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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Oregon Normal School, March 4, 1924

A number of Normal students will attend the Student-Volunteer and Christian Endeavor Conference held in Corvallis, March 7th, 8th, and 9th. One of the prominent speakers for the conference is Mr. Blanchard, who addressed the national meeting at Indianapolis during the holidays. Aside from the regular conference work, a pageant and a banquet have been planned for the visitors from over the state. Students who plan to go from here are: Alice E. F. Smith, Portland; Mildred Ginn, Moro; Zella Wallace, North Powder; Mary Dippert, Portland; Irene Iversen, Portland.

Mr. J. S. Landers, President of the Normal School, will address the monthly Parent Teacher meeting at Independence on the Bok Peace Plan tonight (Tuesday). President Landers spoke to the student body on the same subject last week. He gave the salient points for argument from first the negative and then the positive point of view.

Dr. T. H. Schutte of the Department of Education spoke to a teachers' assembly at Newberg, Saturday, March 1. He gave two general addresses, "The Social Program in the High School" and "Seven National Problems in Education".

A meeting of the Willamette Valley College Conference was held in Monmouth, Saturday, March 1. In this association Linfield, Pacific, Philomath, Dental, Albany Colleges and the Normal School were represented. The Chemawa Indian School and Mt. Angel Junior College sent delegates who applied for school membership. They were permitted to schedule games with the conference teams and the question of membership will be determined at the next meeting which is to be in November. The conference made a base-ball schedule for spring. Arrangements were also made for a tennis tournament in Monmouth May 30, and 31, and a track meet at Linfield College in McMinnville. Winners of the basket-ball championship were considered. However, the championship was not awarded because of a question of ineligibility of one of the players on the Dental College team and also one of the Albany College team. The championship will be awarded after an investigation of the protest made. Professor G. R. Schlaugh, Registrar of Linfield, presided as president of the Conference.

The baseball schedule for the spring term is as follows:

Monmouth at Linfield April 25  
Chemawa at Monmouth, May 3  
Linfield at Monmouth, May 9  
Monmouth at Pacific, May 16  
Monmouth at Chemawa, May 21  
Monmouth at Albany, May 23  
Monmouth at Mt. Angel, May 28  
Pacific at Monmouth, May 30  
Mt. Angel at Monmouth, June 4  
Albany at Monmouth, June 6

Special music will be provided during chapel assemblies this week in recognition of Good Music Week. A student, Miss Pansy Van Housen, of LaGrande, sang two classical numbers, "Eyes of Spring So Azure", and "The Lost Chord", for the first assembly of this week. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. S. Landers.

Some three months ago the Commercial Club launched a weekly school newspaper, "The O. N. S. Breeze". The popularity of it has

been so marked and it has made such rapid strides in growth that the Club found the task too great to keep pace with properly. So the student body plan to take over the publication and be responsible for it. A decidedly clever stunt was staged in assembly, a mock wedding of "Miss O. N. S. Breeze" to "Mr. Normal Blank", indicating the change of management. At present a contest is on to contribute the most suitable name for the new student body paper.

The Saturday night dance and play party were voted a decided success by the participants. Dance decorations were crepe paper streamers in the pastel shades and large baskets of pussy-willows in various places in the gymnasium. Miss Addie Graham of Toledo, Oregon, gave a dainty little scarf dance as the special dance feature. The play party was a series of geographical games and the decorations were in keeping with the nature of the entertainment. Special features were given by various students.

Miss Mildred Hoyt of LaGrande, general chairman of the dance committee, and Mrs. Beatrice Young, of Wallowa, general chairman of the play party committee, both deserve credit for efficient management of these functions.

As the date of the Oratorical Contest at McMinnville, March 14, approaches, more and more enthusiasm is evidenced by the Normal students. A large delegation of students and faculty will represent the Normal School.

Miss LaVelle Wood's domestic science class will prepare a dinner for the Faculty Friday evening. This will prescribe the faculty meeting to be held in the Training School building that evening.

The Gypsy Trail is the three-act comedy which is to be presented by the Junior Class, Saturday, March 8, at 8:15. The characters are as follows: Michael Rudder—Russell Jones; Edward Andrews—George Lusby; Frank Raymond—Glenn Savage; John Raymond—Margaret Murray; Stiles—Ray Logan; Frances Raymond—Mildred Lovett; Mrs. Whidmore—Frances Leavengood; Miss Janet Raymond—Lilah Holloway; Elen—Effie Ek.

Those who saw the Moroni Olsen Players in "Candida" last fall will be delighted to know that they will again have a chance to be highly entertained, but this time in a light comedy, when "Mr. Pin Passes By" comes to the Normal School on March 11, at 7:30 P. M. It is all fun from beginning to end—every bit as funny as was the drunken scene in "Candida". Tickets will be on sale at Morlan's Monday, March 10. Admission 50c.

## Roosevelt Club Pleases

The appearance of the Roosevelt club of the Portland Y. M. C. A. attracted large audiences to the Evangelical church last week-end. On Saturday evening the program was in a lighter vein and that it made a hit with the audience was evident from the many expressions of appreciation to be heard. The services Sunday morning and afternoon attracted capacity audiences. Many stayed to the dinner at noon in the basement of the church. The singing was a prominent feature of the services. There were fourteen of the club members in the choir and a special quartet which was made up from their numbers was exceptionally good. F. B. Smiley of the Monmouth warehouse was largely instrumental in arranging for the visit of the Portland boys.

C. E. Force is down with the grip and other complications.

## Rumored, Reported Concocted, Collected

### Monmouth Boy Weds

Ermine K. Gentle took advantage of the George Washington holiday and the week-end vacation to make a flying trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. He returned to Portland on Tuesday morning bringing with him Miss Frances M. Douglas of that city as his bride. Mrs. Gentle is the only daughter of Dr. C. I. Douglas, one of the leading physicians of Salt Lake City. She is a senior in the University of Oregon and the president of the Girls' Oregon Club there. She will graduate from that institution in June.

Mr. Gentle is a son of Professor and Mrs. Thomas H. Gentle of Monmouth. He is a student of the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland and a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity. The young couple have many friends to extend hearty good wishes and congratulations.

### Wheat Farmers Hard Up

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Edwards returned last Friday from a visit with relatives and friends in Moro and Wasco. While they found the roads very much improved over what they were a short time ago and prospects good for a bumper crop this next summer the people of that section are too much engrossed with financial troubles to make cheerful company. All through that wheat farming section tales of ill fortune, of lost farms and adverse markets are the common lot.

### Mrs. T. F. Graves Passes

Mrs. Tom Graves, wife of the former county commissioner died at her home at McCoy Monday. She dropped dead without previous warning of sickness. Funeral services were held at Bethel Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Graves had been a sufferer from heart trouble for many years. Her maiden name was Mary Ella Newbill and she was born in the Grande Ronde section in Polk county June 21, 1851. Married to Mr. Graves in 1885 they went to live on the Graves homestead near McCoy. 32 years were spent on this farm and since they have lived in their new home at McCoy.

Beside her husband she is survived by one son and one step-son.

### Observer Changes Hands

The Polk County Observer has a new hand at the helm this week, the sequel of the following advance notice which appeared in that paper last week.

A deal is pending by which Earle Richardson becomes the owner of The Polk County Observer, E. A. Koen selling the plant and business. Papers will be signed and the transfer made Saturday, March 1.

Mr. Richardson comes to Dallas from Elgin, Oregon, where he had been publisher of a newspaper. He has had other experience. Being a native Oregonian, coming originally from Yamhill county, he will no doubt make a decided success of the business.

Mr. Koen, who has been publisher of this newspaper for the past five years, has no plans to announce. He has several deals in view, but may spend his time politicking until after the primary election. In the meantime he proposes to see something of Oregon.

As an outward evidence of an inward desire to help make Monmouth beautiful, Morlan & Son are turning over the sod in front of their store, preliminary to seeding to grass or flowers. "Who'll be the next?"

## Portland Firm Will Plan Sewer System

The matter of sewer facilities for Monmouth has been steadily acquiring importance as a live issue for several years past and the first active boost the project has received was at the hands of the city council this week. A short time ago a Salem sewer tile dealer volunteered to get a rough estimate of what sewer facilities would cost. He interested an engineer and did some work in the city recently.

Tuesday being the regular meeting night it was expected that some report from this source would be forthcoming. But no one appeared on behalf of the Salem man.

Two other engineering concerns, however were represented.

Frank E. Semon, acting for himself, made a proposition to the council. Mr. Semon is at present engaged in supervising sewer work in Dallas, and is able to present ample evidence of his capacity. In a written and oral communication to the council he went over the sewer situation in Monmouth and made a proposition of a preliminary investigation. He proposed to enter the service of the city at wages of \$16 per day for field work and \$10 per day for office work and when the total of his services have reached the sum of \$125 to turn over his field notes and engineering data to the city. Further working connection with the city to be thereafter agreed on should the city feel encouraged to tackle the larger problems. Mr. Semon undertook to guarantee the best of engineering services.

Mr. F. T. Koehler representing the firm of Stevens and Koon of Portland made a proposal to furnish plans and specifications from a preliminary survey of the needs and possibilities of the situation for a lump sum of \$200. He detailed at some length the recent accomplishments of his company in constructing sewers in Albany and Portland and water systems at Condon and at Camas, Washington. He also explained the construction of a sewer system where the sewage was cared for by means of an Iemhoff tank. This tank, he explained, had originated in Germany and was the latest word in this phase of sewage disposal. He also explained methods and costs of trench excavation and said that at times it might be cheaper to lay a larger pipe than to run the expense of laying smaller pipe in a deeper excavation.

The council decided to give the Stevens & Koon company the job of making the preliminary investigation and preparing data of costs.

A step toward real city airs is to be taken by Monmouth in the near future. The council authorized the drawing up of an ordinance requiring a permit for the erection of any building within the city limits. This determination was arrived at following the receipt of a communication from a committee from the Civic Club. In this communication it was requested that the council take action banishing pigs from the residence quarters of the city and that dairies be also segregated where they do not give offence to residents. The part referring to dairies was ordered turned over to the State Dairy and Food Commission.

### The Byrds Visit Honolulu

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Byrd of Spokane are here on their return trip from a two months' visit in the Hawaiian islands. They went to see a very young grandson and Mr. Byrd says his sea experience was such that he is sure the youngster will have whiskers as long as his body before he cares to repeat the experiment. Not only was the voyage stormy but he found winter in the islands conducive to rheumatism and other troubles. Notwithstanding a few of these discomforts they found many pleasant experiences in this land of perpetual summer. Its crops, its people, and its magnificent flowers and trees make the visit one long to be remembered.

The meeting of the Polk County Odd Fellows Visiting Association will be held in Monmouth with the local brethren as hosts. The date of the meeting is March 17th. The Independence team will put on the initiatory and the Monmouth team will put on the first degree.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Force celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary March 4th.

## Job for Kiss



Margaretta Pratt, 17, of Kansas City, Mo. High School, dared her teacher, E. E. Damon, to kiss her. He did, lightly, she says, and—lost his job.

## Greenwood Community Ears Electric Lights

A very interesting program, and a delightful cafeteria supper was given by the Greenwood community at the schoolhouse Saturday evening, February 23rd. The program, including a number of patriotic readings, a clever dialogue concerning the comparative merits of those two great Americans, Washington and Lincoln, a play "Preparing a Lincoln Program", the song "Beautiful Oregon Rose", all given by the pupils of Greenwood School, a vocal duet, "Whispering Hope," by Willie and Lorene Rideout, and an appreciative rendering of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" by Lorene Rideout, led us who were present to see and hear, to a realization of what patriotism means.

The cafeteria supper, served by the patrons, neighbors and friends of the school, was a decided success from both culinary and domestic points of view.

The proceeds from the supper, totaling nearly forty dollars, is to be used to complete the payment on the electric lights which have been recently installed in the school building.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Oestreich, the teacher of Greenwood school, for the progressive work she has done and is doing for the school and the community.

### Tree Alphabet

On the estate of Sir William Geary at Tonbridge there is an avenue of alphabetical trees, which is being added to by a new set, which are being planted in pairs on each side of the existing avenue at intervals of ten yards, beginning with alder, ash, birch, catalpa, davidia, elm, fir, and so on through the alphabet to yulan and zelkova.

In the Weser district in Germany there is another fashion in trees which is entirely a commercial one. The trees have a red and blue tint, which is the result of experiments in dyeing. Each tree is hung with a receptacle containing blue or red coloring. This is conducted through a rubber tube into the roots of the tree. In about a month the coloring matter makes its way through all the branches. The trees die off and are felled, the wood being used for many purposes, but especially for making furniture.

## County Cooperates In Settlement Work

Several members of the Monmouth Commercial Club attended the meeting of other county representatives in the rooms of the Dallas Commercial club last Thursday evening. At this meeting representatives of the land settlement committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce explained their mission.

All are familiar with the \$300,000 fund raised by Portland for the development of the state. It was planned to spend this money in advertising but previously the railroads of the Northwest had come to the same determination and they were first on the job.

Taking lesson from the experience of Southern California which had big results from this type of advertising, the Portland Land Settlement committee is preparing to organize this inflow of settlers which has been taken for granted as bound to come and is arranging the machinery to take care of it.

It is realized that the settler who is an asset to the state is a satisfied settler and to guarantee him a square deal is the problem of the moment.

They aim to secure responsible people in each community to steer the newcomer in the right direction and, if possible, to secure disinterested appraisal of land that is offered for sale for the protection of the prospective settler.

Whitney L. Boise, a representative of the state and Portland chambers headed the delegation and Marshall N. Dana of the Portland Journal, Mr. Jenkins of the Southern Pacific Company and others were called on. The definite organization of the county is to be held in the same place next Monday evening.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Last Friday the Monmouth basket ball team defeated the Turner team at Turner by a score of 17-9. Arnold was high point man. Several open shots were missed by Monmouth or the score would have been larger.

Friday of next week ends the basket ball season. Perrydale plays the return game at Monmouth.

A student body meeting was held Wednesday and it was decided that the high school would take part in all athletic contests which include baseball, track, tennis, typing and declamatory.

The school play will be given during the last week of the month. The date is not definitely settled.

Mr. Zeller is being kept busy coaching his face through a severe attack of poison oak.

The tennis courts have been salted down in hopes of killing the grass and weeds.

The girls are beginning to feel the call of spring and are already spending their spare moments playing baseball.

—Evan Hartzell

## The Shirt Gilmore Wove

John Scott recently received a woolen shirt from L. P. Gilmore, Hughesville, Pa. with the explanation that the fabric had been woven in the Gilmore mills. It is a fine shirt and, naturally, Mr. Scott is much pleased with it.

## President Told of Good Roads Hopes



Members of the U. S. Good Roads Association from the south and west, called upon President Coolidge to tell of their hopes and aims. He was urged to attend the national convention at Albuquerque, New Mexico this year and meet personally President Obregon of Mexico who has accepted.

## Army Fliers Ready for 'Round the World Flight



After receiving the President's "Godspeed" and final instructions, at Washington, the U. S. Army aviators went to their posts for the "Round the World" flight which soon starts. Left to right they are: Lt. L. D. Schultz, Lt. E. H. Nelson, Maj. F. L. Martin in command, Lt. L. P. Arnold, Leigh Wade, Lowell H. Smith and John Harding, Jr.