

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Mr. P. A. Parsons of the Portland School of Social Service spoke at the chapel hour on Monday. Mr. Parsons discussed the history of social service and the growth of a technical training for such work. He spoke in a most interesting manner on a subject which was new to most of his hearers, who greatly enjoyed the hour.

Several former O. N. S. students attended the dancing party in the gymnasium last week-end. Among them were Miss Grace Hendrickson, Miss Effie Moreland, and Francis Lord.

The student body nominated officers for the remainder of the year at their regular meeting last Wednesday. The election occurs Friday of this week.

Last Friday morning at the chapel hour a string quartet under the direction of Miss Peterson, gave two excellent numbers and were heartily applauded.

A motion picture under the title of "The Voice from the Minaret" will be shown in the chapel on Saturday evening.

Both the Art Club and the Eupharians, an organization of the Training, have recently reorganized, elected officers for the term, and planned various activities for the remainder of the year.

The members of the Norm staff who in the library on Monday evening, for a discussion of the Bok Peace Plan. Most interesting considerations of different phases of the plan were given by President Landers, Mr. Bowling and Mr. Gentile.

The members of the norm staff who have been industriously at work for several weeks, introduced their various co-workers in a unique stunt at the chapel hour on Wednesday of last week.

President Landers attended the annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the Normal last Wednesday in Salem.

A lecture by Albert Bushnell Hart, formerly of the Department of History at Harvard, will be given in the chapel on the evening of March 7. Mr. Hart is well known and an able speaker, so his lecture will be very much worth while.

Former Resident Dead

Mrs. Ray McAllister, formerly Miss Edna Parkes, died January 12th in Milwaukie, Oregon of tuberculosis. She is survived by a husband and two children, a girl of four years and a boy two and a half years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. McAllister are known to many here. They were married in August, 1916.

Mrs. W. P. Lappe has been appointed postmistress at Valseltz.

HIGH SCHOOL

Professor Gooding has received a communication from the State Board of Vocational Education stating that they are in position to offer a course for women in Homemaking subjects such as Dressmaking, Millinery, Child Care, Cookery, etc., and asking him to get such a plan before the women of this community. This is one of the agencies under the Smith-Hughes act for conducting Vocational Home Economics.

All vocational work is carried on by means of Federal money, which is matched by the locality, so the salary of instructors is paid half from the state and half from the members of the members of the class.

The classes may be held in either the afternoon or the evening, and in every case so far have been held in the high school building because the laboratories are available. If time permits, and afternoon class may be held after the high school classes are finished.

Any ladies who are interested are invited to call or confer with Mr. Gooding at his office any afternoon after 2:30.

Mr. E. C. Carlton of the Extension Division, who is well known in Monmouth, gave an interesting address to the student body one day this week. His talk was followed by a short inspiring talk by County Superintendent Wills.

The high school basket ball team lost to the Falls City team last Friday night by a score of 14 to 20. This Friday they expect to go to Dallas for a game. —Elizabeth Tilton

Cafeteria for Students Accommodates Many

The kitchen is a much used place, now that we have a cafeteria. Between forty and fifty Normal and Training School students are served daily. The price of food is low; just enough to cover the cost of food and expenses and usually the whole lunch would cost only 20 or 25 cents. Many of the Training School children bring their own sandwiches and buy only a cup of cocoa (3 cents) or a bowl of soup (5 cents), while others buy more.

The Cafeteria class, which consists of Normal school students, prepares and serves the food. One girl is manager, another is responsible for the soup, another for the cocoa, dessert, etc., for one week. Then each is given one of the other duties to perform so that during the course each has had the responsibility of performing each duty for one week.

The manager's position is the most responsible as she must plan the menus and estimate the cost of each serving, so that the cafeteria will remain on a paying basis. She also orders the groceries and acts as cashier for that week.

This fits the girls to go out and manage like cafeterias or school lunches in their own schools—Breeze

For Forty Years Resident of State

James Joseph Russell, who for the past forty years has been a resident of this section of Oregon, died at his home in this city Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. Mr. Russell has been ill for the past two years and although he had rallied for a spell, was not strong enough to make recovery permanent. Nearly a year ago he received a transfusion of blood from his old friend, C. Lorence, and this strengthened him for a time.

Mr. Russell was born near Harper's Ferry, but on the Virginia side of the line in Loudon county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Russell. They came west about 1880, and most of the time since has lived in Polk county on farms near Monmouth and Independence but recently for a few years he lived in Yamhill county. About five years ago he retired from active work, bought a place in Monmouth and came here to live.

Mr. Russell was an Odd Fellow with a membership of over thirty-five years standing, originally with the Monmouth lodge, and when the local lodge building burned down and the order was disbanded here for a time, he transferred his membership to Valley lodge in Independence and has since retained his connection.

In addition to his widow, Minerva Jane Russell he is survived by three daughters and four sons. They are: Mrs. Claire V. Glover of Whiteson, Mrs. Ada McCann of McMinnville, and Blanche Russell of Monmouth; J. O. Russell of Wasco, W. J. Russell of Oakland, California, G. L. Russell of Monmouth and B. R. Russell of Portland.

He also has three sisters living. They are, Mrs. Warren Johnson of Albany, Mrs. Anne Stringer of Kelso, Washington, and Mrs. Emma Crossley of Berkeley, California.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 1:30 P. M. at the Christian Church.

Mrs. Lottie Orr

The death of Mrs. Lottie Orr, an elderly resident of Independence, occurred at her home in that city last Thursday, January 17. Mrs. Orr was a sister of W. M. Fisher, and an aunt of Rev. F. M. Fisher, both former residents here, the latter pastor of the Evangelical church during 1916 and 1917. Mrs. Jane Gradke is also a niece. Charlotte Jane Fisher was born in Indiana July 21, 1842. The family came to Oregon in 1881 and since that time she has been a resident of Independence. Beside her husband and those already mentioned she is survived by a sister, Mrs. S. Edelman. Funeral services were held in the chapel of A. L. Keeney with Rev. H. L. Proppe presiding, and burial was in the K. P. cemetery.

Income tax deputies will be in Independence February 13, to assist people who have trouble in making out their schedules.

State C. of C. Man Guest at Banquet

As an innovation the Commercial club tried out an orchestra for its annual banquet served at the hotel Tuesday evening. The orchestra, which was from Dallas, specialized on Jazz music and tunes which are the order of the day at Basoko, Wad-elai and other points in Central Africa were presented with strict fidelity to the original.

When the guests had filed into the banquet room, P. H. Johnson, vice-president of the club, called attention to the fact that the president, G. T. Boothby could not be present, referred fittingly to the latter's service for the club, and for Monmouth, and expressed the hope that he would soon be restored to health and to active work.

After grace by Rev. H. C. Shropshire the guests did justice to the good things with which the dining tables were loaded.

In introducing the toastmaster, Ira C. Powell, Mr. Johnson referred to his services to the community saying that no good thing had come to Monmouth within the last thirty years in which Mr. Powell had not aided.

Mr. Brewer, of the State Chamber of Commerce was introduced as the speaker of the evening. As a representative of the Chamber he said it was his pleasure to express to the various civic centers of the state the interest which the big city has in them. A fund of \$300,000 has been raised in Portland and it is to be put to use for the development of the "hinterland", the country in which Portland is interested and which stretches from the California line to the Canadian border and from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific.

He spoke of the tourist travel and what it means to Oregon and prophesied that in ten years time this business will mean more to Oregon than any other single industry the state has, not even excepting lumber. He urged tolerance upon his listeners, the breaking down of county, city and sectional barriers and admonished each to remember that we were all one commonwealth and next to prospering ourselves our interest was in promoting the prosperity of our immediate neighbors.

He stressed the importance of the farmer and agriculture and urged no one to lose a chance to boost the interest of the farmer and to cultivate friendly relations with him.

The toastmaster then introduced President Landers who briefly reviewed the national situation, expressed appreciation of the mission on which General Dawes and his associates are now in Europe. Nationally he said the psychology of the situation was to refrain from "rocking the boat". He expressed confidence in President Coolidge and said that without unnecessary disturbance the country was set for real prosperity in 1924. Mr. Landers said he agreed heartily with any measure for the preservation and development of agriculture. He believed our farmers are a progressive class, that they are doing efficient work but must be aided to the same plane of financial return as that on which others, notably, labor was standing.

Mr. Powell then called on the Herald editor who as a representative of the business men extended the greetings of the city to the State Chamber and reviewed briefly some of the things on which our citizens base their confidence in its future.

E. F. Carlton of the University Extension department who happened to be present also spoke briefly of his mission to the high schools of the state and the encouraging thing which he found there.

Just before adjournment a resolution was adopted expressing sympathy for the absent President Boothby and the hopes of all for his speedy recovery.

The annual meeting of the club for the election of officers was set for the evening of the first Tuesday in March. Officers and members of the club are very well pleased at the success of the banquet and many new members were signed up at the close of the program.

J. O. Andrus of this city spent Sunday with his family at McMinnville where his daughter, Rosalie Orvetta is seriously ill with stomach trouble. She is taking special treatment prescribed by Drs. Lott, Wood and Michaux and is better at this writing.

CIVIC CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Club will be held on Friday afternoon of this week at the Senior Cottage of the Normal School with Miss Laura J. Taylor as hostess. In response to roll call each member will tell what she believes is the most important undertaking for the Club in 1924. The program committee for the year, Mrs. W. G. Beattie, Mrs. Cletus Butler and Mrs. Thomas Gentile, have provided for some interesting papers on what civic clubs of other towns are doing. A brief social session will follow the business meeting and program. All members are urged to be present as well as any others who wish to become members.

Considerable interest was manifested in the basketball game between the representatives of Dallas and Independence high schools in Independence last Friday night. Independence won 13 to 10.

How Accident Aided Choice of Vocation

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Thomas H. Gentile, was born sometime ago in Peoria County, Illinois. His father was a native of Ohio and his mother of Ireland, coming from that country to America when she was but twelve years old. This latter fact may account in some measure for his hearty appreciation of the Irish people and his occasional reflection of their mode of outlook upon life. His boyhood days were spent upon the farm and from it he constantly draws the illustrations which those of us who have been in Mr. Gentile's classes recall so well. He passed through the common schools of the home community in much the fashion of the times. Although we have had no recourse to the records in those schools, it is not related of him that he stood out for anything in a particular way. No trace of the future profession was noted by those in charge. In time he graduated and he hinted to us in our interview that he thought, that event in his educational career came some time before he knew very much. This may be why he occasionally tells his students to beware lest the Normal graduate you before you are able to sustain the honor which graduation confers.

Mr. Gentile says his choice of teaching school as a profession was an accident—foredoomed, may be—but never the less not courted in advance. His parents both passed away, when he was yet a mere boy; so he was reared by his grandparents. They belonged to the rugged pioneer type of the middle west and reflected in vigorous manner the thought of those days. They believed that farming could make no good use of one destined to be a cripple, so when the boy contracted what is now called infantile paralysis they shook their heads and said he would never be any good anyhow, he would better get ready to teach school. That settled it and he was sent off to a training school. When the training ceased and he was ready to begin active work he was twenty-eight years old. The paralysis had left off by this time. Mr. Gentile tells us that he has not missed a year of active teaching since that time. All but one year have been spent in the work of training teachers.

Mr. Gentile believes however that his grandparents' judgement as to his future work was greatly aided later by the influence upon him of some of his teachers. He came under the direct instruction of four men in Illinois whose life work on the problem of elementary education has been felt through out the entire nation. Two of these are still very active, and there is no book put out today in the field of elementary education which does not quote more or less from the writings of these educators. These men are Dr. John W. Cook, Dr. Charles DeGarmo, Dr. McMurry and Dr. Frank McMurry. Dr. Cook has just passed away within the past two years. Mr. Gentile enjoyed the close personal contact with these men for four years and when he left them he was fired with an ambition some day to become a master in the instruction of boys and girls. Later he had the good fortune to be under the guidance and training of Dr. Wilhelm Rein, the most practical interpreter of the theories of Herbart, whom many of us recall from our educational history. (Continued on page 7)

Average Dairy Herd Larger Than in 1922

As an illustration of how such an institution as the Monmouth Co-operative Creamery develops the dairy industry the annual report shows some interesting items. While the amount of butter manufactured by the company has increased from 369,199 lbs in 1922 to 433,555 lbs in 1923 the number of patrons has only been increased from 285 to 310 showing that each patron is milking more cows than was the case a year ago. In other words the number of cows in the average herd has increased within the past year.

\$188,268.05 was received by the company for butter sold a gain of \$43,106 over the receipts of 1922.

The concern has sold eggs for its patrons and supplied them with feed and the total sales were \$200,679.

The total cost of operation was \$25,881; salaries and wages \$8,968.71. Supplies \$4,912.04.

The annual meeting of the company is held in Odd Fellows hall Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

The annual meeting of stockholders in the Odd Fellows Building company will be held in their hall Tuesday night, January 29.

Harvey Young Marries Former Normal Girl

Harvey Young, local milk man, and Miss Wilma Johnson, teacher in the school at Aurora, were married in the parsonage of the First Christian church of Salem, last Saturday, the ceremony taking place at 4 p. m. with Rev. J. J. Evans officiating and Homer Dodds acting as best man. Mrs. Young will finish out her term of school and then will come to make her home with her husband in Monmouth. She is a Normal girl and attended summer school last year. She entered as a junior two or three years ago. The Herald joins with many friends in wishing the happy couple health, wealth and happiness.

Tractor School Attracts And Interests Many

Between ninety and one hundred interested people attended the tractor school at Thomas & Horton's in Independence Wednesday. Prof. Gilmore of the Oregon Agricultural College lectured on power farming. He was accompanied by a class of 15 students from the Corvallis school and classes from the Independence high school under Prof. Grow also took in the demonstration.

Three reels of special moving pictures were shown, showing details of power farming and tractor construction.

People were present from a wide stretch of territory. Several registered from Falls City and there were three or four from Jefferson.

Naturally the lectures laid stress on power farming, the construction and management of the McCormick-Deering tractors and adjusting of plows.

Farmers Union Elects New Set of Officers

At the annual meeting of the Polk County Farmers Union held in Dallas last Saturday the following officers were elected: C. C. Gardner, president; Mrs. I. G. McBe, vice president; E. A. Tedrow, secretary; I. G. McBe, conductor; G. B. Jones, doorkeeper; Wes Elliott, T. J. Alsip and U. S. Grant, executive committee members.

During the coming year it is planned to hold a number of open meetings.

C. J. Hurd of the Oregon Agricultural College made the principal address of the day.

A resolution was passed opposing the use of market road funds to hard surface any road until all the market roads of the county have been macadamized.

The meeting also opposed the election of any member of the county court from an incorporated or separate road district as his road would have to be done in districts in which he does not reside.

Viewers on the Job

Mr. Cranford of Spring Valley and Mr. Hogg of Eola have been appointed by the county court to view the proposed county road to be built from Independence along the route the westside highway would have followed had not the direct route been adopted. It is proposed to cross the Luckiamute at Parker and join the west side highway.

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