

# MONMOUTH

The City Built Around a Great Educational Idea Which Developed into the Oregon Normal School; Where Educational and Religious Forces United with Industrial and Commercial Factors to Build a Community That is Different—A City of Ideals; of Homes; of Industries Which Appeal to the Highest Type of Homeowners

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 The town of Monmouth was founded by the pioneers who founded the town of Monmouth. The town of Monmouth was founded by the pioneers who founded the town of Monmouth. The town of Monmouth was founded by the pioneers who founded the town of Monmouth.

They were empire builders, worthy descendants of a race of empire builders, who had considered the Atlantic plain and founded a "New Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

They were deeply religious and their ideas dominated the activities of Monmouth and vicinity to this day. They looked upon education as one of the most essential foundation stones of an Empire, so they founded a Christian college around which they built their community with Monmouth as its center.

This college which they founded and nursed through long years of varying fortunes and vicissitudes has developed into

The Oregon State Normal School. At one time it appeared that every Oregon politician had a consuming desire to win public applause and followed by building a multiplicity of Normal schools. Did any community show a disposition to rebel from the discipline of the party in power, it was given a Normal school to quiet its outcry. The absurdity of the situation finally dawned upon the tax payers of the state and they went to the other extreme of abolishing all State Normal schools.

A year or so of serious thinking brought the state around to a sane conception of the necessities of a State Normal school. The state had schools for training experts in handling chickens, pigs, cows and horses; for developing better methods of farming and introducing new lines of agriculture. Everything seemed to have been especially cared for except the children. In 1910 the people having recovered from their overdose of political Normal schools voted to take over the College at Monmouth and convert it into a State Normal school. The result has more than justified the action. The Monmouth Normal school is doing a work for the children of the state far more valuable than what is being done for the farm animals and field crops, and this is not stated to disparage the work being done along those lines.

How Financed  
 At the time the Monmouth Normal was established as a state institution, a tax of 2 mills was voted to be levied annually for the support of the state educational institutions, the University, the Agricultural college and the Monmouth Normal. On the basis of the division of this fund the Normal gets about \$100,000.00 per annum for maintenance. This plan was all sufficient at the time the Monmouth Normal was taken over by the state but the school has grown so much more rapidly that the taxable wealth of the state that it is at present very much cramped for room to care for the requirements of the state. The school needs additional class rooms an additional training room at Independence and additional maintenance to provide the faculty necessities of the rapidly increasing student body. Appropriations for meeting these needs are to be asked of the 1925 legislature. Let us hope that the pure bred cows and chickens and pigs and things will not crowd the pure bred children off the Oregon map this winter.

Buildings and Grounds  
 The campus of the Normal is a beautiful tract, well drained and

well cared for and of ample dimensions. The main building, aside from containing many class rooms, administration rooms, library etc., also contains a splendid auditorium with a seating capacity of 700. And right here is a mighty good place to emphasize the necessity of more room. The fall term of the school in 1922 enrolled 375 pupils, the fall term of 1923 enrolled 770 pupils. The summer school for 1924 enrolled 1074 persons to be seated in the auditorium containing 700 seats. Members of the legislature who will be called upon this winter to solve this problem by making a sufficient appropriation will doubtless recall how, in their younger days they could solve an individual problem of that sort with the school mares in the parlor, without an additional appropriation, but not in a public auditorium.

In addition to the main building there is a dormitory housing 200 students. This is a splendid building and its arrangement and management makes it as nearly a real home place for the students as any place where father and mother are absent. A well equipped gymnasium is located near the main building. Senior and Junior cottages are unique and valuable features of the Normal. These are homelike cottages containing all the appointments of a first class home. They are used as rewards for excellence in attainment. The senior cottage has accommodations for 24 girls and the junior cottage for 20. The girls occupying these cottages are selected from the senior and junior classes and represent honor students. A faculty house recently bought accommodates 14 members of the faculty. It is designed in time to erect on this site a residence for the president of the school.

The public schools of Monmouth and Independence are used as training schools for the student-teachers of the Normal. Independence is a flourishing town about 3 miles from Monmouth. These two schools are under strict supervision of critic teachers. Eight at Independence and four at Monmouth. Under the supervision of these

critic teachers, each student of the senior class must teach a portion of each day during their senior year. The critic teachers in these schools are regular members of the faculty of the Normal and are selected for their special qualifications for critic work. They and the student-teachers under them are directed by President J. S. Landers, to emphasize in all their work the education of the children as their first and chief object, and the training of the student-teachers as second. Such splendid results

are obtained that the patrons of the training schools are among the most enthusiastic supporters of the plan.

In addition to the two training schools there are six country school districts whose schools are specially in charge of the Normal faculty. These are known as "Rural centers." At these schools the first year students of the Normal are required to each spend six weeks. The student is required to reside in the district and to study rural problems such as

"home making," "sociology," "agriculture," and "methods." Here the student takes an active part in all neighborhood activities of a social, educational and religious nature. In one such community the faculty member in charge is superintendent of the neighborhood Sunday school. Three terms of 13 weeks each, one term of which must be spent in the Rural center, entitles the student to a teachers' certificate good for one year, renewable for another year on recommendation

of county superintendent of county in which teacher worked.

The Town of Monmouth  
 The importance of the Normal at Monmouth has entitled it to a large space in any write-up of the town, but the Normal is not the only feature worthy of public notice.

Monmouth is a thriving village of about 1000 inhabitants. It is a modern place with electric light and power, city water and sewer system, paved streets, cement walks, a clean and likable place.

In all college and school towns the business interests feel under a moral as well as a financial obligation to the student body in support of student activities. Monmouth was founded for the purpose of supporting the college which is now the Normal school. So long as the town and school were nearly of a size the school was no particular burden to the business interests of the town, but the recent rapid growth of the Normal is making the little town hump itself to maintain its position. Monmouth has need of about two or three times its present population and business institutions to enable it to keep pace with the growth of the Normal. A number of its present citizens and business men do not realize the above fact but they are facing the proposition of recognizing that the Normal is no longer a small local institution but a large and growing state institution, or of getting trampled upon by their associates and new comers who do recognize the facts. The entire state of Oregon has large interests in Monmouth and the coming business men of the town are those who have the vision of the near future and the courage and wisdom to adjust themselves to the larger field.

Among the more enterprising firms in Monmouth are Fred J. Hill, proprietor of the Monmouth Market. He is located on the Main street in a new brick building. He has a fine stock of meats and meat products, a modern ice machine for his refrigeration plant and his place has the business air of a city market.

The Monmouth Hotel, under the management of E. J. Glyn, proprietor, is one of the cozy home like hotels of Oregon. It is an old building but has been renovated and put in shape by its present proprietor so that guests are able to find every comfort of a modern

hotel. Its dining room service is fine and real home cooking is found there.

On the corner near the Normal, Morlan & Son conduct a confectionery and grocery store in a new brick building. Their location is one of the best in the town and their trade territory includes the Normal buildings and a large portion of the west end of town. They cater to the Normal trade and the Normal reciprocates and appreciates the service given by this firm.

In a growing community the newcomer naturally looks for the real estate man for information and advice about the conditions of the town and community. E. K. Skeen, located just east of the hotel is a wide-awake dealer in real estate and insurance. He has a large line of listings and is acquainted with the country so as to be able to advise prospective settlers as to locations best adapted to the line of production they wish to enter.

Comstock and Poole, contractors and builders operate a large shop well equipped for all forms of construction work in the building line. The quality of their work has commended it to the citizens to such an extent that the firm is one of the busy ones of Monmouth.

The Monmouth Herald, owned by R. B. Swanson, is a splendid representative of the community. It is one of the most ably edited country papers of the state. It is well equipped with machinery and material for handling the high grade of fine printing demanded by a school town.

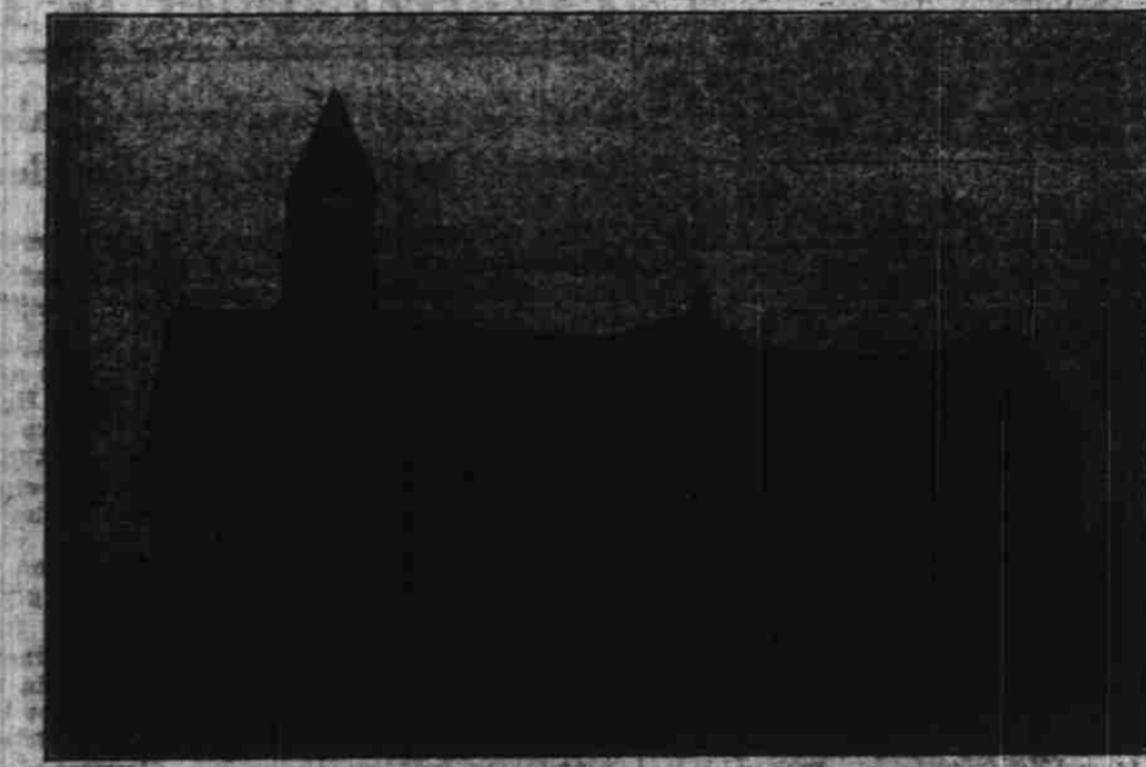
Farm Industries  
 Monmouth is surrounded by many thousands of acres of Willamette valley lands which by their varied nature are adaptable to many lines of specialized agriculture. Dairying and poultry growing are two of the present leading lines. Berry growing and the walnut and filbert business are rapidly coming to the front and bid fair to rival the cow and the hen as mortgage raisers.

Pure bred Jersey cows are almost as plentiful as blackberries in and around Monmouth. Nism-gross herds of ten to fifteen cows have annual records of well above 700 pounds butter fat production as an average for the entire herd. P. O. Powell & Son, living three miles northwest of Monmouth are among the most prominent breeders of pure bred Jerseys. Their pure bull St. Mawes Laid, a solid and silver medal animal, is the only bull in the world to win on a daughter at her first freshening.

Blackberries which grow on Monmouth lands adapted to their growth, show amazing results. One grower has a record of harvesting \$5,000 from a ten acre tract. His production is doubling his acreage. His product is sold to the cannery which takes the berries at the ranch. There is practically no limit to the market for this fruit. The evergreen variety is usually grown. This year the harvest began August 25 and closed October 5.

Dr. J. M. Powell is "nutty". He grows both walnuts and filberts and is a very great authority over the profit producing quantities of nuts when planted on grounds suitable for them. This is the rolling hill ground with good water and air drainage. Dr. Powell states that 26 years ago 10 acres of French walnuts were planted at Santa Rosa California. These trees were planted 50 feet apart. This is today called the Vrooman orchard and from it all grafted trees on this coast were obtained. Oregon nuts are better quality than the original nuts. Grafted trees bear in 3 to 6 years. Bearing trees in France are 200 years old. 25 per cent of walnuts produced in the United States are grown on the Pacific coast. This is about half the U. S. consumption. If Oregon quality could be obtained the consumption would increase 100 per cent. Of filberts Dr. Powell says we grow the best in the world. These bear in 3 to 5 years. Should be trained to tree form and require much work snookering and cultivating. Plant trees 20 feet apart. The United States now grows about 25 per cent of its consumption. Nuts are marketed through the Oregon Association. A filbert tree should bear about 100 pounds of dried nuts. Figure your profits at trees 20 feet apart.

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