

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Several members of the faculty were called to do local institute work Saturday, February 16. President Landers addressed the general assembly at the Vernonia institute, Mrs. W. A. Barnum and Miss Florence Beardsley, seventh and eighth grade critics, respectively, conducted departmental work at Newberg, Saturday, February 16.

It has become an established custom at the Normal for the various students to make a visit to the state capital each term. Through the courtesy of those in charge in the different offices, much first hand information is gained. The State Hospital, Penitentiary, Supreme Court and State House are each visited in turn, under the direction of an able guide. In order to get a general idea of the city, the afternoon is spent in visiting the various schools, including Willamette University. The woolen mills and paper mills are also opened to the visitors. Students are expected to make the excursion soon.

The Vespertine Literary Society gave a most enjoyable valentine program last Friday evening.

The Junior play "The Gypsy Trail" is to be given March 8th.

The Normal boys were victorious in the basketball game last week with the Willamette freshmen on the Salem floor. The game was a closely contested one, but ended with a final score of 23 to 18 in favor of the O. N. S. boys. Jim Stapleton was again high point man, making 15 of the 23 points.

On the afternoon of Friday, February 16, the Independence and Monmouth training school boys played in the Normal gym. The game ended in a tie, 13 to 13. This was played off and the Independence boys won, the final score being 15 to 13 in their favor.

Two Salem visitors have been chapel-hour guests in the past week. Superintendent George W. Hug came over to interview teachers to fill two vacancies in the Salem schools. Dr. E. E. Gilbert, district superintendent of Salem territory, spoke during the Wednesday assembly period on "The Measure of Life". He gave as a measure not how long one has lived, but what he has done and what his output is.

A representative of the Dennison Art Company spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the Art Department of the Normal demonstrating the uses of crepe paper as in making flowers, costumes, favors, etc.

Junior delegates chosen to attend the State Oratorical Contest at McMinnville, March 14 are as follows: Louise Hallyburton, Monmouth; Frances Leavengood, Lebanon; Margaret Loretz, Portland; Verna Cooley, Jefferson; Dorothy Harris, Portland. Miss Harris is to attend as council-member representative.

In observance of Washington's birthday, chapel exercises Friday morning, February 22, will be of a patriotic nature. There will be music and exercises followed by an address. The afternoon will be a holiday.

Miss Carlotta Crowley, supervisor of the Salem schools, and her mother, spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Beery and Emma Kramer.

Troubles of Westcott

A. E. Westcott of Newberg created a sensation at Corvallis last week by disappearing. His automobile was found in the river. It developed that the Newberg man had driven as far as Monmouth with his son where the latter left him to visit his aunt, Mrs. Rachel Miller. Hunt in the river was made for the body of Westcott without success. Sunday he returned to his home in Newberg in a delirious condition and was unable to explain his absence. He showed no signs of foul play. His shoes were slightly muddy but his clothing was in good condition.

The family doctor says the man shows evidence of having been out of his mind for some time. He attributes the victim's condition to a bad accident in which he was injured some time ago. Newberg police, however think he is shamming. They say his financial conditions are in a bad way.

MONMOUTH WINS AND LOSES IN THE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

The inter-high school debate topic this year is: Resolved that a severance tax is a desirable feature of any system of state or local taxation. The Monmouth high school debated the topic with Dallas last Thursday evening, holding the negative in Monmouth with Cecil Poole and Earl Stewart as debaters and advocating the positive in Dallas with Robert Hall and Opal Wedekind upholding the colors there. In Monmouth the debating team lost by a unanimous decision to their Dallas opponents and at the county seat the local aspirants won by a two to one decision.

When Busy Bees Buzz Drones Seek Seclusion

The Busy Bees is a club formed of and by the farm women just north of Monmouth, and all the women within a district about four miles square are eligible to membership. The object of the organization is for the social advancement, to bring about a more neighborly feeling, to get acquainted and exchange ideas as to the best ways to accomplish their several duties as wives and mothers, like raising chickens and training husbands, and other things liable to come into the life of a farm woman.

My bigger half was complaining the other day, that no one reported the meetings any more, and "commanded" that I take it upon myself to write a little squib concerning the doings of the "Mystic Order of Busy Bees", but as the inner workings of the Bees is a closed book to all "he" men, much must be imagined, as no man has ever remained longer within the mystic circle than to find out that the Busy Bees club was a mighty poor place for a man of inquisitive nature. He generally takes the first opening to scare himself away, and the Bees generally see to it that an opportunity happens about that time, so he waits not upon the order of his going, but quickly evaporates, and the buzz goes on as tho' nothing had occurred.

The Busy Bees hold their meetings each alternate week at one of the homes. They take hubby's socks or other like mending and enjoy the company of one another all afternoon, indulging in topics of conversation concerned about flowers, cows, hens, men, and other beasts, about jams, jellies, canaries and other children, but—no gossip. (?) Such news as "Did you hear about Mrs. — eloping with Mr. —?" "Mrs. — says that Mrs. Ditto said that" etc. are just considered as news. But no gossip goes.

Once a year the Bees give a picnic and that is where the drones shine. That is their day for mixing in, when the girls bring forth their husbands to parade in review, that they might be judged, which bee had made the biggest improvement during the past year. But there are other things for hubby to do. He must drive the car, mind the kids, keep the camp fire burning, gather wood, rustle water, make the coffee, and innumerable little jobs "while the Busy Bees are enjoying the quiet rest that they have so dearly earned."

When they "hive" up at some ones house, the Queen Bee is expected to wind up the afternoon with a luncheon composed of not more than two items on the bill of eatables. This does not include the glassware nor any of the cooking utensils.

It is wonderful what excuses the bees can conjure up for getting a scarceness of hubby the day of the swarming, but if he is wise he will make himself very absent on that day.

The last swarm occurred at the hive of Mrs. C. H. Newman. There were eleven bees present including the queen. The next swarm will be at the hive of Mrs. J. B. Lorence on the 27th of this month.

"Mrs. — wore a new hat to our last meeting and Mrs. — had on the loveliest (I cannot remember the kind of cloth) dress today" are common expressions for hubby to hear after a meeting.

The Busy Bees is a good institution, bless their hearts, may they buzz on forever. One of the Drones.

Mrs. M. D. Smith and Miss Effie Smith of Corvallis were Faculty house visitors Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, accompanied by Miss Blanche Clark and Ida Mae Smith, they were dinner guests at the William Riddell, Jr. home.

Monmouth Odd Fellows put on the initiatory degree for the benefit of Fred Hill Monday evening.

Recalls Early History Of The Elkins School

The following is a short history of the Elkins school read at a meeting of the Farmers Union at Elkins last Saturday by Mrs. G. B. Jones.

To write a complete history of Elkins, one would have to start with the first settlers that came to this community; but the name Elkins Community begins with the building of the first school house on the present site. The first school house in the district was situated three quarters of a mile to the north of the present building and was known as the Hardison school house. When this building needed replacing a new site was chosen in order to get the school more nearly in the center of the district. To show the community spirit even in those early days, it might be well to mention that three different men offered to donate land on which to build the new school. The place finally selected was where T. A. McDowd's house now stands. James S. Holman donated two acres of land at this place. After part of the lumber was hauled, he decided to sell this part of his farm to his son, and asked the district's permission to change the site to the present one. This they did and in the spring of 1872 the first Elkins school house was built. It was officially named the Olive Branch school house, but the name was never used, for just across the road was the Elkins farm and it has been the Elkins school to everyone since that time. Mr. Elkins lives in Monmouth at the present time.

In the fall of the year 1872 the first term of school was taught. It is interesting to know that one of our union members attended the first school at Elkins. A. Z. Tedrow who was eleven years old at this time. Later the girl who afterwards became his wife, attended school here. She, too, is a member of our local. Over half a century has elapsed since the first Elkins school was taught. The changes have been many. The first teacher to teach in the new school house was Miss Florence Warner. Since then scores of teachers have had charge of the Elkins school. Many of them are well known in Polk county. Charles Miller, who passed away at Rickreall a few months ago, was at one time a teacher here. Lincoln Murphy, Miss Armilda Doughty of Monmouth, A. J. Shipley, also of Monmouth, E. M. Smith, for years county clerk of Polk county, now connected with the Oregon Agricultural College, H. J. Elliott of Perrydale, all taught at Elkins. Twenty seven people living at this time in the bounds of Elkins district at one time attended school here. Of this number seventeen are members of our local. No doubt the work of the local has been better, the spirit of co-operation stronger, through the many lifelong friendships formed at Elkins school.

Elkins district has grown from a school with but a few months teaching in the spring of the year, to one of the first of its class, with nine full months of school, under the direct supervision of the Oregon Normal School, with an expert critic teacher in charge. When you are working with friends you have known since childhood and you have every confidence in their sincerity and judgment, it is easy to see the benefits of community work and co-operation.

Engagement Announced

Saturday afternoon the Faculty house was the scene of a lovely party given by the Misses Vivian Chandler and LaVelle Wood. Decorations were carried out in Valentine colors. At the close of the afternoon of games, "mysterious" but dainty refreshments were served. Not until the little red chimneys of the white pastry were torn down did the guests solve the mystery. Cunningly concealed within were found the "Specifications" which announced the engagement of Miss Chandler to Mr. Lyle Bartholomew, an architect of Portland. Both are graduates of the University of Oregon and were prominent in student activities there.

Guy Deming has opened the real estate office, formerly occupied by the late Mr. Boothby at 139 Main street. See him if you want to buy or sell real estate.

W. E. Smith was here from Portland to attend the funeral services of G. T. Boothby.

Primary Candidates Take To The Trail

G. A. Peterson for County Judge

This week Grove A. Peterson of the Oak Point district tosses his hat in the ring with the announcement that he will seek the Democratic nomination as county judge. As it is now a practical certainty that Judge Asa B. Robinson will not seek a renomination and as C. C. Gardner of Bridgeport has refused to come out as an active candidate the field at present on the Democratic side looks decidedly favorable to Mr. Peterson. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, can be expected to attend public meetings where the good of the people of the county is concerned and has been especially active in promoting any effort to keep taxes down. While a native of California, Mr. Peterson has spent most of his life in Oregon. For twenty years he taught in the schools of Benton county and was twice a candidate for county superintendent of the county for the minority party. He has lived in Polk county for fifteen years; did a flourishing business as a real estate man in Monmouth, lived for years on a farm in the Suver district and quite recently bought a farm of his own in the Oak Point district. His friends believe he would make a thoroughly competent judge.

E. C. Kirkpatrick for County Judge

E. C. Kirkpatrick, former county judge and a candidate for the Republican nomination for that office was a visitor in the Herald office and other places in Monmouth Saturday. In times past Monmouth has given Mr. Kirkpatrick's aspirations hearty endorsement and he has many friends there. One thing about Mr. Kirkpatrick, while he is decided in his opinions and prompt to make decisions he has never fomented factionalism in the county and comes as near being impartial as any resident of the county ever gets.

A. R. Cadle for Sheriff

A. R. Cadle of Rickreall whose name has been mentioned as a candidate for nomination as sheriff on the Republican ticket was a visitor in Monmouth Wednesday. Mr. Cadle although a native of East Tennessee has been since youth a resident of Oregon. His capacity and quality are recognized and should he decide to make a race for the sheriff's office will render a good account of himself.

Mrs. Stella Hull for County Treasurer

Mrs. Stella Hull of the Mistletoe district announces that she will make the race for nomination as county treasurer on the Democratic ticket in the coming primaries. The indication is that she will have no opposition in her party for the nomination. Mrs. Hull has many friends in Monmouth who respect her for her many good qualities. The office of county treasurer with the salary it pays will hardly attract any one but a woman or an elderly man and Mrs. Hull feels that her own chances are good.

Petitions in her favor are being circulated in Monmouth.

Ezra Hart for County Commissioner

Ezra Hart, present county commissioner has announced his candidacy for renomination. He says the uncompleted state of the market roads demands that he see the job through.

Boothby at Rest

Funeral services for G. T. Boothby which were held in the Christian church Sunday afternoon were attended by a throng which taxed the seating capacity of that building. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs attended in a body and there must have been a hundred in the double column. Many visiting brethren were present from Dallas and Independence. Many beautiful floral offerings were on coffin and around it. Rev. H. C. Shropshire preached most impressively for the occasion.

At the burial services in the Monmouth cemetery the Odd Fellows ritual was followed. Chas. Newman officiated as Noble Grand and H. K. Sickafosse as chaplain.

Rosalie Orvetta Andrus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Andrus of this city, was operated on at the McMinnville hospital on Monday, February 18. Her condition is very critical, but hopes are held for her recovery.

Harold Bogart of King's Valley, formerly of Monmouth, was a visitor here Monday.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Christian Men's Brotherhood will hold its next regular meeting in the Baptist church parlors, Tuesday, February 26, at 7:30 p. m.

The topic for discussion is "The Problem of the Present Day Boy". The discussion will be led by Mr. Ira Powell.

The men's quartet will make its first appearance at this meeting. All men of Monmouth are invited. T. H. Schutte, Chairman Program Committee

Normal Student Weds Overseas Veteran

The Sunday Oregonian carried an item announcing the marriage in Vancouver, Washington of Carl Plessinger of Dallas and Miss Roxie Willhansen of Monmouth. Both of the young people have many friends here who wish them joy and happiness. The bride has worked at the hotel while attending Normal. While she is a resident of Portland she is a native of Mexico. Her father was in the oil business and both parents are now dead. The groom was among the first of our volunteers to get over seas during the late war. He served as a teamster in the artillery and was also among the last to leave European soil.

Valentine Party At Virginia Hurst

A very pretty valentine party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Taylor, on Saturday evening last, to the Normal School girls residing at "Virginia Hurst", the new Taylor home on Monmouth Avenue.

The house was prettily festooned with garlands of red and white ribbons and the tables were decorated with vases of sweet peas that rivalled any of the Dennison work on exhibit in the Morlan windows.

Wonderful, big bleeding hearts were mercilessly suspended about the rooms in most dangerous places, but only one, and alas! the most beautiful one, was pierced with cupid's arrow.

All the decorations, flowers, garlands and hearts were made by the clever fingers of the girls themselves.

At five o'clock luncheon was served in the large dining room and a very animated picture the girls made as they seated themselves around the long table, like lassies with her laddie (laddies imported from the property room of the Oregon Norm.)

Four little misses from the training school, dressed in white, and be-spangled with red, red hearts in a manner that would have won the approval of old St. Valentine himself, acted as waitresses and added a charming note to the scene as well as to the picture of it which the photographer tried to take with a flashlight.

Half of the girls were dressed as little misses of from 14 to 16 years. There were bobbed-haired girls and Mary Pickford girls with long curly curls, and quaint little girls, and butterfly girls, and girls and more girls.

The other half of the girls were

boys togged out in the property room of the Normal. There were ordinary boys and extraordinary boys, city dudes and country Rubes. There was a little short g. o. b. in a white duck middle suit and a lean, lank g. o. b. in a blue sailor suit that looked as though he might have stepped off Her Majesty's Ship Pinafore. There were red-haired and freckled faced boys so well disguised that it was difficult to recognize them. There was one country Rube, with his green necktie dangling over his chest and a tasselled woolen cap pulled down over his ears, in a way to let his forelocks show, that played the part of a love-lorn swain so well that the scribe never did recognize him until his identity was subscribed and sworn to, that it was our own Ruby Tipton.

Dean Taylor chaperoned the party and was quite the most popular girl on the floor in the dance that took place in the drawing room after the luncheon was over.

It was a merry party and the keen enjoyment the girls seemed to be getting out of it, emphasized their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for the hospitality of their home.

Mrs. Fred Gradke who has been ill at her home on East Street for some time past recovered sufficiently last week to make the trip to Seattle where relatives will care for her. Her son, Gilbert Jarvis came after her.

Directory Appears At Club Dinner

While there was only a small attendance at the Commercial club dinner at the Hotel Monmouth last Tuesday evening an interesting and profitable time was had.

In the first place each guest found a copy of the new city directory beside his plate. This book which contains a list of the houses and streets of the city with names and numbers was printed through the enterprise of the business men of the city and was compiled by E. M. Ebbert. There are sixty small pages in the book.

Chairman P. H. Johnson announced the appointment of the executive committee as Ira C. Powell, Dr. Bowersox and Prof. Dodds.

The matter of sewers was brought up with the announcement that the council is forwarding this work and has engineers preparing a preliminary ground sketch and estimates of cost.

The following were appointed as a committee to examine in the plans and confer with the council. E. C. Cole, R. B. Swenson and Ira C. Powell.

A proper auto camp park for Monmouth was also discussed. Several places deemed suitable and the chair was asked to appoint a committee to look into this matter. The naming of this committee was reserved until later.

The club also decided to help boost the plan of systematic shade tree planting and appointed the following committee to confer with the Civic club and assist in any way possible: E. M. Ebbert, Ralph Hargett and Fred Hill.

P. O. Powell and Manager Frank

Murdock of the creamery appeared in

behalf of the Grange to ask the club

to take action to favor retention of

the oleo law which is threatened by

a referendum. The club went on record

as favoring assistance to the dairy

industry in this way.

Bok Prize Winner



Charles H. Levermore, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary of the M. T. Peace Society and former President of Adelphi College is the winner of the Bok Peace prize. He was presented with the \$50,000 check at a ceremony held in New York City last week. The prize was awarded for his plan to accept other \$50,000 if his plan is accepted through the national referendum vote now in progress.