

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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RE-OPEN NORMAL

The sooner that the people of the state of Oregon come to the realization that educational institutions are not to be considered a part of the political enterprises of the country the better it will be for all concerned. The friends of the state normal school at Monmouth who are seeking to invoke the initiative in behalf of the school at that place deserve commendation. The enactment of all measures looking to the educational development of the country, in the last analysis of the situation, is the duty of the people. Monmouth State Normal school has been drawn unwillingly into politics. It is to be hoped that, in a modest way, the initiative will offer a remedy in the present crisis for the support of the normal. The record of the school for usefulness is an enviable one. Its work has been of a high standard. Its teachings have included the most advanced pedagogical ideas and its curriculum was based on that of the best normal schools of the United States.

That the committee of the alumni acted wisely when they planned to invoke this measure in behalf of the school is the general belief, so far as the opinions of the newspapers of the state are concerned. To procure the best teachers possible for the public schools of the country is to reopen the normal at Monmouth and it is the opinion of the Independence Enterprise that they will sustain the measure when it is offered on the initiative petition.

GREAT FORTUNE CRUMBLES

In the dusk of his life's day we witness the pathetic figure of Millionaire Rockefeller, rich in this world's goods but impoverished spiritually to the extent that his fortune weighs upon him like a curse. With the accumulation of the most stupendous fortune ever known in the history of the world the task of unloading it preparatory to his exit from his earthly sphere is now occupying his

attention. To do this he is calling to his assistance the congress of the United States and they will have to deal with the establishment of a foundation of charity comprehending nearly a billion dollars. Unfortunately it is that this charity will not take into account the real needs of the country. It is expected that this foundation will benefit educational conditions. Reduction of costs of the commodity through which he amassed his great fortune, to the point of actual production, would benefit the poorest and most deserving class in the country. Mr. Rockefeller commits a breach of etiquette in giving at this time, for it is generally accepted that one should not give that which is of no value to himself, and it is just barely possible that St. Peter will judge his deeds by this standard. Unfortunately the ultimate arrangement of affairs of men is such that these burdens fall on those least able to bear them.

The proposal of the Southern Pacific to assist towns of California in fighting the hobo element of the west promises a cure of the hobo evil. The railroads are responsible for the hobos and just as soon as they are willing to co-operate with the municipal organizations of the country that soon will the country be swept clean of that undesirable element of our population.

A band of Hindus was brought to town this week by Horst Bros. to work in their large hop yards this year. This is intended somewhat to demonstrate the scarcity of laborers on the Pacific coast, contrary to representations which have been made in a New York paper. This also shows how a class of undesirable citizens get a foothold in our country.

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MONMOUTH NEWS

Hartley Mulkey went to Salem Saturday.

Geo. Baum has rented the Fugate place from Mr. Clearwater.

J. W. Shelton of Independence was a Monmouth visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Butler visited relatives in Dallas Sunday.

T. A. Riggs has sold his grocery business to Geo. Muscott of Dallas.

Mrs. P. E. Chase has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. She is now considerably improved.

C. C. Yeater of Cooper Hollow was in town on business Wednesday of last week.

Wm. Herren of Tillamook was doing business here the past week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Matthys are the proud parents of a daughter, born February 28.

Mary Henson of Corvallis visited her parents here over Sunday.

Agate Rebekah lodge No. 177 initiated two more members Thursday evening of last week.

The Fugate sale was largely attended Thursday of last week, bringing men from all parts of the country. Everything sold high.

A large acreage will be sown to oats this season in this part of the country. All are looking forward to heavy crops owing to the past severe winter.

Mrs. Della Force went to Portland Tuesday, March 8, to attend the state convention of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Miss Catherine Campbell, went to Condon Wednesday where Catherine will teach a term of school. Mrs. Campbell will visit relatives there for two weeks.

Rev. Hornschuch is conducting a series of meetings at the Evangelical church.

Everybody that was able was out Sunday to enjoy the warm spring weather. Lagrippe will soon be a thing of the past.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES

The second series of the high school debates for this county will be held this (Friday) evening at the different schools of the county that are in the league.

The first series was held the first of January and now the same teams will contest for the honors in the second series. The debates will be held as follows by the following teams, all visiting teams being negative while the affirmative teams remain at home: Independence at Monmouth; Monmouth at Perrydale; Perrydale at Dallas; Dallas at Ballston; Ballston at Falls City; Falls City at Independence.

The question the young people will discuss this time is as follows: Resolved: That immigration should be further restricted by an illiteracy test. All judges will be parties who are not interested in either team and who reside in some place different from the debaters on either team.

These debates are costing the schools a large amount of money and as they are doing much good for the schools and much more good for the children, every person interested in the schools and in their betterment should try and attend and thus help the debaters by your interest and also help the financial side.

A good pair of reading glasses
for \$1.00 at Kramer's.