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Thos. H. Tongue a Zealous Worker for His State.

SECURES OREGON APPROPRIATION.

Holds Important Committee Positions and is one of the most Forceful Speakers.

No man in congress from any state has more earnestly and zealously endeavored to serve the people of his district and his state without regard to political faith, or social or commercial position, than has Thos. H. Tongue. He is now and has been since he first entered congress, one of the busiest men in that body. No man has ever written him a letter or made a request of him of any kind, which he has not in some way answered, and the infinitive detail of his daily work, would tax the energies of the most vigorous man. Mr. Tongue has made no attempt to distinguish himself in congress by the usual method employed by most of the members, that of making speeches, but has confined himself almost wholly to the practical features and duties of his position, as in this way only can a man do that service for his constituents which they demand and to which they are justly entitled. Aside from the endless detail of correspondence amounting to an average of 75 letters a day, attending to questions before departments, carrying out personal wishes, granting personal requests, attending to pensions, to mail routes and contracts, to requests for government publications, and an infinitive number of other things unnecessary to mention, he has secured the establishment of innumerable post offices, increase of mail service in numerous localities and a large number of free rural delivery routes. During his first term he secured the first free rural delivery to the Pacific Coast. While Mr. Tongue has not been heard often on the floor of Congress, such speeches as he has made, have been characterized by an ability which has made him the ablest and most forcible speakers in the lower house of Congress.

Mr. Tongue's committee assignments are an index to his standing both in Congress and with the republican organization. When he received his appointment on the River and Harbor committee he had been in Congress but one term. California had never had the position and neither had Washington. Both were applicants for it and both were strongly supported. At the same time Oregon had in the Senate, a member on the committee on commerce, and California had not, but desired it. In the face of these adverse conditions Mr. Tongue was assigned this very important position. At the same Congress he was appointed chairman of the committee on irrigation of Arid Lands, a committee which



Ira F. M. Butler, of Monmouth, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

he has made one of the most important in Congress. No member of Congress today having served so short a time, has two positions of equal importance.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

On these matters in which Oregon is particular interested, Mr. Tongue has secured for Oregon a consideration, which far exceeds anything of this kind in the history of appropriations for this state. The River and Harbor Bill as it left the House Committee, and before additions and amendments had been made by the Senate, carried an aggregate appropriations for the Rivers and Harbors of nearly \$2,000,000, an amount of money equal to one-fourth the entire appropriations for the state during forty-three years or since her admission to the sisterhood of states. For all the rivers and harbors of the United States, carrying an annual tonnage of 100,000 tons and less, an aggregate tonnage of 2,290,398 tons, there was appropriated by the House Committee; \$417,000, which is something less than 20 cents a ton. Out of this \$417,000, thus appropriated Mr. Tongue has gotten for the little state of Oregon for rivers and harbors of this class, for Tillamook \$27,000 for Siuslaw river, \$26,000, for Coquille river \$30,000 and for Coos Bay \$10,000—\$93,000 or nearly one-fourth the entire amount allowed for rivers and harbors of this class in the entire United States. This is showing which cannot be approached by any other state in the union.

For the month of the Columbia the appropriation granted by the house committee on rivers and harbors, of which Mr. Tongue is a member, was \$1,500,000, the largest amount ever given for the Willamette river above Portland, and its tributaries, there was an appropriation of \$68,000, or more than has been before appropriated for the Willamette river in all the history of Oregon.

To the above may be added an appropriation of \$100,000 for a Federal building at Salem the first and only one in the district and an appropriation for the Chemawa Indian School, two or three times greater than ever obtained for that school.—Eugene Register.

NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

Programme Completed For the June Exercises.

A CLASS OF 25 WILL GRADUATE.

A Life Size Portrait of President T. F. Campbell will be Presented.

The arrangements for the annual commencement exercises of the State Normal School are now fully completed. The following programme has been arranged and the outlook is for one of the most promising in years.

Saturday evening, June 14th, Sheridan's comedy, "The Rivals," will be played by a strong local company.

Sunday, June 15th, at 11 o'clock—baccalaureate sermon, Rev. T. L. Elliott, Jr., of Portland.

Monday, June 15th—Class day exercises at 2 o'clock P. M. At 8 o'clock P. M., students reunion.

Tuesday—Field day at 2 o'clock P. M. Society entertainment in the evening.

Wednesday, 10 o'clock—Commencement.

The following seniors from a class of 25 will take part: Miss Elva Whealdon, salutatorian; Mr. T. C. Allen, valedictorian; Miss Mona East, Miss Ora Overholzer and Miss Neva J. Whitney will each deliver an oration.

A life size portrait of President T. F. Campbell will be presented to the school by the Memorial Association, composed of the Alumni of Christian College, the Normal school and members of the senior class. It is expected the presentation speech will be made by Hon. W. D. Fenton, who will also address the class. The presentation speech will be responded to by Justice Wolverton.

The alumni banquet will be held in the afternoon and the reunion in the evening. Mrs. Hallie Parrish-Hinges, of Salem, will furnish some special numbers during the exercises.

DALLAS IS THE WINNER,

Dallas and Monmouth Meet in Field Events.

THE FORMER WINS BY ONE POINT

Northwest Record in Several Events Nearly Broken—Ideal Day for Contest.

At an interesting field meet held in Dallas Saturday the Dallas college team triumphed over a team from the Normal school. It was a close contest and, strange to say, several northwest records came nearly being broken. The fine record made by both teams was a surprise to the earnest supporters of both schools. The most friendly feeling prevailed.

The contest was close, Dallas winning out by one point. The weather was fine, and a large crowd was in attendance. The Normal boys took most of the field events, while Dallas excelled in track work. The score was: Dallas college, 66; Normal school, 65. The summary of events follows:

50-yard dash—Matthews, Normal, first; Guy, Dallas, second; Poling, Dallas, third; time, 0:5 4-5.

100-yard dash—Poling, Dallas, first; Matthews, Normal, second; Bittner, Dallas, third; time, 0:11.

220-yard dash—Matthews, Normal, first; Bittner, Dallas, second; Murphy, Normal, third; time, 0:24 4-5.

440-yard run—Valley, Normal, first; Matthews, Normal, second; Guy, Dallas, third; time, 0:55 2-5.

880-yard run—Poling, Dallas, first; Goodman, Normal, second; Arnold, Dallas, third; time, 2:18 1/2.

Mile run—Poling, Dallas, first; Bittner, Dallas, second; Teats, Dallas, third.

120-yard hurdle—B. Teats, Dallas, first; M. Teats, Dallas, second; Gates, Dallas, third; time, 0:19 4-5.

220-yard hurdle—B. Teats, Dallas, first; Guy, Dallas, second; Baughman, Dallas, third; time, 0:30 2-5.

Mile relay race—Dallas won.

Shot put—Eviden, Normal, first; Valley, Normal, second; Gross, Normal, third; 61 feet and 1 inch.

Hammer throw—Eviden, Normal, first; Poling, Dallas, second; Gubser, Dallas, third; 95 feet and 3 inches.

Discus—Gross, Normal, first; Eviden, Normal, second; Ellis, Dallas, third; 88 feet and 1 inch.

High jump—Eviden, Normal, first; Murphy, Normal, second; Poling, Dallas, third; 5 feet and 2 inches.

Broad jump—Poling, Dallas, first; Murphy, Normal, second; Goodman, Normal, third; 19 feet and 6 inches.

Pole vault—Eviden, Normal, first; Shaw, Dallas, second; Murphy, Normal, third; 9 feet.

Mrs. J. E. Hubbard and son, Claude, were visitors in the capital city Monday.

C. L. Fitchard returned last Thursday evening from a several days' stay in Portland.

I. O. O. F. at Newport.

Friday afternoon the delegates to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs returned home, and at the same time several hundred other delegates passed through town on their way home.

The delegates to the I. O. O. F. lodge from here were J. A. Mills, R. E. Ferguson and Dr. E. L. Ketchum. To the Rebekahs: Mrs. A. J. Goodman, Mrs. I. Claggett and Miss Florence Wagoner. Mrs. E. T. Henkle also attended.

When the delegates arrived here they all jumped off and gave three rousing cheers for our fellow-townsmen, J. A. Mills, who was elected by the Grand Lodge as Grand Warden. Mr. Mills is now in direct line to the highest office in the lodge, there being but two officers above him. It is an accepted rule of the order to always promote, so John will be the highest Odd Fellow in the state within a few years, a deserving tribute to a stalwart member of the order.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

Memorial Sunday was fittingly observed at the auditorium Sunday morning. All the congregations were dismissed in the churches of Independence to attend. A special motor from Monmouth brought a large crowd, and Rev. E. C. Wigmore, pastor of the Monmouth Christian church, delivered an eloquent address. The music was also appropriate to the occasion.

NEW TENNIS CLUB.

A lawn tennis club has been organized in Independence, with a membership of eight, as follows: Dr. O. D. Butler, C. W. Irvine, Louie Wiprut, Dr. W. R. Allin, R. E. Gray, W. H. Craven, Rev. G. Howard Osborne and P. M. Kirkland.

A fine new court has been completed on the vacant lot across from E. E. Paddock's residence, and every nice evening can be seen some of the members busily engaged in this delightful game.

Contests with teams from nearby towns are talked of for the near future. At any rate it will be a splendid place for the members to while away pleasantly a few hours each week.

It Rains in Montana, Too.

Miss Vena Goff, a former Independence young lady, who is now teaching at Great Falls, Montana, writes to her parents here that the people of Independence do not know anything about rain, and that if they really wish to see a down pour they should go to Montana. Recently one afternoon it commenced to pour in Great Falls, and it kept it up until the streets had small rivulets wending their way to a larger body of water which took on the appearance of a small river—and all from a two or three hours' "shower." Thanks, we will take ours in smaller doses.

The fine weather this week has been a blessing indeed. Hop cultivation is being pushed and work is rapidly catching up. Everybody is making garden, and the growing crops are looking better.