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## POLITICAL MIX AT MONMOUTH

### OBJECT TO DR. SMITH Some Repubs Think Demos Seek Political Advantage; What Monitor Thinks

Monmouth is having a political difference which we trust will not hurt their Fourth of July celebration any. A number of republicans objected to having Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic candidate for governor, as the orator of the day because they believed it proved of some political advantage to the democrats, and have threatened to boycott the celebration. While it is not a wise policy as a rule to bill political candidates for a non-partisan patriotic celebration, in this particular case it was a good move to draw a crowd. While all of us may not agree with Dr. Smith politically, we must admit that he is a man that many people would like to see and hear. No man perhaps in the state has been so "discussed and cussed" within the past six months, which makes him an object of curiosity besides a candidate for the highest office in the state. In his speech he will shout the battle cry of freedom, tell us about the grand old flag and compliment all the fathers and founders of the republic, so the Monitor cannot see that he will do any political harm or good. If any democrat thinks it will help the party any, he will be disappointed. We trust that all political feeling will be obliterated and that every citizen of Monmouth will unite in making tomorrow the greatest day the little city ever had. An excellent program has been prepared and there is no doubt but that all visitors will enjoy themselves greatly.

## PREACHER HARD TO LOCATE

Former Independence Man Almost Despairs Of Finding Parson To Tie Knot

Albany, Or., William Govro, who lives north of Albany, obtained a license to wed Annie Englert and went to the residence of Professor Hans Flo, adjoining the First Presbyterian church here, and asked where the pastor of the church lived. He was informed that Dr. Geselbracht is in Chicago. He inquired where the pastor of the Christian church lived, and was told that Rev. Mr. Emerson is in Boston. His next inquiry was for the pastor of the Baptist church, and he learned that Rev. Mr. Hicks is in Australia. Finding that the object of his search was getting further away with each question Govro was almost afraid to prosecute his inquiry further. He finally found Dr. E. M. Sharp, who performed the ceremony for him.—Oregonian.

## POLK'S OILED ROADS

The people of Polk county are showing the people of Marion county some things in the way of improved roads that are worth noticing. The road between Dallas and Monmouth and Independence has been oiled all the way, and the road from Independence to West Salem is oiled as far as the Brunk farm, where it meets the Salem-Rickreall road. Perhaps there are others. It is planned to continue the oiling of the Independence-West Salem road clear to the latter place; to the west end of the bridge across the Willamette at Salem. This will make the roads thus treated much smoother for travel, and it will make them dustless, a consideration of great comfort to the traveling public, and especially so to the farmers and others living along or near them. For the residents along or near the roads, it will make all the difference between comfort and cleanliness and rank discomfort and dirt and disease germs. A hard surface highway would be better and cheaper in the long run, than an oiled road, but an oiled road is far and away ahead of a streak of dust misnamed a road.—Salem Statesman.

## FIRE DESTROYS NEW HOME

### I. H. ROBINSON PLACE

#### Family Had Just Moved In How Fire Started Is Not Known; Some Insurance

Fire completely destroyed the residence of I. H. Robinson, on G street, between Fifth and Sixth Monday evening. The house was a handsome bungalow, which had just been completed and the family had only moved in last week. There was \$800 insurance on the house and \$200 on the furniture. Mr. Robinson is rather unfortunate as this is his third fire. Just how the fire started is unknown, but from all appearances it developed in a bedroom. Mr. Robinson was out of town and Mrs. Robinson and daughter Berl had had no fire since morning. In the evening they turned on the electric light in a bedroom for a moment and are sure they turned it off. A few minutes after, while sitting on the front porch they smelt the smoke, discovered the fire and gave the alarm. The house burned like shavings and before the fire company arrived it was half consumed and in thirty minutes was all gone. For some unknown cause the boys could not get any water, but had there been plenty it would have done no good. The houses on each side of the burning building were carefully guarded and prevented from catching. When the fire was first discovered, neighbors rushed to the scene and carried out a piano, sewing machine and a few other minor articles. This was all that was saved. They not only lost most of their furniture, but all their dishes, bedding and clothing except what they had on.

One thousand men, women and children witnessed the burning. The flames lit up the heavens and was noticeable in neighboring towns.

COULD NOT SHOW  
The moving pictures of local scenes during the race meet and Moose carnival were not shown as advertised, for the reason that the Commercial club discovered at the last minute that they would be obliged to pay a license fee of fifty dollars for one day's exhibition. The city ordinances call for a license fee of this amount for one year and city officials did not believe that they could grant a license for a shorter period. A large crowd would have seen the pictures had they been exhibited and it is to be regretted that the laws of the city are such as to bar a "home talent" exhibition, the receipts of which would have gone to the city itself.

FATAL FALL  
Edwin Chapman, who had resided at Ballston for more than thirty years, fell from a cherry tree one day last week and was so badly injured that he died a short time afterwards. He was a native of Minnesota and was of an inventive nature. In earlier life he invented what was said to have been the first wire grain binder. The deceased is survived by three children, Mrs. A. M. Tillary, of Ballston, Mrs. George Metcalf, of Salem and George Chapman of South Dakota.—Dallas Itemizer.

## NETTIE THE FAT GIRL TALKS

Raised Near Independence She Has Grown Some Now Weighing 657

Nettie the fat girl, one of the attractions at the carnival, is a living example of the healthfulness of the climate of the Willamette valley. Nettie was raised around Monmouth and Independence, in Polk county. Her maiden name was Jerman, and her parents lived for years on a farm on the outskirts of Monmouth, the land lying between that place and Independence. Nettie was always fleshy but not until the past few years did her weight increase to such enormous proportions as at present. She weighs 657 pounds at the present time, and she looks it. Nettie has traveled all over the country with carnival shows and says she enjoys it. Asked if hot weather caused her any discomfort, she replied: "No, not at all, I enjoy it, but this cold weather gets me. I don't feel at all well during such weather as this, I wish it would get warm." Nettie married a man by the name of Lewis and they lived around the Polk county towns a number of years. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerman, were fine old people and were personally known to several people in Eugene.—Eugene Register.

## THREATENS TO SUE

John A. Carson, Attorney for Mrs. C. F. Waltman, who seeks to secure damages from the city because of injuries sustained from a fall on a sidewalk, notified Mayor Eldridge this week that he would proceed to go to court unless the City made some kind of a settlement with his client.

Mayor Eldridge replied that inasmuch as Mr. Carson had never stated at any time the amount that Mrs. C. F. Waltman was asking for, it was a difficult thing for the city to offer any certain amount under existing circumstances.

A special committee from the city council is investigating the matter and hopes to be able to make some definite report soon.

## OFF FOR THE RACES

Local horsemen loaded their racers Monday and departed in various directions. Les Galbraith went to Butte, Montana, R. B. Dickenson and C. W. Kenyon to Vancouver, B. C., and Tracy Staats to Medford. There is good racing for good-sized purses at all these places and the boys all expect to be right up in front all the time.

## THE HOP SITUATION

The hop crop is making good progress in this state, the weather being all that could be desired. Satisfactory reports are also received from Washington. Conditions in California have undergone no recent change. The Oregon and Washington yields are estimated at about the same quantity as last year and the California crop at one-sixth smaller than last year. In Europe, according to the latest advices, conditions range from only fair to good. Continental yields have been attacked by lice, but the situation is not regarded as serious.—Oregonian.

## ATTRACTS WOMEN

A good sized crowd of women called at Williams' drug store last Saturday and looked at the dinner sets that will be given away every Saturday. Mr. Williams is looking forward to a big day next Saturday afternoon.

## LOTS OF MARRYING

Wedding bells have been ringing right merrily for the past week and the society editor has been working over time. We hope the good work will continue for the remainder of the summer.

## WHO WAS TO BLAME?

### NO WATER FOR FIRE

#### Councilman Goetz Brings Matter Before City Council Better Service Promised

Who was to blame for the unfortunate occurrence of last Monday night when there was no water to fight a fire?

This Councilman Goetz wanted to know at the council meeting Wednesday evening.

But it would have taken a very smart man to know just where to place the blame after hearing the testimony.

About the only satisfaction Mr. Goetz got out of it was a promise from an Oregon Power Co. representative, that they would have two men at the pumping station hereafter in case of fire, and they would cooperate with the city for arranging for better service in several other ways. The representative of the power company also stated that they had tested all the hydrants in town.

Mayor Eldridge advocated a better organized fire company and Councilman Irvine proposed the purchase of a siren whistle so that all may know when there is a fire in town. It seems that the fire bell cannot be depended on.

Independence is supposed to have adequate fire protection and if it has not, right now is the time to see that it has. Insurance rates are based on the theory that the city is well protected. Should another fire occur and the same conditions exist as on Monday night, insurance companies will investigate for themselves and might find cause for raising their rates.

## THE CHERRY FAIR

Independence was well represented at the Cherry fair in Salem last week and nearly everyone speaks very highly of the entertainment provided and the hospitality shown. The parades were unusually good, especially the one Friday composed of a long line of children.

## YEOMAN TO ENTERTAIN

William Koch, of Des Moines, Iowa, Grand Foreman, will honor Independence with a visit on Saturday, July 11, and local members of the American Yeoman are preparing for an unusual time. Visitors will be present from Dallas and Salem, and in the evening there will be a reception at the opera house to which the public is invited.

## OFF TO NATIONAL PARK

Mrs. T. J. Fryor and daughter Mrs. Campbell, left last Wednesday for Castle Rock, Wash., to attend the christening of Dr. C. P. Fryer's little daughter. They will then resume their journey through Montana and Wyoming, making a visit to Yellow Stone National Park, returning by way of Spokane.

## IN GOOD SHAPE

A report of the financial condition of the Independence Driving Club Association is published elsewhere in this paper. The association has fared better than many imagined.

## RECEPTION

The faculty of the State Normal received the 430 students enrolled for the summer term last Friday evening, and it was a very brilliant affair.

## SIXTH STREET BARN IN BAD

City Fathers Just About To the Place Where They Will Order It Torn Down

The mayor and city council apparently are in no mood to be trifled with regarding the removal of the barn on Sixth street which has become notorious.

Neighbors have been trying to get this barn condemned and removed for several months and from the way the wind blew in the city hall Wednesday night, it looks as if their efforts would finally result in victory.

Councilman Goetz addressed the council regarding the ugliness of certain parts of the city and took the position that if the condemning of unsightly buildings was begun, it might be well to begin on Main street.

Anyway this particular barn, which neighbors allege is an eye sore, has at least two more weeks to sit majestically in its accustomed place. Two weeks from Wednesday night its fate will hang in the balance and from all appearances it hasn't much chance.

## CHAUTAUQUAS

All over the Willamette Valley, Chautauqua tents are dotted here and there and the majority of the people who are content with them, get the "Chau. fever;" they start to go and go they must.

There is a genuine air of real mental and moral uplifting about a great number of the attractions, which imbues a person with the "go habit." Besides if a mere idea of being entertained seizes us, we can be gloriously satisfied too with many of the entertainers.

Some of the guarantors are finding a deficit in the receipts, but after a few more years with the Chautauquas we dare say an experience like that will be unknown.

Many people from Independence have been frequent visitors to the attractions in Dallas this week, especially Music Day and Club Day.

## ITEMIZER CHANGES

V. P. Fiske has leased the Dallas Itemizer and will retire to the more pleasant duties of postmaster. M. L. Boyd will be editor and J. E. Bloom business manager of the Itemizer hereafter.

### Celebrate July Fourth in Monmouth

### Delightful Newport

"Tried and True" is this old reliable outing resort, with a wealth of natural scenery, healthful drives, a splendid beach and numerous near-by points of interest: Lighthouse, Devil's Punchbowl, Seal Rocks, etc.



SOUTHERN PACIFIC

#### DOUBLE DAILY TRAINS

Leave Albany, daily	7:30 A. M.
Leave Albany, daily except Sunday	1:00 P. M.
Leave Corvallis, daily	8:00 A. M.
Leave Corvallis, daily except Sunday	1:40 P. M.

Connections made at Albany and Corvallis with S. P. trains. Special Excursion Train will leave Newport every Sunday evening at 6 p. m., arrive Corvallis 10:15 p. m., Albany 10:45 p. m.

Good Fishing Streams Along the C. & E. At Elk City, Morrison, Toledo and along the Yaquina river, also on the Breitenbush and Santiam rivers, on the East End.

For folders describing Newport as an outing place call on our nearest agent. JOHN M. SCOTT, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon

## ALL CELEBRATE TOMORROW

### BUSINESS HOUSES SHUT

#### Monmouth and Falls City Will Draw Independence People; Others Will Picnic

Tomorrow is the Fourth of July, the 138th anniversary of American Independence, and the day will be duly observed by our people in various ways. All business houses will be closed all day.

At least five hundred Independence people will go to Monmouth. Our sister city has a day full of good things in store. Among the attractions being a parade, literary program, address by Dr. Smith, candidate for governor, basket dinner in the groves, baseball, minor sports, etc. The Independence-Monmouth band will furnish the music. The Independence railroad facilities are very good as Mr. Hirschberg's train is scheduled to make plenty of runs to accommodate the crowd.

A great many people will go to Falls City where a good time is guaranteed all. Their program will consist of music, speaking, dancing, sports and baseball. Nobody will be disappointed if they go to Falls City.

As Sunday follows the Fourth this year, many will go on a fishing and camping expedition. Numerous picnic parties have been formed and the day will be spent in jolly outings.

So tomorrow Independence will be almost depopulated and those who remain in the city will find it a little quieter than some of our neighboring cities.

## FISHING PARTY

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Davidson, Mrs. S. L. Hedges, Mrs. Susan Jones and Miss Grace Jones went to Falls City last Sunday and had a picnic dinner on the banks of the Luckiamute.

## OFFERS TO BUY BONDS

The Lumberman Trust Company of Portland had a representative in Independence this week who offered to buy the bonds that the city will issue.

### Snapshots of Exciting Scenes In Deciding Polo Contest



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CAPTURING the world's polo championship was a comparatively easy task for the crack British team formed by Lord Wimborne and headed by Major Barrett of the English army. The contests at Westbury, N. Y., were of a most exciting nature, particularly the second and final match, which decided the fate of the cup. The photographs herewith show interesting scenes in the last contest. At the top is shown Devereux Milburn of the American team (in the middle) hitting the ball. At the bottom is a general view of the game taken in the second period.