

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Junior Week-End, including the May Day celebration, is the chief topic of conversation at the Normal this week and all members of the committees are directing earnest efforts toward making those festivities the success they have always been in the past. The program will begin with the Junior Frolic to be given in the chapel Friday evening at 8:15. The exact nature of this entertainment is a deep secret which may only be discovered in the chapel on the appointed evening. On Saturday the May Day will be celebrated on the campus with the following program, which will begin promptly at nine o'clock:

- 9:00 Procession of the Queen
- Assembling of the Classes
- Crowning of the Queen
- 9:30 The Junior Pageant
- 10:30 May Pole Winding
- 11:00 Volley Ball
- 12:00 to 1:00 Intermission
- 1:00 Tennis and Quoits
- 1:30 Base Ball—O. N. S. vs. Albany College
- 2:00 Folk Dancing
- 2:15 Original Drills
- 3:30 Base Ball (Women); Relay Race (Men)
- Awarding of Trophy

Beginning about 1:30 P. M., and during the other events, the Normal men will play a baseball game with the Albany College team. The exercises on the campus will close with the awarding of the trophy to the winning class by President Landers. The judges chosen for the contest events are Mrs. J. A. Churchill and Superintendent Hug, both of Salem, and Miss Florence Alder of the Department of Physical Training in the U. of O.

A dancing party in honor of the Juniors will be given by the Seniors in the gymnasium on Saturday evening. Local friends on the Normal social list are invited to this party.

A most cordial invitation to attend these festivities is extended to all friends in the community.

The Misses Ruth Jenkins and Jane Gunn, who were elected to represent the Normal at the Student Volunteer Conference at Eugene last week-end, brought back reports of a most enthusiastic and inspiring meeting. They gave excellent reports at the chapel hour on Tuesday morning.

Dean John Straub of U. of O. visited the Normal on Monday and gave an address to the students and faculty at the chapel hour. Mr. Straub's long association with young men and women has made him particularly skillful in the expression of concrete, vivid statements which especially appeal to young people and his speech was certainly one of the best heard from the chapel platform this year.

Students and faculty were especially fortunate on Monday in hearing also the members of the Happy Harmony Quartet, a musical organization of the Eugene Bible School who sang several selections.

The summer session of the Oregon Normal School will inaugurate one new feature this summer. It is now under consideration that a summer practice school be organized in Monmouth, Independence and Mountain View. The demand for practice work by teachers who are regularly employed during the rest of the year making this feature very necessary now. It is the next forward movement for the Normal School. State normal schools elsewhere have had summer practice schools for the past two or three years. Those in charge of the sum-

mer session are extremely anxious that the parents of children in the district may decide promptly to enroll their children in the six-weeks' session. The cost to the district for the school will be practically nothing, thus making it possible for these centers to have six weeks more school than they would otherwise have, and that too, at little or no cost. It is planned to have the session open at 8:00 o'clock in the morning and close at 12:00 for the day, with two short intermissions between.

The June promotion will be made and the class work will begin in the summer school where it would otherwise begin in September. Those children who remain in the Training centers for four or five years of their school course will make up a year without any forcing at all.

A meeting will be called some afternoon this week in the Training School building in Monmouth to consider the matter more fully with the parents of the children who are now attending the Training School.

Bundle Day

May 24th will be Bundle Day for Near East Relief throughout the United States. Last year America sent 1,000 tons of clothing to the Near East. President Maesagian of the Armenian Republic says that one fifth of the present population of that section have been clothed in cast off American garments during the year. New clothing wears out fast enough, the supply of half worn garments is now completely exhausted. Numberless men, women and children are destitute of clothing and thousands have no covering whatever save the thinnest rags. Inside the Near East Relief orphanages much of the clothing in manufacture by the children themselves under the direction of the relief workers, but the majority of them and almost the entire population of Armenia will have to dress in American second hand clothes again next year.

Approximately eighty per cent of the hand looms have been destroyed during the war; famine and invasion have scattered the women and girls who formerly operated them; and the flocks of sheep which in former days furnished the wool have been killed for food or stolen by invaders.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school greatly enjoyed the address given Monday morning by Dean Straub of the University of Oregon. His theme was, "Value of an Education".

It will be of interest to all Bible students to know that an examination on the Old Testament will be given at nine o'clock Friday, and on the New Testament at one o'clock.

A baseball game is scheduled with Dallas, Friday evening, May 5. The game will be played on the Dallas field.

There will be a regular meeting of the school board Friday evening.

The Polk County Track and Field meet is to be held at Independence, on May 20.

The Baccalaureate sermon for the graduates of the high school will be held Sunday evening, June 4, in the Evangelical church. Reverend Lewis will deliver the sermon.

The Commencement exercises of the high school will be held in the high school assembly, June 9. Professor Du Bach, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will deliver the class address.

The high school play "Between Acts" will be given the week end of the twelfth and thirteenth. The cast has been faithfully rehearsing and hopes to be able to give a first

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

The local Odd Fellows have now received the plans and specifications of their building and they have been submitted to a number of contractors with the result that the decisive figures are to be presented and bids opened on Saturday May 13.

The plans call for a two story structure with ground dimensions eighty by eighty feet. The floor is to have room for two or three store buildings as may appear to best advantage. The upper floor is to be devoted to a lodgeroom, sixty by forty five feet and a banquet room of the same length but 33 feet wide. The banquet room is to have a kitchen at the rear and ante rooms and a lounging room will be at the rear of the lodge room.

Robert W. Crawford, plant manager for the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Growers Cooperative association has resigned. No reason for the resignation has been made public other than it was for business reasons. Mr. Crawford is a native of Belfast, Ireland, near which city three fourths of the world's linen is produced. He was trained in the flax industry in the Emerald Isle and has lived in Canada. He was formerly manager of the penitentiary state flax plant. The association is the one which has bought the Rickreall mill and recently let the contract to a Dallas man for tearing down the same. This work is now in progress.

A Straw Vote

At the meeting of the Social Hour Club with Mrs. Ackerman last Tuesday afternoon a straw vote was taken of favorites for the office of governor which resulted as follows: Lee 3, Olcott 9, Patterson 11, White 1, Starkweather 2, Bean 3, and one lady evidently thought McNary was a candidate and gave him a vote. Mesdames Staats, J. B. V. Butler and Mingus assisted Mrs. Ackerman in entertaining. There will be just one more meeting of the club before the summer vacation and that will be held with Mrs. Staats.

Boost for Bill

Wm. Riddell, Jr. for county commissioner deserves the support of the entire area of Polk county just as a matter of policy. In our primary system in too many instances the man who seeks the office is too often not the type best qualified to conduct public business. In Mr. Riddell we have a man who was drafted into the service because his neighbors have confidence in him and know that he will make a capable public servant. His busy and prosperous life speaks for his character and offers positive evidence that he will be exactly the kind of a man Polk county needs as county commissioner.

At the council meeting last Tuesday night the auto bus ordinance was passed and at the same time by vote of the council 75 cents per day was made the official license fee for the Salem-Monmouth bus. E. N. Keeney appeared before the council asking that curbs be ordered in along Broad street but this matter was laid over for further investigation.

The cast includes: Carl Tetherow, Dorothy Clark, Hugh Van Loan, Bearnice Stewart, Adair Gooding, Mary Bowersox and Horace Butler.

Watch for announcements and plan to be present at the appearance of this "All Star" cast.

Silver Philips.

Pioneer Resident Dies in Portland

Mrs. A. A. Catron, a pioneer of Oregon and long a resident of Monmouth, was buried in this city Tuesday. She died April 29 at the home of her daughter in Portland. The Catrons were familiar figures in the early history of Monmouth, a street in this city as well as a subdivision bears the family name. Although the first home of the family was at Yamhill, they lived in Monmouth for many years and the husband, Jonathan Catron, died here. About two years ago Mrs. Catron sold her residence here and went to live in Portland.

In the course of his journeyings up and down the state Fred Lockley of the Portland Journal once upon a time interviewed Mrs. Catron as follows:

"The first money I earned in Oregon was for taking care of Mrs. Ransome Clark's sick baby. I took care of it every day all day long for three months. This was in the winter of 1846. She gave me four yards of calico for a dress, in payment for my winter's work." Mrs. Jonathan Catron, who was speaking, leaned forward and said: "The women of today don't know what hard times are. The first winter we were in Oregon my father split rails for Jordan Hembree in payment for two hogs. These two hogs, with boiled wheat and frozen potatoes, were all we had to eat that winter.

"No, I wasn't born in Oregon, but I have lived in Oregon for the past 75 years, so I can pretty nearly qualify as a pioneer. I was born in Missouri on September 18, 1837, so I have reached the age of four score and four years and I am supposed to be old, but as a matter of fact I am not really old. When people get old they live in the past and lose interest in what is happening today and what is going to happen tomorrow. I regard the debates in congress and all the political news in the papers much more carefully than do my children or grandchildren.

"Do I remember coming across the plains in 1846? I should say I do. I was 9 years old, and as I think back to our trip it seems as fresh as if we had made the trip this past summer. My mother, whose maiden name was Lavina Miller, met my father, Zebedee Shelton, who was born in Tennessee, at her birthplace in Missouri. They were married there. With their nine children they started for Oregon. Lucy and Susan took scarlet fever and died before they got to St. Joseph, where the emigrants were to assemble. My oldest sister was America Minerva. She married Mr. Bidwell. The next child, John W. as a farmer in Yamhill county. My next brother James C., became a doctor and settled at Salem. I was the next child. Nancy came next. She married Dr. E. Poppleton. Thomas, the next boy, was a doctor and practiced his profession at Eugene. Joseph was the baby of the family.

"It took us six months to a day to cross the plains. We came by way of the newly opened Barlow trail. Oris Brown was captain of our train. His mother, Tabitha Brown, was with him. She started the school at Forest Grove that became Pacific university. We stopped at Absalom Hembree's place near Lafayette till father could look around and pick out a farm. We met my uncle, Dr. James McBride, at Oregon City. He got in a few days after we did. They had been just one wagon train behind us all the way across the plains.

"Father took up a place just across the Yamhill river, three miles west of where Carlton was later located. W. L. Adams was my first teacher / My next was Matthew P. Deady and then came Judge Cowles.

"I was 17 years old when I married. My uncle, Elder McBride, whose son is now on the supreme bench of Oregon, married us. My husband, Jonathan Catron, came to Oregon the year before. We were married on May 28, 1853. My husband died five days before Bertha, our seventh child, was born. Five of our children are still

living. Laura, my eldest daughter, is the mother of Judge L. T. Harris, who is on the supreme bench. Walter, my eldest son, is dead. My next child, Martha Alice Craig, lives at 324 Broadway. My son Edgar is in business at Spokane. Eugene, my next son, is in business at Seattle. Bertha, my baby, now Mrs. Clodfelter, lives on the east side. I have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"I had hard sledding after my husband's death, but I determined to give all my children an education and I worked early and late to do it. I spent the most of my married life at Monmouth. I met Dr. Campbell there and learned to respect and admire him. His son is president of the University of Oregon and is very much like his father."

Son of Rev. Goode Dead

The following from the Oregonian will interest many Monmouth people. Rev. John A. Goode was at one time Evangelical minister in this city and his children were educated here.

"As a result of being gassed at the front while fighting against the Germans in 1918, Dr. Earle Goode, 27, died at the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John A. Goode, 7412 Fifty-fifth avenue Southeast, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Goode was a member of the state legislature from Multnomah county in 1917, being one of the youngest men ever elected to such a position in Oregon.

When the war broke out, he enlisted and was soon at the front. Since his injury he had been a victim of the lingering illness.

Dr. Goode is survived by his parents, a brother, Hubert A. Goode, secretary to Commissioner Mann, and a sister, Mrs. Herbert R. Tyler."

Happy Harmony Quartette

The visit of the Happy Harmony Quartette to Monmouth was surely a happy event and all who heard them were delighted with their beautiful singing. Saturday evening they were greeted by a large audience at the Christian Church when they presented an interesting program of quartettes, duets, solos and readings. The program made an effective appeal on account of the liberal sprinkling of popular numbers, and the humorous numbers were very cleverly done.

Miss Sylvia Gilfien, the soprano of the quartette, is assistant instructor in vocal music at E. B. U. and the other three members, Vivian Whistler, soprano, Helen Goodwin, alto, and Alice Brunk, contralto, are students of the school of music. They have practiced together for nearly two years and have attained a perfect blend of the voices that is delightful to listen to. The voices are also excellent individually and the solos and duets were greatly enjoyed. The program was made doubly interesting by their sparkling personalities, and all agree that they are well named "Happy Harmony".

Sunday they sang at Sunday School, Endeavor and church services, and on Monday gave six selections at the chapel exercises at the Normal. Their presence in the city for the three days [was an inspiration and when they return they may be assured of a hearty welcome.

The band boys have secured the services of Rev. V. E. Lewis as leader and at the last meeting of the Odd Fellows the boys were granted the use of the lodge room on Tuesday evenings for practice. Rev. Lewis is an accomplished musician and a good instructor and the boys are happy in the prospect of making musical progress.

There will be no regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps in Independence this week and the next regular meeting will be on May 20.

Howell Would Help The Inland Empire

Just to prove that his name of Columbus Hooker Howell is not accidental that gentleman is starting this week on a voyage of exploration into Eastern Oregon where he goes to exploit a recent invention of his.

The machine is known as a weed killer, an indispensable article in a country where half of the land lies fallow each year. In the dry reaches of the Inland Empire it is necessary to conserve moisture and if weeds were allowed to grow on the fallow land the purpose of the rest given the land would be defeated.

To kill the weeds it is the custom to work the land with a razor like contrivance which skims the top soil without loosening it, which would allow it to dry out.

The common instrument with which Eastern Oregon farmers barbed their fallow fields is open to the objection that it is not adjustable and while at times it gives a bum shave and leaves a weeks growth of stubble on the chin of Nature, at other times the blade digs in with a vigor difficult to discourage and getting down below the roots of the weed pests, makes them more thrifty and encourages a rank growth rather than slaughtering them for which purpose the work is done. At times the weeds gather and accumulate before the blade, causing perplexity, perspiration and profanity before the blade is cleared and started to working again.

The heaps of weeds left from these shearings are not only unsightly but are a nuisance when the time comes to put in a crop.

Hooker's machine, which has been patented and a specimen of which has recently been turned out by the Multnomah Iron works has two blades, one back of the other, each of which can be raised or lowered at will. One blade works at a time and when it fouls, it is raised and the other lowered by lever which saves time, keeps the work in motion and allows the accumulation to be spread out as the machine proceeds. With its system of levers the blades are readily adjustable to meet land conditions and a first class shave is guaranteed each time the fallow land is barbered.

Mr. Howell has spent the winter at Valsetz. He has been at work on this machine for the past fourteen years and it embodies many ideas he accumulated during a long apprenticeship in the fields of Eastern Washington and Oregon.

New Church for Fairview

After holding services in the Fairview school house for some time the members of the Baptist church in that vicinity are anticipating with pleasure the dedication of the new church. These services will occur Sunday, May 14, and plans have been formulated for making it a big community affair.

Services will start in the morning promptly at 10:30 o'clock and the dedication sermon will be delivered by Dr. Wright of Portland. At the hour of noon a basket dinner will be served to which all attending the services are invited to participate. Dr. Milliken of Salem, will deliver a sermon in the afternoon and evangelistic services will be held in the evening.

The Fairview Baptist church is located about 10 miles from Dallas on the Luckiamute river. Rev. J. C. Tibbitts of Salem holds services semi-monthly to good sized congregations who are quite enthusiastic in the good work they are accomplishing. The new church has just been completed and cost about \$1700.