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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Registration for the summer session has already nearly reached 675 and will, no doubt, go to 700 before the end of the week. This shows a considerable increase over the total enrollment last summer which was about 560.

Miss Agnes Campbell of the Art Department, Miss Florence Enschede of Elkins Rural Center, and Miss Florence Beardsley of Eola left last week to teach in the Normal Extension School which is in session at Pendleton. Mrs. Collins of Oak Point will teach in the Ashland Branch.

The many friends of Miss Schuette and Miss Holliday, who were members of the faculty last year, are welcoming them back this week. Miss Schuette will have charge of the music department during the summer and Miss Holliday will assist in the art work.

The Normal is most fortunate to secure Henry Lawrence Southwick of the Boston School of Oratory to give two recitals and a lecture on Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Southwick is recognized throughout the United States as a real artist in his line of work and his appearance here in Monmouth is a very happy occasion. Admission to the public for a single entertainment will be 35 cents, to the three 75 cents.

Miss Beth Godbold spent last week-end with friends in Walla Walla, Washington.

Superintendent Hug of Salem Public Schools has been secured to give two courses in the summer school, one in school administration and one in Educational Tests and Measurements.

Powell Reunion

The fourth annual reunion of the Powell Memorial society composed of the descendants and relatives of John A., Noah and Alfred Powell, pioneers of 1851, will be held next Sunday, June 25, in the Copeland grove on the site of the original Powell donation land claim eight miles east of Albany. There will be morning and afternoon programs with a basket dinner at noon. Since the society was organized about 200 of the Powell relatives from various parts of the Willamette valley have attended each of the meetings.

The first copies of the Powell family history, which is dedicated to the memorial society, will be distributed at the reunion. The history, which was compiled by Dr. Powell and P. B. Arant of Monmouth, is nearly 200 pages in length and contains complete accounts of the Powell pioneers, and a record of all their descendants, numbering about a thousand persons.

The decision of Judge Kelly of Marion county, in the west side highway case in Polk county, in which he held that market money cannot be used on a state highway, may prove a great hindrance to the entire road program of the state, according to a statement issued by the state highway commission.

The annual Morrow county picnic held at Heppner under the auspices of the Morrow county farm bureau and the Heppner Commercial club was perhaps the most successful event of the kind ever held in this county. Several hundred farmers and their families were present from all parts of the county.

Arrangements to bring Miss Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, representative in congress, who came to Portland to participate in the Rose Festival, to Corvallis for an address before summer session students have been made. Miss Robertson has written that she would be glad to be the guest of the college for a day.

More June Weddings

Miss Irene Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, was married to Emerson Groves of Independence at the home of her parents in this city Tuesday. The ceremony was performed at 6:30 in the morning and after a wedding breakfast the happy couple set out by automobile for a tour of Oregon and among the points of interest to be visited will be Grant's Pass, Mt. Shasta, California, Crater Lake, Bend, Pendleton and Portland. After their return they will be at home to friends in Independence in the house recently bought by the groom of W. J. Clark. Dr. Dunsmore of Independence performed the ceremony. The only guests present were Miss Todd, Miss Ruby Lorence and Mrs. Harriet Mercer, a sister of the bride from Portland. Mr. Groves is an overseas veteran and was captain of Company K. He is employed by the Independence Garage. The young couple have many friends who unite in wishing them happiness.

Clarence Clement Fishback of West Salem and Miss Allison French of Monmouth were married in Drain, Oregon, last Saturday. Miss French has been teaching at Ash, a rural center some distance out in the country. She is from Alanson, Michigan, but has been living in Monmouth while attending school. The groom, familiarly known as "Clem" is the fourth of the Fishbacks and is engaged in the carpenter and contractor business in West Salem. The Herald extends congratulations.

Summer Normal Faculties

The following additions to the faculty for the summer at Monmouth have been announced by President Landers: Superintendent George Hug of Salem, educational tests and measurements; Miss Ruby Lorence, music appreciation; Miss Holliday, art and mechanical drawing. Miss Marie Schuette, formerly musical director at the Normal, will teach music fundamentals and primary methods and Miss Catherine Gentle, music supervisor in the Corvallis schools, will also give a course in music. The Monmouth training school and the Mountain View rural center will be in session six weeks.

George A. Briscoe, superintendent of the Ashland schools, will be in charge of the Ashland summer normal and will be assisted by the following instructors: Mrs. Gertrude F. Collins, Esther Halverson, Veri Burkhart, Julia E. Norris, L. L. Gooding, Grace Snook, Callie Vogeli, Susanne Holmes, Emily Spalenka, Peter L. Spencer and Miss Wattenberger.

The Pendleton normal will be conducted by H. E. Inlow, superintendent of the Pendleton schools. The instructors are: Clara M. Pratt, Florence Beardsley, Florence Enschede, Rozine Epple, Mrs. W. A. Barnum, Mrs. Ora Hemenway, Agnes Campbell, W. W. Green, E. L. Keezel and E. McNaughton.

Indictments on charges of criminal syndicalism were returned by the grand jury at Klamath Falls against Louis Davis, Leonard Bolton, Adolph Vanness and Morris Daly, alleged I. W. W., arrested here recently with a large quantity of I. W. W. literature in their possession.

The United Spanish War veterans, holding their annual state convention in Pendleton passed a resolution which asks that bona fide residents of Oregon who are Spanish-American war veterans be granted the same rights extended World War veterans in securing loans from the state. Another resolution asks that in civil service examinations a war veteran who is competent and physically able be exempted from the 50-year age limit. Other resolutions ask that veterans and widows have property tax exemption to the extent of \$1000.

Chairman Explains Commission's Plan

Chairman R. A. Booth of the state highway commission put out a statement last week which was in part as follows:

"The commission is not only unanimously of the opinion that improvement of that part of the West Side highway in Polk county should be hurried to completion as soon as possible, but are anxious that it may be done this season that a full account of the completion of the Pacific highway, both east and west, may be included in the commission's annual report that the law requires be made to the governor not later than November 30.

"It is extremely unfortunate that the controversy has been so long continued and to some extent, still exists. This controversy, however, is not between the highway commission and the county as represented by its court, but has been due to the desire of citizens in certain sections of the county to change the location of that formerly adopted under an agreement with the people of the county, and in this way led to a long controversy. The matter, however, now being determined by Judge Kelly's decision which he says has the same force as the supreme court's, it appears to be a reasonable supposition that further effort to restrain the building of the road is not apt to continue."

The chairman then goes on to explain how the decision forbidding the use of market road funds is handicapping road work and concludes: "As far as finishing the West Side highway in Polk county is concerned, the commissioners are determined to finish it just as soon as they are permitted to do so without injustice to other counties which have complied with the law and the rules of the commission. The grading, however, is under contract, and while it is agreed that it shall be paid for by the county, the commission will advance this work to completion, feeling sure that the county in some way will contribute its part. If, however, it shall develop that this road can not be paved during 1922 the highway commission will see that all sections of it that must be used for through travel are rocked so that it may be used throughout the season.

"It must not be understood that in the minds of the commission there is any prejudice against Polk county on account of the litigation that has occurred, because it is not true. The citizens who provoked this [doubtless felt that they were within their rights]."

Signatures of more than 50,000 Oregon voters were obtained to the initiative petitions for placing the compulsory education measure on the ballot at the November election. The bill would make it compulsory for every child of school age to attend the public schools until he has completed the grammar grades. Under its provisions, there would be no private schools for the boys and girls of elementary school age. The other important feature of the bill is that English should be the only language taught in the grammar grades of the public schools. Passage of this bill means the death of private schools for elementary school children in Oregon.

Oregon's Pioneer association, formed to foster the early history and honor the memories of the founders of the state, celebrated its half century of existence in reunion in Portland. John W. Baker, a pioneer of 1853, was advanced from vice presidency to presidency. Resolutions of condolence to families of pioneers who have died in the past year were adopted, and resolutions were also adopted favoring erection of a memorial to Sam Simpson, Oregon's poet. The reunion also favored the opening of the old Laurel Hill road followed from Mount Hood to the Willamette valley by the pioneers. Within the past year 190 pioneers have died.

Polk County Farmers Observe Experiments

Sixty carloads of farmers, their wives, children and friends, constituted an invasion of Corvallis Saturday on the part of residents of Polk county. It was a visitation, one of a series which counties convenient are carrying on for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the work of the agricultural college. The visit of Lane county farmers the day before had led the van as far as numbers are concerned but it in turn had been eclipsed by the pilgrimage from Polk. Saturday was to have been visiting day for Marion and Yamhill counties as well as Polk but at noon when a showing of hands was called for there were but two from Yamhill and none at all from Marion. The result from Polk county was largely due to the energetic work of County Agent Carpenter. It may be added that Marion and Yamhill have no county agents.

The day's program consisted of visits to the experimental fields of the institution and to the barns and laboratories where agricultural plans are tried out. The first stop was at the college poultry yards where the new "Oregon" breed of chickens were on display and the hen record breakers of the egg producing world are exhibited. Professor A. G. Lunn lectured on the care of poultry.

A visit through the fields of the college farms showed many interesting things. There was exhibited Hungarian vetch, which has a white bloom instead of blue and which is said to resist aphids much better than the common vetch. The seed of this vetch at present is very scarce and it is sold to no one who does not promise to raise more seed instead of plant for feed.

Varieties of timothy were shown which the college is trying to adapt to valley conditions, the best variety of wheat for the valley was also named, the choice being determined by a long series of eliminative experiments. Different varieties of hay grass were also exhibited. Some things were experimented on that were not recommended. One of these was what is known as "eureka clover". It looked like a cross between a prairie sunflower and a salmon berry bush and was long on fodder but short on quality. It had been recommended as good for silage but the claim had not been substantiated.

A piece of white land was exhibited where drains put various distances apart had been installed. These fields also exhibited the results of applications of lime. The results of these experiments can be found in bulletins sent out by the college.

On the potato fields it was determined that early plantings are best. Rows of spuds planted at intervals of a week apart showed that the prospects are best for plantings in April. In cutting potatoes it was found the blossom end should not be cut in two as when the potato is halved lengthwise. This is apt to cut through the top central eye which is the best eye of the potato. The custom at the college is to cut off the blossom end as one piece and to cut the remainder of the potato in two or more pieces, but leaving at least two eyes to each piece.

Experiments in the pruning of orchard trees were exhibited to show that it is possible and profitable to keep down the height of a tree and make the fruit where it easy to get at.

Pruners were interested in the dryer systems which are now being recommended. These are designed to save fuel by using the heated air several times. They work on the theory that dry air is lighter

Many at Summer School

The inflow of Normal students last Saturday and Sunday was reminiscent of the record breaking attendance in 1916 when 825 students were taken in and cared for. There were students to left and to right and in front of us all looking up stopping places engaged through correspondence or yet to be engaged. With characteristic enterprise G. T. Boothby, president of the Commercial club came forward and helped to place about seventy five of the young women and men. He informs us he has a number of places on his list still where students may apply.

2000 Boy Singers

2000 Whitney Boys, gathered from all over northern Oregon, will give three concerts illustrated by fireworks in the Multnomah Field at Portland, June 23, 24 and 25. This is the largest Chorus of boys exclusively ever assembled in the world's history, and the program will undoubtedly be one of the most thrilling and spectacular in American history.

The soloist for this occasion is Bobby Murray of New York City, a native of Tacoma, Washington. Bobby is 12 years of age, and has made a record that no other artist in the world's history has ever attained. The highest note which has ever been sung by the human voice is C above High C, and that has been taken by only a very few individuals scattered through the centuries of time.

Bobby Murray sings 14 notes above that, or 6 notes above the piano. When one reaches those upper notes a half tone is a long way. Think of singing almost two octaves above anything ever heard before. He not only sings extraordinarily high but almost equally low, going an octave below Middle C. It is considered a good singer who can cover two octaves well and an extraordinary singer who can take three octaves. Bobby Murray only lacks two notes of singing six octaves, the largest range ever heard from a mortal being.

These programs will be worth crossing the continent to hear. They will place a picture in memory's gallery so beautiful that the glare of after events can never dim its beauty.

Only seventeen patrons of the Monmouth school district were interested sufficiently in the annual meeting to attend. Deliberations were held by candle light. Ira C. Powell, after twelve years of faithful service, declined a re-election as director and Alva Craven was elected in his place. Mrs. Cornelius had also signified that she had enough of the clerkship and F. E. Chambers was chosen as her successor.

The state highway commission is granted authority, in an order of the public service commission to construct and undergrade highway crossing beneath the tracks of the Southern Pacific company within the limits of Oregon City.

Fire of undetermined origin threatened an entire block in the business district of Marshfield, did \$50,000 damage and was only extinguished after the North Bend fire department had responded to a call for aid. About half the loss is covered by insurance.

than moisture laden air. The air is pumped continuously through the tunnel and as it accumulates moisture it gathers at the top where a slot much smaller than the vent through which the air is taken in, releases it.

A basket dinner was eaten at noon under the shade of trees on the bank of a stream. The college people provided a milk can of coffee which was barely sufficient to meet the demands of the crowd.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

Birchard A. Van Loan was one of the graduates of the University of Oregon this year and received a B. A. degree. He also graduated from the School of Education at the University and received a certificate as high school teacher. Another honor that came to him unsolicited is a scholarship in the School of Medicine connected with the university. This is a full scholarship and is awarded to university graduates having bachelor degrees of not more than three years standing at entrance. Birchard, who has lived at Friendly Hall while at the university, has earned his way all the way through.

One hundred and eighty one votes were cast at the school election held in Dallas Monday, resulting in 92 votes being cast for the annual budget of \$31,000 and 89 against it. The budget included \$4500, which amount is one half of the cost of the new gymnasium to be erected for the high school.

Oscar Hayter, chairman of the board, was re-elected for a term of three years, securing a majority of 130 over his nearest opponent, Glen DeHaven, whose name was written in on 21 ballots.

The big saw mill of the Foster Lumber company at King's Valley, was burned to the ground Monday, the fire being of unknown origin. The mill was valued at about \$100,000.

The mill, which has not been in operation for about six months, will probably not be rebuilt. Preparations were being made before the fire to operate the planer. The mill was located on the line between Benton and Polk counties, the sawmill being in the former county and the lumber yard in the latter.

When on active operation the mill and logging camp of the company, furnished employmen to about 100 men.

The Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society kindly asks its friends to remember the girls, mothers and babies when canning. The society, on an average, provides for fifty girls, seventy five babies and a staff of thirty five workers and attendants daily in the Louise Home and Albertina Kerr Nursery Home. These unfortunate girls and babies come from almost every county in the state. Any on wishing to donate canned fruit and vegetables please communicate with the general office, 195 Burnside Street, Portland so that jars may be shipped prepaid. The society will also pay the freight charges for their return.

Louise Jane Bezanson died at her residence in Independence June 18. She was 79 years of age last December and has lived in Independence for the past 15 years. Burial services were held Monday at the Pentacostal station with burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Maudie Lavon Price, aged six months and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Price of Airle, died June 20. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery south of Independence Wednesday with Rev. H. C. Dunsmore officiating.

The Republican state central committee will meet at the Imperial hotel, Portland, on Saturday, June 24, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to organize, elect a state chairman, a secretary and a treasurer.

E. D. Baldwin has assumed his duties as assistant United States attorney at Portland, succeeding Austin F. Flegel Jr. Baldwin, the son of an Oregon pioneer of 1854, was for several years secretary to Representative Sinnott. He arrived last week from Washington, accompanied by his mother.