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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

President Landers returned Sunday morning from San Francisco where he had attended the annual meeting of the National Educational Association.

Rev. L. V. Lewis of the Evangelical church addressed the students at the chapel hour on Monday morning. Mr. Lewis gave an interesting talk on the Chinese language.

Mr. and Mrs. Beattie left on Wednesday for a two-weeks' visit at Rhododendron Inn on Mt. Hood.

Professor Rollo A. Tallcott, Dean of the School of Public Speaking, Valparaiso University, gave a program in the chapel on Tuesday evening of this week. Mr. Tallcott proved a pleasant speaker, doing work of a high grade and giving his hearers both pleasure and profit.

The Apollo Club, a well known musical organization of Salem, will give a concert in the chapel on Tuesday evening, July 17 at 8:15. The work of this club is too favorably known in Monmouth to need recommendation or praise here for the members have appeared in Monmouth and their singing has always been of high order. Admission for townspeople will be 50 cents.

A motion picture "The Prince and the Pauper", will be shown in the chapel on Friday evening, July 13, at 8:15.

Miss Leona Jackson of Newberg City Schools visited the Normal on Tuesday.

Miss Macpherson made a business trip to Salem on Wednesday.

Here from Canada

Mrs. Glenn Rash and children of Alberta, Canada, arrived here this week and moved in with Mr. Rash, Sr. on Knox street. Arthur Jepson and family, who have been living with Mr. Rash, have moved into one of the apartments in the hotel.

Enlarging Garage

Jack Leask and a force of men have been busy for the past few weeks building an addition to the rear of Graham's garage which will practically double the capacity of their place of business. The addition has walls of building tile and a concrete floor.

Grange Meeting

Next Saturday, July 14, is the regular Grange meeting for the month. During the forenoon, business session reports will be received from the delegates and visitors to State Grange. In the afternoon there will be a short program consisting of literary and musical and vocal numbers and the master and his better half will tell of their experiences at Corvallis at the recent visiting session made by Polk county farmers.

Republican's New National Chairman



Big Ed E. Smith, a lawyer of Minnesota and long a power in the Republican party, is the man selected by President Harding to take hold of the party reins in preparation for the 1924 elections.

A Popular Subject

Mr. Bowling who is handling the new course in world politics at the Normal has found his subject quite popular. With an enrollment of seventy he was forced to close entrance to the class but he was later persuaded to take another class in the same subject after hours. The second class is conducted from 7 to 8 in the evening. So popular is the topic that his class room is constantly thronged with visitors until it is hard to get in or out of the doors. It is possible he may have a class in world diplomacy with the opening of the regular school year in September.

G. T. Boothby was taken seriously ill Wednesday with a disorder of the stomach and is confined to the house at present.

Farewell Party

A number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lange gathered at their home Tuesday evening and gave them a farewell surprise party. After spending a very pleasant evening, dainty refreshments were served and all left for their homes, extending to Mr. and Mrs. Lange their best wishes.

Missouri Publisher

Hal Wise who runs a daily newspaper in Webb City, Mo. was a visitor in Monmouth with his former fellow citizen, F. E. Chambers last Friday. Mr. Webb with his wife and daughter and two sons has been touring the west by automobile since last May. They went through Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, going as far south as San Diego. They visited Yosemite and left here headed toward Seattle. They plan to visit the Yellowstone park on the return trip and to be away from home something like three months.

Indiana Professor Interprets Comedy

The second number of the Normal Summer School Lyceum course was given Tuesday evening with the appearance of Rollo Tallcott in a reading of "The Fortune Hunter". Prof. Tallcott, who is dean of the School of Public Speaking at Valparaiso University, is ranked among the six greatest in America as a reader and interpreter of literature.

He is equally at home in tragedy as well as comedy, but the trend of the summer session is always for the lighter things and a comedy was presented. "The Fortune Hunter" depicted the adventures of a young New Yorker who went to a small town in Pennsylvania determined to woo the richest girl in town. He was successful but not satisfied with his quest and his adventures offered a theme for a lot of wholesome comedy which Prof. Tallcott improved to the utmost.

Wednesday morning he appeared in "The Famous Mrs. Fair" before the student body at chapel time.

Record Rainfall

The rainfall of Friday evening, which was one of the heaviest on record for July, did some damage to hay, which was down, and also split all of the earlier cherries, especially the Lamberts which cannot be marketed. It was of great help to grain, however, and corn is responding to its refreshing influence.

Efficient Manager

Howard Morlan, who has been active as manager of all four Chautauquas we have had, deserves considerable credit for the successful outcome of the series this year. As usual he sacrificed time and labor and was a most important factor in putting it over.

Sheep to California

Wm. Riddell, Jr. and C. E. McCaleb shipped thirty Romney bucks to California, Wednesday, most of them belonging to the former. The Romneys go to Clark Hembree at Willows who distributes them in the vicinity of that town.

80 ACRE HOP FIELD IS NOT BEING CULTIVATED

Dallas, Ore.—E. A. Gwin who has a farm a short distance out from Dallas, was in the Independence vicinity Friday and visited at the Seid Back hop yard. Here he found a hop field of 80 acres that is not being worked at all this year on account of the probable low price that will be offered for them. Mr. Back has in his warehouse the hop crops of three years back that he is still holding for an advantageous price. The McLaughlin hop yard, in the same vicinity, is being worked and Mr. McLaughlin is meeting with considerable difficulty in securing the necessary help.

Fourth Chautauqua Conducted to Success

Notwithstanding adverse conditions the chautauqua this year proved a success, financially and from an entertainment standpoint and has been signed up for a return visit next year.

The dates this year were not as favorable as they might have been. The five day session started on the first day of school after a brief fourth of July vacation which interfered with the ticket selling campaign among the Normal students. 301 students tickets were sold this year as against 450 sold last year.

The first two days of the session were accompanied by rain, the heavy rainfall of Friday evening being something not expected at this time of the year. As a result two of the programs were held in the Normal chapel.

At the time of the first program the sale of tickets amounted to \$150 less than the guarantee. General admissions, however, yielded enough to meet the claim of the Cadmean people by the fourth evening and the receipts of the fifth day lacked only about \$10 of enough to pay all expenses incidental to handling and erecting tent, seating it, etc. This was covered by the balance from previous years. The amount received this year in excess of the guarantee to the Cadmean people was \$56.

The programs this year were better than the average and gave satisfaction throughout. It is conceded that Waldemar Geltech, concert violinist who appeared Friday afternoon and evening is the highest class entertainer who has yet appeared on the local circuit. He took classical music and rendered it so beautifully that all could appreciate it. His lack of pretense, his gentle and courteous character made him a general favorite.

The Sprague players in the "Bubble" also met with high favor. The play which depicts the experiences of a German delicatessen man in New York who was induced to invest in oil stock and enjoyed a brief season of wealth, only to have the bubble pricked and return to his former status, was interpreted cleanly and with a wealth of wit and humor that pleased all. "Gustav Muller" and his wife were two characters that will remain long in the memory.

Fred E. Gates, who lectured on "Community Aches and Pains" was another high light in the five days series. Mr. Gates called for a showing of hands to find how many of the audience were born in large cities and found that a great majority of his audience were born either on farms or in towns of less than 1,000 population. He spoke of the number of country born people who achieve to leadership in politics, business and science and asserted that a big majority of the inmates of asylums and penitentiaries are country born. He asserted that the percentage of people who leave the country for the city and are even moderately successful is rivaled by the number who are positive failures. He called attention to the tendency of the farmers to leave familiar scenes and "retire" to the city and said it was an instance of the general tendency to look down on rural life. He believed this was due to our social and educational system which placed the city and city life on a pedestal as a goal to which all should aim. The aim, he said was to make country life attractive; a desirable home for old and young and repeated a number of anecdotes of his own experiences in helping country people to make the most of their opportunities.

Paul Fung, Chinese student, was another speaker to make a hit with the audience. He has been in school in this country only two years and had to strain a few things to keep his surging thoughts within his vocabulary but he found plenty to say. He appeared in the garb of a Chinese mandarin's son; then as a student and finally as a soldier, all of which were among his experiences.

Congressman Tinker of Kansas told of the work which resulted in passing a law to curb speculation in stock and grain in Chicago. He told of a dummy corporation in which all the big packers held membership, which had no business and no employees. Its directors held regular meetings for the private intercourse it allowed them to talk over business matters and after each meeting of the directors it was seen that each

Offers Billion for U. S. Merchant Fleet



John W. Slack, President of a manufacturing plant at Silver Creek, N. Y., offers the government \$1,051,000,000 for the entire U. S. merchant fleet. "Too much," says retiring Chairman Lasker. It is hinted Henry Ford had a hand in the bid, although Mr. Slack will neither confirm nor deny the report.

PAVING DONE THIS FALL ALBANY BRIDGE TO BE LOWER

Commissioner Wade Malone of Corvallis says in an interview in the Corvallis Gazette-Times that the West Side highway through Monmouth will be finished this fall except for about a quarter of a mile south of Monmouth. "This will give Corvallis and Benton county people a much shorter road to Portland, as well as taking them away from the poor place in Oregon City and the traffic jams of the Portland bridges."

Regarding the Albany-Corvallis road the commissioner says it will be paved starting early in the Spring. Except for the fact there are four fills which must be left to settle work could start this fall. Also they will receive federal aid next Spring.

In connection with the new bridge at Albany he says it will be located three or four blocks down the river from the present structure and thus will not interfere with traffic while under construction. It will be a low bridge with some form of draw not yet decided on.

The bridge across the Willamette at Harrisburg will not be completed for two years at least.

Crushed to Death by Sacks of Cement

S. D. Bryan, a night watchman employed by the Oregon Contracting company was found dead last Saturday morning. The Oregon Contracting Company is putting down the hard surface on the highway from Rickreall to Holmes Gap. Bryan was employed as a watchman. He made his bed under a projecting pile of concrete sacks and they apparently caved in on him. Bryan was 62 years old.

Packing concern sent telegrams to buyers and sellers which overcame competition and enabled them to make the buying and selling prices of the product they handled. He asserted that statistics showed grain dealers made more profit out of grain than the farmers did and showed how easy it is for the large holders to manipulate the markets.

The three Hawaiian artists, known as "Lot's Pacific Serenaders" were among the musical numbers most highly appreciated. The Five Marine Maids also had a novel stunt in the way of a musical trip on the ocean. With songs, impersonations and orchestra music they brought the series to a happy close.

The superintendent this year was Lloyd Cooper and he worked hard to keep the wheels moving. Miss Frieda Smith was junior superintendent and she early gathered around her a large group of children whose efforts culminated in a grand parade held the last afternoon of the season. In the parade were children ranging from Ira William's two year old to Hallie Johnson. The merchants of the city were visited for appropriate prizes for special effort in the parade. Mrs. Landers, Mrs. Boothby and the superintendent, Miss Smith, were the judges. Prizes were awarded to the following characters: Two Turkish dancers, Buffalo Bill and Cowboy in carriage, "Lion" in cage with Trainer, Happy Hooligan, Indian Princess, Two Baby Clowns. So many others deserved prizes that the judges found the task of making awards very difficult. They appealed to Morlan & Son and P. H. Johnson, who generously furnished a candy treat for the entire bunch of youngsters and all went away happy.

Mass of Objections Postpones Projects

At the meeting of the council Tuesday night the council was flooded with such a flood of protests against curbs, paving and sidewalks that they set the whole matter over and are not likely to attempt anything of this sort this year.

The council passed an ordinance for the payment of \$100 to J. M. McDonald for the right of way the new street.

In the general auditing of bills it was discovered that considerable expense attaches to getting descriptions for the use as a basis in public improvements. Bills from county clerk, F. D. Moore, and county assessor, F. J. Holman were presented totaling \$118 for getting out copies of property descriptions; 133 hours of time being consumed in the process. It gives the city accurate descriptions of about seventy five per cent of the property within its limits which will be useful in the future.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up the necessary documents for refunding outstanding warrants with bonds.

Some discussion was also indulged in relative to placing signs with the names of streets at intersections and the adoption of a system of numbering houses.

The Corvallis auto camp is to have an electric sign on two concrete posts. Camp is furnished with laundry equipment, shower baths and a telephone.

The county clerk has issued a license to conduct a dance hall near Bridgeport.

The Dallas Commercial club which conducted their recent fourth of July celebration found a small balance on hand when the bill were all audited and has announced that another celebration will be held next year at the same place on the fourth of July.

The Dallas commercial club is planning to erect an arch across the Dallas-Salem highway at the entrance to the city, said sign to be illuminated electrically and to bear the words "The Prune City."

Record Rainfall for July

According to weather observations in Portland the rain fall last Friday and Saturday was the heaviest recorded in July in 21 years. During 21 hours 1.23 inches of rain fell and during the first six days of the month 2.8 inches fell. The normal rainfall for the month is only .54 of an inch.

Rain Spoils Lamberts

The Lambert cherry crop in the valley is virtually a dead loss. The cherries are 100 per cent cracked and aside from the fact that a comparatively few of them will be dried, but a few Lamberts will find their way into the market.

Several growers that have checked up on the situation agree that there is practically a 100 per cent crack in this class of cherries.

The Lamberts were just about getting ready for handling when the heavy rains hit them last week and the sun has completed the havoc.

Lamberts brought in during the rain were rejected by the canneries as not being fit for handling and their destruction was continued by the continued rains.

This is probably the most complete cherry loss ever experienced here on any individual crop.

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