

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Wit and Optimism Mark Club Dinner

The Commercial Club does not meet at the banquet board so often that it loses the novelty of the occasion and the occasional feeds such as the one Tuesday evening at the hotel are sure to attract a generous attendance. The Siviars put on a chicken dinner for the club and the meal and its appointments were heartily praised by all. There were about fifty members and guests present.

President G. T. Boothby presided and when the dinner was disposed of, the minutes of the last regular session were read and approved. On behalf of a special committee Ira C. Powell reported with a draft of a proposed constitution which was read and promptly adopted. The chairman introduced Rev. E. B. Pace as the first speaker, saying that he was perhaps the only preacher the city ever had who has taken an active interest in all sorts of community development and has from the first been a consistent booster through the Commercial club.

Mr. Pace waxed facetious when he observed that no town in the valley but Monmouth had the record of experiencing a drouth while neighbor cities were being flooded with water. He said as a preacher he had a record that while preachers may come and preachers may go that Pace stays on forever. He could recall, however, a number of occasions where towns he had lived in had experienced generous booms after he had left them and expected some bright person might think it wise to present him with a one way ticket to Timbuctoo that the right work might begin in Monmouth.

He told of the development he had marked in the city and the advances made and suggested that the formula of Monsieur Coue could be adopted, "Day by day and year by year we are looking better and better." He felt we need confidence more than anything else and this might be a good way to secure it.

Prof. Gentle was next introduced. He thought there was no occasion for anyone being dry or even foregoing a bath for almost anyone could find a shower and could take it in the evening if too modest to use daylight.

He spoke of the improvements of ten years and related how as he drove back and forth to Independence with horse and buggy, Mr. Graham had startled him by offering to sell him a Ford. Of course he was naturally gratified at the compliment implied in the inference that he was able to buy such a means of conveyance, but even if he had been able to achieve the car not even the wisest optimist could have dreamed it possible that even a Ford could make progress on the road that then existed between the two cities.

He took occasion to pay a high compliment to the high school and the manner in which it is being conducted. He expressed his pleasure also in the building which has been in evidence and took up the matter which is awakening more attention in our midst, the matter of sewers. He told the story of Lucifer and his fall and said that knockers were a necessity to progress. Opposition sharpened the wits and a victory which was too easily won was not laid on the right sort of a foundation.

President Landers responded to a call and voiced his pleasure in the spirit that was there manifested. With the impetus of the movement already attained he did not think it would be possible to hold the community back. He reviewed world conditions with terse phrases and direct logic and then reviewed the program which the board of regents is formulating. This includes a new training school building for Independence where the present structure is inadequate and has been condemned; an addition to the dormitory to finish out the building as originally designed, and which will provide for seventy five more girls and for eight or ten more members of the faculty. With the present number of the student body all classes are overcrowded and relief is needed.

Extension of rural and training school facilities is also contemplated. President Landers held the close attention of all.

On motion of J. B. V. Butler a vote of thanks was awarded for efficiency and zeal to those who helped in fighting the flood to keep the water system functioning.

Dr. Bowersox advocated a plan to encourage the building of more houses in our midst, and a committee of three was appointed to investigate.

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Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Mr. John Gill of Portland will speak at the chapel hour on Thursday, January 18. Mr. Gill will take as his subject the "Fish of Oregon", a subject upon which he is an authority, and will no doubt give a talk well worth hearing. Towns people are invited to this chapel exercise. The hour for chapel has been changed this term, so that Mr. Gill will speak at eleven o'clock.

The Deplhians and Vespertines will hold their initiations for new members on next Monday evening before study hours.

The registration at the Normal since September has now reached a total of 645.

Letters from Miss Beth Godbold, who is spending the year in graduate work at the Cuninock School of Oratory in Chicago, report pleasant and profitable work with some time for recreation.

A motion picture loaned by the Portland Light and Power Company will be shown in the chapel hour on Friday morning, January 12. The picture is entitled "The Romance of a Raindrop" and traces a drop of water through the various stages through which it may pass. The picture is highly educational in its content. Towns people are cordially welcome to see it.

Miss Burgoyne has been appointed vice-president of the student body to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Jane Gunn, who left school to fill a teaching position in the Junior high school at Forest Grove.

A motion picture entitled "The Young Rajah" will be shown in the chapel on Saturday evening, January 13. This picture is advertised as having a well constructed plot with suspense so well sustained that the audience is interested every minute.

The warm weather which accompanied the rainy spell has set all nature at work and the realities of spring have, been with us in January. Daffodils and crocus are growing, the lilac buds are swelling and pastures were never greener.

S. H. Hinkle of the American bottoms was a visitor in town Wednesday.

River Waters Rise Damage by Floods

Water, higher than has been known in many years prevailed this past week in all the streams of the Willamette valley. Monday, at Independence the Willamette showed a depth of twenty eight feet above low water mark, which was within a foot of the level of Main street. Old timers say that in 1890 the Willamette rose to a height of thirty two feet and travel on the streets of Independence was by boat, but even the record of Monday is something that does not happen often. Water extended from Independence to Orville a distance of five miles and south of Independence over the American bottom flats there were places where the flood was nine miles wide.

For almost a week S. H. Hinkle and family lived on an island. All through this region there was thousands of dollars of damage done in washouts, hop trellises destroyed and live stock lost. Of course, there was compensation also, for the silt of the overflow makes the bottomland the peer in productiveness of any in the state.

Jim Bridger's house and a house on the Lock farm were among the structures swept away. A company of Japs between Independence and Orville were reported in danger but when reached with food in a skiff were found to be intact and decided to remain where they were until the water subsided. Basements along the river front in Independence were flooded. The basement of the Beaver hotel at one time had about three feet of water in it. All available small boats in the vicinity were impressed in rescuing domestic animals some of which floated by on drift wood. Jack rabbits were occasionally caught thus interrupting their travels toward the Pacific.

To all practical purposes Salem was on an island during the height of the flood. The Salem bus made no trip to Monmouth between Sunday morning and Wednesday morning. On the return trip Sunday the bus went through water up to its headlights. Over seven feet of water flowed for some time over the pavement at the west approach to the Salem bridge across the Willamette. The gasoline service station, near the approach was in water

er up to the eaves. It was not considered safe to cross the railroad bridge at Salem Monday and Tuesday and no trains moved.

Traffic between the north and south ends of the valley by train was suspended for several days. The approach to the S. P. main line bridge near Jefferson was washed away. The Santiam, always dangerous at flood time, broke all bounds. It was thought to run the through trains up on the west side and cross at Albany but the Albany bridge looked unsafe and traffic was abandoned until Wednesday. All roads and highways were soon blocked at some place or other by water and there was no north and south travel that way. The water in the Luckiamute did not get quite as high as it was a year ago, when a dam was opened up on the headwaters of the big Luckiamute and the flood was increased because of it. About a foot of water went over the fill on the south of the Luckiamute and the wash was not much. Water was across the Dal las-Salem road in two places between Brunks corners and Rickreall but cars were able to pass through.

Monmouth suffered through an interruption of our water system. Last Thursday a slide on the mountain took out about twenty feet of pipe. This was replaced Friday but only ran a short time when the flood at the bottom of the mountain where the line crosses Teal creek, took out a strip of pipe forty feet long. This was made an emergency, and citizens of the town and city officials joined in the work to restore water connections. At first the flood was so high there was bound to be delay before the pipe could be connected and the creamery pump was taken to the Riddell farm and the water from two springs on the Fishback hill near the Calbreath farm was pumped by a tractor into the main. Connection with the pipe was made through a blowout valve.

Effort was turned to restoring the big pump plant on Clay and Echols street into working conditions. Although the break across Teal creek was mended Monday the pump and power outfit is being reassembled and will be kept intact for emergency purposes.

The rain which caused this flood was one, possibly, such as eastern people have a notion prevails all winter in this section. It was a steady rain extending with scarcely any interruption for about two

Luther Hall Among the Missing at Kelso

Numbered among the missing in the Kelso bridge disaster is Luther J. Hall, formerly a Monmouth resident. He was driving a new Ford touring car at the time of the bridge collapse and so far no trace of him or his car has been found.

He leaves to mourn him his wife, Mrs. Millie Hall, formerly Millie Clarke, a Monmouth girl, and baby son Dean, aged 2 years. Mr. Hall was head brakeman on the Iman Poulson logging train at Mt. Solo, Washington, where he has been employed for the past 15 years.

Joint Installation

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs united forces for a joint installation Monday evening, and with ample room and a large crowd the ceremony was a very pretty one. Paul Tacheron as district deputy for the Odd Fellows and Miss Tena Brown as deputy for the Rebekahs directed arrangements and Chas. Newman was installing marshal for the Odd Fellows and Miss Alice Butler acted in a similar capacity for the Rebekahs. Following are the new officers:

Normal Lodge No. 204—N. G., O. W. Kellogg; V. G., Clares Powell; Sec., Paul Tacheron; Treas., M. J. Teter; R S N G, W. R. Graham; L S N G, [O. R. Zook; Warden, J. X. Webber; Cond., J. Thompson; R S S, Chas. Atwater; L S S, C. P. Wilson; O. G. J. V. Webber; I G, M. Jones; Chp., H. K. Sickafosse; R S V G, Roy Pierce; L S V G, C. E. Fetzer.

Agate Rebekah Lodge No. 177. N. G., Susie Stanton; V. G., Hattie Winegar; Sec., B. Crofoot; Treas., Mrs. Gooding; R S N G, Irene Wolverton; L S N G, Addie Shore; Warden, Marie Kellogg; Cond., Alta Rogers; O. G., Hazel Webber I. G., Elsie Wilson Chp., Maggie Butler R S V G, Della Force L S V G, Jennie Fuller.

A small fire alarm caused real alarm Sunday afternoon. This was in the Pember building occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bates. Fire caught around the chimney and was eating its way to the outside when discovered. Boards on the floor and wall were removed, the seat of fire located and extinguisher and water applied until all danger was passed. During one of these weeks a little over six inches of rain fell.

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