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STUDENTS ASK "SQUARE DEAL"

HOW MONMOUTH NORMAL HAS
BEEN KEPT UP

Student Body of Oregon State Normal School Shows That School Has Been Kept Alive Only Through Great Privation and Self-Sacrifice.

Editor Independence Enterprise,
Independence, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The Student Body of the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth requests the courtesy of a hearing, through your paper, in regard to the Normal School controversy. We feel that our school and its faculty and students have been grossly wronged not only in the failure of the Legislature to provide support but in the unjust and untrue statements published in many papers.

The Monmouth school has been operated since January 1 1907 without state funds. In addition, great publicity was given the fact that the Board of Regents had closed the institution in 1907 for lack of funds and little notice taken of the fact that the same Board accepted large donations from friends of the Normal and reopened it in August 1907. These facts coupled with the natural fear of students and their parents that the school might be unable to complete the year, combined to shake confidence and make a handicap almost insuperable.

In spite of all these adversities, the occasion and alumni and friends raised and paid into the state treasury six thousand dollars to enable the regents to carry on the school during the year 1907-8. The local school district doubled its tax and added five thousand dollars. Tuition receipts amounted to more than three thousand dollars. The faculty donated in salary reductions five thousand dollars, making a total provision of nineteen thousand dollars for the year's budget not one cent of which was supplied by the state.

A similar plan was followed for the present year 1908-9, only of necessity the resources were more limited. The local school district paid the salaries of the principal of the Training Department and of the four critics, and other expenses to the amount of five thousand dollars. Seven additional instructors were employed, five accepting the mere pittance of fifty dollars a month and two, President Ressler and Mr. Butler, donated their services. The teachers salary sacrifice this year amounts to nearly six thousand dollars. Tuition receipts will be above twenty-five hundred dollars. The cash donations will amount to over three thousand dollars, making a total for the year of about seventeen thousand dollars, with not a penny from the state.

Last year, Monmouth students paid twenty-five dollars tuition, double the charges made at the other State Normal Schools and at the State University and Agricultural College. This year, the students have cheerfully paid the same fee and when the regular session of the Legislature adjourned without making an appropriation, a student mass meeting was called, where one hundred and ten students subscribed over fourteen hundred dollars in order that the school should not be closed. Practically all of us are self-supporting and yet we gladly put up our hard-earned money both because we want Normal training and because we mean to stand by our dear old school to the very last.

We are also self-respecting and resent bitterly the unfair and untrue charges against our school. We know and every fair-minded person may know by the least investigation that Monmouth is and has been a bona fide Normal school. Under the adverse conditions, forty-eight graduates were sent out last year and there will be over forty the coming June. Of last year's Senior class, forty-five are now teaching, two are students in college and one is married. Ninety-one and eight tenths per cent of the graduates during the past five years are still teaching and the per centage of the whole twenty-seven years is over sixty.

These and other reliable and authentic statistics have been published

to all. Our school and its good name and reputation are the capital of graduates and students, and loss of the capital through abuse and misrepresentation means bankruptcy. Monmouth cannot be crushed. Like Truth, "though crushed to earth, she will rise again; the eternal years of God are hers." Gentlemen of the press give us a "square deal."

Very truly yours, The Student Body
E. M. Stroud, Pres. Mary Whitney, Secretary.

Monmouth, Oregon, March 26, 1909

Redoubling Their Efforts

The Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Good Road Conference had a meeting in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club last Saturday, and determined that an active campaign in behalf of Good Roads should be conducted over the state.

HILLSBORO GETS HOSPITAL

Institution to Open at Once in Former Residence of W. H. Wehrung

Mrs. L. R. Hicks of Henley, Cal., has taken a lease on the residence of W. H. Wehrung and will at once open a sanitarium under the name of the Hillsboro Maternity Hospital. In addition to the class of cases indicated by the name the institution will be conducted as a general hospital, where all cases, except of a contagious nature, may receive the attention of their own physicians and surgeons. Mrs. Hicks was connected with the old Hicks hotel in Hillsboro a number of years ago and is well known in the city. It is understood the new institution has the indorsement of the local medical fraternity and will fill a long felt want, there being no similar institution in the county, local physicians being dependent on the Portland hospitals. It is considered the hospital will prove of particular benefit with patients living at a distance, for they may come to the city and be under the care of the physician they may select.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

Polk county is situated in one of the best parts of the Willamette Valley. Many of the wealthiest men now in Oregon received the first elements of their prosperity from Polk county. It being one of the counties in which the best hops are produced for our export trade, also the home of some of the largest hop yards in the world, is conclusive proof of the value of its soil. The mohair produced in Polk county is another of its large sources of income, and I believe commands a price equal to that brought by mohair anywhere. I am informed that Government agents from the Agricultural Department claim that on account of the peculiar conditions of climate it is the finest mohair grown. There is no doubt that the county has some of the finest farms that can be found in any county.

Polk county has a State Normal School at Monmouth, one of the oldest and best on the Pacific coast for the training of teachers, and the common school facilities throughout the county are equal to any on the coast. Social, church and moral conditions rank among the best, and it is a remarkable fact that during all the history of the state of Oregon very little crime has been committed in Polk county.

The early pioneers selected their first homes within this territory, which would seem a strong testimony to the quality of the soil and water. No intending purchasers of a home, or one desiring to obtain a location for business could secure a better location to invest his money, where he can receive in a few years a more handsome profit from the increase in value of his investment. The county is today in need of a much larger population and consequent smaller farms that it may produce what it should for the commercial trade of the Pacific Coast, and were the land producing what they should it would be very soon one of the wealthiest counties in the state of Oregon—Extract from an article in a special edition of the Independence Enterprise, published in 1905, written by Jefferson Myers, then president of the Lewis & Clarke fair, from year to year and are available

COLONISTS ON WAY TO OREGON

TRAIN LEFT OMAHA THIS WEEK

General Circulation of Facts Concerning Oregon by Use of Pamphlets Is Turning Tide of Emigration to Great State of Oregon.

A large body of colonists is headed for Oregon according to advices from the general passenger agent of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha. The following telegram from McMurry, Portland representative, to the press of Oregon was:

"E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent Union Pacific at Omaha wires today that our train number five from Omaha 30th and 31st will have large number of colonists for Oregon."

Within the past few years the public opinion in the east regarding Oregon have undergone a complete change. Intelligent and persistent advertising have transformed the brain pictures of Oregon from a land of wild Indians, bears and mountain lions to one of improved farms, happy homes, progressive cities, an exceptionally intelligent and agreeable class of people, and withal resources still unlimited.

This advertising is rapidly bearing fruit to which fact the above telegram will testify.

Last and best of the coast states to have its many grand resources and exceptional opportunities explained to the overcrowded east, the genuine value to substantiate the statements of use behind the advertisements, and the growing number of gratified investors to substantiate the statements of boosters, immigration to Oregon is just in its infancy.

Hotel Changes Hands

The Little Palace Hotel has changed hands, F. W. Treanor having sold his lease of the hostelry and furniture of the same to Moss Walker of Falls City. Mr. Walker took charge of the hotel the 1st inst. Mr. Walker is an experienced hotel man and being wide-awake will also be a factor in the development of Independence. He will make many changes in the house and will run one of the best hotels in the country.

Mr. Treanor has not yet announced what he will turn his attention to in the future.

Salem in Wireless Circuit

Salem is to be included in the wireless circuit, according to the Salem Statesman. In the circuit will be San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Spokane and other coast cities.

A pole 123 feet long has been delivered to Salem which is to bear the wires for the capture of the atmospheric vibrations that bear the thoughts of human minds through ethereal space without visible contact or connection.

The station is to be built on the Spaulding property near the south end of the South Commercial bridge.

Eugene is included in the list for the early construction of wireless stations as is also Mt. Angel and other Oregon points.

County Treasurer's Notice

Notice is hereby given that all Polk county warrants which were presented and endorsed "not paid for want of funds" prior to November 7 1908, will be paid on presentation at my office.

No interest will be allowed on the same after date of this notice.

Dated this 26 day of March, 1909

Ed C. Dunn, County Treasurer.

Pomona Meets With Accident

In a dense fog the steamer Pomona bound from Portland for Corvallis, got out of the channel and struck a reef of rocks near Milwaukie Thursday morning and sank to the main deck. Small boats were lowered in which many of the 18 passengers embarked and went to Milwaukie, where they took cars for Portland. Others remained until the steamer Undine, which was sent for, had arrived and made the trip on her back to the city.

None of the passengers were injured and the officers of the disabled steamer say the freight escaped damage. The steamer was proceeding slowly

through the thick fogbanks, when all at once she hit the jagged reef about 150 feet from shore. A hole was torn in the hull on the starboard side below the water line, and she quickly began to fill. On striking she gave a lurch as if to free herself, and some of the passengers were nearly hurled from their feet. The craft gradually settled down until her main deck was awash.

With Pilot H. A. Symes at the wheel, the Pomona left Portland at 6:45 o'clock Thursday morning. According to the log it was 7:20 when the accident occurred. Captain Blum is master of the boat, but he was being relieved temporarily by the pilot. The weather was rather foggy when she got away from her dock and the banks became thicker farther up the stream.

The freight was removed by the Undine, and the same day arrangements for floating the stranded craft were completed. Just how badly she is damaged will not be definitely known until a closer examination of the hull has been made. The Pomona belongs to the Oregon City Transportation company. Officials of the company say they will get another steamer to take her place on the Corvallis run just as soon as a suitable boat can be engaged.

With her out of commission there is but one other freight and passenger steamer running out of Portland to points on the upper Willamette. This is the Oregon, of the same line, which goes up the river one day and returns the following day.

River men have long urged the lighthouse people to place a buoy at the rocks, where the Pomona met with her mishap. It is held to be a dangerous point and lies in proximity to the channel—Salem Statesman.

A good many are taking advantage of the offer of the magazine—Human Life—free with a year's subscription in advance to the Enterprise. It is a splendid magazine. Call and get a sample copy while they last.

PRIZES COVER A WIDE RANGE

The program for the big horse show at Salem tomorrow (Saturday) out and shows an excellent list of prizes. The committee has prefaced the program with the following:

"In presenting this, the second premium list of the Salem Horse Show Association, to the breeders and owners of high-class horses, we feel confident that the breeders will not be disappointed with the efforts made in their behalf. This show is not intended by its promoters as a profit-making concern, but its interest is to promote the breeding of better horses and more of them; to establish a market for the product, and assist the producer in a commercial manner."

"Our premium list, while not paying large amounts in cash, is very complete in general classification, providing a class for all breeds and ages."

"Many of the leading merchants and business men have generously contributed 'special prizes'; silver cup and other trophies that are engraved, showing the class awarded to and the donor's name, making very attractive prizes, which will be highly valued by the winner."

Held Temperance Rally

The W. C. T. U. of March 26th was very well attended, had a good meeting and all enjoyed the talk given by Mrs. Harford. I think her being with us will be a blessing to our union. Our next meeting will be at Mrs. Kirks', April 9th. Mrs. Helen D. Harford will be with us again. All are cordially invited to attend. Be prompt at 2:30 P. M.

The Temperance Rally of the 28th had a very good attendance. We thank the children for helping so nicely and all that helped in the great work even with their sympathy. And I know the children won't forget the lesson they learned from Mrs. Harford, and may God's blessing rest on all and much good be accomplished, and may the people all take more interest in the next quarterly temperance rally, June 27th.

For Sale—Team of horses, weight about 1200 each. Well broke to single and double driving. For information apply to Joe Laundree or phone 56x.

You'll Find Better Values This Season than Ever Before

Men's Shirts

Shirting material of every kind costs less this year than for many years past, and our shirt factory used a higher grade of fabrics to sell at a certain price than has been possible before. That's why the entire line of shirts this season shows such an improvement. Our line of SUMMIT SHIRTS is now complete. All who have looked at

Men's Clothing

this season have been surprised to find that they can buy stylish pure worsted Suits at prices that were asked for half cotton Suits last spring. Owing to the decline in price of Men's Suiting Fabrics it is possible for us to sell you a better Suit for \$12.00 this spring than we could sell you for \$15.00 a year ago. All Clothing Lines are decidedly cheaper and mere attention than usual has been paid to the fit and finish and general make-up of the garment. The COLLEGE CHAP style of Young Men's Suits leaves nothing to be desired by particular dressers.

Boy's Clothing

Requires great wear-resisting and tear-resisting qualities. That's the kind we carry and the style are strictly correct

Credit Stores Can't Match Our Prices

BARNES' CASH STORE

E. T. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

SALEM, OREGON

terms concerning the condition of the school.

Mrs. Jessie Cromwell returned this week to her work in the public school. During her absence last week the third grade was in charge of Mrs. Conkey.

The semi-finals in the high school debating league occur the last of this week at Monmouth, Friday, April 2nd. The Monmouth team that defeated Ballston will meet the Independence team that won by default over Bethel. Clyde Dick, Elizabeth Jensen and Dean Baughman represent the Independence high school, defending the negative of the question: Resolved—"That further restriction of foreign immigration is desirable."

R. W. Kirk attended the meeting of school officers, patrons and teachers at Buena Vista last Saturday. He reports a large attendance and a very interesting meeting.

Is a Confirmed "Joiner."

The Benton County Republican says that Rev. J. R. N. Bell is purported to have been initiated into more lodges than any other man in Oregon. It is said he has had 161 goat rides.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Otter Rock Improvement Company, will be held at the office of the Secretary, in Independence, Oregon, on Saturday, the 20th day of April, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing the officers of said company, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

For sale—Team of horses, weight about 1200 each. Well broke, to single and double driving. For information apply to Joe Laundree or phone 56x.

B. F. Jones, Secretary

Stallion Posters

With the assistance of the typesetting machine in which was recently installed in this office we are in a position to do all kinds of printing superior to any other shop in the country. The Enterprise is on a par with any printing institution of Portland. How about your stallion bills? Let them be done at the Enterprise office.

GLAD IT DID SO MUCH GOOD

Druggists Hear Much Praise for a
Simple Home-Made Mixture

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys; cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter, overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short time.

A druggist here who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers last October stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

All the druggists in this neighborhood say they can supply the ingredients, which are easily mixed at home. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known, and certainly none more harmless or simple to use.

School Notes

Alden Chamberlain of Newberg visited over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. W. Kirk.

Prof. Boydston, of McMinnville College, addressed the pupils in the Independence school last Monday morning. He spent a half day visiting the different grades and spoke in glowing