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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

For several weeks various faculty members have spoken during the assembly period on different phases of the Bok Peace Plan. Last week students and faculty voted on the plan. The results will be tabulated and announced a little later.

Mr. Beahm of Corvallis, who is a representative of the Student-Volunteer Movement, spoke to the students at Normal last Friday. He outlined the purpose of the movement and held conferences during the day with students who are interested in doing Student-Volunteer work. As a special feature of the same chapel exercise, Mr. Ronald Beattie, student of the University of Oregon, sang two solos.

The spring quarter of school began Monday. More than fifty new students registered for work and very few left at the close of the winter quarter, so there is a noticeable increase in the enrollment. A number of new courses are being offered this term.

Next week the Delphians will present their first program for the new term, "The Spring Chautauqua."

HIGH SCHOOL

The play "Assisted by Sadie" proved a success in every way. The members of the cast are to be commended for their hard and faithful work in preparation for the play. The net proceeds will probably amount to about \$45.00.

We desire to express our appreciation to Winegar Hardware Store, to the members of the orchestra, to all those who lent costumes for the cast, and to all those who aided in the transportation of the furniture and other properties.

The contract sent out for the baseball games is as follows: April 11 at Dallas; April 18, Falls City here; April 25 at Independence; May 2, Dallas here; May 9 at Falls City; May 16, Independence here; May 31, County Track Meet.

The first half of the semester ends April 3rd.

Dr. Dunsmore of Independence who recently quit the duties of clergyman to become a bank clerk finds it difficult to entirely abandon his former moorings. He is frequently called on to officiate at funerals and weddings and on occasional Sundays preaches in Valsets and Mountain View.

As it is being electrified the Independence ferry is to have a ten horse power motor. Motion is to be obtained from paddle wheels at the sides of the ferryboat and the rear action of a Ford is being used to connect motor and propellers.

Death of Mrs. Irene Smith

Mrs. Irene Smith, widow of the late Rufus M. Smith, died at her home in Monmouth, March 21, at the age of 73 years and 11 months.

She is survived by five children, Ida M. Goodnight, Vancouver, Washington; E. M. Smith, Corvallis, Oregon; Myra I. Noble, Heppner, Oregon; Rosa E. Smith, Portland, Oregon and Roy M. Smith, Monmouth, Oregon. A daughter, Cora M. Smith, died several years ago.

Mrs. Smith was a devoted wife and mother and was beloved by all who knew her. She had been a member of the Christian church for over 50 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were both pioneers, coming from Illinois with their parents and locating in Polk county, where they had since remained. They were married in Corvallis, Oregon in 1867.

They celebrated their golden anniversary several years ago.

James K. Phillips

James K. Phillips was born in Livingston county, New York, May 31, 1845 and died in Independence Sunday following a stroke of paralysis.

For twentyfive years he owned a farm north of the Independence city limits but five years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and had lived in town an invalid since. He also lived in the vicinity of Falls City for five years.

He was a member of the Baptist church and in that church his funeral services were held Wednesday, March 26 at 2 p. m. with Rev. H. L. Propp officiating. Burial was in the Independence cemetery.

His wife, Evelyn Phillips survives him. They had no children.

Registrars

Officers to register voters have been appointed in different precincts and districts of the county: Eola—Mrs. B. I. Ferguson; Rickreall—J. O. Price; Independence—Roy Walker; Buena Vista—O. R. Mack; Airlie—Kenneth Williams; Bridgeport; C. C. Gardner; West Salem—Maude Miller; Pedee—J. J. Banta; Brush College—Mrs. Fred Ewing; Monmouth—Howard Morlan; Lewisville Mrs. W. C. Williams.

Captain George Mayo, corps of engineers, United States army, in charge of the first Oregon district, received word from Washington, D. C., that the award of the contract for 886,000 tons of rock for use on the Coos bay jetty had been approved. The contract was awarded to the Hauser Construction company.

Surveys for the power plant of the Pringle Falls Power & Water company, 40 miles above Bend on the Deschutes river, have been completed. It is stated by Oswald West, president of the company. The company plans to develop 6750 theoretical horsepower for use in pumping water for irrigation from wells in the Fort Rock valley.

Goes Over Grade Car Fall 50 Feet

W. E. Rice of Rainier, driving a G. M. C. truck and going north, passed Maude A. McGurgy driving a Dodge delivery car on the grade just this side of the Helmick bridge last Saturday morning at about nine o'clock. The Dodge got too close to the side and tumbled down the embankment, rolling over twice in a distance of about fifty feet. Miss McGurgy and her brother-in-law, Angelus Casta, who was riding with her, were both injured. The Dodge has one wheel smashed and sustained other damage.

Rice's family consisting of his wife and several children, were riding with him. The children were facing backward in the rear of the truck and saw the accident to the other car. The Rice party, however, did not stop and the McGurgy-Casta party hastened to a telephone. At their request the marshal stopped the Rices in Monmouth. They disclaimed any responsibility for the accident, claiming they had started to cross the fill first and the second car should have waited until they had passed. They were held, however, for a hearing which is to take place today (Friday) before Judge Baker in Independence.

Mr. Rice had been in Corvallis and was on his way home. The occupants of the Dodge are from McMinnville. With the assistance of a tractor their car was hauled up the embankment and brought to the Graham & Calbreath garage for repairs.

July 25 and 26 have been set as the dates for the 17th annual convention of the Oregon State Editorial association. The convention will be held at Tillamook.

The Clackamas county court has outlined a program of road construction that will include 20.45 miles of bond roads that have been designated as market roads.

The Upper Columbia Athletic league, comprising the high schools of Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties, will begin the second annual baseball season Saturday.

Inability of the Bank of Gold Hill to pay checks sent through regular banking channels was given as the cause for an order issued by the state bank examiner, closing the institution.

The Oregon state fish commission has appealed the decision of a jury at Hood River, March 6, awarding to Sidney S. Mohler, \$5000 for 5 1/2 acres of land now occupied by the commission.

Indignation, especially by business men of La Grande, has been aroused in the last week because Industrial Workers of the World have established eastern Oregon headquarters in that city.

The Astoria city commission has granted a 20-year franchise to the Astoria Transit company for operating motor-bus lines in the city to replace the street car system, which is to be suspended.

La Grande has organized a company of riflemen, known temporarily as the 162d infantry, but later to be known as company E, 186th infantry of the national guard, with 75 men enlisting for service.

The Southern Pacific company, in its street car operations, made money at both West Linn and Salem in 1923, but lost at Eugene, according to the annual report filed with the public service commission.

Women inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary hereafter will be compelled to wear prison garb, deposit their jewelry and money with the matron when they enter the institution, and write letters on stationery furnished by the state.

The Tillamook county fair board has adopted a plan to construct one main building on the new fair grounds in the Fairview district that will be modeled after the main building of the Pacific International Livestock exposition at Portland.

Families who have been using water from springs in various parts of the city of Astoria, have been officially informed that the water is impure. Recently City Manager Kratz and City Physician Vernon took samples of water from six of these springs and had them tested by the state board of health. The report showed that only one sample was pure.

Independence Man Killed By Accident

William Snyder, an electrical worker living near Independence suffered injuries from which he afterward died in an automobile accident last Friday evening. Mr. Snyder had been at work on the electrification of the Independence ferry and was on his way home in his Ford runabout. He lived south of Independence. It was a little after seven o'clock when he met a car driven by Henry Frank. Snyder had been accustomed to throw off his lights instead of dimming when passing a car at night. Although the road was wide the two cars came too close together. The runabout was struck a glancing blow by the other car and such was its momentum that it turned over twice and its driver sustained injuries to his head and shoulders which rendered him unconscious.

He was taken to the hospital but although the doctors worked over him until the afternoon of the next day they could not restore him to consciousness. They operated on his skull and raised a portion of the bone that had been caved in but did not succeed in reviving life. The doctors say he was killed instantly at the time of the accident and his robust vitality was killed instantly at the time of the vital organs so long afterward.

Beyond a few scratches Mr. Frank's car showed little of the effects of the collision.

Mr. Snyder was born in New York City November 15, 1877. He was married to Lois M., daughter of the late Rev. John Osborn, October 22, 1910.

He was a veteran of the Spanish-American war in which he enlisted as a telegraph operator in the 18th cavalry. He was transferred to the signal corps.

Following his army experience he worked as an electrical contractor and was a general foreman for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road in Montana when electrification of their trans-continental line was accomplished. During the past three years he has worked for the Mountain States Power Company. He had construction charge of the work on the high power line from Albany to Independence.

He is survived by a wife and three children: William Sanford, Jr., aged 3; John Osborn, 2 years old and Norma Jane, 4 months old.

Funeral services were held in the Keeney undertaking chapel in Independence Sunday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. H. C. Dunsmore officiating. Burial was in the Independence cemetery.

Base Ball Season Here

Last Thursday evening the baseball fans and prospective players held a meeting in the barber shop and organized for the coming season. Several business men were present and indicated their desire to have as strong an aggregation as possible, and their willingness to back the boys financially.

It was shown that last year the Team expended about \$400 for suits, grand stand and equipment which can be used again this season, so with the proper backing the present season should be a financial success.

It was decided not to call upon the business men and other fans for donations at present but to try some other means of raising money. Orval White, Charles Atwater and Ira Williams were appointed on a committee to devise some means of doing this.

Last years officers were re-elected as follows: Manager, C. C. Powell; Property Man, H. L. Rimstidt. The position of captain was left open till the team was selected.

Fifty delegates were registered at the annual presbyterial or missionary conference at Eugene of the Presbyterian churches of the Willamette valley.

The farm value of Oregon dairy products in 1923 was \$23,882,382.28, according to statistics issued by J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner.

The Sawyer Brothers' sawmill near Brownsville, suffered a loss of \$65,000 by fire. The mill itself was saved, but the fire destroyed large stacks of lumber.

An allotment of \$23,000 for improvement work on Willamette slough at Portland, was announced by General Lansing H. Beach, chief of army engineers.

Grange Supper

To secure money for the purchase of a flag the Grange is giving a supper in Odd Fellows hall Tuesday evening, April 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 p. m. A charge of 30 cents will be made for the meal. After supper a program to which the guests are cordially invited will be given in the hall as follows:

Song—Mrs. M. J. Butler
Violin Quartette—Gertrude Rogers, Helen Cornelius, Dorothy Clarke, Mildred Scott.

Reading—Helen Cornelius
Violin Solo—Eldon Riddell
Address—Thomas H. Gentle
Reading—Miss Alice Butler
Violin Solo—Mildred Scott
Reading—Fred Hill

Song—"Because He Joined the Grange."

No charge is made for the program and all are welcome.

Candidate's Night

About seventy-five members of the Order of the Eastern Star from Dallas came in a body to visit the Adah chapter, O. E. S. in Independence Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Swenson of Monmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker of Independence were received into the order during the evening. Refreshments were served at the close of the session. It was also politician's night at the Star, nine candidates for county office being present.

Assessors at Work

Deputy Assessor Paul Tacheron is busy this week feeling the financial pulse of our citizens and making out the assessment roll for Monmouth. A. J. Shipley is deputy assessor for Cooper Hollow and Mistletoe; Elkins Parker and Buena Vista are being looked after by Fred Scholl. J. Ragley is assessing Suver and Soap Creek; R. L. Houk has Oak Point and Greenwood; J. D. Allen handles Rickreall and Oak Grove; L. Wright has Independence under his charge and L. A. Ostrander is looking after Rittner, Pedee and McTimmons.

A. L. KULLANDER HAS BOUGHT JEWELRY STORE AT VERNONIA

A. L. Kullander, well known Independence jeweler, has enlarged the scope of his business activities by purchasing a jewelry establishment at Vernonia, Oregon, and has taken his brother, Roy L. Kullander into the business. Vernonia is a new saw mill town in Columbia county, some 80 or 90 miles from St. Helens, and is developing very rapidly.

Mr. Kullander is retaining his establishment in its entirety and will spend his time directing the affairs of both institutions. His brother, Roy, will be in charge of the Independence store and he will be assisted by Charles Miller, an Independence boy who has spent the last four years in the employ of Mr. Kullander.—Enterprise.

NEW FREIGHT LOCOMOTIVE ADDED TO EQUIPMENT

The Valley & Siletz railroad company has a new freight locomotive. It has 19-24 cylinders, super heater, and is modern in every respect. It was purchased from the Porter Locomotive Works, Pittsburg, Pa., and the journey across the continent required 31 days. The engine was pulled "dead" but traffic regulations required that it be accompanied by an engineer all of the time.

The new machine was delivered at the company's headquarters at Hoskins about a week ago and the past few days have been spent in limbering it up and making adjustments, and it is expected that it will be ready to go on the freight run today.

Work was resumed Monday by the company on the extension of its line to a connection with the Southern Pacific just north of Independence. The distance is about 3000 feet. In order to provide greater yardage space the company is seeking an additional right-of-way of 500 feet across the P. O. Black tract. After this connection is made all of the traffic out of Valsetz basin will be routed by Independence. It is now switched to the Southern Pacific at Crisp, reaching the main line via Dallas.

The daily lumber and log traffic amounts to 30 to 35 cars. The logs go to the Spaulding mill in Salem, and the lumber comes largely from the Cobbs & Mitchell company mill at Valsetz.

Pomona Reflects Growth of Grange

The Polk County Pomona Grange meeting on March 22nd was made more interesting by the participation of three newly organized granges. These were added through the work of Brother M. C. Glover, National grange deputy, as well as overseer of the State Grange. He was assisted by P. O. Powell, Pomona master and deputy for Polk county, and also by several members of Monmouth and Oak Grove granges who assisted in installing the officers of the new granges and in demonstrating the unwritten work.

The meeting was well attended, with splendid interest manifested in all departments of work.

Resolutions were passed offering hearty co-operation with the bankers and business men who are becoming really interested in the farmers' problems and are laying plans for assistance. The movement has the specific aim of bettering local market conditions for the surplus products of the farm and garden. At present the merchants of the county have their produce brought in daily by truck and do not care to take the small amounts that any farmer may bring in. By encouraging the production of quality goods and by grading and standardization, it is thought the farmers may assist in developing the local markets.

A strong resolution against the use of dairy products in the manufacture of butter substitutes was heartily endorsed, and a committee was appointed to wait on all groceries and meat markets of the county to ask that butter substitutes be not sold by them.

A vote was taken after some discussion on the issuing of \$40,000 of road bonds to release that amount of market road funds already spent on the highway through the county and showed a majority in favor.

The special feature of the literary program was the address of Mr. J. L. Brady, editor of the Oregon Statesman, on the Moral Training of our Boys and Girls. It was a real uplift lay sermon.

Mr. E. E. Elliott's talk on Vocational Education was also quite interesting and instructive, explaining the working of the Smith-Hughes law in its application to this subject.

The musical numbers by Billy Utley and Willard Bartlett were enthusiastically received as was also the reading by Mrs. Stella Henry of Brush College grange.

Twenty one new members were voted in at the evening session and ten of these were present and were initiated into the mysteries of the Fifth degree.

On the 25th the organization of McCoy grange was completed including the installation of the officers. S. L. Stewart is the master, George Shields, overseer, Mrs. Mille Stevenson, lecturer and J. Waldo Finn, secretary. This grange starts out with a charter list of seventy four. A meeting was held at Buell on Wednesday evening to start an organization there with enough members signed to insure a good organization.

Delicate Job of Skin Grafting

A delicate skin grafting of some magnitude was performed Monday on W. E. Cade of Albany at the Dallas hospital by Dr. A. B. Starbuck. Cade had been seriously burned a couple of months ago while working at the Willamette Valley Lumber Company camp when he used gasoline to kindle a fire in a donkey engine. The skin was transferred from other parts of the man's body to the badly burned area on his calf and ankle. He is reported as doing nicely.

County Fair Board Named

W. V. Fuller was named as chairman of the executive committee of five of the Polk County Fair association by N. L. Guy, president. Other members are W. L. Soehren and D. J. Bove of Dallas, C. W. Irvin, Independence and H. J. Elliott, Perrydale. The burden of raising \$500 to insure the fair will fall upon these men, and in case it is raised, the planning and staging of the 1924 fair will be in their hands. The board of directors of the association placed April 15 as the date by which the money must be subscribed but it is expected the committee will be ready to report upon it by next week.

Our Army Airmen Sailing 'Round the World



This photo-diagram shows the proposed route of the U. S. Army fliers who are now making an attempt at an around the world flight. Insert is of Maj. Martin, in command of the flight and one of the air cruisers being used.