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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

The Fall term of the Oregon Normal School came to a close at noon Wednesday. The last week was a busy time for students and faculty. With work incidental to the closing of a regular school term and with Christmas programs and the rush to get away for the holiday vacation, all were thoroughly engaged. Modest commencement exercises for the graduates who concluded their work with the fall term were held in the chapel Wednesday morning. There were twenty-five graduates.

Registration for the winter term will start promptly at eight o'clock on Wednesday, January 2. To secure prompt registration a fine of one dollar for each day of delay will be levied and after five days have elapsed no student can register for full work during the term.

The Christmas program put on by the pupils of the Training School, the Glee Club and the Dramatic Art department, Tuesday afternoon was a delightful event. Miss Kurth of the Music department directed the program and she was assisted by Miss Beth Godbold of the Dramatic Art department and Miss Jennie Peterson at the piano. Especial mention must be made of the first and second graders who put on "Dear Santa's Shop" and carried their parts wonderfully well. With skillful lighting and clever acting the search of the Three Wise Men for the Babe of Bethlehem was also noteworthy. The singing of the cantata Christmas evidenced patient work in preparation and the play "The Man who did not believe in Santa Claus" was very effectively presented by students in the Dramatic Art class.

Good Word for Alumni

Dr. Henry D. Sheldon, dean of the school of education spoke on "The Relation of the Normal School to the University" at a recent meeting of the Oregon Normal School club, composed of members of the Oregon Normal School now at the University of Oregon. He believes the normal school course most valuable to anyone expecting to take up university work. He said that Normal students know how to work, how to make use of reference books, how to concentrate, in short, how to study, and they make the most of that knowledge. Dr. Sheldon stated that the average grade of the normal students is a third higher than that of other students, the attitude is more serious, individually, and there is a greater appreciation of the opportunity for learning given by the university.—Oregonian, December 16.

George Sullivan of Woodland, Washington, is here calling on friends.

HIGH SCHOOL

Last Monday morning, the Student Body of the high school enjoyed an interesting talk given by Professor Bowling of the Normal School. Professor Bowling illustrated the subject of his talk by a blackboard diagram showing the students the plan of battle used by the Allies in the World War. As it was his duty in the war to draw such plans he was able to give first hand information of general military tactics used in the war. The Student Body will appreciate future visits of Mr. Bowling.

The High School Basketball team played the Deaf School in the latter's gymnasium at Salem last Friday evening and lost with a score of 33 to 19. It was very difficult for our boys to locate the basket in the first half at the end of which the score was 19 to 5 in their favor. But in the second half the game was more closely contested.

On Friday evening, December 21st at 7:30 p. m. the team will play Independence High School in the Normal gym. This will be a good game and the interest will be stimulated by the rivalry which has existed between the schools for some time.

The students winning a place on the debating team are: Opal Wedekind, Cecil Poole, Robert Hall, and Earle Stewart. These students will represent the high school in the debates in the Middle Willamette District of the Oregon High School Debating League.

Faith and Maybelle McClellan will not return to school after the Christmas vacation as they are moving to Tualatin.

Donald Skeen

Bigger Post Office

The post office is shortly to have the extra room it needs by taking the room to the rear now occupied by Arnold's bakery. A block addition to the Improvement building is being built and will be occupied by the bakery in place of the room which the postoffice will take. The post-office business has long outgrown its present space and additional room will facilitate the work greatly. More mail boxes will also be installed.

The committee from the Commercial club who have had charge of making a plan for numbering the city, report progress. They have decided on 100 numbers to a block and each intersection will begin with a fresh hundred. In a short time the marshal and one other will make the rounds of the city and collect 25 cents from each householder which will pay for the numbers and place them on the buildings. Intersections are to be equipped with appropriate signs. This work will be done in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hampton and small son are expected from La-Grande to spend Christmas with relatives.

County Budget Day Again Gets Publicity

Acting upon the theory that the supreme court is liable to hold the tax conservation law invalid the majority of the Polk county court decided Tuesday to proceed as though the law had not been passed.

This means there will be the advertising of the budget and a regular budget meeting so that no matter what the decision of the supreme court the county will not be without tax receipts during the coming year.

Action was taken by Commissioners Hart and Riddell with Judge Robinson dissenting. The same budget submitted to the commissioners will be submitted to the people.

The commissioners contend that in making the cuts in the places they did the commissioners have made it impossible to conduct county business.

The budget meeting is called for Thursday, January 10th.

Christmas Programs

The program at the Community Christmas tree on Monday evening was a success in spite of the rain. An interesting program was given with Miss Ruby Lorence of the Normal as leader. 500 sacks of candy were given out; these being donated by the merchants of the city.

About fifty members and guests of the Golden Rule class of the Christian church gathered in the church parlors last Friday evening for their annual Christmas tree and good time.

After a short business meeting all enjoyed a program and games in which a number of prizes were distributed to the winners.

A pretty Christmas fairy came down stairs singing a Christmas song and distributed the gifts; after which all enjoyed refreshments.

The ladies of the Homelike Society have been busy during the last week, making dolls to be sent to the children at the Farm Home and on Tuesday a family of about fifteen dolls, dressed in their very best, gathered at the church ready for their journey to offer Christmas cheer to some little girl.

The Society also had a short program with the usual Christmas tree and treat. Twentytwo members were present.

Delphian Program

The Delphians put on the last literary program of this term, Wednesday evening, December 12. In its nature it was a Christmas production which brought forth much laughter from the audience, this being one proof that it was a success. Those having charge and taking part in the program are to be complimented on the results of the undertaking.

P. L. Fishback visited relatives in Salem last Friday and Saturday.

Old Customs Revived By Dormitory Girls

The annual Christmas program in the Dormitory was held Tuesday evening and was attended by many features of absorbing interest to students and faculty. This program starts at 5:30 with a processional of girls down the stairway singing Christmas carols until they reach their places in the dining rooms. The dining room and its appointments were prettily set off by holly and ivy and red Christmas candles, and the atmosphere and associations of the gathering made it one long to be remembered. The students in the two dining rooms of the dormitory exchanged rooms twice during the course of the dinner, both times between courses. At a given signal the girls arose, and marching and singing carols wound their way out of the room. When the hall was cleared the doors at the rear opened and a double file of girls from the other room came in singing, and again the tables were filled. With school songs and special songs complimentary to the season, the faculty and guests, the time passed swiftly. Dean Taylor's genius for composition was happily in evidence in some of the songs.

Dinner ended, faculty and guests seated themselves around the drawing room and the two hundred students marched in, singing, and seated themselves on the large rug. The Yule log was then brought in and placed before the fireplace. President Landers fittingly expressed the sentiments of the Christmas season with a prayer for its preservation and blessing. Miss Brenton spoke pleasingly of the spread of the influence of the Dorm and various young women in turn sat upon the yule log and made wishes which covered a wide extent of territory from the acquisition of a swimming pool for the Normal to best wishes for Miss Todd, the absent dean, who when last heard from, had reached Rome in her European tour. Good wishes were also expressed to the Bullocks and artists of the kitchen who made possible the splendid dinner.

A nicely told story of the first Christmas followed. Then out of doors a chorus of men's voices was heard, at first distant but steadily growing in volume and approaching nearer. The windows were opened and as the words of the old Christmas songs came in it was reminiscent of the pages of Dickens or Washington Irving.

Then a move was made to the new drawing room on the lower floor. There a holly wreath was hung over the fireplace and there was singing, two beautiful solos by Mrs. Landers, and a Christmas song by a girls' quartet, with Miss Peterson at the piano.

From there all were invited up to the large reception room again to see Christmas gifts the girls had made for the White Shield Home in Portland. Although the girls have been very busy they found time to make a goodly number of house dresses and baby dresses. The work was beautifully done and did the girls much credit.

The Christmas program is a regular feature at the dormitory each year. The outline program is the same, following the customs of old England, and it would be difficult to improve on it, but each year there are variations and each year there is a new group of students to participate. To them it leaves a memory that will linger long, one of the big events in their two years work at the Oregon Normal.

Literary Societies Elect

Election of new officers for each literary society was held last week. Those being elected for the Vesperine offices are: President, Lillian Mortensen; Secretary, Helen Hanson; Treasurer, Dorothy Briggs; Sergeant at Arms, Florence Metcalf; Reporter, Clara Case.

The new Delphian officers are: President, Violet Bowden; Vice-president, Christine Johns; Secretary, Ann Hartman; Treasurer, Marguerite Loretz; Sergeant at Arms, Gertrude Larson; and Reporter, Ruth Rosenbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Rake and daughter of Omaha, Nebraska, arrived in Monmouth Wednesday for a visit with their son, Elmer Rake of the Monmouth Heights district.

INABILITY TO WORK MAKES MAN DESPERATE

Old Man Becomes Despondent
E. G. Erickson, 83, Saturday afternoon committed suicide by sitting on a box of dynamite and touching a match to the fuse of a stick of the explosive which he held in his hand, on his farm near Ellendale in Polk county.

Although only the stick he held in his hand exploded, both of Erickson's legs were blown off at the knees, his left hand was blown away, his right hand terribly mangled, his left eye blown out and he was otherwise mutilated.

He was rushed to the Dallas hospital where he died within three hours.

For months Erickson has been in poor health and lately has been living with his daughter in Dallas. Saturday afternoon his daughter, who is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, went to church. In her absence Erickson went to the hardware store, purchased a 50-pound box of dynamite, loaded it into his automobile and drove to his farm near Ellendale.

Glen Brock, a rural mail carrier, as he drove past the farm, saw Erickson sitting on the box of dynamite holding something that was smoking in his hand. When Brock had gone but a short distance he heard the explosion and hurried back. He found Erickson writhing in pain on the ground.

No other motive than that of poor health and despondency because age had handicapped him in his work are known for the suicide.

Besides his daughter in Dallas, Erickson leaves a son, Richard Erickson of Salem.

Veteran School Teacher Dies in Independence

Miss Harriet McNamea, aunt and adopted mother of Miss Arbutnot, passed away at her home in Independence last Friday evening, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday at 2:30 P. M. and burial was in the River View cemetery in Salem Monday morning. Messrs. Butler, Gentle and Beattie of the Normal faculty were among the bearers. Rev. H. C. Dunsmore preached the funeral sermon and Mrs. Landers sang "Crossing the Bar".

The deceased was 78 years old. She taught school for twentyfive years in Des Moines, Iowa.

Miss McNamea was for several years a resident of Monmouth and has many friends here to mourn her death.

Miss Arbutnot is spending the Christmas vacation in Portland, and when school convenes again, will make her home with Mrs. Ackerman.

Enterprising pupils in the Training School published a paper for the Christmas season and found the day of the Christmas program an opportune time to circulate it. The paper styled "The Breezelette", gave opportunity to the young literary lights of the school to shine in prose and poetry, also had a generous amount of school news and a choice collection of jokes. They aim to make "The Breezelette" a quarterly.

Real Estate

G. T. Boothby reports three sales this week. J. O. Andrus has sold his residence on Clay street to Charles Petrie, consideration \$1200. Mr. Andrus has bought the four large lots on East Main street owned by B. F. Swope. These are fine lots and Mr. Andrus will build a house thereon, starting soon after the first of the year. For some months past Mr. Petrie has been living in the Bookey house on Echols street.

James Goodman has bought the Griffa house east of the city limits and plans to make it his home.

A Large Lemon

Howard Morlan is exhibiting two large lemons which he received this week from Miss Mabel West of Bakersfield, California. One of the lemons weighs one pound and eleven ounces. Miss West writes that these are a new variety of lemon and there are only two trees of them at Bakersfield.

Local Odd Fellows entertained visitors from Falls City and Dallas, Monday night and put on the third degree for the benefit of three candidates, two, C. E. Tetherow and Harvey Young from the local lodge, and Wellington Hill from Falls City.

Our Japanese Friends At Work and Play

Most of us like to read about travel and adventures. If we ourselves cannot see far-off lands we enjoy seeing them through the eyes of some one else. Here is a letter today for your fireside traveling that will take you to the romantic and picturesque land of the cherry blossom. The letter was written on Armistice day in Kyoto, Japan, by Agnes Campbell, a Monmouth girl, now teaching in Doshisha university. She writes:

I went to the top of Mount Hiei last week. Hiei-san, as it is usually called, one of the holiest mountains in Japan, stands guard over the city of Kyoto, to the northwest, protecting it against devils, since that is the only direction from which they can come. For the same reason, all the temples and palaces have re-entrant angles in the northwest corners of their walls; only through corners, not angles, may devils enter. Hiei-san figured largely at one time in the history of Japan as the stronghold of the bonzes, or Buddhist priests. On the ridges and in the thirteen canyons that flank the mountain were many monasteries, fortified for defense. Some time in the Middle Ages a man named Nobunaga made war upon the priests, killed them by thousands and burned the monasteries and all but a few of the temples.

We began our climb from a village called Yase, which is noted for its beautiful women. They do have pretty faces, and dressed in their village costumes, are attractive. One old woman passed us pulling a cart piled high with short bundles of wood. She had tucked up her kimono, the better to walk, and her under-kimono, her tabi, or short stockings, and her head-dress were spotlessly white. Her face held the beauty of years of placid contentment. These people of Yase care for the royal palaces and parks in Kyoto. They once did an emperor a service, and this privilege has been theirs, and theirs only, ever

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The Following are Candidates for Graduation, December 19, 1923

Margaret Ackerman
Alice A. Aldrich
Margaret N. Anderson
John Angell
Beatrice Brown
Velma Henrietta Colt
Leola Davidson
Margaret Ann Dickover
Frances A. Eckert
Gladys E. Endicott
Neal Edwards
Elizabeth Dora Frances
Jane Berkley Gunn
Susan Ethel Haulenbeck
Ethel Marie Jensen
Ruth O. Minier
Myrtle G. Murphy
Thelma I. Nixon
Inez V. Nyman
Ruby J. Peterson
Mildred Stephens
Hermina Zippel
L. Kate Rosa
Lee Smith
Katherine E. Brown
Edna Denson

Civic Club

The Civic Club meets this afternoon, December 21, in the high school building at 2:30. Just a short business session will be held, the regular meeting date having been advanced a week because of Christmas.

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