

TEACHERS SESSION IS A BIG SUCCESS

Monmouth State Normal Holds Session Saturday

MARION CO. SENDS DELEGATION

Teachers of county see work of training department and learn much

The institute meeting at Monmouth Saturday was well attended, about 130 teachers from all sections of Polk county being present. Besides these Co. Supt. W. M. Smith; Supt., Krenz of the Salem schools; Earl Kirkpatrick, principal of the Salem high school, and a delegation of students and teachers of Salem were present.

The normal and training school held regular sessions, showing the teachers and student teachers at regular work. The regular classes of both the Normal and Model school were assembled in all grades. Critics as well as student teachers took part in the work.

As an entertainment, the following program was given by the seventh and eighth grades, with but few alterations. This program took the form of a declamatory contest:

- Music, Orchestra of Training School.
- Chorus, Pupils of Grammar School.
- The Building of the ship, Mabel Smith.
- An Afternoon at a Hotel, Wilda Fuller.
- "Patsy", Grace Parker.
- Music, Girls Trio.
- The Black Horse and His Rider, Donald Portwood.
- How the Church was Built at Kehoe's, Franciel Hawley.
- Music, Orchestra.
- Franciel Hawley won first place.

At the close of the contest Miss Wilcox, physical director, gave a demonstration of work by the grades, the drills and exercises being on the platform of the school room. After this the visitors assembled at the gymnasium where one of the regular Normal classes gave exercises in marching, concert drill work to music, etc.

The session was a decided success and this year's attendance of 130 was much better than that of last year, when 80 only were present.

One of the interesting features of the meeting was the dinner served by the students of the domestic science department of the school.

TAX NOTICE

Pay your taxes at the Farmers State Bank.

RIVER WORK NEEDED HERE

Adverse Report is Made From Engineering Department

Senators Chamberlain and Bourne have been appealed to, to aid in getting the revetment below this city continued down the river.

The matter was taken up with the war department by them and they have returned an adverse report. This report has been mainly induced by the engineering department in charge of this work in Oregon for the govern-

ment. The Monitor has personally examined this revetment and believes much of the damage now being done is caused by the revetment washing out a channel below, which is taking out private property, washing into the county road and otherwise damaging property interests.

There should be a continuation of the revetment down the river and an united effort should be made to get this matter adjusted.

Senator Lane reports he is conversant with conditions at this point, has personally examined the river at this place and will use his efforts when he is in Washington to see if he cannot get an appropriation set aside for this work.

While private parties own the land along the river, the general opinion is, that most of the damage is caused by work done heretofore by the government, the revetment not having been built as far down the river as it should have been.

CELEBRATE AT SALEM

Tomorrow Saturday, Salem will celebrate the completion of the new P. E. E. bridge across the Willamette. The Salem Board of Trade issued a call for a big meeting on the above date. Polk county is as much interested in this new steel bridge as is any section of Oregon, because it means better service for Independence, Dallas, Monmouth, Falls City and other Polk county towns.

Drexler and Alexander are having a special sale this week.

PRINCIPALS CLUB HAVE MEETING

Big County Field Meet Planned In May

COMMERCIAL CLUBS TO HELP

Rules and regulations are adopted for governing these contests at the annual meetings

A meeting of the principals of Polk county was held at the institute in Monmouth Saturday. The purpose was to adopt rules and regulations for the county athletic association's track meet.

It was decided to have the next meeting of the principals at Independence, Saturday, March 22.

At that date a place will be selected at which to hold the county track meet. It was decided to ask the commercial clubs to raise a guarantee sufficient to pay the expenses of the meeting, and at the regular meeting March 22 a town will be selected by the principals at which to hold this meeting. The cost is estimated at from \$100 to \$250.

The principals decided on March 22, as the date for the contest between the schools.

This will be a big feature and Independence is in the field for the meeting.

Rickreall News Items

Nat Burch, and wife who have been visiting with Mrs. Burch's mother Mrs. Clark for the past two months, returned to their home near Springfield, last Saturday.

Mrs. William Rowell went to Independence Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Byers.

The Rickreall school teachers attended the Teachers Institute at Monmouth, Saturday.

Linn Nesmith of Salem visited with his grandmother, Mrs. Clark, over Saturday.

Mrs. John Burgard of Portland is visiting her mother Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Henry Tate has been quite sick.

Several of the ladies of Rickreall have formed a reading club.

Mrs. Fred Thielson and children of Salem, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Westcott.

Mrs. Sam Orr and son Glen of Portland visited relatives and friends Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. John Vaughan last Wednesday afternoon.

The Artisans held a meeting Wednesday night to which they invited their friends. A program was rendered, lunch served and a jolly good time was enjoyed. Several new members were secured.

LARGE APPROPRIATION FOR REVETMENT

Independence Gets \$10,000 for Revetment

In the closing days of this session of congress a bill was passed that made an appropriation of \$10,000 available for the improvements, and building of an additional revetment to the revetment built a few years ago by the U. S. government just below Independence.

Senators Chamberlain and Bourne secured the adoption of amendment to the original bill making an allowance for this amount to be added to the original bill for the purpose mentioned.

This money is conditioned on the approval of the engineering department of the government in charge of the river work in this section of Oregon. It had been hoped that a small amount of the former appropriation could be secured to do needed work at once but this failed to get the approval of the War Department in whose charge all of this work is kept at the present time.

The \$10,000 probably became available as soon as President Taft signed the measure when it was presented to him, and before he retired from his office as President.

"B. A. Y."

Did ye read what Mr. Dooley said? Did ye yell f'r a policemen? Did ye get the idea? Are ye going to take the chances yer self, or let the wife and children take them? Are ye going to let the suffragette pen ye up in the house with the children and take no chances f'r yer-self? It's a "poor rule that won't work both ways" and ye will find a policy in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen an absolutely GOOD rule to apply.

The Independence policeman has gone on a strike, so just yell for Johnson and Beoman.

Mr. Basie of near Dallas was in this city on business Wednesday.

JUDGES OF CONTEST TO BE CHOSEN

Names Will be Announced in Next Weeks Issue of Monitor

RIVALRY BECOMING KEEN

As race for Valuable Prizes near end Candidates renew efforts

Only about three more weeks remains till the close of the thousand dollar prize voting Contest and as predicted in a previous issue, many changes would take place in the standing of Candidates before the race was over. It requires only a glance at the list to prove this prediction was founded on something more than mere guess work, and many more changes will take place before the close and we will not be surprised to see some Candidate, who to look at the standing now, does not seem to have a chance, take the lead before next week is over.

JUDGES TO BE CHOSEN

In next weeks issue we will announce the names of those who will act as contest judges, they will be representative men of our city whose integrity is beyond question and each Candidate is assured "fair play".

Now Candidates as the race is drawing near to a close it is beginning to grow serious and some of you who have stayed near the top right along, and building up a reserve force of votes to cast the last night, are likely to be disappointed if you fail to keep working right up to the close, you may have lots of votes in reserve but how about your competitors? They may be playing the same game, so it behooves each and every one of you to keep diligent after subscriptions, if you let up now, thinking you have a cinch on the prize you are after you are likely to be disappointed when the judges announce the winners for there are several others after the prizes and they are just as confident as you.

HAS GOV. WEST A PREFERENCE

Vetos for Tare on Hops, Against it on Grain, Wool and Mohair

Gov. West signed Butler's senate bill No. 36 that abolished tare on all grains, wool and mohair. He vetoed the bill introduced by Rep. Verd Hill abolishing the tare on hops and it is generally believed that the hop buyers forced the issue and brought pressure to bear that induced the Governor to veto the bill. They were in evidence during the session doing everything they could to defeat the measure. It looks like an unjust discrimination against the hop growers.

Former Business Man Visits at Our Office

Warren Cressy Sees Improvements and is Surprised at Changes

Warren Cressy, an old time resident of Independence, now South Bend, Washington, visited at the Monitor office Wednesday, and in a conversation with the editor he states, "Independence is taking the right course by putting down cement paving. We

used the same at South Bend and believe in paving. One suggestion I would make is that the city buy its own machinery and do its own paving, thus saving at least 40 per cent to the tax payers. That is the policy we are pursuing at South Bend and it is successful."

He also spoke of a city-owned water system, strongly favoring such a move. He stated also that he saw a great improvement in Independence.

AT THE M. E. CHURCH Sunday School at 10 A. M. Theme, a prayer that all should pray. Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. Topic, The nature of the kingdom. Leader, Mrs. F. N. Sandifur. Evening Service, at 7:30. Theme, The world's greatest lover. Everyone invited.

F. M. Sandifur, pastor.

BRIDGE PLANNED

County Court Sees the Need of Bridge Here

The matter of a new bridge leading from C street to the river was taken up with the county court Wednesday, a delegation of business men of this city going to Dallas for that purpose. The present bridge is in bad condition and is too narrow even for traffic and the county court has realized this fact for several years, but have been endeavoring to make the old structure answer the purpose until they could decide just what was needed. They promised the citizens they would visit Independence this week and see what style of bridge should be built at this point.

BIG BARN AND 200 TONS OF HAY BURN

Commissioner Wells Suffers Loss by Fire Sunday

Geo. A. Wells suffered quite a loss Sunday, his fine \$2800 barn catching fire about 7:30 A. M. and burning to the ground. About 200 tons of hay were in the barn at the time all of which was lost. The property was insured for about two thirds of its value. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Badge Weeks of Dallas visited at the home of his brother-in-law Elmer Martin.

St. Patrick smoked his pipe of clay. And danced an Irish wake that day. So celebrate in the same old way. On March 17, at the Opera House I say. An Irishman.

Loren Wann and family started home Thursday after visiting several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor. They will visit several places enroute where they have friends and relatives.

Miss Lettie Weddle left this week for Stayton where she will visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. Simonton was a Falls City visitor Thursday.

Nelson and Henkle and the Masonic lodge started laying brick on their new building the first of the week. Work will be rushed on both buildings as fast as possible. The cement foundations were allowed a few days in which to settle and harden before brick laying was started. It is estimated then from 20 to 30 days will be required to get the walls up.

INDICATIONS POINT TO R. BUILDING

Surveyors Making Preliminary Survey to Willamette Opposite this City

WILL BRIDGE WILLAMETTE

This fact coupled with recent developments in and around this place indicate that Hill is coming

The Monitor is reliably informed that engineers of the Oregon Electric have been surveying from their main east side electric line to the Willamette river coming out below the ferry. Several men were in the surveying crew.

This fact coupled with the survey that has been made from here through the Siletz timber belt to the coast, the purchase of right of way, the securing of a franchise on sixth street through this city, and the activity in the realty in the north end of Main st. indicates that active railroad work will begin at this point soon.

Wilson Makes Interesting Inaugural Address

Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as president, Tuesday, March 4, and gave an intensely interesting inaugural address in which he spoke of the human side as against the selfish monetary side.

One of his leading paragraphs: "But the evil has come with the good, and much fine gold has been corroded, with riches has come inexcusable waste. We have squandered a great part of what we might have used and have not stopped to conserve the exceeding bounty of nature, without which our genius for enterprise would have been worthless and impotent, seeming to be careful shamefully prodigal as well as admirably efficient."

Taken as a whole the address of the President was a strong appeal for justice and the support of the general public without regard to party affiliation and upon the principal of the common good. The new cabinet was selected as stated in the Monitor last week.

He speaks of the matters to be accomplished referring to the tariff, banking and currency questions as fields of much reform. He favors the "improvement of our industrial system, the water courses, the forest protection and reforestation of lands" and the waste in mines.

He dwelt strongly on safeguarding the health of the people and their rights in the struggle for existence.

Miss Retta Cuthbert has accepted a position in the school south of town in American Bottom and leaves Monday to assume her new duties.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craven left Wednesday afternoon for Everett Washington to attend the funeral of David McAdam, a brother of Mrs. Craven, who died there this week. He left one brother and three sisters in California. Mr. McAdam was formerly in Independence, quite frequently, having charge of the D. B. Taylor hop yard at Corvallis for several years.