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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Landers is speaking at the institute of Umatilla County in session at Pendleton this week.

The first program of the women's literary societies for the year was given in the chapel last Friday evening. The central idea for the program was that of Hallowe'en and all the numbers reflected that spirit in some one of its many phases. The program follows:

Violin Duet—Mary Cole, Clara Wiewiesick; Accompanist, Nellie Shaffer

Reading—The Highwayman—Kathryn Peterson

Dance—The Pumpkin and its Stems—Directed by Hazel Mae Loucks

Hallowe'en Customs—Fay Ward

A Hallowe'en Frolic of Mother Goose Characters—Directed by Elizabeth Johnson

Trio—Lena Crump, Estelle Muir, Alice Smith

Miss Darrah spent last week-end visiting relatives in Portland.

A picture called "If You Believe It, It's So", will be shown in the chapel this evening, November 3. This is advertised as an entertaining comedy with a good lesson included.

Next week, November 6-11, is one of the weeks set apart by the National Educational Association as Better Speech Week. This will be observed in various ways through the classroom activities of the Normal itself and all the training schools and rural centers.

The members of the Swastika Club, the organization of men at the Normal, held a most enjoyable party at Mr. Butler's home last Saturday evening.

In accordance with the custom followed for some time the Normal has invited the members of the American Legion, G. A. R., and Spanish-American War Veterans to take part in a program to be presented in the chapel on Armistice Day, November 11. An able outside speaker has been secured to deliver an address but the organization will be represented in various ways on the program. A complete program will be found in another column.

The students of the Oregon Normal School who are specializing in the Commercial course met last week and organized a Commercial Club. The officers are: President, Ruth Willis; Vice President, Margaret Lawson; Secretary and Treasurer, Fred Vaughan; and Reporter, Flora Sloop. There are about thirty five members in the club. Its main object is to boost for the school and the commercial department through its activities and its association with other schools.

The Southern Pacific is sending out requests that shoppers take the fullest advantage of cars and ship full carload lots where possible. Such is the scarcity of cars that the prospects for this winter threaten a positive famine in this respect. The shortage is due to various reasons. The west ships more cars of freight east than is received and many cars have to return empty. The penalty of a dollar a day for using a car looks cheaper to eastern roads than building more cars for themselves so they pay the penalty and keep the cars. Many of the lesser roads have failed to repair cars and many are on sidetracks because they are refused for services.

\$10 Reward for information as to the parties that broke the lock on my chicken house door and stole some chickens. Jess Potter.

HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday was a red-letter day in Monmouth Hi for the evening was to be the annual merry-making of the witches, ghosts and spirits of the departed. If you had entered the building about 7 P. M. you would have found it greatly changed. Pumpkins had arrived, leaves had fallen everywhere and streamers of black and orange were floating from the lights. Soon the lower hall was crowded with the merry-makers—clowns, scarecrows, fairies old men and old women and foreign lassies. Then the games began and after a time masks were removed and three prizes were awarded according to originality, cleverness and beauty and daintiness. Merle Wilson as a Greek warrior, received first prize, Donald Skeen, who came as a scarecrow, received second and Mayda Huber in colonial costume, received third. The fortune tellers were kept busy from start to finish, also cider and doughnuts disappeared with lightning rapidity. Miss Marsh and Miss Christiansen entertained the guests by musical numbers, an Mr. Gooding, when the lights were turned low, made the evening more grotesque by ghost stories, one of his own experience. The party reluctantly broke up at ten-thirty.

School was dismissed at 3:15 Tuesday evening for the rest of the week on account of the Teachers' Institute. Hurrah for the Institute!

Hallowe'en Parties

Hobgoblins, ghosts, witches, and black cats reigned supreme last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oren McElmurry. The house had been prettily decorated in autumn foliage and yellow and black crepe paper by the O. N. S. girls making their home there. The games were played in the living room which was a bower of the fall tinted leaves. In the dining room covers were laid for nine with a huge pumpkin jack o' lantern for a centerpiece. Favors were of Hallowe'en fame, a little man holding a box of after dinner mints. The guests were the Misses Claire Say of Sherwood, Floy Potter of Cal., Elsie Strauss of Gold Hill, Dollie Lawrence of Vale, Marion McClure of Livingston, Montana, Messrs. Dell Harmon, Monmouth, Art Black, Owen Seaman and Paul Scott of Independence.

Ray Butler gave a Hallowe'en party to his training school fellow students last Tuesday evening.

There are two special measures upon the ballot placed there by the county court. The first is an omnibus proposition comprising \$40,000 for general road and road district funds; \$2,000 for county fair; \$2,000 for county agent, and \$2,680 for county library.

The second measure is to provide \$26,000 to pay for bridges on the west side highway through the county.

The Odd Fellows building is nearing completion and construction work is expected to be completed this week. Delay in receiving plate glass has set the work back more than any one thing, but a supply of glass is expected here today and with this in the ground floor will be ready for occupancy. The upper floor is practically completed. Surface brick on the fireplace is yet to be laid and picture moulding, chair rails and seats are now being put in place. Electric light fixtures and some plumbing also still remain to be attended to. With a gasoline light and heat from the fireplace, a meeting of the directors of the company was held in the lounging room of the hall Wednesday night to look after final details of the work. The building will cost a little over \$19,000.

Wedded in Church Sunday Evening

A church wedding was one of the attractions at the Christian church last Sunday night and this in addition to regular services called out a congregation that taxed the capacity of the church. At the conclusion of the sermon Mrs. F. E. Chambers sang "Oh, Promise Me", after which Miss Grace Parker, church pianist, struck up the familiar strains of the wedding march. The bride and groom, Mrs. Sadie Singleton and Otis W. Stevens, entered the church preceded by H. K. Sickafoose. The bridal party paused at the altar where the ring ceremony took place. A company of friends and relatives occupied seats in the front of the church. At the conclusion the bridal party withdrew and a wedding supper was served to a few invited guests at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. DeWitt.

Mrs. Stevens has long lived in Monmouth and vicinity. Her first husband was depot agent here and in Falls City. Mr. Stevens has lived on farms in this vicinity for some time past. At present he has a farm near Wells. The happy couple have the best wishes of all. They will reside in Portland.

First Concert November 7

It is doubtful if there is a single great oratorio society in America that has not had Mr. Reed Miller as tenor soloist in some great musical work or another. He is a singer of beautiful voice, and has for years held one of the best church positions in America at famous St. Thomas' Church, Fifth Avenue, New York, and besides his frequent appearances in oratorio and with symphony orchestras all over the country he is in constant demand for recitals.

Nevada Van der Veer is a contralto of glorious voice, and she too, is at the very height of a career which may well be the model—if not the envy—of every other singer of the same voice. Not only physically and temperamentally is she the ideal concert, oratorio and church singer, but also, in the matter of voice she has not a superior in the country. Rich, warm, flexible, and powerful are some of the adjectives which have been applied to her singing, and every one of them is a true description of it. She has had a wide experience in all sorts of engagements, and she too, has a repertoire which covers the best of virtually everything suited to her voice. Both the Millers are distinct personalities.

These two musicians will give the first program of the season entertainment course at the Normal Tuesday evening, November 7. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

To Library Patrons

The reader who enjoys the privileges of the county library branch agency is reminded that the support of this institution is one of the issues on the ballot Tuesday. The Monmouth branch now has four hundred books. That they are live books and are well assorted is attested by the way they circulate. That this system of maintaining a library is much less expensive than having a library of our own must be evident to all. Not only would it be expensive to buy the single books but once they were read they would only occupy shelf room.

By the system of rotating we get a chance at a much larger assortment of books. If you think the library is worth while you should vote for the special tax.

Water Shortage Ends Wednesday

From Monday morning to Wednesday noon water was a scarce article in Monmouth. Probably at no time since we have had a system at all was water ever as scarce as it was Tuesday. The reservoir was empty and all of the mains of the city, even in the lower sections that have always before had some supply, were empty. After three days of tinkering by local experts with negative results the foreman of the contracting firm which put down the line three years ago was secured from Portland. He arrived here at eight o'clock Wednesday morning and by noon water was flowing in all the mains of the city and by night the pressure was up to normal.

A similar condition existed a few weeks ago, and these constitute the only trouble of this kind we have had since the gravity system was put in. Both were caused by falling leaves which accumulated before the screen at the entrance to the intake box at the head of the system. In previous years a farmer living close by has been depended on to visit the intake and clear away the leaves which are very numerous at this time of the year. It appears this farmer has moved away and there is no regular arrangement for keeping the entrance to the intake clear. The leaves accumulate until they shut all water from the intake and force it over the spillway. Air enters the empty pipes and when the flow of water is resumed the air offers an obstacle to its passage, accumulating in the high spots along the line. It became what is known as "air locked".

What the Portland man did was to start at the reservoir. At each high place he bored a small hole in the wood pipe. He continued until he found running water. Then he returned to the reservoir, plugging the holes as he progressed.

With the holes to offer vent to the air, the water flowed freely. Owing to the efforts of the superintendent and assistant Monday, the water column was met not so very far from the city. Of course, in time, the water would have found a way for itself but it takes a long time for twelve miles to be made with this sort of obstacle.

Lack of water of course placed the city for a time without fire protection. It also inconvenienced the creamery which one night was

forced to take its cream to Independence and churn it. The heating and plumbing systems of the dormitory and Normal could not function. Monday the word was passed that water was coming and would be here in a short time and everybody took hope. By Tuesday, however, there was still no water. Those handling the trouble acknowledged themselves stumped and all sorts of remedies were being suggested, and theories aired to account for the difficulties we confronted. It appeared as if it might be several days before water was again in the reservoir and the Normal was closed until Monday, November 27, and the students sent home. By noon of Wednesday the water was flowing and school could have been resumed.

The ridiculous thing about it is that the trouble could easily have been avoided had the proper measures been taken in time. People in authority are bending every energy to see that this particular ailment does not occur again.

The Civic Club met last Saturday afternoon in Room 1 of the High School building. A number of members were in attendance and quite a little business was attended to.

It is hoped to interest all of the ladies in the city in the work of the club and all are invited and urged to come to the next meeting which will be in Room 1 of the High School building at 2:30 o'clock on the fourth Friday of the month, November 24.

More Power

The California-Oregon Power company has completed its high power electric line from Prospect, near Crater Lake, to Springfield, where it connects with the Mountain States Power company lines, and eventually juice will be brought from Prospect to Polk county. Just where the connection is to be made here has not been announced but there are negotiations for bringing it over the Oregon Electric to Orville station and then the construction of a wire line across the river to Independence.

The California-Oregon power line now extends from Philomath, this state to the Mexican line and is said to be the largest electric line in the world.

Just what effect the connection will eventually have on the Mountain States lines in this county is problematical, aside from the fact that it will greatly increase the company's electric energy. For the

Program Prepared For Armistice Day

Following is the program for the local Armistice Day celebration at the Normal, November 11. President J. S. Landers will preside. Overture—O. N. S. Orchestra. Flag Salute and Creed—By All. "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall"—Chorus. "The Legion", a short talk by Lieut. J. C. Rolefson. Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. S. Landers. Manual of Arms—Charles Bullis and Ellis Byers. Song—Men's Glee Club. Address—Chaplain W. S. Gilbert of the First Presbyterian church of Astoria.

"Star Spangled Banner"—Chorus. March—O. N. S. Orchestra. Luncheon for Legion, G. A. R., Spanish War veterans and Auxiliaries in the Domestic Science rooms. The luncheon will be handled by the domestic science department. The food is to be donated by Monmouth women and collected by high school pupils.

The local Armistice Day celebration is one which is annually looked forward to eagerly by veterans and townspeople alike. The legion posts of Dallas and Independence are to attend with a joint celebration in Dallas in the afternoon and evening. Last year the afternoon and evening meetings were held in Independence.

The veterans and other special guests will assemble at the corner of Main street and Monmouth avenue and march from there to their places in the chapel. The march is to start at 9:30 and the program at 10 o'clock sharp.

Ernest Williams, grandson of Tom Williams who lives between Monmouth and Independence was buried by Lyon Lodge, A. F. & A. M. last Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the Airlie cemetery and Dr. Dunsmore was chaplain. Mr. Williams was a civil engineer in the employ of a railroad in British Columbia. He injured his knee cap and from this developed an affection which proved fatal. The young man formerly lived with his grandfather. He was married two years ago and his widow survives as well as his mother, Mrs. Laura Troxel of Eugene and a half brother and sister.

present at least, the company's generating plant at Dallas will be continued.—Enterprise.

