

Normal Activities Reflected by The Lamron

Inland Empire Association Creates Normal Division

President Landers returned Sunday from Spokane where he attended the annual meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers' Association.

This association is made up of educators from Oregon, Washington,

Montana and Idaho. The presidents are chosen from the different states. Supt. Kern of Walla Walla is president for the coming year. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College was elected vice president.

In the morning the delegates met in a general assembly and discussed

topics of general interest to educators. In the afternoon the divisions met and discussed problems met in their particular line of work.

At this session President Landers was instrumental in organizing a Normal division. He was chosen vice president of this department.

The principal speaker of the session was Miss Olive M. Jones, president of the National Educational Association. She is principal of three schools in New York City where she has taught for thirty years.

The Association met in the Lewis and Clark high school which has installed during the past year one of the largest and best pipe organs in the West.

BOARD OF REGENTS IN BUSINESS SESSION

Adopt Increase in Fees for Alumni Have Luncheon at Dormitory

The Board of Regents met here at the Normal Wednesday in a business session. Those attending were: Governor Walter M. Pierce, Supt. J. A. Churchill, Judge John A. Coke, E. E. Bragg and C. L. Starr.

At this meeting permission was given to the Alumni Association to charge a membership fee of \$1.50 to each graduate, in order to become a member of that organization.

This fee is to be paid at the time the diploma fee is paid. One dollar of sum is to be used for the banquet given the graduates and the remaining fifty cents for the running expenses of the organization.

They planned to renew contracts with all the training schools. They also incorporated the Children's Farm Home as a new rural center.

After the meeting the members of the board with President and Mrs. Landers took lunch at the dormitory. The girls welcomed them with special songs written for the occasion and entertained them with several dormitory and school songs during the course of the meal.

VESPERTINES FROLIC INITIATE MEMBERS

Last Monday evening twenty-nine new students became Vespertines. The program was started by an original slow motion dance after which a new kangaroo walk was exhibited but we are rather doubtful of its practicability. An original drill was executed which probably gave the Juniors and Seniors many valuable ideas for the drills for May Day.

Lillian Schroeder made a wonderful king—so wonderful in fact that several Vespertines bumped their noses on the floor in wild attempt to bow to her majestic self. The Vespertine high sign, which is to shake the right hand, the left ear and the

right foot, was taught to four new members who, we are sorry to say, haven't much faith in it, because, well how were we to know that Hedwig Kraxberger had a wooden leg?

A court was held by Agnes Martin, who, by the way, is a wonderful judge. Several victims were charged with serious offences, but as they seemed rather innocent in their wrong doings, we forgave them this time. But be careful! Don't let us catch you again! An advance showing of the styles of 1924 was shown and it was very interesting indeed. However we're quite satisfied with what we have—fortunately.

After all these amusements we went down to Mr. Butler's room and saw several of our old members in the line light. Ice cream sandwiches were then served by a few kind Vespertines who realized the feeling of emptiness that had by this time spread among our ranks.

MacDowell Club of Salem Gives Splendid Concert

The Student Body and townspeople enjoyed probably the best musical entertainment of the year when the MacDowell Club of Salem presented their concert here, last Wednesday night.

The numbers by the glee club were rendered in a finished manner that spoke highly of the training given them by their splendid director, Professor John Sites. Special mention is due the rendering of "Summer Night" (Reinhold-Herman) and the old, familiar "Sweet and Low" (Barnaby-Specker). The latter was sung without piano accompaniment and I think many of us did not realize what a wealth of beautiful harmony the composition does contain until after having heard it Wednesday night.

Mrs. Rahn sang "Obstination" (Foutenaille) and "The Floral Song" (Katie Moss) and won us completely by her beautiful voice and winning personality, and Mr. Sites, as her accompanist proved that he is a master at the piano as well as at the baton.

Miss Iva Clair Love played "Valse Priente" (Sibelius) and "Cradle Song" (Brahms) beautifully and certainly has the happy combination of inborn expression and good technique. Her bowing and double-stops were practically flawless. She responded to a hearty encore with "Orientale". Miss Nellie Schwab as soprano soloist and Franklin B. Launer as piano soloist completed the program with well-rendered performances and were enthusiastically received.

Miss Erickson, Lilly Pollard, Helen Aubert, Ruth Stover, Naomi Wallace and Leona Harmon composed a party who motored to Bar View Saturday, returning Sunday. As an evidence of their trip they brought back several starfish which were donated to Mr. Dodds.

Mountain View Girls Give Easter Program

The work during the past week at Mountain View has been centered on an Easter program which was given at the Sunday School hour Sunday. The girls had worked diligently to put it over and they certainly accomplished their aim to make it a success.

The Sewing club, whose members are the girls of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, entertained their mothers with a short program last Tuesday afternoon.

Thursday night the practice teachers with Miss Moor and Miss Dunlap enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and journeyed to the show in Corvallis.

The teachers of the primary room were hostesses last Friday afternoon to the young people of the community, the event being an Easter egg hunt. Baskets made by the pupils of the first four grades were filled with candy eggs for favors.

Saturday evening the community gathered to see the play "A Slave of the Orient" which was put on by the Dramatic club.

Work and Play at Eola Rural Center

Eola school is not much to speak of in size, but when it comes to beauty and spirit—well the practice teachers out there could give a whole oration on it. It is surrounded by low rolling hills of green and brown fields. In the distance can be seen the Willamette river. Spring and Eola seem to go hand in hand.

Teaching is comparatively easy at Eola, because it is so close to the state library, that they never lack for material. The community spirit shown helps to enliven life so much that the girls actually like their practice work. Saturday night parties seem to be quite the style. The first week they attended one at Mr. Acuff's and last Saturday at Mr. Hamer's.

News came from Eola that they had gone to an entertainment last Friday night at Brush college. To

their great surprise the girl, who was in charge of the program was Grace Hendrickson, one of our last year O. N. S.ers.

The critic, Miss Carr, seems to be very well satisfied with her group of students this six weeks. They are: Sylvia Paulson, Erta Scott, Nola Turner, Dorris M. Brown, and Pauline Bond.

Speakers Are Chosen

Dr. Enoch A. Bryan of Washington State College has been selected as commencement speaker. He was formerly president of that college. He was for a time commissioner of education in Idaho but is now back again at Pullman. He is very well known throughout this country as an educator.

Judge H. H. Belt of the 12th Judicial circuit of Oregon will deliver the annual address to the alumni in June.

President Landers, Miss Beardsley, and Mrs. Barnum attended a local institute at Sheridan Saturday.

Training School Children Give Fine Spring Concert

Anyone who was in chapel Wednesday morning might have believed he was in fairy land. All the birds, flowers and insects of Spring came to life and sang. These robins, frogs, bees, caterpillars, butterflies and flowers of every description! What was it all about, some one asks. It was the children of the Independence training school who repeated their Spring concert for the benefit of the students of the Normal school. Much credit is to be given to Miss Lorence and Miss Peterson who were in charge of the program. The numbers were well rendered and the audience thoroughly enjoyed them, especially the surprise and the little frog who hopped around.

The following is the program:

1. Welcome Sweet Springtime—Chorus
2. Morning Song—Sixth and Seventh grades
3. Fifth Grade Spring Blackbird
4. Sixth grade—Forest Concert—Trillium Song
5. First grade—Dandelion—Pussy-willow—Buttercups—Surprise
6. Second grade—Daffodil Ladies—Robin's Return—Robins' Lullaby—The Frog
7. Third grade—Garden song—Butterfly—The Caterpillar and the Bee
8. Fourth Grade—The Woodpecker—The Wind—Mistress Swallow
9. Seventh grade—Come Join the Dance
10. Eighth Grade—Greenwood Song
11. Chorus—Sweet Spring is Here

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This Week By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Hangman Retires—Lincoln's Poem—Strong Women—Natures Wonder

John Ellis, England's hangman, retires from business, giving no reason. He hanged Roger Case and Edith Thompson, the last woman hanged in Great Britain.

Ellis was paid fifty shillings, about \$12.50, each time he hanged a human being. That was for the hanging. They paid him fifty shillings more "for good conduct."

"Good conduct" meant that he must stay out of drinking saloons at the place of execution before and after the hanging. This made him lose money; in the old days public houses would pay the hangman to stand at their bar.

The more he drank the more the hangman talked, the more he talked, the more terrible became his stories of the groaning, begging, pleading or "game indifference" of the men around whose necks he fastened the rope.

If you think hanging or other capital punishment necessary "to frighten criminals," devote a moment's thought to Ellis, the British hangman.

If a crowd rushed to see him, buy him free drinks, and listened to his tales of horror, do you think hanging really prevents crime?

It does not, on the contrary, it stimulates crime, by stimulating admiration for the criminal.

The J. Pierpont Morgan collection of valuable mss. exhibited to the public include a poem, "The Bear Hunt," by Abraham Lincoln, and this is how it begins:

A wild bear chase didst never see? Then hast thou lived in vain— Thy richest bump of glorious glee, Lies desert in thy brain.

Here you learn that it is possible to be a great man and a very bad poet.

This is a prosperous country, worth defending. Last week 1,500,000 stockholders received little envelopes containing dividends amounting to more than \$250,000,000. If you didn't get any of the dividend envelopes don't waste time envying or hating those that got them. Save your money, invest it, and you can get dividends also. Except for the very unfortunate there is no need to stay really poor in this country.

Mr. Albee who collects strange things and shows them, brings from Italy the strongest woman in

the world. She can sustain the weight of a two-ton elephant, and allow men on horseback to ride over a bridge of which the weight rests upon her.

In old days, such a lady would have been courted by many. She might have been that Amazon queen, who told Alexander the Great that she would like to be the mother of his children, a message followed by an interesting meeting—Alexander having sent the only reply that a polite man could send—being a bachelor at the time.

What became of the result of that meeting? Who knows but that this powerful Italian woman may be the descendant of Alexander the Great?

Now, however, a child moving an electric switch could raise a thousand times the weight of that two-ton elephant. Mere muscle doesn't count any more. But strong women, not able to lift elephants, but with good strong bodies free from nicotine, alcohol, late hours and general foolishness, are as important as ever they were.

Upon them depends the brain of the next generation and future civilization.

Nature is "wonderful." There are birds like animals, animals like birds. The strangeness of creation is inexhaustible. The University of Pennsylvania sends an expedition to catch a hoazin, bird that breaks stones with its beak, swims like a duck, flies like a bat. The same expedition will look also for a "Bellbird." Instead of singing it tinkles like a bell.

There are snakes that swallow their young to protect them, then let them out again. There is a lady toad that lays her eggs on the back of her husband, who hops around cheerfully in the sunlight, hatching the load. Nature really is wonderful.

What we actually SEE we FEEL. One State in March reports 124 killed by automobiles. Everybody says "That is TERRIBLE, we must do something about it."

In a year 200,000 mothers die in childbirth, because they are neglected. Nobody gets much excited about that.

Cancer and tuberculosis kill their tens of thousands. All that we take for granted.

Poem by Uncle John

I could wrangle with politics, boodle, or booze, or other high lights that abound in "the news." I could land on the surtax with fervid abuse, but—my buzz-wagon stops when I run out of juice!

I could spend half my time on our furin affairs, if I thought my opinions would get anywhere,—I could settle World-peace with no effort at all, but—I'm too dern busy a-hittin' the ball!

I reckon I've needed to help 'em discuss the evils that makes my environment wuss,—and, I like to debate, as I've previously said—but dang it, I've got to have butter 'n' bread!

And so—I set tight—in a figurative sense, and pursue my activities inside the fence. . . . And, while there are schemes that I'd like to defeat, there's nothin' beats comfort, with plenty to eat!



The Judge's Josh

A GETTIN' MEN MAY BE A LOAFER - BUT SHE GETS RESULTS!

