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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

In order that they may vote on the Bok Peace Plan with a fuller knowledge, students are listening to a series of addresses by able speakers on different phases of the plan. Monday, Mr. Bowling of the department of history, differentiated between the International Court of Justice and the League of Nations, showing that each is independent of the other. The students are to vote on the plan soon.

Students are making their first payments on pledges made to assist Russian students. A small donation is of material assistance to these who are pursuing their studies in the face of such hardships.

The fund, consisting of some \$180, raised among the students to purchase a cow, a short time ago for the Children's Home at Corvallis has been turned over to Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh. She is to select the cow but wishes the Normal students to name her.

Normal School students are now enjoying the "O. N. S. Breeze," which is a weekly publication of school news and notes of interest. The paper is entirely in the hands of the students in the Commercial Department. The successful copies which come forth each week speak well for the efficient training received in the Commercial Course.

At a student-body election, all of the officers for last term were re-elected. The following students are those who are to serve again: student-body president, Harold Price, Monmouth; vice-president, Ruth Reynolds, Hood River; secretary, leader, Pansy Van Housen, Alicel; Chairman of the Better O. N. S. Committee, Annie Hallyburton.

Mr. E. F. Carleton, from the Extension Department of the University of Oregon, spoke to the students last week on the characteristics necessary in a teacher to make a success in the work. The points he emphasized most forcibly were preparation for the profession, good character and the right attitude toward one's work. The field for such students is large and the possibilities unlimited.

Milk As A Food

With the meeting of Pomona Granga and the annual meeting of the Co-operative creamery the Odd Fellows hall was a fairly busy place Saturday afternoon. The creamery people transacted their business while the grange installed officers, and at the conclusion listened to an address by J. J. Mickle whose talk dwelt on the manner in which food is adulterated, and the value of milk as a food.

Having connected up Rickreall with wires for electricity the Power company is moving on to Greenwood.

Death Fraud



Ed. J. Salletad of Eau Claire, Wis. cousin confesses after capture to robbing a grave, burning his cottage and eloping with his stenographer, while his wife mourned the charred remains—then remarried.

HIGH SCHOOL

The first semester examinations were given Thursday and Friday.

Monmouth lost both games at Dallas last Friday night. The boys' score was 8-27 and the girls' 12-20. This was the first and probably only game for the girls this season. They made an excellent showing considering that it was their first game, played on a strange floor and against the strongest girls team in Polk County.

Tonight Monmouth High will contest with Silverton High at the Normal gym. The game is called at 8 o'clock on account of the Normal Newberg game on the same floor at 6:45. It will be necessary for the spectators to vacate from the gym between games in order to properly handle finances.

The second team played a game with the Sophomore team of Independence Monday evening on the local floor. The score was 10-32 in favor of Independence.

At an assembly meeting Monday morning, pen and pencils were awarded to the students who obtained three or more subscriptions for the Country Gentleman, in the recent contest. The students and the number of subscriptions taken by each are as follows: Laird Kaup 9, Levi Olemans 5, Adair Gooding 4, Cecil Poole 3, Clay Egleston 3, Chester Dodson 3, Grace Bullock 3, Naomi Huggins 3, Adeline Prime 3, Velma Strain 3.

Rehearsal has been begun by the cast which will put on the school play. They hope to be able to give this play some time in the latter part of March.

New classes will be organized next semester in arithmetic, beginning bookkeeping and beginning geometry.

Alice Young

Dr. Winship of Boston, educator and journalist, was the speaker in chapel Wednesday morning. His topic was Educational Vision. Dr. Winship is 79 years of age and has appeared at the Normal before but is always sure of a welcome as well as an attentive hearing.

Director Brothers are closing out their Dallas store and moving to Salem.

Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

The Portland Telegram recently featured a blot out picture contest in which the contestants sought to find the greatest number of lambs in a certain sketch. Miss Doris A. Healey, a Normal student won the first prize of \$320 and will devote the sum to her education. Miss Healey comes from Boardman on the Columbia river.

A Good Start

The annual meeting of the Odd Fellows Building Company was held in the hall Tuesday evening with a small attendance and all officers were re-elected. They are: W. R. Graham, president; R. B. Swenson, secretary-treasurer, and David Riddell and Ed. Rogers, directors for three years. The annual financial report disclosed the fact that receipts for the year topped the operating expenses including interest on borrowed money, and left a comfortable margin.

No Funds

The first results of the slash in road funds appeared Friday when a delegation from interested districts appeared before the county court asking for work on the road from Dallas to Valsetz. Visitors from Valsetz and Falls City conferred with Dallas Commercial Club people and made a joint appeal. It was brought out that while the district in which Falls City and Valsetz is located is the richest and largest in the county it has fewer main traveled roads than any other district. Also that the district west of Dallas is one of the poorest districts and has more traveled roads than any other district. A strong appeal was made for work in this section, but because of straightened finances the court could offer little encouragement.

Keeney For Coroner

This week A. L. Keeney, undertaker of Independence states that he has looked over the situation and feels encouraged to announce his candidacy for the office of coroner. While the coroner's job does not entail any fat salary and is not one for which a scramble is usually made, it entails some prestige for an undertaker and Mr. Keeney's friends agree that he is as deserving of the honor as any one.

While he has only been in this section a short time, Mr. Keeney has proved himself a good mixer, is always courteous and considerate in his business relations and is first to boost a worthy public enterprise. His circle of acquaintances and well wishers is constantly increasing and it is predicted that he will give a good account of himself in anything he undertakes. He is a native Oregonian.

Jesse Johnson of Elkins took the initiatory degree at the hands of the local Odd Fellows Monday night.

Name Committees Outline Program

The Civic Club held an interesting session last Friday afternoon at the Senior Cottage as guests of Miss Laura J. Taylor. The program committee gave some inspiring data as to what other civic clubs are doing. In response to roll call, a majority of the members urged more civic neatness, including removal of weeds especially along sidewalks, filling in and planting of parkings, disposal of rubbish, old barns and outbuildings, measures against spitting on sidewalk, cleaner and more attractive places of business, better drainage on streets and sidewalks. Equally important in the year's program the Club considers definite steps toward providing for "The Commons", and the committee in charge reported favorable progress. Other improvements urged were better lighting, more attractive entrances to the city, uniform tree planting.

The president read a communication from Professor Arthur L. Peck, of the department of landscape gardening of O. A. C. suggesting plans for uniform tree planting including a list of suitable trees, choice to be made by the people on each street from the following: Norway Maple, Oriental Sycamore, European Linden, Pin Oak, Scarlet Oak, possibly Black Locust and Horse Chestnut for wide parkings, and English Hawthorn, European White Birch, Carriers White Thorn for narrow parkings. With the approach of Arbor Day, the second Friday in February, a suitable time for planting in Western Oregon, it is hoped that many streets will be planted this year in accordance with a uniform plan. The president and members of the Club will be glad to provide any further information or assistance in the matter.

The revised and new lists of standing committees were given as follows: Ways and Means, Mrs. Boothby, Mrs. Bowersox, Mrs. Leask; Publicity, Mrs. Swenson, Mrs. Maurice Butler, Mrs. Chambers; Place, Mrs. Bowersox, Mrs. Dodds, Mrs. Boynton; Parks, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mrs. Staats, Mrs. Swenson; Hospitality, Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Hall; City Affairs, Mrs. Gentle, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Chambers; Program, Mrs. Beattie, Mrs. Cletus Butler, Mrs. Gentle; District Committees, Northwest, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Crofoot, Mrs. Clay Taylor; Northeast, Mrs. Arant, Mrs. Pember, Mrs. Ackerman; Southwest, Mrs. Hochberg, Mrs. Percival, Mrs. Cornelius; Southeast, Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Morlan, Mrs. Heffley.

The next meeting of the Club is scheduled for February 22nd.

Russell Funeral Held

There was a large attendance at the funeral services of J. J. Russell held in the Christian church last Saturday afternoon. Many beautiful flowers were placed upon his coffin. Rev. H. C. Shropshire preached the funeral sermon.

Among those who came from out of town to attend the funeral was Mr. Russell's sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Albany, Mrs. Russell's brother John Chamberlain of Portland, her half-brother, Leander Blue and family of Dallas, a nephew, Dr. J. P. Johnson, of Portland, and a number of relatives and friends from Linn county and other places.

Burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery, south of Independence and was conducted by Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Tax Rate Lower

According to figures given out by the county assessor Monmouth taxes have been reduced this year from 72.1 mills in 1923 to 66.7 mills. The rates of other cities in the county are Dallas 59.1; Independence, 62 mills; Falls City, 77.6 mills and West Salem 76.9 mills.

Mrs. Ira C. Powell received a telegram from Seattle, Sunday announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Walter Zombro. She left immediately for the Washington city. Mr. Zombro was a contractor and died of heart troubles.

Miss Doris Hall made her Monmouth stay shorter than she anticipated, having been called back to Monterey, Cal. by the sudden sickness of her brother-in-law.

C. A. Nott, former general store delivery man is figuring on reestablishing the service once more.

Perfect Health



Gladys Hughes of Sunflower, Missouri, won first honors in the most perfect farm girl in the United States. She scored 99.

Normal Girls Entertain At A Birthday Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. McElmurry, Friday evening, January 25, was the scene of a gay group of merry maidens who gave Miss Helen Ojalla a surprise party in honor of her birthday.

The evening was overflowing with mirth. Several musical numbers were rendered by guests and Mrs. McElmurry. The girls then played games and performed many mysterious as well as humorous stunts.

Miss Leola Ojalla served dainty refreshments, after which the girls went in a body to the social hour of the Normal School and enjoyed an hour of dancing.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. McElmurry, Carol McCarter, Louise Marsh, Ruth Miller, Mildred Brown, Marjorie Tracey, Blanche Iiler, Bessie Brigham, Mildred Edgar, Mae Stoddard, Mildred Canon, Norma Randolph, Ialeen Fulston, Mary Rorer, Evelyn Payne, Leola Ojalla, Muriel Lwight, Agnes Anderson, Lola Martin, Irene Welcome.

Miss Helen received many beautiful gifts, several bearing the emblem of O. N. S. This is her second term at the Oregon Normal School.

Popular Couple Wed

Herbert Evans, principal of the West Side school, and Miss Hazel Madeline Van Avery, teacher in the school, were married Saturday in the rectory of St. Patrick's church by Rev. J. A. O'Hagan. Witnesses to the ceremony were J. B. Maguire and Miss Marie O'Malley.

The groom is well known throughout the valley, and is a young man of pleasing personality. The bride is a musician of exceptionally ability, and is a former Chautauqua worker.—Lake County Examiner.

His many friends are glad to see L. W. Waller out again after an illness of nearly three weeks.

First Lady



An excellent new portrait of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of our 29th President, and now first lady of the land. Across the back of this picture she wrote "Approved."

Falls City to Honor Pioneer's Birthday

On February 7, Falls City friends will send greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Eleanor Butler, the widow of the late Frank Butler, "founder of Falls City", who on that day will celebrate her 78th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler came to Polk county from Corvallis in 1881, two years after their arrival from Essex county, England, where Mr. Butler learned surveying from Mrs. Butler's brother and his associates, who were surveyors to Queen Victoria. They took up two donation land claims, 700 acres in all, comprising what is now South Falls City. The site of the present business section of the town was then heavily timbered. Mr. and Mrs. Butler made their way through dense underbrush, finding the beautiful falls of the Luckiamute river, from which the city takes its name.

Mr. Butler surveyed the town for several men who came later and formed a sort of land company. He donated the land for the Gerlinger railway, which later became the Salem, Falls City & Western, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific. He also deeded the ground for the Christian church, on a 99-year lease basis. He sold and donated small plots.

On Sundays the neighbors for miles around used to come to the Butler's log house to sing and listen to Mr. Butler play the massive grand piano of walnut, which made a six months' journey around the Horn and was the first instrument of its kind here.

Two years before Mr. Butler's death in 1908, the family moved to a new house overlooking Falls City and here Mrs. Butler has lived alone since. Randolph, a son, farms the old home place. Another son, Allen, died here at the age of 16, and the oldest son, Dr. Arthur Reginald Butler, is examining physician with the civil service commission in Washington, D. C.

In seeking land for right of way to connect the Valley & Siletz road with the Southern Pacific in Independence it was necessary to condemn a tract of 2.7 acres belonging to Clarence Irvine of Portland and Jesse Irvine of McMinnville. The jury awarded \$800 as compensation for the land.

Albert Sacre has been here for several days past attending to agricultural duties.

Pearl Fishback returned home Thursday after spending the week with his brother Russell of Portland.

NEW FARM PRODUCE PLAN IS FAVORED BY GOVERNOR

Need for an agricultural program for Oregon was stressed by W. J. Kerr, president of the state college, and Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon, before the agricultural economic conference, Wednesday. Several hundred farmers, bankers, and others interested in promoting agriculture, were registered for the conference, all sections of the state being represented.

"Markets for our staples are now world-wide where once they were entirely local," said President Kerr, who explained the purpose of the conference. "To meet the new conditions, increasing in complexity with the progress of our civilization, there must be a reorganization of our agriculture."

"The farmers are not prospering, but are struggling against tremendous difficulties. Conditions have aroused wide-spread interest in agriculture and a determination to relieve its distresses and place it on an equal footing with other essential industries."

That prosperity will come to the farmer who perseveres in an intelligent program of production and marketing was the conviction expressed by Governor Pierce. The problems of the farmer, with suggestions on how to meet them were outlined by the governor.

"Increase the production of articles you can sell close at hand, produce those you can ship in concentrated form without heavy shipping costs, eliminate as far as you can those products which we must sell outside the state, confine wheat growing to eastern Oregon, and increase production of dairy products, poultry, and hogs," were the governor's recommendations to the farmers.

THOSE NOISY MINORITIES

