

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN INDEPENDENCE DEMONSTRATED BY LARGE TRADE

Stores Crowded to Their Fullest Capacity, Additional Clerks Required, Post Office Swamped, and the Little Children Happy

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ON JANUARY NINTH WE WILL PRINT A SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT IN AND ABOUT THE CITY. TELL A FRIEND

A FEW MEMORIES OF THE PAST IN A BUSINESS WAY

The City Changes Fast and the Old Faces Are Giving Away to the New and the Old Haunts are Disappearing Every Day

This short story is but a tickler to the memory, an Xmas reminder that will cause us to stop a moment and reflect.

As the years come and go our minds naturally reflect back over the past. It is good to take stock of the past, now and then, to let the camera of our mind picture on blank space before us, faint, dim, almost forgotten faces.

The association of ideas brings other thoughts and one face brought before our mind, reaches out and brings forth its corollary, another face that comes by reason of association.

Looking down Main street in our recollection we see, Shelley & Vanduyne where Conkey & Walker now hold forth. H. Shelley and Marion Vanduyne. Where Reeves Grocery store now is; we see the West Side Trading Company, with Ira Smith, Stump, Graves, and Hale, later succeeded by J. L. Stockton. J. F. O'Donnell first occupied the corner brick where Drexler & Alexander now hold forth and where F. S. Wilson was in charge for a number of years. O'Donnell moves to the Mason's block, where R. M. Wade succeeds him and J. D. Hibbs & Co. now hold the fort. The Independence National Bank was in the old wooden building that burned recently, and where Wetherbee & Jones now occupy the new brick structure. Henry Patterson was chief druggist in the old stand now occupied by Williams Drug Co. F. A. Douty had the building now occupied by O. A. Kreamer and L. Rice and the place was known as the W. E. Cressy property. The Post Office was the First National Bank. The old West side was in a wooden building where the Lerona Hotel now stands, and the Enterprise in about three different buildings between the Masonic corner to the Post Office building. Here the old paper gave away to the management of Wagner Brothers. One mill floated down the river in high water and another built in its place. Prescott and Vaness owning the mills, they leaving this field later when Douty started a mill at the mouth of Ash creek followed by D. A. Hodge which later was taken over by the Spauldings, their mill burning. Of the old timers J. R. Cooper and J. W. Kirkland stand almost alone in business. The old land mark "Garrison Hotel" gave away to several concrete buildings, while opposite the new hotel is a new monument of late progress. Hanna Brothers have the hardware store on C street which F. E. Chambers had in the past years. Geo. Skinner built the flour mill which is now managed by M. Hoffman. Prat Murphy was the old shoe cobbler. J. V. Van Orsdal had the milk route.

R. H. Wilcox, D. B. Taylor, and R. H. Knox all had a turn at the grocery stand of Fluke and Johnson.

"Duke" Hirschberg was the old time cigar dealer.

Eli Johnson ran the livery stable where, Mr. Dickinson now has his station, and Newt Jones had the opposition stable. The city water system was at the stub end, Main street, recently vacated for the new moving picture show building of Nelson and Henkle, and a hand pump fire apparatus furnished the water to quench the fires. A three room school house gave away to the public school building, the former being moved to make the hotel lodging house opposite the depot. These historical remembrances date back less than 25 years. In the profession Dr. Davidson was the pioneer, Drs. Lee and Babbi followed. All have died in practice here. Dr. Pruden and Dr. Gruevel were old timers—the first physicians. Butler and Ketchum remains. Among the dentists we report the departure of Dr. W. C. Brown to Burns, who was succeeded by Dr. Nehrbois and who left his location to be filled by Dr. Duganne in the same office. S. A. Mulkey was succeeded by Dr. Alin who has remained. Dr. Johnson was the pioneer in dentists here.

In 1887 A. M. Hurley opened a law office, G. A. Smith followed in a few years, while Culbertson and Jones spent time in this city before our present attorney, B. F. Swope took up the practice here. One firm was here for a time, Butler, Townsend and Potter. N. L. Butler moved to Portland, Townsend has died and Potter now is a travelling salesman on the road for a Portland concern.

The Portland, Eugene and Eastern Railway has offered \$50 for the most suitable nick name for the new road. The name is to be sent to the company by March 31. The first preliminary contest resulted in "Web-foot Route" being favored, but that found objections so the new contest was instigated. We suggest "Masoma Label" being the combined first letters of Multnomah, Polk, Marion, Lane, Benton, Clackamas.

MONMOUTH NEWS BUDGET

Christmas Tree Exercises Held Monday

Fire Department Organized. City Council to Sue Geo. C. Will

A party of young people of the normal and high school went to Salem Thursday evening to hear David Bispham, the famous baritone singer.

E. E. Arant, principal of the Island City high school came Friday and will spend the two weeks vacation at home.

The children of the Christian Sunday School hold an Xmas tree and exercises in the Christian Church Monday evening. An excellent program was given by the children of the primary department, after which Santa Claus distributed the presents among the audience.

The students of the Monmouth high school gave a program and social in the auditorium of the high school building Friday evening.

P. H. Johnson, proprietor of the Monmouth Normal Book Store recently received a prize of \$25 in a contest of advertisement writing.

One of the best plays ever given here was shown at the local moving picture theatre Saturday evening. It was "The Adventures and Hardships of Daniel Boone."

A movement has been started by the high school to secure large quantities of flowers, shrubs and bulbs and make the high school the civic center of the city.

The schools of Monmouth closed Friday for a two weeks Christmas and New Year's vacation.

P. Burton Arant of Forest Grove is spending his vacation at home near Monmouth.

H. K. Sicafoose, janitor of the Central school building was presented with two costly presents by the boys of the high school and faculty of the training school.

Miss Grace Davis, critic of the third and fourth grades of the training school, is in California spending the Christmas vacation.

Dr. J. M. Powell, of Spokane who has been visiting at the home of his parents, F. S. Powell and wife, has decided to spend the winter in the Willamette valley.

Most of the members of the faculty of the Oregon normal school are in Monmouth making use of the Xmas vacation of freedom from school work.

STATE NORMAL CORNERSTONE

Grand Lodge Masons Assisted by Independence Lodges

New \$50,000 Dormitory to be a Fine Building Big Improvement

Monmouth, Oregon, Dec. 24 The corner stone for the new \$50,000 dormitory for the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth was laid last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Grand Master Justice George H. Burnett of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The members of the order of Masons at Independence and Monmouth surrounded the stone during the ceremony of the laying and the schools of Monmouth were adjourned for the afternoon to observe the occasion. Many of the members of the alumni of the normal school, citizens of Monmouth and the people of the surrounding country attended in a body on the platform of the new building which is being rushed to completion so that it might be ready to accommodate the students attending Summer school during July and August. The students of the Normal under the direction of the musical instructor, Miss Marnette E. Harlan, rendered several songs to commemorate the laying of the stone. The school hymn, "Live, Normal, Live," composed by two former students of the school, was sung by the students shortly after the address by Grand Master Burnett.

The ceremony in laying the stone was very brief, however, and the only number on the short schedule directed by the Grand

Master was the reading of the names which were placed in the cavity in the stone fixed for that purpose. The Grand Treasurer of the order, H. Hirschberg, of Independence placed the metal box containing the names in its proper place in the stone after the reading of the names by the secretary. The citizens of Monmouth, students and faculty of the Normal, high and training school removed to the auditorium of the normal building soon after the close of the ceremony and addresses were given there by president Ackerman of the normal school; Hon. C. L. Hawley; Representative Verd Hill of Polk County, and the president of the student body of the normal. In each address was emphasized the necessity of the new building, and one speaker placed great confidence in the contractor in charge of the work, saying that he would erect a building that we will well deserve to be proud of.

The new dormitory will have a capacity of nearly 200 students and will be occupied by the girls only. At a recent meeting of the Educational Board for the Normal at Salem it was estimated that fully \$20,000 more is required to properly equip the building with up-to-date furniture and fixtures. An attempt will probably be made to pass a bill at the next meeting of the Oregon Legislature appropriating the needed amount for such purpose. The normal school has at present an attendance numbering 175 students, an increase of over 100 students over the attendance at the same time last year. At the present rate of increase the dormitory will soon be occupied to its fullest capacity by the girls of the school.

COMMERCIAL CLUB GATHERS DATA FOR DEEPER WILLAMETTE RIVER, THIS WEEK

The Independence Commercial Club deep water committee met this week and secured data available regarding the tonnage of flour, grain, hops, hay, potatoes, live stock, merchandise, milk, butter, wood, hides, etc. that is handled from this shipping point.

O. Wyman, contractor of the normal dormitory, has directed the work of the construction of the new building in such a way as to cause persons throughout Monmouth to praise the splendid workmanship.

Miss Violette Khonke and Lester E. Stone were married in Salem last week and have gone to California on their honeymoon trip.

The striking of oil at the Whitaker well between this place and Dallas caused much enthusiasm in this section.

A good fire department has been organized here and the city has further assisted by purchasing additional supplies with which to fight the fires.

After a sleep of 220 hours a sister of A. N. Halleck of Monmouth, passed away at Corvallis the last of the week.

Charles Chaney has sold his place in Eastern Oregon and has returned to Monmouth.

Dr. E. J. Scheetz is again

making semi weekly trips to this place.

Miss Ida Strong has entered school again after an extended illness.

Charles Powell is wiring the high school building for electric class bells which will be ready for operation after the holidays.

A sewing class has been organized among the girls of the high school here.

Postmaster O. A. Wolverton has received information from the postal authorities in regard to the parcel post system, which will go into effect on January 1913, and he is reading up on that line of the post office department.

Mrs. Charles E. Herren has returned from California where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Riddle of Modesto.

Miss McCoskey, Latin and English teacher in the high school here returned to her home in McMinnville Sunday where she will spend the vacation.

Chas. K. Spaulding of the Chas. K. Spaulding Logging Co., was in the city Friday visiting the company here.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PLANS NEEDED IMPROVEMENT HERE

Local Yards to be Treated to Plenty of Gravel and Granite and Mud Miras on Railroad Street to be a Thing of the Past

Engineers Survey Local Yards and the Temporary Work Now Being Done May be Made Permanent when the Line is Electrified.

The Monitor is reliably informed that the Southern Pacific plans improving the passenger station landing and rail road street considerable at once. Six carloads of crushed granite are being ordered for this location. The granite now at the station, which has become muddy will be removed and new granite will be

TRACK LAYING ON PORTLAND EUGENE LINE WILL REACH THIS CITY VERY SOON

Crew Working This Way From McCoy and Will Soon Reach Independence

The Monitor is informed that the track laying of the P. E. & E. will be in Independence in about two weeks on the west side line from Portland to Corvallis. They are now working this way from McCoy and have quite extensive crews at work. Heavy steel is

REPORT OF SCHOOLS OF POLK COUNTY, OREG.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent. of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Salt Creek, Monmouth, Orchards, Airtle, Bethel, Ward, Fairview, Cochran, Butler, Rickreall, Elkins, Independence, Brush College, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln (100 per cent), Enterprise, Greenwood, Oak Dale, Lone Star, McCoy, Guthrie, Liberty, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oak Grove, Oakhurst (100 per cent), Mountain View, Highland, Mistletoe, Fern.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having made any tardies during the month: Smithfield, Red Prairie, Orchards, Ward, Fair View, Brush College, Spring Valley, Lincoln, Crowley, McTimmonds Valley, Concord, Oak Dale, McCoy, Guthrie, Black Rock, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mountain View, Hopville, Highland, Mistletoe.

The following schools have become Standard, Fairview, Pioneer, West Salem, Buena Vista, Red Prairie, Smithfield, Orchards, Zena, Guthrie, Lincoln, Oakhurst, Mountain View.

The report this month shows more interest by parents as we have reported 126 while last week we had 108. Many of the school rallies have been held and have been well attended, also the school officers convention was well attended and much interest shown.

Yours very respectfully,
H. C. Seymour,
County School Superintendent, Polk County, Ore.

Mrs. Meeker, the mother of M. W. Meeker west of town is seriously ill there.

The city council will proceed to bring suit against Geo. C. Will of Salem for refusing to put in concrete walks in front of his property here west of the bank building.

J. W. Livingston, principal of the Monmouth high school is in Forest Grove visiting his family and many friends there.

LUNN ACKERMAN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ackerman was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday noon December 21, when Isabella Vivien Ackerman, the youngest daughter of the household, became the bride of Alfred G. Lunn, Rev. W. G. Eliot was officiating clergyman. The bride wore char-

moise in train. Her attendant, Miss Hortense Eppley, was attired in net trimmed with tating over pink messaline. Scott Hawley served as best man. The home was prettily decorated with smilax and chrysanthems. The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played by Miss Cuba Amick. A dainty wedding luncheon followed the ceremony. Only relatives and a few close friends witnessed the wedding.

Dance New Year's eve.
Miss Mabel Porter spent Xmas at her home in Salem.
Miss Rita Welsh spent Xmas at her home in Salem.
B. E. Smith left Friday for Toledo where he will spend his Xmas vacation.