

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Landers, Miss Smith, Mr. Gentle, Mr. Beattie, Miss Taylor and Miss Campbell have been speaking at various county institutes this week.

Mr. Richard Montague, a prominent attorney of Portland, will speak at the chapel hour on December 8. Mr. Montague is a talented speaker, well worth hearing, and townspeople are invited to attend this chapel exercise.

"To Have and To Hold", a historical novel by Mary Johnston, has been made into a picture, which will be shown in the chapel on Saturday evening, December 2.

About half the members of the student body and many members of the faculty left Wednesday at noon to spend the Thanksgiving recess at their various homes.

The young men of the Normal in an organization known as the Swastika Club, gave their first open program of the year last Friday evening after the regular Delphian program. The entertainment took the form of a mock trial, from the impugning of jurors to the conviction of the criminal and was instructive as well as most interesting to the audience. The parts were all well taken—perhaps Francis Lord, Bert Evans and Leonard Kaup deserve special mention.

The following program was rendered by the Delphians last Friday evening.

"Thanksgiving on the Farm"  
THANKSGIVING EVE  
Grandma Brown—Barbara Hickson  
Crandpa Brown—Maude Allen  
Quartet—Marion, Dunlop, Esther Sandstrom, Juanita Wolff, Dorothy Mueller

Recitation—Hazel Mae Loucks  
Country dance—Alice Aldrich  
Athletic dance—Betty Faulkoner  
Serenade—"Grandpa's Story"—Maude Allen  
Curtain

THANKSGIVING MORNING  
Waiting for the Dinner—  
Reading governor's Thanksgiving proclamation  
Katherine Peterson

The largest funeral held in Independence for some time was that of Samuel Hanna who was buried Sunday in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Hanna died Thursday. He left his farm home two miles south of Independence, apparently well, in the morning and not returning at noon, relatives made a search and found his body where he had dropped from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Hanna was a middle aged man having been born in Pennsylvania March 30, 1875. He is survived by a wife and seven children the latter under twelve years of age. He is also survived by four brothers, two in Independence, and four sisters.

Miss Helen Cornelius is taking an extra vacation this week, coming home because of a severe case of poison oak, affecting her right eye, right arm and hand. Her condition is greatly improved, but it is feared that in the future Miss Cornelius will decline to assist with any holiday decorations that are brought in from the woods.

Construction work on Snea Hill section of the Lebanon-Cascadia highway is being pushed and the grading is almost complete. Graveling will continue through the winter months.

With her rudder partially disabled and about four feet of water in her storeroom as the result of a hole in her bottom, the government dredge P. S. Michie was brought into the Astoria harbor last week. The dredge was enroute from Grays Harbor for Portland and when crossing into the Columbia river a strong ebb-tide forced the vessel on to the edge of Clatsop spit, where her stern struck.

## A Narrow Escape

Young Muhleman, an employee of the Graham garage had a narrow escape Tuesday morning. A gasoline soaked rag with which he was working became ignited. He gave it a fling from him and it fell into an open can of gasoline being used for cleaning purposes. He pulled the rag out again to extinguish it and got his coveralls wet with the burning liquid and on fire. He ran into the front room of the garage where W. R. Graham with the prompt use of a fire gun extinguished him just in time to prevent serious damage. In the meantime the fire was blazing in the work room, threatening the building, but with some powder extinguisher the flames in turn yielded and danger was averted.

## Machinery for Flax Plant

Machinery will be purchased and installed in the Rickreall mill for the manufacture of tow, according to plans decided upon at a meeting of officers and directors of the Willamette Valley Flax and Hemp Cooperative association. It was also decided there should be no fiber machinery purchased for the Rickreall mill, but that all fiber on hand shall be worked up at the Turner plant. In the discussion of power to be used at the Rickreall mill, it was not decided whether to use electricity or water power.

It has been the policy of officers and directors of the association to move slowly, conduct the business in a conservative manner and not involve it in debt. Hence the decision to work all present stocks on hand at the Turner plant.

Directors of the association are feeling especially enthusiastic over the success of George W. Eyre, president, in finding such a receptive market in the northwest for all tow the association can manufacture.

It is felt by all that the future of the flax and hemp industry of this part of the valley is now fully assured.

The Homelike Society and Women's Missionary Society met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Orville White where fifteen members and friends spent a pleasant afternoon. At the close of the Missionary program dainty refreshments were served by Miss Mabel Riddell and Mrs. Philipp.

The Homelike Society will meet next week with Mrs. Pagenkopf.

By error of last weeks paper the amount taken at the Chrysanthemum Fair was given as forty dollars. We wish to state that the correct amount was sixty one dollars.

On last Saturday evening about forty members and friends from the Evangelical church called to give Mrs. Lewis an old fashioned surprise party, the occasion being her birthday. Her daughter, Mrs. Horton and husband of Portland had already arrived and given her the first surprise.

Mrs. Lewis was presented with a lovely big birthday cake, decorated with seventy two candles, also a remembrance in the way of a check and a large bouquet of beautiful chrysanthemums. All joined in wishing her many more happy birthdays.

The Hood River valley is being advertised by a new contour map of the orchard section and Mount Hood region. The map, executed by Fred Routledge of Portland, is being financed jointly by the Hood River commercial club, citizens of the city and valley and Amos S. Benson.

Through failure of the candidates for city office to qualify, and the subsequent failure of the city recorder to publish notice of election, the people of Gold Hill were unable to elect city officers. As a result, the present mayor and city council will hold over until next election unless they are recalled.



In these days of plenty when enough has become so commonplace that we accept it as inevitable and, dissatisfied, keep straining for the thing just out of our reach, we sometimes forget that we have anything at all for which to be thankful. The assurance of bodily sustenance, the ample protection from heat and cold, from the inclemencies of the weather; the comfort of friendship, the solace of books, the reliance on a regulated liberty, are all matters we would lightly pass over except for the recurring presence of Thanksgiving Day. We have had ample crops, pestilence and plague have not visited us, the miseries of war are still far away. For these things we are thankful and with hope and confidence we face the future.

## Civic Club Considers A Variety of Matters

An interesting session of the Civic Club was held in the high school building on the afternoon of the 24th. A number of old, new and prospective members were present. After a very comprehensive presentation of the County Library work by the County Librarian, the usual order of business was taken up. A committee of one, Mrs. Boynton, was appointed to confer with the city library committee with reference to getting the county library, which was voted out at the late election, back on the budget at its next sitting, December 14.

A committee of three, Mrs. Williams, chairman, was appointed to present some pointers to the city council, if they, the city fathers, will hold out to them the scepter, and give them a name and a place as helpers or "Housecleaners".

A third committee of five, Mrs. O'Rourke, chairman, was appointed to feel the pulse of the people of Monmouth to determine whether or no a community spirit could be expressed in a "Community Christmas Tree".

The park committee, Mrs. Wolvert, chairman, is still at work, and expect to write "excelsius" on their banner, before their efforts in a "long pull and a strong pull, and a pull altogether", for a city park is ended.

A committee was also put on the trail of the garbage cans once purchased by the Civic club "before the war" and located at convenient places on the street as receptacles for waste paper, etc., which now, disfigures the streets. Any one who can give information relative to the present location of these three cans which cost the club \$15, will confer a favor on themselves, the committee, and the city at large, by telling the chairman of this committee, Mrs. Morlan, where the cans are.

All evinced an interest in making Monmouth clean, wholesome, and good to look upon.

Prof. Gooding was on the program for an address, but owing to the lengthy session and lateness of the hour, the pleasure of listening to this address is held in abeyance.

The next meeting of the club will be on Friday, December 15. Come one, come all and write your name in for good to our city through, The Civic Club. A. L. B.

The social committee of the Odd Fellows are giving a dance in the new hall tonight, Friday. Good music. Tickets 50 cents. Ladies free.

The Social Hour club will meet with Mrs. Boche December 6.

## Make Plans For Community Tree

The Civic club has started an agitation for a community Christmas tree. As a representative of the club, Mrs. O'Rourke appeared before a meeting of the business men Tuesday night, laid the plan before them and asked for assistance. Informally it was agreed the idea was a good one and the help would be forthcoming. The tree will be set at an intersection, possibly between the bank and the hotel, for a week before Christmas and will be lighted evenings with possibly during one evening, a program of song by High school and Normal students.

At the Civic club meeting last Friday afternoon Miss Hout, county librarian appeared on the program with an explanation of county library workings, what it is doing in the county and what its future prospects are. As the library appropriation has been cut from the county budget, its prospects rest with its friends.

While the library serves city and country people alike, it appeals especially to city people and is the one item of the four eliminated in which they are particularly interested. If each of the population centers is compelled to maintain its own library it can not do so as effectively nor so economically as the county system permits. Under the county system a book purchased is read first in one center and then passed on to another while when owned individually its reading is limited to the one center and after being read, it lies on the shelf and accumulates dust.

The county system enables much greater usefulness to be derived from a single book, which makes for economy.

The date for the dedication of the Odd Fellows hall has been set for December 18. County Odd Fellows are to be invited. It is expected one or more grand lodge officers will also be present, but more of that later. Seats in the lodge room are now in place and it is beginning to put on a finished appearance. Before it is complete, however, there is some mason work to be done about the building. Last Monday night T. J. Edwards and Glen McNeil were treated to the initiatory degree and there will be a candidate for the initiatory next Monday evening.

Wm. Jones and Ben Pollan were visitors in Portland Sunday. They went up by auto and visited Mrs. Jones who is staying with her aunt and uncle in the city while taking treatment with a specialist. She is reported as feeling much better.

## Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

There were thirty four representatives of Normal lodge at the county meeting in Dallas last Thursday night which, in the roll call at the end of the meeting, was about twice as great a number as any other lodge had there.

Sunny Slope is going after road improvements next summer. At a meeting of their road district last week it was decided 20 to 10 to vote a ten mill tax for the purpose of improving roads in the district. It is estimated this will raise \$2,000 and as it is planned to hire all the work done at home, it will be like taking out of one pocket and putting in another. The improvements will consist of grading and graveling and it is estimated that \$2,000 will be expended.

Work is proceeding steadily in the building of shelving, fixtures, etc., for Pember and Snell. It is estimated that all will not be in readiness to open doors to the public before the first of the year.

The special committee has formulated a budget which is to be discussed with the voters December 14. The county agent, the county fair, the county library, and the corn show were dropped from the budget on the plea that the voice of the people as expressed in the late election, must be heeded. Bridge construction was increased from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and road improvements were increased from \$27,000 to \$50,000.

There was a big attendance at the encampment meeting in Independence Tuesday night. G. P. Wadsworth grand patriarch was present as were also visitors from Dallas and Salem.

L. H. Atwater contributed a potato to ye editor's Thanksgiving dinner that weighed over four pounds. It is of the Early Sunrise variety and shows what air and sunshine and Teal creek water can do when working together.

Business pertaining to the creamery took J. L. Murdock to Shelburn Wednesday. He will return to this city about the 1st of December, when he will complete the repairs on the house recently purchased on Knox street. They plan to have it ready to live in by Christmas.

The members of the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church numbered thirteen, when assembled for work Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served. Two visitors were present.

## Paving Contracts Are Finally Signed

Here are two clippings from last Saturday's Oregonian which are of more than passing interest to local people.

"Road work will be finished up in Polk county after long delays caused by a few citizens of Independence. The commission yesterday awarded to LaPointe & Cummins the paving from Monmouth south to the Benton county line, 9.8 miles, for \$249,000. The pavement is concrete. The bid was received months ago but held in abeyance and meanwhile the price of cement has gone up. The paving between Holmes Gap and Rickreall, which was also involved in the Polk county troubles, was ordered to proceed, the contract going to the Oregon Contract company for \$135,000 for 5.67 miles of concrete. This bid had been on ice for months like the Monmouth bid. These jobs have government co-operation."

"E. E. Cummins returned to his home at McMinnville yesterday feeling decidedly jubilant. He signed a contract before leaving Portland for nearly a quarter of a million dollar job road. La Pointe & Cummins, the contractors, were awarded yesterday morning the work of laying a concrete pavement from Monmouth, in Polk county, south to the Benton county line, this being a section of the west side segment of the Pacific highway. The contractors, after affixing their signatures to the agreement, said they would start work in a week. The bid was submitted long ago, but the award was held up because of obstructions placed in the way of the highway programme by several citizens of Independence. The highway south from the Benton county line has been paved many months."

The Red Cross Membership Campaign in Monmouth just completed resulted in 94 subscriptions out of the quota of 99 assigned.

The following persons assisted in expediting the work of the campaign so that it entailed no unusual burden on any individual: The General Committee of citizens to consider the best method of carrying on the campaign consisting of Mrs. Cletus Butler, Mrs. J. E. Winegar, Mrs. John Scott, Mr. G. T. Boothby, Mrs. J. J. Williams, Miss Maggie Butler, Mr. C. H. Parker, Mr. Howard Morlan, Mrs. Maurice Butler; and those soliciting in districts assigned (so far as reported), Mrs. Cletus Butler, Mrs. John Stump, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. J. E. Winegar, Mrs. L. W. Waller, Miss Hazel Bevans, Miss Hazel Morley.

Mrs. J. S. Landers, Chairman of the campaign in Monmouth, desires to thank all of these co-workers and to express appreciation for the ready response and excellent spirit manifested by the people of Monmouth throughout the campaign. As no particular stress was used in securing memberships, the result indicates a spontaneous contribution to this very worthy cause.

Mrs. Lucina Rash, an elderly resident of this city, died at her home on Knox street last Thursday night. Death came upon her suddenly and was due to heart trouble. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Baptist church with Rev. E. B. Pace officiating. Burial was in the K. P. cemetery. Mrs. Rash was born February 13, 1861 in Idaho. She has lived in Monmouth for the past three years and a year ago bought the Odd Fellows' house. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Vance Butler and Mrs. Arthur Jepsen both of Monmouth and a son Glen Rash of Alberta, Canada.