

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Dr. Sisson Demands Honor Miss Doughty Patriotic Efficiency At Commencement

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master", a quotation from Abraham Lincoln was the keynote of a masterly commencement address delivered by Dr. E. O. Sisson of Reed College to the Normal graduating class. As a theme before a group of coming teachers whose duty it will be to train the minds of youth to make them self reliant, it was most happy. He quoted Lord Northcliff, the English publisher who visiting this country for the first time in thirty years, saw great changes in the development of the country and the growth of our cities but found one quality had not changed at all. This thing which had not changed he took to be devotion to national principles. The phrase "one hundred per cent American" too often does not have a real meaning. Devotion and honors paid to the flag may become in time as the outer observances of the pharisees who observed the outward rites and ceremonies and thought it absolved from punishment in the violation of the moral laws. He referred to a good man who claimed to be one hundred per cent American, who was the boss of a small town and boasted that all of its citizens must come to him for the regulation of their affairs and conduct. The boasting of this boss he likened to the remarks of William Hohenzollern at the time of the opening of the Kiel canal, "Germany's future lies on the water", adding that hereafter none of the nations on his side or any side of the ocean could embark on important enterprises without consulting Germany.

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master" he gave as Lincoln's ideal of a democracy. It had been left for an Englishman Lord Charnsworth to dig out and emphasize this quotation. Thus an Englishman had written the best life of Lincoln yet published as an Englishman had written the only great play with Lincoln as the central character. He thought the study of the life of Lincoln should be emphasized in American schools.

Only in engineering was there more efficiency as a calling than in the teaching profession, yet in teaching history much time was wasted on trivial things while the important events were glossed over or overlooked entirely. Out of four histories examined only one, written after the last war, contained any reference to the treaty by which Canada and the United States agreed to abolish forts and battleships along their border. This treaty which has preserved peace between the two nations for 105 years he believed one of the most important facts in our history.

He expressed the wish that there were more men in the teaching profession, believing this would have a tendency to make more permanent the profession as a life job. The average teacher served only five years he said and added that if doctors practiced the same tactics the profession would soon lose the confidence of the public for people do not like to patronize the inexperienced.

With the assistance of J. B. V. Butler, President Landers presented the diplomas and at the same time expressed his pleasure in the privilege of doing so and his regret at the necessity for parting.

The large audience heartily expressed its appreciation of a solo by Mrs. Landers and under Miss Moore's competent leadership the Normal orchestra and Glee Club occupied numbers on the program with some excellent music.

Honor Miss Doughty At Commencement

A change was made in the usual custom of seating the graduates at the High School commencement this year. Instead of arranging them in a double tier along one side the class of eleven girls and nine boys were seated in a semi-circle with the faculty and board of education backing them up at either end of the line.

The arrangement gave the graduates a good chance to see and be seen but afforded the commencement orator some embarrassment when it came to addressing graduates and audience at one time.

Dr. U. G. Dubach of the O. A. C. who was the speaker of the occasion, made an exceptionally fine address following practical lines. He thought it advisable that young people should know where they are going and be ready to take full advantage of their opportunities when they arrived. He thought it better to be located right than speedily. The few years which the student passes before achieving a real place for himself are the least profitable in his life and could be well spent in preparation for the best which the world has. He showed how temperateness and industry are virtues which paid and with witty phrases related actual instances of the truth of his assertions. A trained mind, a sound body and a brave spirit were the qualities he emphasized in a student.

Mrs. Landers pleased the audience with a solo, the class was presented briefly by Mr. Gooding and the diplomas handed out by Ira C. Powell, president of the board. Mr. Gooding called attention to the fact that two former principals of the school were present on the platform, Miss Doughty and Mr. Tavenner, and expressed the regret of all that Miss Doughty was not to return. He introduced Miss Fanny Steinberge who on behalf of the alumni, read a letter of appreciation from the alumni of the school and explained that an appropriate gift would be presented in the near future as a token of remembrance.

Miss Doughty's service is unique in that it consists of so long a period spent in one place and that she has constantly retained the respect and confidence of her pupils who are sincere in their regret at parting.

Farmers Are Off For A Joy Ride

9:30 is the dot on which the Polk County caravan starts for Corvallis on the 17th—that's next Saturday. The party will gather in Monmouth and leave on the tick of E. A. Tedrow's watch, going to Independence and on South. Mr. Tedrow as president of the County Farmers' Union will have charge of the "parade" and promises a prompt start and a safe and orderly procedure to the College grounds.

While the Union is standing sponsor for the tour, invitations have been issued to the other farm organizations. Their members and all other farmers and farm families are urged to join in and "make it a day".

The object of this tour is not so much that of recreation, tho it will be a delightful run, as it is to learn just what the College and Experiment Station are doing with crops, fruits, fertilizers, drainage—in short to study the soils and crops work being carried on. There are any number of variety trials and other experimental work being conducted on the four Station farms and it is the aim Saturday to go over the fields and orchards in a

County Odd Fellows At Rickreall Picnic

Odd Fellows, their families and friends to the number of five hundred strong, from Polk county and surrounding sections, enjoyed the second annual picnic of the order at Rickreall last Saturday. At least one hundred cars were parked at different places in the grove. Two of the chief officers of the order Grand Master S. F. Bowman of Umatilla and Grand Chief Patriarch Wm. Wadsworth of Harisburg, who were selected for the program, did not appear. It was said they started out in a car that developed trouble and refused to run, and had to postpone the trip to Polk county. A band from McMinnville was present and kept the air musical throughout the grove.

Rev. H. E. Rossell of Monmouth filled in the gap in the speaking program very acceptably and there were also short talks by J. M. Wright of Pendleton and R. G. Henderson of Chemawa. Mrs. F. E. Chambers of this city gave a vocal solo and the Misses Opal and Lillian Robb a duet all of which numbers were received with pleasure by the audience.

With Claud Boothby of Monmouth, J. E. Richter of Dallas and Mr. Burkholz of Independence to keep them going, a complete program of sports was carried out. The last event was a baseball game between teams representing Monmouth and Dallas, won by the former 11 to 5. Ernest Chapin, local high school pitcher, proved a tower of strength to the locals and with good support was never in danger of defeat.

careful and instructive inspection. You have wondered about Hungarian vetch, alfalfa for your place Reed's Canary and Harding grasses, superphosphate and "plaster" on clover, lime on fall grains, white land tiling, wheat varieties, strawberries, cherry and filbert propagation and pollination, the experimental work in pruning tree fruits, in prune drying and other horticultural by-products work—just a foretaste of the many things in which you are interested and which are to be seen Saturday in their prime.

Well informed guides are to be furnished so what every plot is and what it means may be learned by every one. Soil conditions at Corvallis are so similar to those prevailing in a large part of Polk that the experimental work will have a wide application here.

An opportunity to inspect the Home Economics Building and to learn of the work conducted there will be given the women (and such bachelors as are interested).

A nursery and play ground will be provided for the kiddies, competent woman in charge. Take a basket dinner, coffee, cream and milk will be furnished there.

It will be a day rich in those things that affect the home, the farm and its income, go by all means, the whole family.

Among this year's graduating class of the University of Oregon is Donald H. Portwood of Monmouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Portwood. Mr. Portwood has taken an active part in student and campus activities and is a major in business administration. He was a member of the varsity track team last year and belongs to the Order of the "O". He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity Two hundred and forty seniors will graduate from the University this year.

The grangers of Polk county are planning a picnic on the Fourth of July at Rickreall.

Ex-Presidents Recall Early Normal Days

Old Christian College and its first graduating class came in for special attention in the Normal graduation exercises this year, the fact that it was the semi-centennial anniversary of the graduation of the first class of the school providing the actuating motive.

Starting with Sunday, Rev. Bruce Wolverton, a member of the class, was given the honor of delivering the baccalaureate sermon. His brother, Judge Charles E. Wolverton of Portland, and Mrs. Mary Stump Campbell, former members of the class, occupied places on the platform. Rev. Wolverton stayed for the exercises of the week.

An unusually large attendance greeted the annual alumni program held in the chapel Tuesday evening. It was observed that the number of alumni on the platform was twice as great as common and faces were there which have not been in Monmouth before for some time.

President Campbell delivered the annual address. His father, Rev. Thomas Campbell was president of the college when the first degrees were granted by the institution and the speaker's reminiscences of the event were those of his own recollection. He reminded the audience that fifty years ago the first trans-continental railroad had not reached Oregon. There were no steel rails and no paved roads and no automobiles, flying machines, radio sets, nor telephones. People rode horseback, the well to do had carriages and common people were glad to have a common "hack" to ride in.

The College was a magnificent structure for those days costing four or five thousand dollars which served the purposes as church as well as college. It stood where the dormitory now stands and the lower floor was a single room. There were class rooms on the upper floor and the entryway was further adorned by two fine large ladders which led up to the belfry.

He had always been impressed with the inability of the state to keep up with its progress. It seemed that no matter how far in advance they set their stakes these were soon passed and he never went out of the state and returned without anticipations of large changes to be met on his return. The spirit that insisted on being first in the war drives must have been inherited from the pioneers who laid their plans on a large scale. When they called a one room school with one teacher a college or a university it showed they aimed at the best there was and while we might smile now at the idea, we must bow in deference to the successes which had been achieved through the real sacrifices of the builders.

The founders of Monmouth had a definite idea in their minds when they left Illinois that they would build a school in the west and here where it seemed that nature had done all for them that it possibly could, they determined their pledge should be executed. Four men; Squire Whitman, Elijah Davidson, Albert Lucas and Burris Smith each gave a fourth of a square mile where their donation land claims cornered and from their real sacrifice sprang the Monmouth and the Normal of today.

Dean E. D. Resler of the Oregon Agricultural college, another former president of the Normal indulged in reminiscences of the struggles of former days and although his talk was couched in a humorous vein and brought smiles to his auditors yet a sense of the seriousness of the obstacles that had been met and overcome was

Local Girl Wedded To Man From Camas

A pretty wedding took place at the Christian Church last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock when Miss Neta Waller became the bride of Hugh C. Olds of Camas, Wash. A beautiful form of the ring ceremony was read by Rev. H. E. Rossell, the pastor. Preceding the ceremony Miss Bess Clancy of Camas sang "Oh Promise Me". The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by Mrs. Belle Beckley. The attendants were Miss Mildred Force and Mr. Dale Olds of Camas. Mildred Kennedy of Camas was flower girl and little Bessie, her sister, was ringbearer. The church was decorated with Ophelia roses peonies and syringa.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olds, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gault, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Gault and daughters Virginia and Effie, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kennedy, Camas; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ring, Camas; Miss Alveda Peterson, Portland; Mr. Rolla M. McKinney, Independence; Mrs. A. J. Winter, Portland; Mrs. A. C. Rice, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Lorin W. Waller; Miss Ruby Lorraine, Miss Grace Parker, Mrs. C. E. Force and Mr. and Mrs. Rossell of Monmouth.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin W. Waller. She is a graduate of the Oregon Normal school and has taught in the schools of Camas, Washington, for the past two years. Mr. Olds is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olds of Gladstone. The young couple will visit at Victoria and Powell River, British Columbia, on their honeymoon and will make their home in Camas after the first of July.

ever present. He said that loyalty of the kind shown the school in trying times was frequently met with in privately controlled educational institutions but in schools it was a rare article.

Richard Cayzer, president of the Alumni for the past year, presided at the meeting, at the conclusion of which the annual banquet was served in the training school Domestic Art rooms.

Dr. J. M. Powell was toastmaster and toasts were responded to as follows: Christian College, Dr. Powell '73; The class of 1882, Mrs. Clara Gard Cooper; The normal school, Ira C. Powell '87; The new era, Thomas H. Gentle; Memories, Muriel Paul '21; The President and the future of the school, Lenore Smith '22.

At the meeting of the alumni association, held Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Muriel Paul of McMinnville; first vice-president, J. B. V. Butler; second vice-president, Miss Clayton Burroughs; secretary, Miss Florence Enschede; treasurer, Ira C. Powell.

Among the out of town visitors present were Mrs. Clara Gard Cooper of Albany, Mrs. Ada Waller Rice of Portland, Mrs. Stella Rowland Gabbart of Salem, Dr. O. D. Butler of Independence. These four belonged to the class of 1882 and enjoyed a reunion at Dr. Butler's in Independence at dinner Wednesday noon.

W. E. Richardson, the only other member of the class, died in Spokane some years ago. Mrs. Cooper who was a speaker at the alumni banquet says this is her first visit to Monmouth in sixteen years.

I. M. Simpson of Portland was here Saturday looking after business interests in our midst.

Work on Highway Again In Progress

Work on grading the highway south of this city was not delayed long. Contractor Trent and Mr. Johnston who has been sublet a portion of the work, attended the session of the commission and court in Portland last Friday and as a result resumed operations Monday morning with the force which has been at work this spring. Mr. Johnston is putting the deck on the new "dry" bridge which is being put in a half mile south of the Helmick bridge. This bridge is 250 feet long. Work in the cut which leads down to the Helmick bridge is being done with shovels by hand. For this reason it may be six weeks before this road is ready for through traffic.

That this is the "on" week in highway construction is evident from the information given out from the highway commission's office in Salem Wednesday that the commission had unanimously decided to rush to completion the road work in Polk county. Regret was expressed that the controversy so long delayed action.

Grading work has also been started inside the Monmouth city limits and the outlook is that the new "highway" street will have some of the appearances of a thoroughfare by the end of the week.

Address by President Feature's Last Chapel

An address by President Landers was perhaps the outstanding feature of the Last Chapel which has become a regular part of commencement week. Mr. Landers explained that while some sort of religious exercise was common in privately endowed schools, with public schools the same thing could not be said and the Normal was one of few which regularly persisted in the practice. He insisted there could be no success in teaching without some of the fundamentals of Christianity. It was a law in human development as a natural law that rewards were in proportion to effort put forth. The law that action equals reaction has its counterpart in the admonition "with what measure ye mete, the same shall be meted to you again", and "to whom much is given of him is much expected." It is true the world war made it appear that Christianity had broken down, but he insisted rather that it had been misinterpreted. He was not sure what religion would eventually bring the nations to their highest destiny, but felt sure that it must have in it the essence of truths laid down in Palestine two thousand years ago.

Prof. Beattie also made a hit in his address in behalf of the faculty. He spoke in a jocular way, saying that teaching was frequently referred to as a procession rather than a profession and closed with a very apt parody on Kipling's "If" in which the qualifications of a model teacher were set forth.

Miss Dorothy Taylor on behalf of the Juniors provoked considerable mirth. Miss Leone Barger responded for the Seniors and Attorney Henry Crass, a prominent citizen of Vancouver, Washington spoke for the alumni.

A considerable portion of the program was given over to student exercises and consisted of original class and school songs, presentation of the key in a unique stunt, and concluding exercises on the quadrangle of the campus. In these the pergola in front of the laundry plant was presented to the school by the seniors and the bird bath by the student body.