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COUNCIL STARTS WHEELS MOVING

Special Election to be Held in January to Consider Finance of Site Proposal

At a special meeting of the council Wednesday evening the first step was taken looking to a special election to be held January 4 to vote on a charter amendment which will enable the city to buy property to be used as a site in the erection of needed buildings at the Normal, should it be deemed necessary. The limit was placed at \$15,000. The committee, which had been looking up available sites and securing options, reported three. They are: Orville Butler's place, with a frontage of 163 feet on Monmouth avenue; J. E. Winegar's tract of seven acres north of the training school, and the Young property across the highway from Winegar's. While the price asked in all three instances seemed high, it was decided to secure options until April first and carry forward the proceedings. The Smith property north of the dormitory and the Campbell-Stump property were also investigated but were not for sale. It was, however, suggested that the Cummings property might be used, and which in the hands of a landscape architect, could be developed into something attractive.

A group of citizens which filled the council chamber, was present and considerable discussion was forthcoming as to sites and values and methods of handling the situation. Some thought the Wolverton house should be moved back or off its present location and the larger building put on the west side of Monmouth avenue. It was also suggested that Powell street should be extended from the railroad to Monmouth avenue for the purpose of getting parked cars off Monmouth avenue and of allowing access to the high school and gym. From twenty five to forty cars are parked daily on both sides of Monmouth avenue, endangering students and others who have to cross the street.

Various Institutions Are Represented Here

The conference for elementary school principals and supervisors, representing the first of a series of such meetings, sponsored by the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, was well attended by school people from nearly every section of the state. More than three hundred teachers, principals, superintendents, and supervisors participated in the program of assembly and sectional meetings which occupied the time from ten o'clock Saturday morning until five o'clock in the afternoon. Luncheon was served for more than one hundred fifty people at the noonday banquet, and the Mischea Elman concert in the evening was well attended.

A number of prominent school superintendents of the state were members of the conference, notably among whom were State Superintendent-elect C. A. Howard of Marshfield, H. E. Inlow of Pendleton, A. C. Hampton of Astoria, Geo. E. Finnerty of Albany, C. A. Rice of Portland; J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis, O. V. White of Stanton, I. W. Crites of Hood River, E. J. Patton of Falls City, Susanne Homes-Carter of Jacksonville, I. P. McGlosson of Forest Grove, Josiah Wills of Dallas, G. E. Lamb of Tillamook, A. L. Robinson of Rainier, F. M. Roth of Monmouth and O. A. Anderson of Vernonia.

Portland teachers, principals, and supervisors were well represented by a large group including Julia Spooner, Grace Bridges, Vida Hammond, Gertrude Weid, T. J. Gary, J. M. Childers, Enid Kecknitz, Jesse McCord, W. A. Dickson, Ruth Adler, Mary Ulen, A. J. Pridaux, H. C. Tallman, Robert H. Walsh, Ethel Wilcox, C. E. Ferguson, H. W. Ager and many others.

State institutions were represented by E. T. Reed of Oregon Agricultural College, W. A. Cox of the Boys Training School of

"Best Farm Worker"



After a national contest, Homer Sheffield, age 16, of Crosby Texas, has been declared the outstanding boy's agricultural worker of the U. S.

He has won every possible honor and scholarship in his state. Recently when cotton was \$50 per bale—he had his made into mattresses, selling them at \$25 each—realizing \$100 profit per bale.

Scout Cabin Done

Work on the boy scout cabin at the Helmick bridge is about completed. C. W. Price has been chief engineer and the cabin has been built out of boards instead of logs as at first contemplated. The building will cost six hundred dollars, three hundred of which has been previously raised. An effort to make the final drive to balance the sheet is being made this week and the first of next week.

Roll Call

The state organization of the Red Cross association has appointed Miss Bertha Wilson, nurse at the Normal to have charge of the annual roll call this year. The work will extend over Friday and Saturday at the Normal School and on Saturday citizens of Monmouth will have an opportunity to contribute with agents at Morlan's and at the First National bank.

A Memorial

A. L. Ide of Pennsylvania was head of the department of education at the Normal for the year of 1917-18, following the departure of E. S. Evenden. He was here only a year, leaving in the summer of 1918 to take a position with the university of Pennsylvania with which his wife was also connected. Mr. Ide died a year or so later of nervous disorder, said to have been brought on by overwork. Feeling this ailment may have had its start in Monmouth, a woman member of the 1918 graduating class, now teaching in California, has set herself to work to raise funds among her classmates for a memorial to Mr. Ide, with a view of placing it with the Oregon Normal School.

SOCIAL HOUR CLUB

The Social Hour club had a very pleasant meeting at Mrs. R. E. Derby's Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Boothby as assistant hostess.

The attendance was large and all enjoyed an interesting program. As entertainment each member was required to answer roll call by telling the name of the state in which she was born and relating something for which that state was noted or some historical incident that took place in it.

Miss Alice Butler also gave a reading. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Edwards with Mrs. Wm. Riddell as assistant hostess.

Woodburn, H. P. Rainey and F. C. Wooten, J. Stanley Gray, Victor P. Morris, and Mrs. A. L. Beck, all of the University of Oregon. The Oregon Normal School was represented by the entire faculty.

Other teachers and principals in attendance were Marcia Yeck of Hood River, W. F. Lenherr of Huber, U. S. Dotson, Margaret Cosper, Carlotta Crowley, and Signe Paulson of Salem; Rose Stacks, Katie Potter, Madge Hampton and Edith Booth of Eugene, J. S. Goin and V. B. Higbee of Tillamook, Mrs. J. H. Dunn of Russellville, F. D. Braly of Gilbert, W. L. Regle of Sherwood, Addie Martin of Dallas, H. D. Carroll of Chemawa, E. H. Ruh of Alpine, Mary Vandie and Jessie Ritchie of Albany and Wm. S. Brooks and L. D. Griffiee of Corvallis.

MEETING REACHES NEW ALTITUDES

Conference of Supervisors and Others Draws Attendance from Varied Ranks

The Normal School served as host to something like three hundred teachers Saturday in the conference of supervisors and principals and the meetings of the Oregon Research Council and the Oregon Educational Tests association. A. S. Gist, principal of the B. F. Day school in Seattle, was the central attraction. He is the author of several books on supervisory work and has important connections with the National Educational association. He gave two addresses during the day, both of which attracted close interest.

The climax of the day was reached at noon during the banquet in the domestic science rooms of the training school where one hundred and fifty plates were laid. At the close of the meal a stimulating series of talks followed one another in rapid succession, with E. T. Reed of the Oregon Agricultural college launching the speaker and his subject with the peculiar wit for which he is noted and with Chas. E. Franseen managing the bell which was the high sign to stop.

J. O. McLaughlin of Corvallis explained the necessity of fixing a goal in an educational program, as it gives something to aim at and minimizes wasted and uncoordinated efforts.

President Landers affirmed his belief that elementary training was becoming sufficiently well developed to merit the bestowal of a degree. He said there are only eight states in the union which have not teachers colleges, Oregon being one. He also said Oregon spent less on education during 1924-25 than any other state in the union save one. The Board of Regents, he said, have the four year idea in mind and are working to its adoption in the state.

C. A. Howard of Marshfield, state superintendent elect, said that scientific methods of education could not appeal to people who did not understand the use and value of such training. Such education requires years to have its merits generally recognized. The Oregon Research council which is investigating educational conditions in the state, is performing a good work. But educational methods must be improved through the contact with the untrained teacher by the trained teacher.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey of the state university hammered a large number of truths into form in the course of a ten minute talk. Our system of educational finance, he asserted, is fifty years behind the times, and in some states, a hundred years behind modern demands. Salaries within the state are three hundred dollars lower on the average than in neighboring states and as a result it is a common occurrence for the pick of our graduates to go out of the state to teach. Superintendent C. A. Rice of Portland and Miss Thompson of the Marion county health clinic also spoke.

Shower for Miss Goehring

A kitchen shower was given Miss Bernice Goehring, of the department of Public Speaking, by her faculty friends and others, the afternoon of Armistice day. Miss Goehring is to be a December bride, which fact furnished the motive for the event. Green and white constituted the color scheme.

"Tin Gods"

The motion picture "Tin Gods" with Thomas Meighan in a leading part, is to be shown in the Normal chapel, Saturday evening. Two shows.

JOHN THOMAS OSBORN

John Thomas Osborn, who was born in Salem, July 20, 1856, died today. Mr. Osborn's whole life was spent in Polk county. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emily Osborn, a daughter, Mrs. R. H. Haynes of Independence; two sons, John Osborn of Salem and George Osborn of Pondsosa, California. Also a brother, Wesley Osborn of Cooper Hollow. Funeral services will be held from the Keeney chapel in Independence at 2 p. m., Saturday, November 20, with burial in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

CLUB MOVES TO BACK COUNCIL

Would Meet State in Effort To Provide Site for Needed Normal Buildings

Although the attendance at the commercial club meeting on Tuesday evening was comparatively light, it developed into one of the most interesting sessions in a long time. It developed that the budget proposal for buildings on the Normal campus has strings to it. The regents are calling on the city to furnish a site. This is not an innovation as a proposal, but is the common thing with other educational institutions in the state. The university, the agricultural college and the normal school are called on similarly and find the request no hardship. The proposal awakened no opposition whatever at the meeting of the club, which went on record as heartily backing the city officials in what measures they might take to this end.

At the same time it is felt the proposals of the regents do not go far enough. When called on for information in regard to Normal facilities, Messrs. Gentle, Franseen and Spencer detailed a number of facts which are of unusual significance. With a student body of nine hundred and fifty, the Normal has no laboratory facilities that are worthy of the name. Such makeshift equipment as they have to do work with is surpassed by many high schools in small towns.

Congestion in the library also demands attention. The present space allowed is so small that students following up reference work in their studies are compelled to stand, and for this reason the room is filled with standing students from eight in the morning until five at night.

To adequately supply the needs of the school a \$300,000 building is none too large. It was the opinion that such a building might appropriately be erected as a memorial to the two Campbells, father and son, whose work for higher education has meant much to Oregon and the Oregon Normal school, and in such a case the city will cheerfully furnish an appropriate site.

P. H. Johnson made a strong speech in favor of this or any other plan that might seem desirable to favor the Normal program. He said he has lived in Monmouth twenty six years and recalls vividly the time when it was necessary to raise funds, to sign notes, to pledge work to keep the wheels going. He recalled the sacri-

Life Saver Honored



Capt. Chas. Schully of New York received the Congressional Medal for Life Saving. During his 13 years in the "business" he has saved more than 400 persons from drowning.

David Campbell's Concert Heard in New York

On Thursday evening, November 9, David Campbell appeared in a concert in Aeolian hall, New York city. Mrs. L. A. Robinson writes of it. "We enjoyed it immensely. He seemed to be well received if one could judge by the number of times he was called back. He is wonderful, we think." Writing to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cole, Mary Cole says she attended the concert and it appeared as though she were at a meeting of Oregonians. She mentions seeing Mrs. C. E. Stengel and grandchildren, Alice and Jennie Peterson, Ruby Ann Lorence, Clayton Burrow who, with Miss Cole's attending Columbia, accompanied her to the concert. She writes that Mr. Campbell's work was enthusiastically received and that his fame and talent seem to be quite generally recognized in the big town on Manhattan island.

Recalls of the early days, and when he recalled the splendid groups of men and women who have had their training here, he felt there is none who will not admit it was worth while.

A committee consisting of P. H. Johnson, R. D. Elliott and R. B. Swenson was appointed to confer with the council as to what is necessary to be done. Manner and methods of getting publicity for Normal needs were also discussed.

An adjournment was taken to next Tuesday evening.

GRANGE DOINGS OF PAST WEEK

Brothers' Day in Monmouth Joint County Meet in Salem. Next Meeting Here

Saturday was Brothers' day at the Grange and as neither tales of acute indigestion nor liver trouble have followed in the wake of the meal they prepared it must be taken for granted that they handled that part of the program all right. During the program hour that followed Professor Roth detailed his experiences while learning to acquire a taste for baked sour dough in the gold fields of Alaska. Ralph Beck, new county agent was present and volunteered a few remarks relative to his work.

Col. Bartram, state flax agent talked on the flax situation. He said success in flax growing had been pronounced and many farmers are asking for contracts for next year. There are even more of these than can be taken on and in the future applications will be thoroughly gone over to see that the best growers with the land best adapted to the crop get the contracts.

A joint session of the Marion and Polk county Pomonas was held in Salem Wednesday and was called to order by the Marion Pomona master, W. A. Jones. Reports for county granges were made for Polk, Marion and Clackamas. Also Linn and Benton had representatives there. Resolutions were introduced relating to the federal income tax, opposing hired solicitors for initiative petitions, against hazing, favoring a state income tax and concerning freight rates on live stock.

Mr. Hurd of O. A. C. talked of extension work and the Grange.

In the afternoon Governor Pierce was introduced and a rather gloomy outlook for Oregon was reflected by his talk.

After two or three readings Mr. Spence took the floor with an exposition of the McNary-Haugen bill.

Committee considering the continuance of the joint meetings reported favorably. The next meeting is to be held in Monmouth.

McCoy-Ballston, Hosts

The next meeting of the Odd Fellows' visiting association is for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs only and is to be held at McCoy, December 2nd. McCoy and Ballston are to do the entertaining and the meeting will be held in Dome's hall near McCoy.

BREAKING HOME TIES

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