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LOTS TO EAT AT NEW YEAR MEET

Six County Granges Plan A Big Union Installation With Local Grangers

New Year's Day which was observed by the Monmouth Grange with the annual family dinner and social time, brought out members of the fraternity and their friends to the number of one hundred and fifty. A peculiarity of the dinner was that more places were spread than was necessary for the diners in order to get room to accommodate the tables that were brought. O. W. Kellogg was responsible for the appearance of a big roster full of wild ducks at the feast.

A brief program was given in the afternoon, arranged by Mrs. G. R. Crofoot. Prominent features were vocal solos by Ronald Beattie, piano duets by the Misses Faulkner and recitations by the younger folks.

P. O. Powell then presided in an informal discussion in which several participated and many topics were discussed from the upbringing of children to national finances.

The regular January meeting of the Grange will be held on Saturday. There will be a short program during the afternoon.

Something new in the way of Grange work is promised Friday afternoon, January 16, when all of the Granges of the county with the exception of Brush College which had made its arrangements earlier, will unite in a union installation of officers. Mr. Palmeter, the state master, and Mrs. Bertha Beck will be present. The exercises will be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall, Monmouth, starting at 1:30. Six sets of officers will be installed. The installation will be an open one.

The Dorcas Society meets with Mrs. E. C. Cole on Tuesday afternoon of next week at 2 o'clock. It is the annual meeting for the election of officers and a large turnout is desired.

We Arrive

An unofficial report is that the sales of the Monmouth postoffice for 1924 passed the eight thousand mark which entitles the office to rating as a second class office. The excess is said to be in the neighborhood of \$300, which is asserted to be \$200 higher than the record of the Independence office during the same period.



Mrs. Florence Kahn, widow of the late Congressman Kahn of California, has formally announced her candidacy to succeed her husband at Washington.

SOPHIE BRASLAU YOUNG CONTRALTO

Brilliant Record of Noted Singer Who Is To Appear Tuesday January 13

Versatility is an invaluable possession for any artist and few have been so richly endowed with it as Sophie Braslau, the distinguished American contralto who is appearing here on Tuesday evening, January 13. In the matter of language alone she is very unusual, for she sings with perfect diction, in addition to her native English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian and Hebrew, some of her songs in ancient Hebrew being among the most remarkable things she does.

Having a voice of uncommon range and flexibility her musical repertoire is much wider and more inclusive than that of most singers. Although her voice is a true alto in its lower registers of the true diapason quality which one always hopes to hear and so seldom does, it carries easily to B-flat in alto and the entire literature of the mezzo soprano is within its range.

Miss Braslau has command of true coloratura to an astonishing extent. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries there must have been some very remarkable contraltos judging from the music that has come down

HIGHSCHOOL ALUMNI VISITOR IS FRIEND FORM ORGANIZATION OF RURAL TEACHERS

Graduates Hold Holiday Get-Together and Will Boost for Gymnasium University Representative Finds Things Looking Up For Country Folk

On New Year's Eve some of the alumni of the Monmouth High School met for a social evening and to organize an alumni association.

A few games were played that had been popular in High School days, after which the business meeting was held.

A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected: Clares Powell, president; James Partridge, vice president; Grace Calbreath, secretary and Mary Cole, treasurer.

The principal discussion of the evening was on the new gymnasium for the High School. It was decided that every alumni member would get behind the proposition and boost for the passage of the bill soon to be submitted to the people for the raising of the necessary funds to build it.

It was decided to hold an annual banquet in June, at the time of graduation, and a get-together business meeting annually in December.

Annual dues will be fifty cents and should be paid to Mary Cole or Grace Calbreath before the end of January. After that time a ten cent fine will be levied on all delinquent members. Members are requested to attend to this matter at once and ally themselves with the association at the earliest opportunity.

James Partridge took the chair and after a brief address, continued the discussion on the gymnasium.

The meeting then closed and after a few old High School songs, chocolate and sandwiches were served, and the party broke up with everybody wishing every body else a Happy New Year.

Guests of honor were Misses Clarke and Somers of the High School faculty.

There is every hope for a successful year and a live association if all members will try to further the spirit shown in the meeting.

to us from that time for the floritura given to them was almost as elaborate as that written for soprano. Much of the best of this music Miss Braslau has studied and her vocal ornamentation is of extraordinary quality.

Sophie Braslau will sing at the Normal, Tuesday, January 13 at 8 p. m. Reserved seats may be purchased at Morlan's after 8 o'clock, Saturday morning. Price \$1.00. This is a high class attraction and well worthy of your patronage.

According to Professor Mabel Carney who lectured to the Normal students in chapel Tuesday morning, the premier rural school in the country is at Tempe, Arizona. The teacher thereof gets \$3400 a year. Miss Carney, who does field work for Columbia university, said this was only one of a series of noteworthy schools which she visits. When she graduated from an Illinois Normal School she said she was asked to take a certain rural school in the state. At first she refused, but, urged to think it over before deciding, finally she had taken the rural community position, and it has resulted in considerable advancement along that line.

She said that rural teachers must take an interest in the problems of rural life, working to the end that the lot of farmfolk be made more attractive. She advocated income tax, saying that it was necessary to readjust the expense of conducting the government, now too much of a burden on real property.

She added that the positions of county school supervisors and county superintendents should be made attractive enough to interest capable men, and asserted that county superintendents should be named by county school men.

She told of meeting a county school superintendent in West Virginia, who had only a graded school education and no teaching experience. The superintendent, a young man of 24, admitted that he had not sought the position, but had wanted to be nominated for sheriff. The convention had named the best man they had to look after the county criminals and turned over the five thousand school children of the county to an inferior man.

Miss Carney paid tribute to S. C. Evenden and M. S. Pittman, whom she had met at Columbia, and expressed appreciation of the work the Oregon Normal School is doing. She said Oregon did not attract the attention it merited in the east, possibly because, being between Washington and California, it was in the same situation formerly assigned to North Carolina. Of the tar heel state, between Virginia and South Carolina, both filled with pep and fireworks, it was formerly said that North Carolina was a valley of humiliation between two empires of conceit.

Miss Carney's talk was enjoyed by all who heard her.

While the work of registration at the Normal is still in progress, the indications are the total for the Winter term will be about fifty less than at the opening of the Fall term. This is accounted for in great measure by the fact that the Normal now has four terms in all of which students take regular work. More start with the Summer term and with the Fall term than with either of the other two terms.

The motion picture play this week is to be on Saturday evening. Richard Bartholomew appears in "Classmates" which is one of the popular favorites.

President Landers was in Corvallis last night as a judge in an inter-collegiate debate.

Three new members of the faculty appear this week. Mrs. Cummings has resigned because of sickness. She was in a Portland hospital for a while but has recovered sufficiently to be able to go to the home of her son at Oakland, California. Her place in the English department for the remainder of the school year, has been taken by Miss Bernardine Robertson. The latter is a graduate of the Lewiston, Idaho Normal School and of the University of Washington. Her home is in Portland.

Miss Margaret Mylne of McMinnville has taken Mrs. Bartholomew's place. She is from the University of Oregon.

Miss Eva Schultz of Portland succeeds Miss Goldstaub in the department of Physical Education. She is from the O. A. C.

Richard E. Enright



The man who came up from the ranks to head the police of the world's greatest city, New York. He has done more in seven years' time than all predecessors to bring the department to its present high standard of efficiency. He has made New York safe for the stranger and avoided by the crook.

NEW CITY OFFICERS DULY INSTALLED

Committees Appointed and Machinery Started for a Very Busy Year Ahead

At the council meeting Tuesday evening the shift of officers for the next two years took place. Mayor Ebbert called the meeting to order and promptly administered the oath of office to his successor, H. W. Morlan, and then withdrew. Mayor Morlan administered the oath to C. C. Powell and F. H. O'Rourke, new councilmen. On motion of F. E. Murdock a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for efficient and faithful service.

Under officers were elected as follows: F. E. Chambers, city treasurer; F. R. Bowersox, city health officer; C. E. Stewart, marshal and water superintendent.

The mayor announced the following committees: Sidewalks and streets—Murdock, Powell, Graham.

Auditing—Graham, Powell, O'Rourke.

Public Grounds and Buildings—O'Rourke, Murdock, Graham.

Water Board—Mayor, Recorder, Murdock, Graham.

Finance and Taxation—Graham, Murdock, Powell.

It was ordered that delinquent Main street Bancroft bond payments be placed with the city attorney for collection.

An order was also issued placing the matter of the opening of Clay street with the city attorney. The following were appointed as appraisors: E. W. Staats, J. N. Fuller, James Gentle.

As a start on New Year's business, it was also ordered that the marshal buy wood pipe for water system to be prepared for emergencies.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Improvement Association was held Monday. The past year was a prosperous one for the association. O. A. Wolverton was re-elected president; Mrs. G. W. Chesbro, vice president; Ira C. Powell, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Peterson, Miss Maggie Butler in addition to the other officers, as directors. A ten per cent dividend was declared.

A County Nurse

With the report of \$1.27 additional the total sale of Christmas seals in Monmouth reaches a total of \$93.40 this season. Monmouth, also was the first town to report at headquarters with its work completed. The amount sold entitles the county to the services of a public health nurse for six weeks during the coming year.

FRESHMAN FALLS A PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Robert Dawes, High School Student, Aged 17, Falls Before Dread Disease

Robert Campbell Dawes, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis D. Dawes, died in the Independence hospital, January 5. He had been sick for several weeks with a case of the grip which developed into pneumonia and his life hung in the balance for several days with the doctors doing what they could to relieve him.

The young man was a member of the freshman class in the Monmouth high school and his classmates attended the funeral in a body and the pall bearers were selected from their number. Funeral services were held in the Christian church, Tuesday afternoon, January 6 at 2:30. Rev. Victor P. Morris officiated and A. L. Keeney of Independence had charge of the arrangements. Burial was in the Monmouth cemetery.

The young man was born in Vincennes, Indiana, August 8, 1907. With his parents he came to Oregon about six years ago. They lived in the Mistletoe district for a while and three years ago came to Monmouth. They live near G. W. Baun's on the northwest road out of Monmouth. He is survived by his parents, one sister, Margaret and one brother, Walter.

The sympathy of the neighbors and community was expressed in many flowers placed about the coffin.



Sophie Braslau

WHEN DAD WAS A BOY ——— By SATTERFIELD

