoon.

The boys have been taking advantage of the good weather to get all the practice possible in baseball and athletics.

A committee from the Student Body of the Independence High School visited our high school Tuesday and expressed the desire of their Student Body that all relations between the two schools be kept on a basis of cordial good fellowship. Our students applauded the speaker heartily by way of appreciation. A couple of weeks ago a committee from the Monmouth High School had made a similar visit to the Independence High. Carl Dodson.

### Building Progress and Property Sales

Work on the new bank building which started last Friday is, with pleasant weather in attendance, making rapid progress. Pollan Brothers and M. W. Jones have done the excavating, Ben Johnson and a force of men from Independence are mixing and placing concrete for foundations, plumbers from Salem have laid the ground pipes and drains and a crew of carpenters are busy building forms.

T. J. Wedekind started on his building operations this week. He is digging out beneath his prospective building and the material is used for filling by the Grahams who will have a concrete floor.

W. J. Mulkey, Jr. has decided that he has lived in Monmouth long enough to determine to settle down here and make our city his permanent place of abode. At any rate this week he invested in the Julia Sawyer property on West Main street and will reside thereon. In addition to the house this property consists of land 82½ feet by 330 feet. Consideration was \$1100. G. T. Boothby made the deal.

Mrs. Erickson was here from Eugene Saturday long enough to attend to the transfer of her residence property on Broad street which she has sold to L. L. Gooding, principal of the Monmouth high school.

The sale is reported this week of the Elizabeth Clarke house on Main street to Dr. F. W. Bowersox, consideration, \$1350. The doctor will improve the property and occupy it as a residence.

With fair weather this week farmers are making the utmost of the advantage and working early and late. Lumber men also welcome the change for it will enable them to get rid of the snow which has held up operations in the coast range. It is seldom that so much snow is found and for so long a period in the lumber district as has prevailed this year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Parker entertained relatives from Yamhill county Sunday.

### America's Premier Male Quartet Coming

Celebrated "Orpheus Four," Winners of High Honors at San Francisco Exposition, to Sing for Local People Soon.



The mere announcement that the Orpheus Four is to appear here in the near future is sufficient to pack the local auditorium to its capacity. This is undoubtedly the most popular quartette in America today and is known from coast to coast as a splendid high grade organization. The Orpheus Four will long be remembered by the San Francisco Exposition patrons, for this quartette carried off the national gold medal at that time. They are to appear here soon with their delightful program of fun and melody. The Orpheus Four is undoubtedly America's premier male quartette.

In the Normal Chapel, April 24