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There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

YEAR AT NORMAL ENDS NEXT WEEK

Sixty Graduates, Making Total of Two Hundred Ninetyfour For Year

Miss Julia Spooner, president of the Grade Teachers Association of Portland addressed the student body of the Normal at chapel time Wednesday.

Sixty students will be graduates from the Normal at the close of the summer term next week, bringing the total number of graduates for the year up to 294. Of these previously graduated, 24 completed their studies in December, 16 in March, 111 at the July Commencement and 83, July 25.

With the end of the school year in sight, examinations are the order of the day at the Normal and students and faculty are engrossed in this necessary task. There will be a three weeks vacation period at the end of the school year next week. The last six weeks have been shortened to five by holding sessions on Saturdays for the past five weeks.

"Conductor 1492" is the title of the comedy to be presented in the Normal chapel next Friday night. This picture has a reputation rivaling "Girl Shy" presented on Tuesday evening and will draw out a large attendance. It starts at 7 o'clock.

A Quiet Wedding

A quiet wedding occurred Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Force on Jackson street by which their daughter Mildred Eloise became the bride of Simon Corliss Berry of Portland. Reverend H. C. Shropshire of the First Christian Church of Monmouth, performed the ceremony. Mrs. Berry, who has the congratulations of her numerous friends in Monmouth is a graduate of training school, high school and Normal and recently has been teaching in Portland. The wedding ceremony took place at 10 a. m. Mr. Berry is connected with the May Motor company of Portland and the newly wedded couple will live in the state metropolis.

Distributes Peaches

"Dad" Wunder was in town Saturday distributing some remarkably fine peaches and judging from the portion he left at the Herald office he must have been gratefully remembered in a number of Monmouth homes that day.

A Tough Worm

Harvey Young found the rain Sunday a special attraction at the sea side. The fish bit better. He fished from the rocks south of Yachats and in a short time caught fifty cod. He baited his hook twice to catch them. With one worm he caught 42 cod and with a clam neck he took eight from the waves. The worm was a peculiar specimen Harvey says they get these worms by digging mussels under which the worms are found. Owing to rising tide he had time to dig only one worm. It was a feat of engineering, he asserts, to get the worm on the hook but once on it was indestructible. They told him one worm was good for eight or ten fish but forty-two appears a bit more than the guarantee.

Rain Causes Trouble For The Hop Grower

The rain of this past week caused considerable damage to the hop growers. The vines of something like 200 acres in the Independence district fell to the ground because the wires broke under the weight. After a long dry spell the vines were in a condition to absorb lots of water and the gently falling rain drops were just right to be absorbed in the largest possible quantity. Much of the acreage affected was newly wired a year ago.

Since the picking of the cluster hops does not start until the first of September all these fields must be raised again to prevent the crop from spoiling, which is an expensive job. The picking of the first crop of hops is about over.

California Trip

Carleton Savage is back from a month's vacation spent in California. He traveled to San Francisco with an automobile party. From there he went by train by the ocean route to Los Angeles and took in the sights of that city, not overlooking Hollywood. Returning by the San Joaquin valley route to San Francisco. He finished the journey north with an automobile party. They took the Crescent City route through the redwoods, making the last lap in our August rain storm.

He Saw Stars

L. H. Treat while walking home the other evening saw a robin with two stars on its tail. Two clearly defined stars, he asserts and since Mr. Treat's reputation for sobriety is good we must agree that the stars were there. Whether the popular brand of automobiles has taken to illustrating the tails of robins or whether this particular bird roosts high is for some wiser head to determine.

NEIGHBORS TO AID JOINT CELEBRATION

Independence Favors Move And Their Boy's Band Will Be There

Independence came in strong with a response backing the project to dedicate Helmick park and celebrate the completion of the West Side highway at a meeting of the Retail Merchants association of that city, Tuesday evening. J. B. V. Butler and R. B. Swenson representing the Monmouth Commercial club attended the meeting which as usual took the form of a dinner at the Beaver hotel. The meeting was well attended. After an excellent dinner, Mr. Ramp, president of the association, invited Mr. Butler to deliver his message. The eloquent J. B. V. was at his best. He explained that the program of celebration and dedication eliminated old man Detour and would dedicate the only state owned park along the west side highway, by crowning as queen of the occasion, a young lady of 101 years, who had donated the park to the state and whose interest in public affairs grew keener each year. Monmouth was asking the cities of Polk county, as home folks to join with us in welcoming visitors. It was planned to send the welcome from Ashland to Portland and nearby cities had through their commercial clubs already extended their appreciation of the occasion and announced intention of being among those present. Monmouth was not asking for any help, financially. We have undertaken to carry the thing thru creditably and would do so but would like the co-operation of our neighbors.

At the conclusion of Mr. Butler's address, A. L. Keeney moved that the Independence association place itself heartily behind the project. The motion prevailed unanimously and President Ramp appointed a committee to act in the capacity in any way it could.

Mr. Butts who has been directing the boys' band volunteered their presence and help which was gratefully accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Ross Nelson extended an invitation for the association to visit the Isis theater and witness the presentation of "Girl Shy" with Harold Loyd as the bashful hero and the invitation was accepted with acclaim.

The greatest fires must have one spark to start them.

MAYOR EBBERT HEAD OF CITY

Succeeds C. W. Chesebro Names Committee For Defense Day

The council has supplied the vacancy in the office of mayor by electing E. M. Ebbert to serve the balance of the term. G. W. Chesebro, who resigned recently, was serving the balance of the term left vacant by the resignation of B. F. Swope.

Mayor Ebbert is well qualified to hold down the job, having been a councilman for something like six years. He has always been a painstaking official, following the city work in all of its details, and is thoroughly familiar with street work, water system and other municipal activities.

One of his first official tasks was the appointment of a committee of ex-service men to assist in the observance of Defense Day which is to be observed jointly with the celebration of the completion of the West Side highway and the dedication of Helmick Park. The committee named was at the request of Governor Pierce and is as follows: Claes Powell, Ira Williams and Robert Hendron.

By agreement, September 12 has been set as the day of the highway celebration. The engineer has agreed to wait that day to declare the road officially opened. Committees are now at work developing details of the program and a formal announcement will be made shortly.

C. E. Summer Conference Next Week at Turner

More advance registrations have been received to date for the fifth Oregon Christian Endeavor Summer Conference to be held at Turner, near Salem, August 25 to September 1 than had been received at this time last year.

Teachers for the morning classes are: Bible studies on the life of Paul, Rev. James A. Smith, pastor of the Hope Presbyterian Church of Portland; Expert Endeavor, Miss Eley Walker of Forest Grove; social leadership, Professor Walter L. Meyer of Eugene; union organization and leadership, Paul C. Brown of Los Angeles, Pacific Coast secretary, and Miss Mary Guiley of Eugene, president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union; Foreign Mission study book, Miss Nellie Walker of Forest Grove; adolescent problems, Paul C. Brown. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings there will be denominational conferences: with Presbyterians, Dr. D. A. Thompson, superintendent of Oregon Missions; Christians, Professor Walter L. Meyer; Congregationalists, Rev. Fred Grey, secretary of the Congregational Education Society, and Rev. Harry W. Johnson, pastor of the Central Congregational Church at Salem. Leaders may be sent by other denominations, but if not a general conference for those of other denominations will be provided by the conference.

The afternoons will be devoted to sports such as base ball, volley ball, swimming, races, etc., under the direction of Mr. Hugh McCallum of Eugene.

The early evening out-door vesper services led by Paul Brown is said by many to be the best feature of the conference. Following this is a bon fire meeting with an inspirational address, speakers for the evenings in order being: Mr. Meyers, Paul Brown, Rev. Smith, Fred Grey, and Dr. Thompson. Saturday night is stunt night, when faculty and delegates alike enjoy the wholesome fun. Special programs are planned for Sunday and Labor Day.

The state executive committee will hold sessions, and there will be a presentation of the great international convention to be held in Portland next July.

Registrations for the conference will be received at 303 Abington Bldg., Portland, until August 23rd.

After getting Mrs. Plummer settled for the winter at their home in this city, A. T. Plummer has returned to Coquille where he will work for the Mountain States Power company.

A thoughtless camper is no man's friend.

Light on History

A Public Historical Society has attracted the attention of this week. It is the work of Mrs. R. J. Elliott and her grandfather, B. D. Taylor and was worn by him as a surgeon in the Civil war. There is considerable ornamentation on the hilt of the sword which gives it a distinguished appearance. It is told that at a celebration to commemorate an anniversary at Dodge City, Kan., a certain druggist resurrected an old flag from his basement, draped it artistically in his window with this placard: "This is the flag carried by General Dodge's escort." Alongside was the Taylor sword with the card: "This was his sword." The sword probably attracted more attention at that time than it ever has before or since.

Reverend L. C. Kirby Writes From Barbados

Rose Cot, Hastings, Barbados, B.W.I. Dear Mr. Swenson:

For the purpose of keeping our friends informed of our whereabouts we write a letter for your esteemed weekly.

We are glad to say that we had a very pleasant trip from New York to Barbados. On our way out we stopped at St. Thomas and St. Croix, the islands known as the Virgin Islands, recently bought by Uncle Sam for \$25,000,000 from Denmark. Here we visited the noted Bay Rum factory and saw some of the old, historic forts.

We also visited two of the French islands known as Guadeloupe and St. Martinique. It was on the latter island that the terrible volcano eruption took place some years ago and destroyed the chief town and 30,000 lives.

We also went ashore on a number of the English islands, namely St. Kitts, Antigua, Dominica, Monserrat, and St. Lucia. Most of these islands are volcanic or the peaks of a chain of mountain tops. The voyage took eleven days before we came to Barbados. It was a very splendid trip. Hardly any one on board was seasick.

We landed in Barbados on Monday, July 29th and found the old friends waiting to greet us. The West Indies have changed very much since we saw them fifteen years ago. The war caused a revolution in industry and travel and like other countries, wages are much higher, and the cost of living greatly increased. We are in time to enjoy some of the delicious fruit and vegetables that abound in these islands. This is the season for breadfruit, flying fish and sea eggs. We have also had some yams, tanyas plantains and native pears.

We have rented a small house by the sea side where we intend to live for four weeks before we take the boat to return to America. We have been asked to preach in some of the leading churches and may do so a few times. We find it impossible to tell much of a trip in a letter and so will await our return. Mrs. Kirby and I miss our friends in Monmouth and desire to be remembered to all in the community as well as to those in the church. With best regards we are yours truly

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kirby

What Will It Be?

M. J. O'Donnell of Independence is the purchaser of the corner lots on the southwest intersection of Main street and Monmouth avenue, owned by Mrs. J. L. Hastings. Mr. O'Donnell is an automobile man but whether he is to erect a garage, a service station or hold the land for speculation has not been reported.

Court Leases Gravel Plant

The Polk county court last week leased the county's gravel plant, located 2 1/2 miles south of Independence to Cummins & LaPointe, the contractors who have been constructing the final unit of the westside highway near Monmouth.—Itemizer.

Edwin Nissen has returned from Reedsport where he served for two months as cashier in the Southern Pacific station. He has been transferred to the Salem passenger station of the company. On his way home he saw a number of elk entangled in a barb wire fence which encloses the game preserve where the elk are kept.—Enterprise.

MAY BALLOT AGAIN ON IMPROVEMENT

Election Regulations Error Opens Way To Another Test Of Sentiment

Will we have another chance to vote on the Monmouth city sewer system this fall? This question becomes acute with the announcement this week that the ruling by which qualified electors were barred from voting August 6th was an error.

The decision was made on the ground that the election was a referendum on a bond issue for which the charter prescribes property qualifications. The election, however was on the adoption of a charter amendment for which any qualified citizen is entitled to vote. In giving his opinion on which the ruling was made it is likely that Attorney Ellis did not have all the facts before him.

The latter regulation has prevailed in all previous elections of this character and attorney Johnson of Portland, who is the man who prepared the papers in the case and was official attorney for the election, says it is the proceeding which should have been followed in this case.

Thus the way is thrown open for another election on the sewer question. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the plans for this work but if they can be threshed out and an agreement reached, it is quite likely that the proposal will be submitted again for disposal in the November election with a good chance for carrying it.

H. W. Morlan and party returned from their Puget Sound trip Wednesday night. They report a fine time and were especially impressed by activity in building at Mt. Vernon, Washington and at Long View in the same state. The last named place is particularly worth seeing. It is a town built under a central direction, with expensive houses in one place, cheaper houses in another and with even the business district segregated according to the director's idea of desirable and less desirable business according to their merits.

H. C. Shropshire, pastor of the Christian church, handed in his resignation to the church board at their meeting Monday evening. He expects to leave for Lindsey, California in sixty days or sooner if possible, and hopes to be located in time to help harvest his grape crop at Lodi. R. D. Elliott and family took in the circus at Salem on Wednesday.

Young Financiers

This summer, three Independence boys planned to take a trip into Eastern Oregon. They had \$15 apiece which made a total wealth of \$45. They went to the Ford agency and bought an old car of Mr. Ramp for \$35 which left them \$10 for gasoline and oil and other expenses. They made the trip over the mountains and although they had to reduce the budget allowance for gum and crack-jack and other knickknacks they financed the gas proposition and got safely home without having expended a cent for tire trouble or mechanical repairs. When they got home they found someone willing to give them \$40 for the car which made the whole cost of the trip for the three, five dollars.

Returning Favors

Some time since J. B. V. Butler and a party of student members of the Eastern Star were traveling by auto toward a picnic grounds when the car ahead of them ran over a chicken. Noting the chicken in sore distress, Mr. Butler stopped the car, wrung the chicken's neck and handed it to the women. What disposal they made of it, history does not record but there appears to have been some occasion for gratitude for on Wednesday evening of this week when Mr. Butler returned home he found his house with the kitchen filled with young women busily engaged in frying chicken. The surprise would have been a little more complete if Mr. Butler had not returned home quite so soon but as it was a merry feast was spread and with dancing in the big room on the upper floor the evening was brought to a happy end.

THE DAILY MENU

