

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

## Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

Reverend M. B. Paroungian, a native Armenian but now an American citizen, was one of the chapel speakers during the past week. Obviously, he was able to give a very vivid impression of the conditions and needs of his native land. He spoke in behalf of the Near East Relief Association. Students and faculty responded liberally in donations and pledges.

Another chapel visitor was J. Carl Bowman, a former student and graduate of the Oregon Normal School. Mr. Bowman is now city superintendent at Lakeview, Oregon. He was interviewing prospective Lakeview teachers while here.

The State Oratorical Contest held in McMinnville last Friday was attended by a large number of Normal students. Honors went to Pacific College at Newberg. Miss Mary Dippert of Portland represented the Normal School, and was the only girl speaker in the contest. While O. N. S. did not win the contest, all felt Miss Dippert made a very creditable showing for the school.

Morlan & Son recently offered a prize for the best menu folder suggestion. The problem was taken up by one of the Normal art classes. The judges, Miss Alabama Brenton, Miss Anne Ulen and Mr. Morlan, found it hard to decide among the many suggestions offered, so two prizes were given instead of one. The first went to Miss Glenna Miranda of Gladstone, Oregon, and the second to Joe Staats of Monmouth. A display of the covers will be made in the lower hall of the administration building where students may see all of the material from which the judges made their choice.

The winter term of school ended Thursday noon. Many students are spending the short vacation at their homes, and will return Monday for registration in the spring term.

The concert of the Normal orchestra and the Monmouth and Independence training school orchestras has been postponed. The date was formerly announced for May 28, but illness of some of the important members has made a change of date necessary. A later date will be announced soon.

## Will Improve Property

Mrs. Dora Daniels who moved here last fall from Dallas has determined to be a permanent resident. It is reported she has bought of Mrs. G. Raah the house which formerly stood where the Odd Fellows building is located. Mrs. Daniels will rebuild the house.

Flax growers from various sections of the Willamette valley held a conference with Governor Pierce at Salem with relation to the purchase of flax pullers to be used in harvesting this year's crop.

The Southern Pacific railway bridge across Coos bay was damaged to the extent of \$75,000 or more by the schooner Martha Buehner, which knocked an entire span of the structure into the water.

It is not likely that the foot and mouth disease will spread to Oregon, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, who has returned from California, where he assisted in measures to stop the epidemic.

The American Legion in Oregon is increasing in membership so rapidly that there is every indication that before many months there will be 10,000 members, according to Fred Kiddle of Island City, state commander.

A special election on May 16 has been ordered by the city council of Albany for the purpose of voting \$35,000 bridge bonds, the share Albany contributed to the proposed highway bridge across the Willamette river.

Figures compiled by Carl D. Shoemaker, secretary of the commercial fish commission of Oregon, show that in the last six years 134,871,196 salmon fry have been planted in rivers and streams of the Columbia river district.

The Warrenton city council has been requested by the state game commission to construct a fish ladder at the city water system headworks on the Lewis and Clark river. Clatsop county sportsmen have asked to have the river above the dam closed to anglers for a period of two years.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The last game of the basketball season was played with Perrydale last Friday. The score was 31 to 23 in favor of Monmouth.

The spring Field and Track Meet will be held on the Normal Campus this year, the date being set for May 31.

The boys have started practicing baseball and have had two practices so far. The first game of baseball is scheduled at Falls City, April 11.

Much enthusiasm and hard work prevails in preparation for the play to be given at the Normal Chapel tonight. A large audience is anticipated. The members of the cast have spent long and faithful hours in the practicing of the play. "Assisted by Sadie" consists of four acts, throughout which the thief who stole the necklace remains a mystery. The play is a mixture of mystery, adventure, humor and romance, and is far superior to the plays usually attempted by high school students. The setting is a fashionable seaside hotel. Several robberies occur. The efforts of the detectives and the guests to discover the thief prove fruitless until the startling discovery is made in the last act, proving a genuine surprise to the audience.

The cast is as follows:  
Alonzo Dow, The Mystery, Hugh Van Loan  
Michael Cameron, The Detective, Earle Stewart  
Colonel Jenniver, The Manager, Donald Skeen  
Reginald Null, The Millionaire, William Saver  
Doctor Beadle, The Professor, David Yergen  
Bunch, The Bellboy, Leon Phillips  
Sadie Brady, The Stenographer, Velma Strain  
Mrs. Christopher Carley, The Dowager, Maybelle McClellan  
Harriet Carley, The Step-daughter, Elizabeth Tilton  
Senora Gonzales, The Adventuress, Dorothy Partridge  
Vicky Vaughan, The Debutante, Evangeline Davidson  
Miss Quinn, The Maid, Naomi Huggins  
Several Guests

**Celebrate Fifty-Fifth Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. Milton F. Hoysler of East Independence entertained with an informal dinner Sunday, honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mulkey Sr. of Monmouth on their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. Daffodils attractively arranged in a crystal basket formed the centerpiece. A beautiful bride's cake was presented to the "bride of long ago" by little Miss Agnes Catherine Clark of Portland. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Clark of Portland; Master Robert Hoysler; Miss Dorothy Clark and Mr. Fred Hill of Monmouth.

## Doctor in the Lead

C. W. Leonard, this week, sends us from Portland a bulletin on the state of his health. He writes that he is being treated under the Abrams system and his doctor, S. F. Grover made a test at the end of the first month and showed that his health was one fourth better but he doesn't feel the part. According to his feelings, he can not say he is that much to the good.

Authority for a per capita payment of \$150 to the Indians of the Klamath agency in Oregon was granted by the secretary of the Interior. The amount to be distributed is approximately \$183,000. About 1220 Indians will share in the payments.

Announcement by the Standard Oil company that it intends to remove its advertising signs along the state highways in Oregon is appreciated by the state highway commission, according to a letter prepared by Roy Klein, state highway engineer.

As a result of the serious illness of O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, Governor Pierce announced that nothing could be done at present with relation to the purchase of a site for the proposed new plant for the state training school for boys at Salem.

The state of Oregon will be limited to ten votes at the national democratic convention to be held in New York next June, regardless of how many delegates are sent to the meeting, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney-general.

In an address before the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce Colonel C. C. Thompson, superintendent of the Crater Lake national park, stated that records of parks for last year showed Crater Lake the only self-supporting national park in the United States.

## Independence Doctor Stricken By Apoplexy

Dr. Frederick G. Hewitt, well known physician of Independence died at his home in that city Sunday, the 16th of March. He had been ill with pneumonia and recovered after a sickness of two weeks; went out to work too soon and was struck down by apoplexy at 1 p. m. Sunday and did not recover consciousness, passing away four hours later.

Dr. Hewitt was a native of Kansas and was born January 17, 1877. When a small boy he came to Oregon with his parents and they settled in the Waldo hills near Salem. When he was ten years of age his family moved to Grant County and settled in the vicinity of Long Creek. Mr. Hewitt was a self made man. He taught school, carried mail, and edited a newspaper in Ukiah, Oregon.

On May 20, 1900 he was married to Miss Jessie M. Waincott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Waincott of Long Creek. Soon after his marriage he entered Willamette university and started the study of medicine. He graduated with the class of 1907 and practiced medicine in Eastern Oregon until 1913 when he located in Yoncalla. He moved to Independence in 1915. He was a successful practitioner there since that time.

During the war he served as a medical officer with the rank of 1st lieutenant and was stationed at Camp Lewis. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Independence and active in his membership. He took a live interest in community work and fostered the boys' band, a feature of Independence musical life. He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. Opal Braute of Dayton, Gerald R., a student at the Oregon Agricultural college; Frederick G. Jr., and Naomi of Independence. Also four sisters, Mrs. Mary Harriman and Mrs. Lettie Cowles of Grant County; Mrs. F. E. Gage of Seattle and Mrs. Frances Branch of Salem.

Funeral services were held in the Independence M. E. church and were largely attended. Rev. J. S. Greene officiated, assisted by Rev. F. C. Becker of the Presbyterian church. Members of the Masonic lodge, the American Legion and the boys' band were in attendance. At the Odd Fellows cemetery the Masons took charge of the burial and taps were played by the bugler of the Legion at the close of the service. A. L. Keeney, undertaker, had charge of funeral arrangements.

## Opposed Income Tax

Mr. McCloskey, a representative of C. C. Chapman addressed a company of business men in the community room of the bank Friday forenoon. Mr. Chapman, is the publisher of the Oregon Voter and has initiated a measure that would repeal the income tax law.

Mrs. S. Fream returned from a visit to Tillamook last week Thursday.

Preliminary arrangements for dedication of the big highway bridge at Winchester are being made by committees representing the Roseburg chamber of commerce and civic clubs of Oakland and Yoncalla. This bridge, one of the largest and longest on the Pacific highway, spans the North Umpqua at Winchester and is to be named the R. A. Booth bridge in honor of the former highway commissioner. The dedicatory exercises probably will be held Sunday afternoon, April 27.

On the charge of embezzlement of \$1574 of postoffice money Edward E. Byers, ex-postmaster of Olene, was sentenced to three months in jail by Federal Judge Bean at Portland.

More than 30 forest rangers from Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties attended a meeting at Pendleton when final plans for the summer season in the forests were arranged.

Bids for the construction of approximately 20 miles of new highway and a number of bridges will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland, March 27.

S. W. Rice, about 60 years old, whose home was in Butte, was killed at the government construction camp at McKay dam, near Pendleton, when an engine ran over him and cut off both legs.

The Tillamook county court has engaged N. G. Nease of Portland to cruise not less than 100,000 acres of timber land in the county, the cruise to be completed on or before December 1, 1924.

## Club is Considering A Change of Name

The old proposition of changing the name of the organization came up at the meeting of the Commercial club in the hotel dining room Tuesday evening. The club has never been an exclusive organization of business men although the name "Commercial club" is by some so interpreted. It has long been felt that some more appropriate name should be selected.

The proposed change of name has been made a special order of business at the next regular meeting to be held April 15th. Members and citizens interested in the welfare of Monmouth and vicinity are urged to keep this thought in mind and to come with suggestions.

The matter of membership fee was also discussed and left undetermined. The annual fee now stands at \$1.00 but some of the members wanted this increased to \$2.00 or up to \$6.00 per year. This proposal however did not meet with general favor. It was held to be better to seek a larger membership at moderate rate of dues and for operating expenses a tentative budget be adopted with a program on definite lines, that an improvement fund be created to look after this program and individuals and concerns be asked to contribute on the basis of self-interest and public spirit.

Sign boards were also considered. R. E. Derby suggested a number of locations where signboards directing the traveler to Monmouth should be placed. It was generally agreed that the traveling public does not pay much attention to any signboard along the paved road other than those placed by the state commission and that large signboards are resented. But until the hard surface south of Monmouth is completed and the state gets its signboards in place it is necessary that we put up some signs for the traveling public.

There was some discussion also on the subject of bringing advertising literature of the Monmouth community up-to-date.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of proposed sewer facilities. In this project two plans are proposed. One is to continue the sewer to the river and the other to establish disposal tanks at proper locations. The engineer who is making the preliminary investigation finds we have good grades for this work although the lines would be long. While the drainage divides in the center of the city run for the most part north and south there is a counter elevation which extends paralleling the length of Main street and for this reason the sewer would have to be in two sections, one to the south of Main street and the other to the north the two lines to join east of the city limits. It is possible the engineer may recommend two separate lines each with a separate tank one to the south east and the other to the northeast of the city.

It has also been suggested that if regulations could be enforced requiring people to keep their septic tanks in good order, drains made out of sewer pipe might be sufficient.

The dinner served by the landlady and her assistants came in for considerable favorable comment. In quality and quantity it was exceptionally good.

## C. C. Mulkey to Build

Guy Deming, real estate man, reports the sale of a lot by J. B. Stump to C. C. Mulkey. This lot approximately 80x150 feet is located across the street from Mr. Stump's residence and south of the Kelley house in which Mr. Mulkey and family now live. Mr. Mulkey plans to put up a good house on this land this summer.

## Start Summer's Job

The paving contractors planned to start work on the highway paving to the south of town Wednesday by laying water pipe. Their blacksmith shop and storage place has been moved from Helmick park to the site of the old high school gym.

C. C. Mulkey had business in Eugene Wednesday.

S. H. Hinkle of American bottoms was a visitor in Monmouth Saturday. The concert planned by the Normal orchestra will not be given, at least for the present because of sickness of members of the orchestra.

## Grange Meeting

Three granges have been added recently to the total number in Polk county. March 12 a Grange was organized at McCoy and on the 23th officers were installed in the new Saver Grange which starts with a membership of 58. The organization has been effected mostly through the work of Mr. Glover of Boring, national deputy.

Pomona Grange will be held March 22 with Brush College.

The morning session will be given over to business and resolutions. Some important measures of county and state welfare will be presented.

At the afternoon program Mr. E. E. Elliott of the state superintendent's office will speak on Vocational Education; Mr. Brady of the Oregon Statesman, will discuss The Training of our Young Manhood and Womanhood for Leadership; and M. C. Glover, State Overseer, will talk on Junior Grange work. There will be special music.

The Grange will give a supper followed by a program in the Odd Fellows hall, Tuesday evening, April 1. Proceeds of the supper are to be devoted to the purchase of a flag.

## Improvements For Dallas

The city council of Dallas is asking for bids on three and a half miles of bitulithic paving with wearing surface two inches in thickness.

At the same meeting a dairy ordinance was passed forbidding the keeping of more than one cow, or goat in the city limits except with the consent of property owners located within 200 feet of the premises.

Dairies are to be licensed with permits issued once a year. A city inspector, supported by the license money will inspect and rate all dairies.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Powell spent last Saturday in Portland. Mr. Powell, who is a committeeman for this county, went to attend a meeting of the Republican Council. Among other things done they decided to place the name of Ex-Governor Lowden on the ballot for Vice President.

## Illustrated Lecture

"Some of God's Beautiful People" was the subject of an illustrated lecture given by Dr. W. J. Sly at the Baptist church Sunday evening. Not physical beauty alone, was the characteristic of his subjects, said the doctor, but beauty of mind and heart. His subjects ranged all the way from Lincoln and Livingstone to Indians and Magyars, scriptural pictures as well as battle scenes. He had many interesting pictures to show and describe, many referring to his service in Colorado and other places.

## Many Birthday Cakes

Mrs. Esther Neal was the guest of honor at a surprise party and dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Edwards Sunday. It was to commemorate her birthday. Each of the families represented brought a cake as well as appropriate presents. Those who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. William Dawes of Independence, Mrs. Parrish and son Jack of Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riddell, Jr. and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walling of Salem and Mrs. Neal.

## Dormitory to Entertain

March 28th the Civic Club will be the special guests of the dormitory. The meeting starts at 2:30 and each member is privileged to bring one guest. As features of a special program Mrs. Arthur Rahn of Salem will sing and Mrs. W. E. Anderson, president of the Salem Floral club will give a talk on Flower Gardens.

## Another Birthday Party

It was Mrs. J. L. Murdock's birthday Monday, but the children came Sunday to help her celebrate the occasion. Fifteen sat down to the birthday dinner, and mother received many very nice birthday gifts. Those present were E. T. White and family and Lewis Murdock and family of Jefferson, F. E. Murdock and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Murdock of Monmouth.

The Missionary Society of the Evangelical church will put on a food sale Saturday, March 29th.

Howard Morlan returned Wednesday evening from a three days trip to Portland. He sold his Studebaker to James Partridge and returned from Portland with a Stevens.

Manley Arant has accepted a position with the First National Bank in Salem.

## Local Odd Fellows Entertain Visitors

The session of the county visiting association with the Monmouth Odd Fellows was expected to be numerously attended and with favorable weather the crowd came in numbers fully up to expectations. Over two hundred were present. About fifteen of the number were from Ballston and equal number from Falls City while there were over twenty from Plum Valley lodge at McCoy.

The home lodge was represented by over sixty members and there were something like forty members from Salem.

In handling the crowd the facilities of the new hall showed up to good advantage. Not only was there plenty of room in the lodge hall but with four long tables running the full length of the dining hall over two hundred were served at one time at the midnight luncheon that brought the eventful evening to a close. Under the management of Messrs. Kellogg, Bullock and Nestler, and ample supply of food was on hand and this feature of the program went off without a hitch.

By a self-imposed regulation there was no smoking in the lodge hall those of the brethren who found it necessary to burn up the weed, being relegated to the anterooms.

With Prof. T. H. Schutte as the candidate two degrees were put on during the course of the evening. Valley lodge of Independence put on the initiatory very creditably and the team of Normal lodge put on the first degree. The local boys have recently acquired some new costumes and these with the hard work they had applied to the task of preparation made their appearance something in the line of a star performance.

Mr. Williams of Independence with Dr. Schutte took the first degree.

The next association meeting night was set at April 19 at McCoy.

Among out of town visitors were C. L. Starr, Normal regent, of Portland, "Alphabet" Snyder of McMinnville, John Mills, past-grand master, and B. F. Swope, of Salem.

## Death of Lysander Griffith

Lysander O. Griffith, aged 61 who resided four miles south of Independence died suddenly March 17th. He had a stroke of paralysis riding to town with his son and was rushed to the hospital but died shortly after reaching it. He had had four previous strokes.

Mr. Griffith was born in Illinois but has lived in Oregon for some years. Although overage he enlisted during the late war, was commissioned as a quartermaster and served overseas. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity holding membership at Kinkaid, Kansas, to which town his remains were forwarded Wednesday. He is survived by four children, as follows: Blanche Griffith of Burlington, Kansas, Lawrence G. Griffith of Independence and Walter and Earl of Newberg.

## Dallas Teacher Resigns

Mrs. Vera Strayer last week resigned as a teacher in the Dallas grade schools, which position she had held for several years. Miss McCann of Monmouth was elected by the school board to fill the vacancy and commenced her duties Monday morning. Mrs. Strayer, with her husband, expects to move to California in the near future. Mr. Strayer returned to Dallas last week, after more than five years' absence due to army service during the World war and subsequent confinement to a military hospital because of injuries received in the military service.—Itemizer.

## Local Institute Saturday

A local teachers' institute will be held in Dallas high school Saturday with teachers from all schools in the county in attendance. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, and Professor Thomas H. Gentile of the Oregon Normal School will be the principal speakers on the program.

## Christian Men's Brotherhood

The next meeting of the Christian Men's Brotherhood will be held in the Baptist Church Parlors, Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p. m. The topic for discussion will be the Boy Scout Movement. Leaders are the Messrs. Haga and Zinsler of Salem, Scout executive and assistant Scout executive respectively.