

The Monmouth Normal and the Excellent Work It Does

(Written for The Capital Journal by Queen C. Lynn.)

The movement of industrial education is becoming general throughout the U. S. and we are beginning to realize the truth of Dr. Clackson's statement—"It is better to do things than to read of others doing them." Domestic science and Manual training have been introduced in the majority of our schools and Agricultural education has been made compulsory in the elementary schools of fourteen states. In Oregon it is not compulsory but Burdett, Stevens and Hill's Agriculture is used as a text book in reading in the upper grades, thus giving the student some practical knowledge along this line. Few teachers, however, stop here but supplement the text with the practical work suggested in the course of study, and many more would if they had the requisite knowledge. This agricultural work in our schools is essential because, as Americans, we have wasted the rich heritage we received in our fertile lands. We have been content with taking the products of the soil and putting nothing back, till now we realize that something must be done to prevent the impoverishment of the farming districts. Hence has come an appeal to lessen this great waste by introducing agriculture in the schools. The trouble confronting us at present is the scarcity of teachers who are trained for this work. The Page bill, introduced by Senator Page of Vermont, provides for the appropriation of one million dollars annually, to be used for the extension of this phase of education in Normal schools. This bill is of great importance, for we look to the normal schools for our teachers, who must take up this work. Our superintendent of public instruction, L. H. Alderman, has formulated plans by

which children are encouraged to bring vegetables they have raised to the fairs and receive prizes which are given by different men of Oregon. These prizes, which consist of Shetland ponies, calves, sheep, etc., as well as money remunerations, are creating much excitement among the children throughout the state, and people are recognizing the practical good which must arise from the awakened interest in the resources of our country. The Oregon Normal school is planning to extend its course in agriculture throughout the school year, giving practical work in school gardening, thus fitting the teacher for this phase of modern education. Much has already been accomplished in this line, the class in agriculture having done actual work in grafting and dairying. Gardening has been taken up in connection with the training school and the students have an opportunity to see practical illustrations of the work done. Much interest has been taken in student affairs of the last few weeks, not the least of which was the Triangular debate of the three literary societies. The question debated was: "Resolved, that American Municipalities Own and Control Their Water, Light and Transportation Systems." After the decision of the Judges was received, the faculty, judges and the winning society, the Vesperines, were given a banquet by the Delphi and Normals, the two losing societies. The Oregon Normal school was well represented at the Oratorical contest at Forest Grove, on the ninth of March, about 25 students accompanying our representative, Miss Lorraine Johnson, of Moro, and manifesting the school spirit by their yells and songs. Miss Johnson's subject,

which was "The Cry of the Children," was well handled, receiving so much favorable comment that we feel she will yet crown the Oregon Normal school with success. The assembly periods this semester have been very entertaining as well as profitable. Two members of the faculty, Mr. Evenden and Mr. Osteln, gave practical addresses. Mr. Evenden's subject was, "The Psychology of Failure," and Mr. Osteln's, "Orientation." The first member of the senior class to appear in assembly was Miss Stark, whose oration, "Art Education," was an inspiration to all and her appeal for the introduction of the beautiful into our practical lives was most helpful. Mr. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county schools, visited the normal recently, and expressed his interest in what we are doing, and told us of the interest of other schools in the work of the Oregon Normal school. Mr. Starr, secretary of the state tax commission, was a most interesting speaker in assembly. He gave a lucid explanation of the system of taxation, its laws and methods. However the chapel time has not been confined to the purely practical and educational matters. The religious side of life has been presented to us by Reverend Gueffray, of the Evangelical church, who spoke on "Success," and by Reverend Hilton, of Forest Grove. Mr. Bolton's subject was "A Voice or an Echo." Miss Darby, a vocalist who is assisting Reverend Hilton in the revival services here, entertained the assembly with two solos. Miss Elizabeth Fox, student secretary of the Y. W. C. A., visited the normal recently and talked to the girls at the regular meeting of the society. Several new members were added to the association roll and a pleasant social hour followed. A most instructive talk on the effect of alcohol was given one afternoon by Mrs. Scoville, a representative of the W. C. T. U. From this account of the various speakers at the normal, it is evident that every student has received something in the way of inspiration or practical knowledge.

The department of music under the direction of Miss Harlan is doing splendid work in many ways. The Glee club were guests of the teachers at Dallas, and sang at the institute which was in session there. The students of the normal are planning to give the musical comedy, "Pinafore," in June and are working hard to make this performance a successful example of what musical training can do. Miss Harlan has not confined her interest to the Glee club and Normal orchestra, but she has organized an orchestra from the children in the training school, which entertained us in assembly one morning, and won much praise and admiration for its work. The Lyceum course has been well patronized by all. We have had two concerts recently. The Dudley Buck company gave a varied entertainment, calculated to please all, and the Gumble Concert company presented a most excellent program. The work of the violinist being especially worthy of mention. There has been play as well as work at the Oregon Normal school, these past few weeks and the social functions have been most enjoyable. In the way of play, was the hilarious farce which the juniors gave as their class program. These juniors were no respecters of persons, and students and faculty were caricatured to the amusement of their friends. The Normal society gave a dancing party on the evening of Washington's birthday and it was said to be the most successful party of its kind, this year. Two afternoons were made pleasant by the meetings of the Entre Club club. Miss Brenton, the art teacher, told us of the art galleries of New York city at the first of these meetings, and one of Shakespeare's historical plays, Henry VIII., was the subject of the second. That the functions of the Normal school are always up to date was evident last Saturday evening, when the Delphian Literary society entertained the students and faculty at a St. Patrick's party. The decorations of green and white paper festoons and quantities of daffodils were as beautiful as the entertainment was unique. We were all taken for a trip on the St. Patrick's Laugher & Smiles railroad and visited the way stations, where special stunts were given by different colleens and roseasons. We visited the theater and witnessed a photo production of Macbeth, explained by Miss Panott. The kissing of the Blarney Stone by the roseasons was only equaled in interest by the delicious refreshments which were served at the Irish "Harvey eating House."

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A novelty of any description is thoroughly appreciated, but more especially so in the amusement line, of which there are only a few. The one that enjoys the distinction of possessing really more novelty and interesting features is Barnes' big three-ring animal circus, which exhibits in Salem under monster tents on Friday, April 25. Barnes' big shows always have something new to present, and this year is no exception to the rule. In fact no other tented organization in America has as many sensational acts. The press of California pronounces Barnes' circus the best ever in the West, and their tents were packed in all the leading cities. In addition to a number of special attractions, over 350 wild animal and domestic animals from all parts of the world are presented in sensational and thrilling acts, under the direction of male and female trainers in three rings, steel arena and on elevated stages, all going on at the same time. You'll see lions ride horseback, sea lions that play on musical instruments, play football and do other funny stunts; Persian leopards, tigers, lions, pumas, jaguars drilled by lady trainers, performing wonderful tricks and unheard of feats, that hold the audience spellbound; Siamese elephants that display human intelligence, which act alone is worth the price of admission. Over 150 ponies, dogs and monkeys are presented in new and novel acts. The Barnes circus has a reputation of being one of the brightest, cleanest and most sensational shows, and gives the most enjoyable performance ever seen.

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